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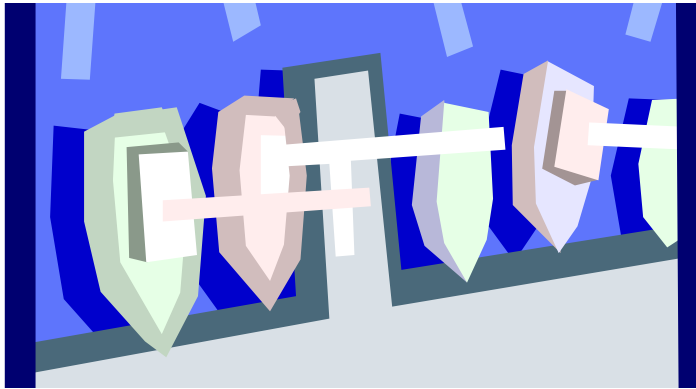


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NO JULY Bearings. Please make note of upcoming squadron activities.

The 16 July Raft Up has been cancelled and to make things interesting Kas and Anna Lee Taylor are hosting the 29 July TGIF come low or high water. We can all meet at the Kippenbrock dock in August. (see pg.2)



ARE YOU READY FOR THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE?

Boat has been inspected? All the right stuff in place? The new 2011 green sticker prominently displayed? Picnic menu all set? Invited guests know the rules? Plenty of sunscreen and wide brim hats (securely tied), balloons, flags, red, white and blue decorations, and, of course, portable music and noise maker? Anything I've forgotten?

Meet at Point 10, North of Rivercliff Peninsular, at 1100 to line up (Sail boats, small motors, pontoons and then House boats) and parade South past the Rt 12 bridge, then WEST to Prairie Creek which is the LEFT channel past PC Park. Past Commander Mary Lou Charlton has offered the use of the Pleasure Cove multi-stall dock on the North shore to enjoy your picnic lunch. Bring the family. Bring a friend. Offer a ride to a non-boat owner. Celebrate the Day!

Come on out, show your colours and prepare to have a great 4th of July.

Need more information? Call Len Oswald—925-1193

Opportunity Knocking.....

By Susan Unger, Commander

What happened to Spring? It always seems we go from running the furnace to turning on the AC! The warm weather should be good for boating although the lake will take some time to settle out.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the vessel safety inspection event. Fifteen boats are now safer and our organization promoted our safety message. Other promotion opportunities are just around the corner. The July 4 boat parade is always a fun time. We just need more squadron participation. Let's demonstrate our slogan – *Boating is fun... We'll show you how.* The Executive Committee has discussed participation in Beaver Water District's Secchi Day scheduled for August 20 and then there is the annual lake clean-up in September. These are fun, free events where we can promote our message.

Speaking again of promotion. We can all be ambassadors for our organization by wearing our logo shirts when attending activities such as a pancake breakfast or civic event. There were lots of promotional brochures left over from the boat show we can hand out. I will have them at our upcoming events for you to take. Have a fun summer on the lake and remember to promote the Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron.

Want to know what's happening in D31.

Go to our own web site:

WWW.boatbeaverlake.com

and hit on the Links that our webmaster has set up. All you ever wanted to know and more!.

Meetings & Boating Activities

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18 June: Past Commanders Brunch

The fire will be lit at 0930 at the Rocky Branch Day Use Pavilion. Service of Hot pancakes and all the trimmings will start at 10A.M.

This is the Past Commanders way of saying **Thank You to ALL** of the Beaver Lake Sail and Power Squadron members. It is a feast to behold provided by the P/Cs. Nothing to bring but yourselves. Dress for the weather, plan to come hungry and enjoy the camaraderie that is very special to this group. Identify yourself as being with the BLSPS when you are at the entrance. No charge to enter and park. Directions: Rt 12 E to a LEFT turn to Rt 303 – continue to the end. Turn LEFT to the Rocky Branch Park thru the gate and straight ahead to the day use shelter.

24 June—a TGIF get together at Barbara and John Conrad's Dock. N36° 20.2' x W93° 59.0' or 1 mile East of Rt 12 Bridge turn Left on to Village Rd. Drive approx 0.5 mile to turn Left on Acapulco. Conrad's is last house at end of road. Call PH: 925-2768 for an ETA.

4 July Boat Parade on Beaver Lake see Pg 1.

16 July: Cancelled.

29 July TGIF at Taylor's Dock/Deck

Take Highway 12 East out of Rogers. Turn left on to AR 303 (turn off to Rocky Branch Park). Turn left on to Larue Rd (at the NEBCO fire station) Continue on Larue until the pavement ends and turn right at the "Y". Right onto Bittersweet Dr then right at the second mailbox. Their telephone number is 925-4104 in case you need more help getting there. ETA (estimated time of arrival) 1700ish.

13 August: Start getting your ride lined up for a great Saturday afternoon of **Geo-caching on the lake**, Meet at the Kippenbrock dock at 1630 (4:30 P.M.) Pick up you treasure instructions, go find, then cook hot dogs and s'mores over a bonfire after all have arrived safely back at Kippenbrock-Oswald cove. Sounds like a fun afternoon.

TGIF— Summer fun for all:

These summer get-togethers are a nice way to get to know squadron members and also to introduce your friends to BLSPS. Bring the family, a friend or boating companion, something for the table to share, your own beverage and expect to have a pleasant evening.

The 2011 Summer schedule is as follows:

- **June 24 - Conrads" Dock**
- **July 29 - Taylors' Dock**
- **August 26 - .Kippenbrock's dock** which is at 36° 20.70'N X 93° 59.88'W or: One mile E of Rt12 Bridge turn Left onto Rivercliff Rd. Follow the yellow road markers for 1.1mile Do not turn on to Pucket but drive straight ahead for 0.1 mile on Sager Rd. Turn Left on unpaved road which leads down to dock area. BYOB and something to share.
- **September 30 - Gravelles Deck : One Mile East of Rt 12 Bridge turn Left onto Rivercliff Rd. Continue on Rivercliff for 0.9 mile. Park in drive or as directed. BYOB and something to share. Time 17:00 (5:00)or which ever comes first.**

Boatman Youth Poster Contest

Open to **all** youngsters ages 6—14 years

Three age groups with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes.

The 2011 theme:

"Be A Survivor—Wear It"

The 2 010 BLSPS on display at the Library in mid and entry forms the Daymark viewed on the site.

Need more information? Contact Cherie 918-797-4957



entries will be Rogers Public June. The rules can be found in which can be District web

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Two Hours Well Spent

By P/C Byron Lake, Educational Officer

Nine members of the Piloting class have completed formal class work for the course and will be doing the examination which consists of a cruise with charting.

The National USPS Educational Department has developed the seminar series of courses of different subject matter. These courses are available to the squadron and public. The Education Department is encouraging any these courses be presented to the Squadron depending on the interest from the squadron members. **Please review the list below, and let us know which seminar subjects are of interest to you.**

USPS University is here with new programs targeted to a range of boaters and types of boating. The hallmark of this concept is the *Seminar Series*. These short seminars are targeted to specific topics and needs with a two-hour format, and valuable take-away guides. Each seminar provides credits toward the *Boat Operator Certification* program, and credit toward elective courses.

These seminars are available now.

Advanced Powerboat Handling

Anchoring

Basic Coastal Navigation

Basic Weather and Forecasting

Boat Handling under Power

Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes

How to Use a Chart

Hurricanes and Boats

Knots, Bends and Hitches

Marine RADAR

Mariner's Compass

Mastering the Rules of the Road

Paddle Smart

Partner in Command

Sail Trim and Rig Tuning

Trailing Your Boat

Using GPS

Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

Several more seminars are nearing completion and will be available soon: *Knots for Mariners*, *Onboard Emergencies*, *Using Digital Charts*, and *Heavy Weather Sailing*.

VSC = Vessel Safety Check

Not mandatory. Something that every boater should do, ***Especially USPS boat owning members.*** Might even save some BIG \$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Len Oswald, our Safety officer- and his crew of Byron Lake and Julian Rolandelli- managed to inspect nearly 20 boats at the Route 12 Bridge on Saturday, 28 May, just before the Memorial Day Holiday. Mary McAllister's renowned skill at pulling over boaters is why about 90% of those arriving at the high-water, abbreviated parking lot, agreed to an inspection. Bob McAllister was the lone squadron member who trailered his boat to our site for the annual check up. He also provided and grilled the hot dogs for the boaters. Geri Oswald saw that everyone was well hydrated.

One skipper arrived with a brand new boat, complete with all hardware required. However, there were no numbers displayed, no insurance and no registration! He returned home, got his papers, bought numbers and applied them. A couple of hours later he returned to pass inspection, receive his sticker, and extend a big thank you for our services. Only one vessel ventured on the open waters without an Arkansas boat registration on board even though the captain was warned that the Benton County Sheriff was patrolling that day. No registration can bring a fine of \$200+, no ifs, ands, or buts. Then there was the group who had no PFD's on board- and with all those big trees floating just below the surface. Brave boaters! All in all, the skippers were appreciative of the service the squadron provided.

The State of Arkansas requires: A Boater Education Certificate on Board for boaters who are 12 years of age or who were born on or after 1 January 1986,

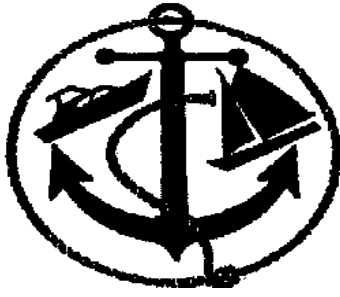
Certificate of Number, Validation Decals Displayed, PFDs Type I,II,III, or IV; Ignition Safety Switch,

Type B-1 Fire Extinguisher, Ventilation System, Sound producing device - a Horn, Bell or Whistle, Daytime and Nighttime Visual Distress Signals,

Navigation Lights—see pg.49 AR boating laws Handbook.

For those who have not checked their registration recently, do see that the Hull ID numbers (12 digit HIN) match up with the AR registration. One guy's didn't. Hummm, just a typo? Hope so.

The squadron VSCheckers have the new 2011 USPS/USCG Safety sticker. To get one for your boat just call Len Oswald, Byron Lake, Tom Unger, Julian Rolandelli or John Nelson to make sure your boat is ship shape and then put that sticker where everyone can see that you are a serious boater.



AHOY

MATES!

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

By P/D/C Julian Rolandelli, AP, MembComCh.

JON & COURTNEY FITZGERALD recently bought their very first boat, a 22' run-a-bout motor-boat. Recognizing that there was much to learn about operating it safely and maintaining it, Jon enrolled in our basic boating course. Jon is an Air Force veteran, who left the Air Force to go back to school and is now the Sales Manager for "Metro Appliances and More". He met Courtney through mutual friends, got married and settled in Bella Vista. Courtney is the Circulation Librarian at the Bentonville Library. Jon tells me she is the one with the boating experience. Raised in St. Louis, she boated up and down the Mississippi River with her parents during her entire childhood.

The Fitzgerald's home was the first in their subdivision and just a stone's throw from Lake Winsor in Bella Vista. Their good friends and neighbors own a home right on the Lake. Courtney keeps her kayak at the boat dock there. She can be seen paddling on the lake with her favorite French bulldog, "Lexi", standing watch at the kayak's bow. But Beaver Lake is where the Fitzgeralds want to do serious boating. In order to do that, they decided to purchase the run-a-bout. They trailer their boat and that's how they get to Beaver Lake and to Courtney's parents on the Mississippi. Besides caring for their three dogs, the Fitzgeralds like to garden, play golf and swim together.

WARD & KIMBERLY GILL berth their 24' pontoon boat at the Prairie Creek Marina. From there the family- including daughters **HALLEY** (21 years old), **KELSEY** (18) and **MADISON** (15) - love to ply the waters of Beaver Lake. Madison is the most enthusiastic about boating and wants to learn how to sail. So Madison and Ward have attended boat shows the past two years to see what the possibilities were. They hit the jackpot when they reached our booth at the Rogers Boat Show. They now have both successfully completed our basic boating course and will join our Sail Class in August.

Ward received a four-year scholarship in the Navy ROTC at the University of Virginia. He then joined the U.S. Marine Corps. His training included sails at the Annapolis Naval Academy where he even was required to learn how to sail backwards! There were also billets on submarines and frigates. Kimberly served in the U.S. Army but that is not where they met. Kimberly and Ward each lived in a cul-de-sac separated by the same neighbor who eventually introduced them to each other. Ward migrated to the Rogers area when he accepted a position with J.B. Hunt and later with Walmart. He keeps tongue in cheek when he relates that since Madison is the one who took our boat course, she is the only daughter who is certified to skipper a boat in Arkansas. That means that when the three girls take the pontoon out, the youngest one, Madison, is in charge!

GREG POMPER had exposure to boating many times over the years as an invited guest with friends on the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay. One voyage on Lake St. Clair stands out in particular. His brother and a good friend would often sail their Catalinas together and one day they invited Greg along. The sail was a terrific experience for Greg and it instilled a boating bug in him from that day forward. But that was over 20 years ago. In the mean time he traveled a great deal working as a National Account Manager for a division of the Michelin Tire Group. There was no time for boating except to visit boat shows wherever he happened to be in the country. Greg is an ecumenical minister at St. Vincent Church in Rogers where he often rubbed shoulders with Beaver Lake Squadron member Kip Powers who also serves there. While attending the Rogers Boat Show this past December, Greg stopped at our booth. Kip was holding court there and suggested that Greg should act on his inspiration and start by taking our basic boat course, then enroll in our Sail Course. Greg successfully completed the basic course and is now in the market for a sailboat that is small enough to be handled by a crew of one, since his wife does not sail-YET.

Greg and **SUZANNE POMPER** both grew up in Detroit there they met, dated and eventually married. Suzanne was occupied as homemaker and mother raising their daughter, Linda. The payback is that Linda is now married and the Pompers are doting on their three beautiful grandchildren.