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Commanders Message



It has been an interesting year for many of us and I look forward to spending more time on the water this summer.

I just completed my second and hopefully last surgery last week, this time to repair a bad disc in my neck and so far so good. The recovery time should not be too long and I am already getting Spring fever.

As many of you are aware, our next meeting will be the Change of Watch for the Squadron. I hope everyone can make it to the meeting and get familiar with the new bridge. I also want to ask everyone to find a bit of time to help out this year. Our numbers are declining, which makes it tougher to achieve higher participation levels, but we still have a wonderful group of people and a great squadron.

I started the year as a new Commander with some pretty hefty goals and, sadly, was only able to accomplish a few of them. I am not disappointed with the outcome but regret we were unable to move further forward.

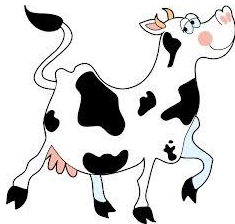
We have the potential, this year, to work more with the Coast Guard than in the past and I look forward to those opportunities.

The new bridge should have an exciting and busy job and we all should be prepared to help them out. We still need to find a candidate for the Secretary's position on the Bridge and highly encourage you to volunteer. Additionally, Chuck Stone, our resident Vessel Safety Check Examiner Chairman, has finally decided he wants to hang out on the boat more than crawling all over some of the prettiest boats on the lake. I would personally like to thank Chuck for the outstanding job he has done in this position in the past. Chuck has agreed to stay on as a VSC Examiner and will be a valuable asset.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and on the lake.

Tim

February COW



Our February 4th **Change Of Watch** will be conducted by Mac Hogle, District 17 Commander. What more appropriate place to have a COW than at the Butcher Shop Steakhouse, 107 S. Germantown Pkwy. Cocktails 6:30, Dinner 7:00. Come and show support for the new Bridge.



Bridge Nominees

Tim Robertson....Commander
 Wade Medlin.....Executive Officer
 Ken Pasley..Administrative Officer
 Lanny Oakes.....Education Officer
 Linda Wildman...Treasurer
 Need Volunteer..Secretary

Please Call Andy Nuckolls (901) 496-4243 if you would like to help out by volunteering.

Andy Nuckolls

USPS District 17 Spring Conference



Hold onto your hats folks! This is the beginning of the new and improved District 17. A Past District Commander commented that district meetings weren't FUN. Another member commented, "We're a boating club; Why aren't we boating?" We heard the message, so plan to attend the District 17 Spring Conference at the fabulous Ridges Resort and Marina on the shores of gorgeous Lake Chatuge in the North Georgia mountains, April 4 -6th. We're planning a FUN conference with lots of events, games, socializing and, if the weather holds, we'll be doing them on the water! What could be better than a FUN weekend with great friends, on the water, at a marvelous resort, surrounded by fabulous scenery on a spring weekend when the flowers are in bloom?



Upcoming Events

February 4th

Regular meeting and change of watch will be held at The Butcher Shop Steakhouse, 107 S. Germantown Pkwy., Cordova, TN. Cocktails at 6:30 and Dinner at 7:00.

April 4-6th

District 17 Spring Conference. The Ridges Resort and Marina, Hiawassee, GA.

May 17-23rd

National Safe Boating Week.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.usps.org/localusps/memphis/

SPRING CONFERENCE



Where: The Ridges Resort and Marina
3379 Highway 76 West, Hiawassee, GA 30546

When: April 4-6, 2014

Why: **FUN!** Socializing with great friends, **FUN!**, Good food, And **FUN!**

More details will follow about reservations but put it on your Calendar NOW and plan to come and have FUN!

Don't know what District 17 is? Are you a member of a Power Squadron in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia or North Carolina? Then you are also a member of our district and you are invited! Come have fun with members from other squadrons; make new friends; and maybe learn something. It's not just for squadron officers, everyone is invited and, unless I forgot to mention it, HAVE FUN!

Jeff Wise

About Our Organization...

The Memphis Sail and Power Squadron is a non-profit organization dedicated to safe boating education and promoting high standards of navigation and seamanship.

The squadron is a unit of [District 17](#) of the United States Power Squadrons ([USPS](#))[®]. Districts tie a geographical group of Squadrons together ([see map](#)) and provide administrative oversight. USPS is the national organization that oversees and provides services to the Districts and Squadrons.

This squadron covers the Memphis TN area including Eastern Arkansas, Northern Mississippi, and Western Tennessee and has over 60 members, divided between power

boaters and sailors. Several times a year we conduct boating safety classes for the general public. Throughout the year, we teach advanced and elective courses for our members. A member can progress from basic boating knowledge to advanced navigation through the comprehensive courses offered. Members can also take courses in marine electronics, sail, engine maintenance, cruise planning, weather, and many other specialty interests.

For more information contact our Membership Chair Lt Laura Medlin via email at wlam@bellsouth.net