



# The Newswheel

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## From the Commander – Kim Fisher

Hope you have been enjoying the water this summer! On July 21, 2018, Carol and I had the pleasure of attending the District 24 Summer Council and Rendezvous in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. The social time was fun and provided ample time to catch up with the activities of members of the other squadrons.

At the district meeting, I reported on the status of our squadron. We have been active since the Change of Watch on April 6<sup>th</sup>. We kicked off the summer boating season at the Marine Sales & Service Open House with food, nautical vendors, games and prizes! We also promoted boating safety by handing out brochures and information at the HCBOA Nautical Flea Market (Bearno's On the River) in May and the Westport Kentucky "Water Day" in June.

We conducted a variety of classes the past year – with Advanced Piloting (2 students), Sailing (5 students), and two ABC Classes (total of 14 students with 1 new member). This year we are providing a two-hour on-the-water portion for each family completing the ABC Classroom portion successfully.

We continue to look for ways to reach out to the boaters in our community to ensure a safer boating environment on our rivers and lakes. We can use some new ideas – so if you would like to provide input, please reach out to me (or one of the Bridge Officers) or come attend one of the Executive Committee Meetings that are held usually on the last Thursday of the month.

We have had a net loss in membership since last June. Many of our members are no longer active boaters, so we are trying to ensure our dinner meeting speakers and programs are interesting for everyone. Please help us by inviting your friends and family members to the next dinner meeting – great food and even better fellowship!

See you around the bend!

Commander Kim

**2018 Special Events!**  
**Save the dates:**

*September 13, 2018 –  
Dinner meeting (Menu:  
Salad, fried fish, roast  
port loin, fried potato,  
broccoli, dessert,  
coffee/tea/ water)*

*Speaker Dale Bletso and  
Allen Alt (known as A.J)*

Do a little or do a lot...If  
you want to help we  
have a spot! If  
interested, contact Faye  
Kugele at  
502-594-9155.

### Squadron Education Officer Report - Dale Bletso

Please check out the SEO Corner of the Education Section at [www.lsp.us](http://www.lsp.us) for more education topics and safety alerts. Highlights are noted below.

#### Kidde fire extinguisher recall:

If you have a plastic handle Kidde fire extinguisher either at home or the boat, please check the [recall notice](#). This recall covers over 37 million fire extinguishers manufactured from 2007 on. It takes less than five minutes to do the recall on line at [Kidde website](#).

#### Change to the Inland Navigation Rules

The change to the Code of Federal Regulations, 33 CFR Subchapter E – Inland Navigation Rules was advertised in the Federal Register, Volume 83, Number 16, on January 24, 2018. The change removed the word “danger” from rule 34 to alleviate potential ambiguity and to align with the 72 COLREGS. Rule 34 now reads: (d) *Doubts or failure to understand signals*. When vessels in sight of one another are approaching each other and from any cause either vessel fails to understand the intentions or actions of the other, or is in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the whistle. This signal may be supplemented by a light signal of at least five short and rapid flashes.

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**We will be offering a series of educational seminars in the near future and you can help set the agenda. Just let me know if you want a particular seminar and we will set it on the schedule. In just four hours we can help you polish or learn a skill.** The following is a partial list of available seminars:

- Fuel and Boating
- How to Use a Chart
- Knots, Bends and Hitches
- Man Overboard
- Marine Radar
- Mastering the Rules of the Road
- Partner in Command
- Trailering Your Boat
- Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
- Advanced Powerboat Handling
- Anchoring
- Basic Weather and Forecasting
- Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
- Emergencies on Board

# HOW TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER?

It's as simple as P-A-S-S



## ON THE WATER BOATING EMERGENCIES

**When in danger**, call for help immediately. Knowing the proper radio procedures will help ensure your rescue. You can initiate a distress call via your VHF marine radio using Channel 16 and follow this basic calling procedure:

- Mayday, Mayday, Mayday
- [Your] Vessel's Name
- Your Position expressed as Longitude and Latitude (GPS)
- Vessel Description
- Number of persons on board
- Nature of the emergency

**Need assistance but are not in immediate danger**, use VHF Ch. 16 and call out "PAN PAN" three times and give your vessels name and position, and the nature of the problem.

**Caught out in a storm?** Have everyone aboard put on life jackets at the first signs of heavy weather, then seek shelter. If the boat may sink, keep everybody above deck and connected by safety lines. Call for help so someone knows your location and can send assistance if needed.

**Boat swamps or capsizes?** Stay with the boat or life raft - try to re-board it or hang on to it. It's easier for rescuers to spot a boat in the water than a person's head! Huddling together will help keep body temperature up to help prevent hypothermia.

*As the skipper, you are responsible for the safety of everyone aboard. "A safe boater is an educated, well-informed, and prepared boater."*

### **Administrative Officer Report – Faye Kugele**

The McAlpine Dam Lock Through and Raft-up will be August 4, 2018, starting from the City Docks after the 10:30 mandatory safety briefing. Additional information and a list of recommended items to have on-board can be found on the website [www.lsp.us](http://www.lsp.us) calendar for August 4. RSVP on the website or contact Kim Fisher at (502)544-1185 to reserve your spot.

Ed and Lynne Ice reported touring the Rose Island site earlier this summer. They enjoyed the historical site as well as the campground at the Charlestown State Park. Information about the Rose Island site were shared by email in the LSPS COMM Newsblast. If you are not getting the informational emails – please let me know ASAP so you can be added. Also, check your SPAM to make sure your email filter isn't removing it from your inbox.

The next official rendezvous planned is the annual Chili Fest at the Fisher's Riverside Camp in Utica on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information to appear on the website or by the email NewsBlast.

### **IT IS TIME FOR ADVENTURE CAMP AGAIN!!!! SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER NOW!!!!**

Yes, it is that time again! The camp will run September 17-21. Give Kim Fisher a call and volunteer a day, two days, or all week. You will not regret spending your time giving these kids a chance to have a fun day doing activities that they would otherwise never experience.

### **DINNER MEETING DATE CHANGE!!!**

The September dinner meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> rather than the usual first Thursday of the month due to a scheduling conflict at the Knights of Columbus. We will have our Safety and Education report from our SEO, Dale Bletso and Allen Alt, Social Coordinator at "Towboats at Louisville, Kentucky" will be on hand to kick off our Fall line of programs.

You may ask: "Why should I come?" Well, there are several reasons:

- Great food at a very reasonable price (see menu on page 2)
- It encourages the officers of America's Boating Club – Louisville
- It helps support the squadron activities to promote safe boating skills on the river and lakes
- An opportunity to share information and fellowship with other boaters (and former boaters)
- An opportunity to invite others to share in the food, fellowship, and fun!

See you in September!

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### **Let's Celebrate These Volunteers:**

Thanks to our Commander, Kim Fisher, for wearing multiple hats these days!!!! Also, thanks to all the Bridge Officers and volunteers who make up the Executive Committee! Without these dedicated members, there would be NO ACTIVITIES – so come to the dinner meeting and let them know how much you appreciate them!

Also big thanks to Tom and Margie Binzer! They attended the Westport Kentucky “Water Days” and represented the Squadron by hosting an informational booth about us and boating safety!



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