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Our Auctioneer, Tom Saylor and Assistant Kim Pitts selling items at YSPS Picnic & Auction In June

DID YOU KNOW?

- 38% of all water-related fatalities involve boats.
- 71% of these fatalities involve recreational boats
- Of this 71%, 53% involve small powerboats; 30% involve canoes

Conclusion: *Small, open boats continue to be the type of craft most involved in fatal boating accidents*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Young adult males, 18 to 24 years of age, have the highest preventable water-related death rate, mostly due to alcohol consumption and not wearing a Personal Flotation Device.
- Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death among those under 55 years of age.
- Only 10% of boating-related drowning victims were wearing an approved flotation device properly.

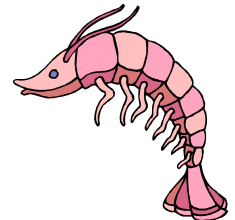
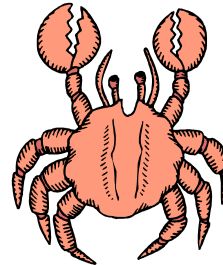
Conclusion: *Drinking and not wearing a PFD are major safety concerns.*

The Message | Mini-Quiz | National Safe Boating Test
Commander Bob's USPS website

Mark your Calendar for:
**YSPS CRAB &
SHRIMP FEED**
**SEPT 20th 2008—
3:00 PM**



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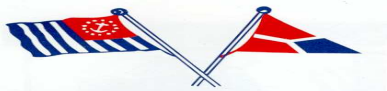


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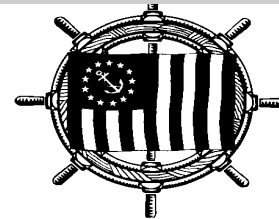
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By the time you get this newsletter, what I consider to be summer will already be half over. I have only made it to the ocean a few times so far, but the weather and fishing has been decent. Have not been able to get out in the ocean fishing because of the wind, but I Have caught more flounder this year than I have in many years.

I would like to thank everybody that attended and helped out at our picnic.

Special thanks to **Fred Wise Sr.** for the use of his picnic area, **Gwen wise** for organizing the picnic, and **Tom Saylor** for being our auctioneer, and everybody else that helped. We had a great turnout, and thanks also goes out to our **District Commander Brian Becker and his wife** for attending.

Our next event is our **crab/shrimp feast**. It will be held on **Saturday September 20th, at Jerry and Margie Franek's property at the river**. If you have any friends or family that would like to attend, please feel free to invite them.

Every year our membership numbers drop, and this year is no exception.. If you know anyone who might be interested in boating, invite them to one of our events to see if they would want to join in on the fun.

This year the District **Sail Regatta & Fall Festival will be held at Rock Hall on October 11th-13th**. If you are interested in attending let me know.

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Tightwad Tip



The price of gas is soaring. What's a boat to do? Here are three tips from the United States Power Squadrons that can help you save a few dollars at the gas pump.

1. If you keep the boat on a lift, keep the hull clean and waxed. If you keep your boat in the water, be sure to maintain a good coat of bottom paint. A slippery boat has less drag.
2. Remove all unnecessary weight to minimize the amount of hull being pushed through the water. Every pound of weight creates the need for 1 more pound of displacement.
3. Pick your boating days with care. Rough seas and headwinds can decrease your fuel economy by more than 25 percent.

From the poopdeck

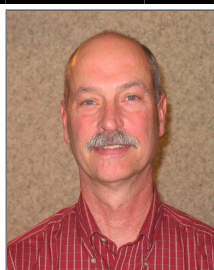


Advice for Your Pet on Board

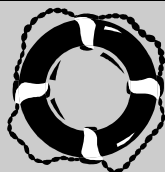
Dear Bobby: For three years my wife and I have taken boarder collie, Jake, with us out on Lake Michigan. This year we added a new dog to the family, our German shepherd puppy, Max. The two get along well, but I am worried about bringing them on the boat together. Our 25-footer is not exactly a yacht. Any tips? DUDLEY

DUDLEY: Two dogs can feel like a crowd but there are a number of things you can do to make your voyage enjoyable. First, keep giving attention to your "old" dog, Jake. He needs to feel like he's still a special part of your crew. Second, let Max and Jake explore the boat while it's tied up to the dock so they get familiar with how much space they'll have. Finally, keep a close eye on both dogs until you are absolutely sure they will get along when you're not around. Odds are, they will they're dogs.

If you have a pet related question for Bobby shoot him an e-mail at



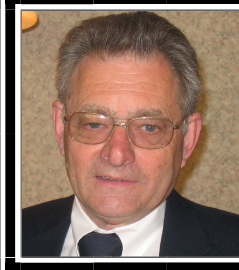
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As a result of the hard work of your former SEO and dedicated instructor Bud Menchey, York Sail and Power Squadron conducted a public Safe Boating Class in May and June that resulted in **five students increasing their knowledge of boating and passing the exam. They are as follows:**

- James Sheaffer**
- Andre Collins**
- Celeste Losty**
- Matthew Klocek**

Congratulations to the students, we hope to see you at squadron functions in the future. **Thanks to Bud and Fred.**

You may have seen notice recently (West Marine web site's "Call to Action") of pending Federal regulations that would affect recreational boaters. The intent of these regulations is to control the spread of Nuisance Aquatic Species (NAS) and other marine pollution. The original legislation covered large commercial ships (> 79 feet LOA) and exempted recreational boats (< 79 feet) where discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel were not regulated. A court challenge from California over-ruled the exemption and caused EPA to draft permits that would apply to recreational boaters. EPA estimates that 91,000 commercial and 13,000,000 recreational vessels could be affected by the proposed permits. Details on the pending legislation are available on the EPA website through the following web link: http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=350. Bizarre as it may seem, there is some good information about control of marine pollution and invasive aquatic species in the recreational boating fact sheet.

It does not appear that there will be any serious impact to the recreational boating industry as a result of this legislation even if it passes (the court case is under appeal by the Agency). This statement is based on my reading of the document, if you have a slow evening check it out and make your opinion know to your elected representatives.

The major courses offered to members by YSPS include:

USPS GRADE COURSES

- Seamanship
- Piloting
- Advanced Piloting

USPS ELECTIVES

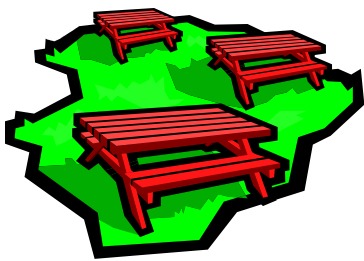
- Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance
- Instructor Development
- Marine Electronics
- Sail and Weather
- Operations Training



Respectfully Submitted,
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PICNIC & AUCTION PHOTOS



2006 BOATING CASUALTIES

TYPE OF BOAT	NUMBER OF DROWNINGS	OTHER DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	TOTAL INJURIES	TOTAL CASUALTIES
OPEN MOTORBOAT	226	120	346	1,863	2,209
PERSONAL WATERCRAFT	22	46	68	919	987
CABIN MOTORBOAT	29	26	55	320	375
CANOE/KAYAK	86	13	99	54	153
PONTOON BOAT	23	5	28	97	125



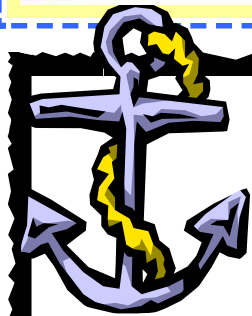
UPCOMING EVENTS!

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@
Rock Hall on October 11th-13th



2006 FATALITIES AND LIFE JACKET WEAR

CAUSE OF DEATH	TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES	LIFE JACKET WORN	LIFE JACKET NOT WORN
DROWNING	474	51	423
TRAUMA	130	49	81
OTHER	31	11	20
CARDIAC ARREST	18	5	13
HYPOTHERMIA	15	6	9
CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING	12	0	12
UNKNOWN	30	4	26



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