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# SPRINGLINES

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**America's Boating Club**



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Folks

We are starting into September and the weather for August, so far, has been great. I never had a chance to get out on the water this summer except twice: once with my father-in-law on Kentucky Lake crappie fishing and the other time when P/C Greg Kelso and I used Terry and Karen Johnson's wave runners to help watch swimmers in the Abe's triathlon that might need help...and there were. The hardest thing is hearing someone shouting for help and trying to spot him! You are looking and all you see is heads and arms everywhere!! It was intense and I learned a lot in a short time. (Thank you Terry &Karen).

I had good intentions to go to the Grafton cruise last weekend but at the last minute things came up and I couldn't make Grafton.

Last month in Fulton IL. District 20's C/R was held at a really nice marina in Clinton, Iowa right on the mighty Mississippi River. We had a nice turnout and from our squadron we had Ruth & Rich Burd, Gail, Norm, Jack, The Kelso family and myself. The talk was doing a fall class on seamanship or other seminars, to keep the new six-month members( from the ABC boating courses) active in the squadron. The sights in Fulton were nice to see, with the big Dutches style wind mill and the older village.

Start making plans to attend the fall Conference at the end October, I will talk on

it more next month. See the recent Fall issue of the D-20 *Trident* for registration and information.

Can't wait to see all of ya's again now the Dinner meetings are starting back up this month.

Enjoy the rest of this month's fine weather, keep on boating and stay safe. I'll see ya's later.

Cdr.Daryl Peek AP

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Welcome back from a long summer "break," and I hope you were able to spend a fair amount of your time on the water enjoying your sport of choice!

Our first general meeting of the year will be held at Dublin Pub in Vinegar Hill on Thursday, September 8th. Speaking that evening will be Jeff Hopkins, Department of Natural Resources Safety Education Administrator. Jeff will be providing an update on everything related to boating education.

This year's first AA will be on September 30th at O'Charley (off Route 4 south of the interstate in the Mejiers shopping area). I hope you enjoy this outing as a new location--the food and beverages have always been exceptional when we have been there. Unfortunately, Rick and I won't be in attendance as we will be diving on the beautiful island of Saba that week. We'll certainly think of you that evening as we watch the sun dip into the Caribbean.

Times are unchanged and you know the drill. Kay Caruso has graciously offered to do the leg work on confirming attendance so watch for calls and e-mails from her if you don't beat her with your RSVP.

We haven't been able to book a location in Taylorville so our October meeting will vary from the norm and be in Springfield at Lake Point Grill on Toronto Rd.

The Jacksonville Country Club kitchen is being remodeled after being damaged by a fire. We won't know until the middle of September if they will be open in time for our traditional November meeting. We'll get information out to you in the next edition of Springlines.

Kathy Wright, AO

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## E15 a problem for more than just boaters

DRIA, Va., July 5, 2011 – Most recreational boats in the US are "trailer" boats. Stored in the backyard or driveway, they are trailered to the water and enjoyed for the day. They are also refueled at your local gas station or minimart, which may soon offer a fuel, E15 (or 15% ethanol), that is prohibited by the federal government for use in boat motors and violates engine manufacturer warranties.

Last week's EPA's debut of its proposed solution – a small, orange label affixed to the gas pump titled "Attention" - has only heightened the need for boaters to be vigilant, said the Alexandria, Virginia based association.

"As this new fuel starts appearing at the local fuel pump, we see the real likelihood of putting the wrong fuel in your boat," said BoatUS Vice President of Government Affairs Margaret Podlich. "It could lead to costly engine or fuel system damage, and potentially leave you stranded out on the water with a disabled vessel, compromising your family's safety. When a boat's engine stops running, you can't pull over to the side of the road," added Podlich.

Earlier this year, the EPA authorized the use of E15 in 2001 model year and newer motor vehicles. However, the agency did not authorize its use in marine engines or arrange of off-road vehicles, tools and equipment. Currently, most boaters in the US have transitioned to E10 (10% ethanol), the maximum percentage of ethanol permitted in gasoline before most engine manufacturer warranties are voided. However, many boaters still go out of their way to find ethanol-free fuel.

BoatUS believes it will be hard for consumers to recognize when or where E-15 is being rolled out to their local gas stations or fuel sellers. "Most likely consumers will encounter E-15 for the first time at their local gas station with little or no fanfare, and may be attracted to its price. This means we have to be alert now - it's really a situation of buyer beware," said Podlich.

The boater's group also said the issue goes far beyond gas-powered boat engines. "I encourage anyone fueling - whether it's for your boat, car, motorcycle, generator or six-gallon portable tank for your lawnmower or leaf blower, to absolutely know what type of gas is going into that tank," said Podlich. "Unless you have a 2001 or new motor vehicle, the gasoline-powered engines you own were not built for E15. Now is the time to start knowing which gas stations offer you safe fuel."

(Decatur PS, *On Deck*)

### ROSTER CHANGES

Draft copy of the updated roster has been sent to all members with email addresses. Please check and forward corrections to me by September 1<sup>st</sup>.. Thank you.

New Roster coming in September.

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### Mid-season maintenance

#### Regular checks ensure smooth sailing

##### Engine venting

Let the engine exhaust blowers run for 20 to 45 minutes as you pack to leave the boat after a weekend on the water. Removing excess heat from the engine compartment will help prevent equipment damage.

##### Hose inspection

Squeeze your hoses, feeling for soft, bulging or cracked spots. Check the clamps for corrosion as many stainless steel clamps have inferior grade stainless steel screws that can corrode. Use only 316 stainless steel hose clamps.

##### Pad placement

Place oil absorption pads under your engine and transmission. Leaks will be easier to see, giving you an early warning of trouble. Absorbent pads also make the engine room easier to keep clean.

##### AC tune-up

Clean or replace air conditioner filters monthly; clean drain pans and remove debris that could clog the drain line. Watch for changes in water flow. Check sea strainers biweekly and clean as needed.

Backflush raw water lines yearly according to manufacturer specifications.

##### Electrical look-see

Depending on your battery type, check fluid weekly and replenish as needed. Also check battery chargers each week. Once a month, examine battery terminals for corrosion and tighten loose connections.

##### Bilge inspection

Check the bilge for excess water on a daily basis. Remove oil using an oil absorber or sock. Each week, make sure bilge pump and float switches work as expected. Wash the bilge annually.

(July 2011 USPS Compass)

**CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE FOR 2011**

August 29 – Lake Erie – **CANCELLED**

Sept 10-11: East Peoria to Henry on the Illinois River—Cruise Captain Dave Moore.  
The weekend cruise is based as the East Peoria Marina. A Saturday morning trip will begin at East Peoria and travel North on the Illinois River to Henry for lunch. A local restaurant will be identified for dinner, Sunday breakfast will either be at an area restaurant or prepared by the attendees on the dock. Call Dave Moore 854-6013.

Oct 8-9: Alton Fall Color Cruise – Cruise Captains: Dick/Diane Rawlings and Jim/Kaye Bruner  
The cruising season will end with a weekend at the Alton Marina. The trip will no doubt include dinner on Friday night at Fast Eddie's; Saturday lunch at an area restaurant on the Illinois or Mississippi, and Saturday evening dinner at a nearby restaurant. Many in our squadron extend this cruise by arriving on Friday and staying until Monday, Columbus Day. Dick 243-3794 and Jim 245-4083 for information. This is the top cruise of the year...don't miss it!!! Number of attendees is very helpful so call ASAP.

All members are urged to select one of these last cruises before putting your boat to storage. The cruise captains make an effort to plan events for your pleasure. Your support makes them feel the efforts are worthwhile. Fun suggestions and volunteers to help are greatly appreciated.

**JUMP START THE LAND OF LINCOLN  
ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

**BREAKFAST PICNIC**

**Sunday, August 28**

**Serving 0915-1000\***

**Island Bay Pavilion**

**You are cordially invited to join LOL members for a breakfast at the Island Bay Yacht Club pavilion (on your right of parking lot).**

**Plates and sterling provided. Plenty of tables and chairs available and electric outlets. You provide a dish to share.**

**Suggestions:**

**Scrambled eggs**

**Egg casserole**

**Coffee (with pot)**

**Sausage (grill on site)**

**Biscuits & gravy**

**Whatever else???**

**Sweet rolls**

**Cut up fruits**

**Buritos**

**Bacon (frypan)**

**OJ**

**Your choice!!**

**Toast (don't forget a toaster)**

**Pancakes (bring a griddle)**

**Donuts**

**Coffee cake**

**PLEASE call Kay 629-8667 by Saturday. Members, spouse and children. No neighbors, aunts, uncles, x-spouse or bull dogs. We need to know a number. Thanks.**

**IBYC directions: From I55 south. East on Toronto Rd (exit 90). Stay to right past railroad crossing. Right on West Lake Drive, right on Island Bay Lane, left on Yacht Club Lane.**

**\*To accommodate early or late church attendance.**

## 2011 PORTS OF CALL

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August 22-29 Cruise Lake Erie CANCELLED

August 28 Jump Start Breakfast, IBYC Pavilion,

### September

1 Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church, 6:00 p.m.; all members welcome. Bring suggestions and ideas for new year.

8 Dinner Meeting, Dublin Pub, located in Vinegar Hill Mall, 6:00 pm

23 Attitude Adjustment; O'Charley's in Prairie Crossing, 6:00 p.m.

### October

6 Bridge Meeting, Laurel Methodist Church, 6:00 p.m

13 Dinner Meeting, TBA

21-23 D-20 Fall Conference, Holiday Inn-Chicago Northwest, Elgin

28 Attitude Adjustment

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