

Sandwich Day at the



On Saturday, April 11, Squadron members served sandwiches at Saylorville Marina for boaters working on their boats. The weather was good and 67 sandwiches were served.

The event was a success and many have asked for a repeat next spring. ♦

10% Discount for DMS&PS Members

These local businesses support the Des Moines Sail and Power Squadron. They provide support in a number of ways and also realize that promoting safety through education helps promote the industry they rely on to make a living.

To show their support, they are offering discounts on many of their products and services to members of our squadron. You must show your current membership card at the time of the transaction to receive your discount.

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Lights and Night Boating

You're in a powerboat at night, and see another boat's red light and white light, but not the green light, you are generally in a "give-way" position. This means that you must slow, turn, stop, or make whatever other maneuver is necessary to stay out of that boat's way. If you see both the red and green light and a white light, you are meeting the other boat head-on. If you see only the white light, you are running up the stern of the other boat, or the other boat is at anchor, or it may be a sailboat under sail. If you see the green and white light and not the red, you are considered the boat of privilege, or "stand on" vessel. But remember, having that privilege or status is of little solace if there is a collision, so avoid collision at any cost.

Remember, a general rule is that the more lights you see on a vessel at night, the larger it is and the more you should try and avoid it.

Carry spare light bulbs of the kind and type for all your navigation light fixtures, and know how to change them. Having nav lights on your boat that don't work is considered the same as not having nav lights on your boat. If you ARE in a situation where your nav lights poop out and you can't fix them, light as many flashlights as you can and wave them around in all directions as you make your way to safe harbor.

If you see yellow lights on the water, you are encountering a large vessel or barge being towed. Stay well clear of this hazard!

Night boating is deceptive. Always reduce your speed at night, and keep a sharp lookout for lights of other boats, and debris. ♦

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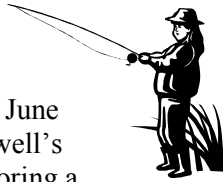
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Volunteers Needed



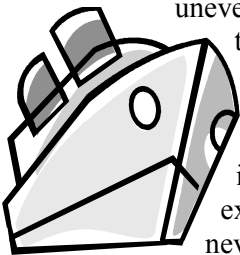
On Saturday, 6 June 2009, Brightwell's Boathouse is sponsoring a Young Angler Fishing Tournament at Big Creek Lake.

Our Squadron will use this opportunity to distribute literature regarding boating safety and the United States Power Squadrons.

If you would be able to volunteer for this event, please call Jim Larson at 266-0071, or Ken Danley at 265-4158. ✧

Here's somebody else that thought he'd never have a boating accident ...

"When anyone asks me how I can best describe my experience in nearly forty years at sea, I merely say, uneventful. Of course there have been winter gales, and storms and fog and the like. But in all my experience, I have never been in any accident ... of any sort worth speaking about. I have seen but one vessel in distress in all my years at sea. I never saw a wreck and never have been wrecked nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster of any sort."



—Edward J. Smith, 1907
Captain, RMS Titanic
(struck iceberg and went to the bottom just five years later)

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DMS&PS General Membership Meeting



Our General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, 16 May 2009, 1800 at the Saylorville Lake Marina Park/Playground Area.

This is a potluck supper so bring a covered dish and tableware.

Hope to see you there!!

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free camping at any of the lake's campgrounds for three hours of volunteer time. We will break for a picnic lunch at Oak Grove Shelter. (You provide your own picnic lunch.) At 1 p.m. craft tables will be set up for teams of



volunteers, consisting of one adult and one child, to turn some of the collected debris into model rubbish sailing craft. There will be a one hour time limit for boat construction and an additional thirty minutes allowed for practice and adjustments to your designs prior to the regatta. At 2:30 p.m. the in-water fun begins! The child will enter the water with that sailing craft, and we will have heat races to determine

who will advance to the final race.

Prizes will be awarded in several categories: best design, most creative, heat race winners, and final first, second, and third. We also expect three age groups. We will publish more about the rules of the Rubbish Regatta, times and a place to meet, and general information about the event well before July 11.

Children love craft projects. They love to spend one-on-one time with Mom and Dad and Grandma and Grandpa. They also like to get wet and win prizes! Let's help make them into good citizens and have some good clean, "green" fun at the same time! ✧



USPS Uniforms



If you have a USPS uniform which you would like to donate so it can be “recycled” for use by another member, please contact Rex LeCocq at 681-4747. ♦

Mark Your Calendar

16 May 2009 Saturday	General Membership Meeting Saylorville Lake Marina
16-22 May 2009	National Safe Boating Week
1 June 2009 Monday, 1830	Executive Committee Meeting Location to be announced
6 June 2009 Saturday	Young Angler Fishing Tournament Big Creek lake
8 July 2009 Monday, 1830	Executive Committee Meeting Location to be announced
11 July 2009 Saturday	Rubbish Regatta Saylorville Lake
18 July 2009 Saturday	D/30 Rendezvous Boulder, CO
17-19 July 2009	D/30 Cruise and Rendezvous Dillon Reservoir, Frisco, CO
3 August 2009 Monday, 1830	Executive Committee Meeting Location to be announced

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