

Knoxville Power Squadron – Educational Offerings

“Medical Emergencies on the Water” is being presented by Debbie Ogrod, one of our newer KPS members. Debbie has been a nurse for 38 years, mostly in Emergency Rooms. She currently works in the ER for the University of Tennessee. Debbie has a Master’s Degree in Nursing Education and her career has been spent either in the ER or teaching other medical personnel how to handle various emergencies. She and her husband David were sail-boaters on the West Coast.

Topics in this new KPS Seminar will include general first aid procedures for boating emergencies. This information is also valuable information for home use. Included in the presentation will be five practical skills for injuries that might occur and what to do until you can get medical help. Debbie’s slides and demonstration items make a very engaging presentation.

This sixty-minute presentation will be Tuesday May 12 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Chota Recreation Center, room D, at 145 Awohili Drive, Loudon. Please call the Ogrods (865 577-7330) or Delila Callahan (931 456-0505) by May 1 to register.

Seamanship will begin April 9 at Gander Mountain from 6-8 p.m. It will last for seven consecutive Thursdays. Don Eatock will be teaching this course, with assistance from other KPS instructors. This course is an enhancement of the entry-level ABC classes. Bernice Wells called Seamanship , “The last of the fun classes.” It is a fun class, with topics of interest to all pleasure boaters.

Seamanship is the first of the USPS Advanced courses, to be followed by Piloting (fall 2015) and Advanced Piloting (2016), then Junior Navigation for those who truly want a challenge. Sextant any one?

For additional information or to register for Seamanship, call Don Eatock (865 898-3983) or Delila Callahan (931 456-0505).

Piloting will be offered beginning Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6-8 p.m. at Gander Mountain. This course is the second in a series of advanced boating courses, following Seamanship. Piloting covers chart reading, course plotting, Basic inland and coastal navigation, bearings, and GSP usage. It will be taught by Tom Dietrich. Cost is \$58 for Knoxville Power Squadron members and \$78 for non-members. For questions contact Tom Dietrich at 865 657-9190 or Delila Callahan at 931 456-0505.