

How to Join

Membership is by application and is for anyone who shares our common love of boating. Applicants must have passed the *Squadron Boating Course*, the *Boat Smart course*, or an equivalent course (check our web site for details). Applicants should also be interested in advancing the objectives of the squadron: the education of members, participation in civic programs, and the creation of an atmosphere of friendship and camaraderie among members.

Active members must be at least 18 years of age, but there are no age considerations for family members.

If you have not taken a boating course, you will want to go to our web site and learn about our courses. After that, you can request more information on our courses or pre-register for an upcoming course. You can also contact one of the members on the bridge for more information.



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www.MusicCityPowerSquadron.org

THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS (USPS) is a private, non-profit, non-governmental, and non-military organization of men and women who share a love of boating and a passion for promoting boating safety.

The United States Power Squadrons was organized in 1914 as a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. Our members are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. We enjoy participating with our fellow members on the water and in the classroom. USPS has some 60,000 members organized into 450 squadrons across the country and in some US territories. USPS is the largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions.



The Music City Power Squadron (MCPS) is one of the 450 squadrons in the United States. The MCPS began in 1992 when local members met with representatives from District 17 and the Huntsville Squadron to lay the foundation to build a local squadron in Nashville. It began as a division of the Huntsville Power Squadron in 1992, held its organizational meeting to petition for its own charter in August 1995, and was chartered in January of 1996 at the annual meeting in Miami, FL.

MCPS currently has about 70 members dedicated to self-education, civic service and social activities. Member education is stressed.

A number of nautical courses are offered yearly and are taught in an educational environment. One civic service provided by the members of the Music City Power Squadron is the Boating Safety Course offered at various times throughout the year. For more information on this course please visit our web site.

Regular membership meetings offer programs that are both interesting and instructive, as well as a chance to meet with other members. In addition, social affairs are a regular part of the calendar with a number of on-water and off-water events.

MUSIC CITY POWER SQUADRON

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Or visit our web site at:

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3 Good reasons to join the Music City Power Squadron

- 1** Education
- 2** Camaraderie
- 3** You need yet another excuse to be out on the water!

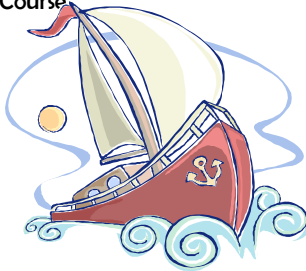
Check us out!



1 Education

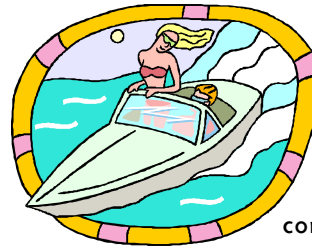
This is our *raison d'être*. To support that objective, the US Power Squadrons offers a wide range of instruction, including:

- Squadron Boating Course
- Spanish/English Squadron Boating
- Boat Smart
- TWRA Boating Safety
- Chart Smart
- Video Boating Course
- America's Boating Course
- Seamanship 101
- Seamanship 102
- Piloting
- Advanced Piloting
- Navigation
- Junior Navigation
- Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance
- Instructor Development
- Marine Electronics
- Sail Module 101
- Sail Module 102
- Weather 101
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2 Camaraderie



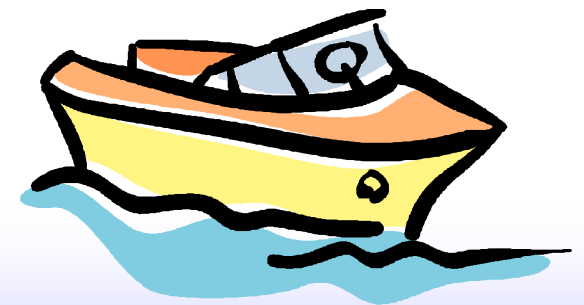
The Music City Power Squadron sponsors ("*sponsors*" being a fancy word for "we enjoy each others company") a wide variety of social events through-out the year. These include:

- Monthly meetings—we meet once a month at a local restaurant to discuss squadron business and listen to a speaker on boating related topics. Recent speakers have spoken on how to deal with medical emergencies aboard (not for the feint of heart) to individuals building their own steel sailboats (even more-so, not for the feint of heart).
- An annual Christmas party—OK so everybody has a Christmas party... ours is better.
- Assorted, more or less formal meetings:
 - ✓ Change of watch—sooner or later leadership has to change hands.
 - ✓ District meetings—well, we are part of a national organization. In fact, for those with an urge to get out of town, there are also national and regional meetings.
- Predicted Log contests—test your navigation skills.
- Navigation Regattas—OK, so test your navigation skills even more. Don't have any navigation skills? We can help! See the list of courses at left.
- Assorted cruises and cookouts—all that teaching and cruising works up an appetite.

3 Yet another excuse to be on the water

Well, frankly, if you need one, you may not belong in the Power Squadron. With that caveat aside, here are more activities that we sponsor to help get you out of the house:

- We do voluntary vessel safety inspections—not as a law enforcement effort but as a service to our fellow boaters.
- We work closely with the TWRA to support youth activities and instruction related to recent legislation requiring boating education for all new boaters.
- Buy us a cup of coffee and we'll bend your ear and tell you the gospel according to the USPS until you run out of money.



We'd love to have you join us!