

# Thoughtful Hendersonians saved the day

Editor:

Last week I was sailing my boat from Louisville to Kentucky Lake when it developed a problem near Henderson. With me were three sailing students who had paid a fee for the six-day trip. A mechanical break down could have ruined their trip had it not been for the kindness of Henderson residents.

Our first good fortune appeared in the form of new courtesy docks installed at the Ohio River waterfront. We tied up the boat and went ashore for dinner.

Back at the boat that evening we enjoyed meeting Julie Martin (Downtown Henderson Project Director) and her photographer husband Steve, who dropped by for a visit. Later, Norris Priest biked over, toured our small craft, then reciprocated with a tour of his L&N House Bed and Breakfast, entertaining us with humorous slight of hand magic.

Next morning I discovered our problem was worse than anticipated. I would have to find a machine shop to make repairs. Ms. Martin gave up

valuable time to help me find Royster's Machine Shop, then drove me there herself. She introduced me to manager Jerry Brooks who took the problem under his wing, had the part repaired, and even sent a mechanic back to the boat with me to insure the part was reinstalled properly, all at no charge.

Meanwhile my students had a terrific breakfast downtown, shopped in nearby stores (finding some wonderful gifts), and thoroughly enjoyed their time in Henderson.

How can you help but be impressed with a city when kindness is commonplace. Hats off to Julie Martin with the Downtown Henderson Project, Jerry Brooks of Royster's Machine Shop, and everyone in Henderson who showed a few stranded travelers that good Samaritans can still be found.

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