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CS&PS JUNE PICNIC Thursday, 12 June Guild Athletic Club

1114 Ridge St., in the Grandview Heights area

Boating Season at last is here!!! So let's kick it off with our Annual Family Picnic. This year the Sea Gals and Squadron will combine their efforts, with the Sea Gals doing the cooking. There will be lots of fun and food, so you won't want to miss it.

WHEN: Thursday JUNE 12 (note this is a change from the 1st Thursday to the 2nd)

TIME: 6 p.m, til the fun ends

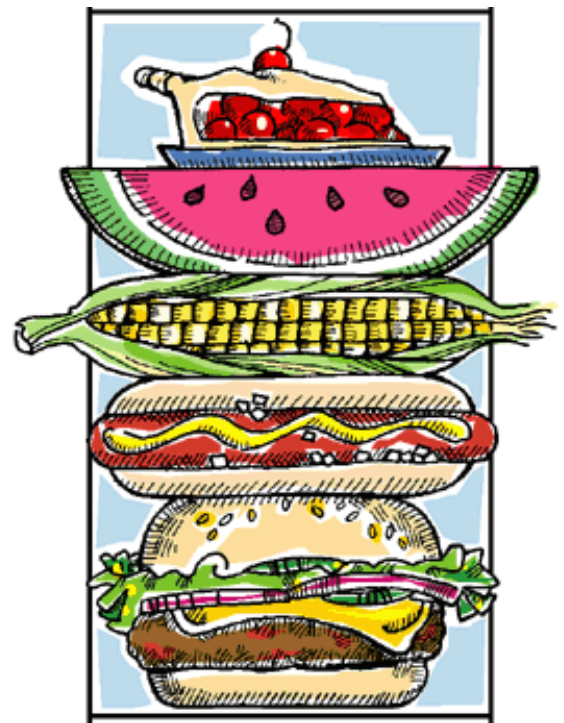
COST: \$12 per person

B.Y.O.B. ... pop and water to be provided at squadron cost

The evening will have a great 50/50 raffle, a live auction of unwanted or outgrown nautical items from your home or boat, a cornhole competition, plus a few surprises that you won't want to miss. If you have unwanted nautical items, just bring them with you that evening.

The evening is also BYOB. There will be pop and water provided. So bring the whole family and come for a terrific evening of friendship before we all begin to run off for the boats or other summer destinations. It promises to be a great goodbye til the fall, so don't miss the fun and friendship.

Call Debbie to RSVP at 890-5864 or boatmansteve@sbcglobal.net and hurry. See you there!

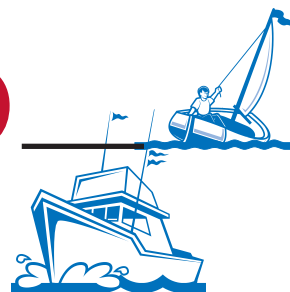




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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

JUNE

2,9,16,23	Mondays	Seamanship Class 7:30 - HQ
12	Thursday	Monthly Dinner Meeting - Italian Club
20-22	Fri.-Sun.	Kanawha River Cruise
3-6	Thurs.-Sun.	Bob-Lo Island/Detroit River Cruise
7	Monday	Seamanship Final
19-27	Sat.-Sun.	North Channel Trailer Boat Rendezvous
25	Friday	GG articles due for September issue
8-10	Fri.-Sun.	Sea Gals Gem Beach Cruise
15-17	Fri.-Sun.	D/29 Summer Council - Toledo Yacht Club
23	Sat.	Lake Erie Lunch-Hook Rendezvous
26	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ
29	Friday	GG articles due for October issue
29-1 Sept.	Fri.-Mon.	Leamington Rendezvous - Canada
19-21	Fri.-Sun.	Put-in-Bay Rendezvous - Crew's Nest
23	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ
26	Friday	Merit Mark info due

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Larry R. Whiting, P



One of our major Squadron goals this year is to achieve 100 or more vessel safety checks. We only had 49 two years ago and 69 last year. The two most important things a boater can do to advance boating safety and protect his or her own life are to wear a life jacket and have your boat safety checked.

Boats should be safety checked every year. Please contact one of our Vessel Safety Check examiners listed below and arrange an inspection. It's free. And, depending on your insurance company, passing the inspection may help reduce your boat insurance rates.

John Pruitt, VSC Chairman, (614-236-5074)

Larry Lowe (614-885-3601)

James Meyers (614-882-2269)

Matthew Murphy (614-886-6732)

Larry Harris (614-755-9733)

In addition to the above names we have several members either getting certified or re-certified as examiners for



this season. VSC Chairman John Pruitt will have those names, as well, once they pass the requirements.

To add some incentive, the Squadron will conduct a drawing at the end of the season for a \$50 gift card to West Marine. All Squadron members who have their boats checked by one of our examiners will be eligible to be in the drawing. Furthermore,

the examiner who inspects the most boats this season will receive an official, and colorful, U.S. Sail and Power Squadron jacket.

Please help us reach our goal of 100-plus. Let's make some headway this year. Let's show the other squadrons in D-29 that Columbus, the largest squadron, can play a major role in vessel safety checks.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Robert L. Prior, S



As I write this, it is Friday, April 25, a warm, sunny day on the shores of Lake Erie. This being my second day here, I learned of the following current events in the Port Clinton area.

First, there are welcome signs that boating season is rapidly arriving. Less blue storage plastic and more docked boats are positive developments.

After a very contentious battle, the voters of Port Clinton approved by 61% a controversial ballot issue permitting the rezoning of lake front property to develop a large water park facility. One of the things that was to come out of it was a modern, sizeable marina. Last week, the developer, Puller, unceremoniously pulled out of the project. Needless to say, there is much anger and finger pointing going on in P.C.

Thankfully, there is some good news for the good citizens of Port Clinton and its environs.

Hopefully, the long closed Portage River Lift Bridge will be open by the time you read this. Its closure has meant significant disruption. Contractors were testing the span's mechanisms while I was there a few hours ago.



Many are veterans of the late Nate's Restaurant located at the Knoll Wood Shopping Center on Rt. 53. The fate of the restaurant has been the subject of many rumors during the last year. It was just announced that "Cleat's Club Seat Grille" has finalized arrangements to move into the location. They hope to open some time this summer.

It is expected that a positive announcement will also be made concerning the long closed Island House Hotel located in downtown P.C. Such an historic venue (1886) deserves to soldier on. Hopefully new owners with a new business plan will be successful.

It is great to report that the Walleye fishing is reported to be excellent thus far. As I scribble my notes, I am sitting on the west shore of Catawba Island just south of the state park. Between the hours of 1700 and 1815, I counted a parade of 55 bass and/or conventional fishing boats heading into the boat ramp. All appeared to be coming from the direction of Niagara Reef. This has to be a welcome boost to the local economy.

In closing, I recognize that this article is more for the Lake Erie boater. For those who are trailer boaters, let me encourage you to join us for the June Kanawha River excursion or the July North Channel trip. Many of us who are Lake Erie boaters are looking forward to participating in these adventures too.



Last month I reported about my terrible blunder with my life jackets. Come to find out, this month I have made another faux pas. At the Commander's Ball, I placed the American Flag on the audience's right side of the stage and the Ensign flag on the left side. I was informed by P/C Hankle that I had the flags backwards. After some research, I would like to say that P/C Hankle was correct. Old Glory should be on the speaker's right or the audience's left. I humbly apologize to all squadron members and others at the ball. In my research, I found some Flag Code violations that made news.

In July 2003 President Bush autographed a small flag. The picture was circulated across the Internet noting its violation of the Flag Code: "The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature."

Super Bowl 2004, Janet Jackson's "costume malfunction" made international news; that same half-time show featured the wearing of an American flag by performer Kid Rock. He later removed the flag poncho and hurled it over his head. Section 8d reads, "The flag should never be used as wearing apparel."

Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman ordered US and state flags flown at half mast for Gordon Hinckley, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on January 27, 2008. Section 7m authorizes a governor to half-staff the US flag upon the death of a present or former official of the government of the state, or the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that state who dies while serving on active duty. Governors may not half-staff the US flag for religious leaders, according to Flag Code.

While my oversight does not compare with Kid Rock's, I would like to share some facts about the American flag. No one knows with absolute certainty who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson seems most likely to have designed it, and few historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.



Have you ever noticed the Flag patch flying 'backwards' on Military uniforms? The American flag patch is to be worn, right or left shoulder, so that the star field faces forward. When worn in this manner, the flag is facing to the observer's right, and gives the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward.

The flag should be displayed on all days, but especially on: New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration

Day, January 20; Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, third Monday in January; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday; Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

Boating season has begun and the following is information for flying the American Flag on your vessel. Your boat should wear it from 0800 until sunset, and when you enter or leave port during daylight or at night, weather and rig permitting. While in port, if you leave your boat and will not return before sunset, lower and stow the Flag before you go. The American Flag should be displayed at the peak of the gaff, i.e., the outer end of the spar extending aft from the mast of your boat—if you boat has a gaff. If it does not, fly it from the flagstaff at your boat's stern.

For more information on "Old Glory" search the USPS website. Safe and happy boating to each of you.

OFF THE SHELF

If your boat is not in the water, it will be soon! As you outfit your vessel, make sure you don't forget to update your mariner's first aid kit, review your first aid skills and update or get your CPR card. Be prepared for hypothermia with warm acrylic, nylon or wool blankets (no cotton) and a variety of sweaters and socks to warm the victim. Remember, hypothermia can occur in as little as 30 minutes in water that is 41 degrees to 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Your mariner's first aid kit at minimum should have benadryl for allergic reactions; an EpiPen for those allergic to bee stings, etc; sunscreen; an anti-diarrheal; triple antibiotic for abrasions, epicac for possible poisoning; Tylenol, aspirin and ibuprophen for aches and pains; perhaps Dramamine for

motion sickness and eyewash.

Include a variety of sterile gauze pads (2x2, 4x4), band-aids, tape, ace wrap, alcohol wipes and instant ice packs.

Consider wire cutters (for a fishhook), finger splints, eye shield, latex gloves, small flashlight, tweezers and scissors.

A small first aid book may come in handy along with some bottled water and hydrogen peroxide to cleanse wounds.

Preparation is the key; Safety is the goal

Have a great summer!

Questions welcome...leave a message for me at 740-397-8385

Lt Sue Nadolson, AP

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Dave Clark, AP



The Squadron Public Boating Course finished with one of the most successful efforts in years. Seventy one students were enrolled and 45 successfully completed at exam night. A makeup exam night was scheduled to accommodate those who were absent. Families were well represented (see photos) and we have a number of new members from the course. Keys to success included the dedication of the squadron members who attended the Monday night classes on a regular basis as well as the overall organization. Course chair Jeff Mirgon held two organizational meetings in the weeks leading up to the course and a follow-up meeting a week after the termination of the course. Tracy Garrett's efforts as PR officer were also a major factor. She promoted the course through boat shows and found funds to place ads in newspapers. We haven't had much luck with newspaper ads in the past, but a survey of students showed that the ads this year were particularly effective in attracting students.

At the time of this writing we are anticipating our first use of our remote education equipment. Larry Lowe and Larry Whiting have teamed up together to present a GPS seminar to the general public and squadron members. The two-hour seminar is to be presented from Kottman Hall on the OSU campus. The remote location will be at headquarters. Harold Beidel put up a poster advertising the seminar in the West Marine store and Tracy Garrett distributed fliers to central Ohio marine dealers. The seminar is free. USPS materials available at the seminar are available for purchase.

Skip Woodruff held an Instructor Development course for Instructor Certification last month. As of January 1,

2006, National requires that all instructors of USPS basic boating safety courses offered to the public be certified. Certification is obtained by completing the USPS Instructor Development course. The total number of Certified Instructors in our squadron is now 24. National also urges instructors of all other courses also take the Instructor Development course. The certificate is good for four years following which a two-hour seminar must be taken for re-certification.

The Squadron Boating Course continues to run smoothly. Jeff Mirgon has scheduled a post-course meeting for April 28 at Michael and Tracy's house (7:00pm) to review and evaluate the course and its contents. David Michael and Bill Lehner have promoted the Seamanship Course which will start Monday, May 5 at Headquarters. Seamanship is scheduled at this time in order to attract students from the Squadron Boating Course who will be finished in time to move into Piloting in the fall.



Dave Ehrbar is working with daughter-in-law Jenny and grandson Nate.



Joyce and John (aka, "Shiner") Mattis are grading homework papers.



Sue Nadolson is assisting sons Brice (left) and Aaron with a charting problem.



Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Minutes of the Executive Committee 22 April 2008

(These minutes will be approved at the May Executive Committee meeting.)
Cdr Larry Whiting, P, called the meeting to order at 1930 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

Lt Debra Smith, AP, gave the invocation.

Lt/C Bob Prior, S, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by sight and the secretary confirmed a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr Larry Whiting, P;

Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Prior, P; Administrative Officer Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN; Education Officer Dave Clark, AP; Treasurer Lt/C John Mattis, S; Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN; P/C David Michael, P; Lt Pam Carr-Jackson, P; Lt Tracy Garrett, S, Lt Wade Grosz, AP; Lt Ron Hupman, S; Lt Doug Jackson, JN; Lt Ron Lavelly, JN, Lt Jeff Mirgon, S; Lt Sue Nadolson, AP.

Also, present were Lt Debra Smith, AP.

With no objection, the order of business was varied to expedite the meeting. The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments (Prepared by Commander Larry Whiting):

I thank those who were able to attend the recent D-29 meeting at Maumee Bay State Park. Health issues prevented me from participating. I thank Acting Commander Larry Lowe for substituting for me and reporting on the event in the Commander's column. I also thank him for chairing last month's EXCOM meeting in my absence.

In my analysis I think the Commander's Ball was a successful event, and I thank all those who were able to attend. I again, especially thank the committee: Phil Osborne, Ruth Wilcox, Linda Whiting, John Mattis, Joyce Mattis, Steve Smith, Debbie Smith, Wanda Wells and Dave Wells. Many others helped out with various tasks as well, and I thank them.

Please note this important date change. The Commander's Ball will be April 18, not April 11, 2009. We discovered after selecting the date that April 11 is Easter Weekend.

A reminder that Friday is the deadline for the June *Galley Gossip*, the last *Galley Gossip* until September.

I want to grant a very special thanks to Jeff Mirgon and all others who were involved with the Safe Boating Class. This was a most successful effort and its success is due to none other than the great leadership and assistance provided by many. More will be reported on this later.

The D-29 Summer Council Meeting will be August 15-17 at the Toledo Yacht Club Pavilion. More information is to come. Note that this is a date change.

District Commander All Hess has called a meeting at Toledo, Saturday 3 May at 1800 for the District Bridge and Squadron Commanders.

Tonight I would like our agenda, through officer and committee reports focus on the major goals we have established for the year:

Vessel Safety Checks (goal is 100)

Strategic Plan

New Membership (goal is 30)

3 May GSP Seminar 1000-1200 (Squadron Remote Education System)

Roster

Membership involvement (including boating activities)

Marketing (*Safe Boating Week*, *Life Jacket Promo*)

Report of Officers:

Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Prior, S:

As a reminder to everyone, Safe Boating Week will be upon us in but three weeks. Safe Boating Week kicks off Saturday, 17 May and ends the following Friday.

In concert with the foregoing, John Pruitt's Vessel Safety Check team has made arrangements to conduct VSC's at Alum Creek both 17 & 18 May (Saturday and Sunday).

John is still looking for more volunteers to become certified to conduct VSC's. The course materials and certification exam are on-line at national's web site. If there is enough interest, we might be able to conduct a seminar at HQ in May. A suggestion, if you go on-line to the web site to get the course materials, it is best to download and print out the text so that you can place it in a binder for study as time permits. It is 128 pages. It is also important that you be aware that as recently as a few days ago, the link on national's home page to the VSC site is broken. Use their search engine.

The inspections at Alum Creek to kick off Safe Boating Week provide a terrific opportunity for new graduates of the VSC exam to get their five co-inspections done quickly so that they can conduct exams independently.

In order to put some additional thrust behind and fun into the VSC checks, incentives and prizes are being arranged for both examiners and CSPS members who agree to have their boats checked. If everyone in the squadron has their



boat checked this boating season, we will well surpass the Commander's goal of 100 inspections in 2008.

Every effort will be made to up the momentum in our Kroger Card fund raising. Please – not only keep the Kroger gift card in mind for your own needs but encourage friends, family and fellow CSPS members to participate. More later.

We are in the early stages of organizing the Strategic Planning Committee. By this time next month, we will have considerable more to report.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN:

Dinner Meetings:

Our May 1st meeting will be at Headquarters and catered by Hoggy's. This program will prove to be very HOT! \$20 per person covers dinner and program expenses. Join us for some lifesaving tips from the Orange Township Fire Department. 50-50 raffle will be available. First 30 families to RSVP receive a free gift. Please bring your expired flares and flare gun, lawn chairs and your friends. Drinks at Squadron prices and mixed drinks will be available as well.

The June 12th dinner will be a family cookout hosted by the Sea Gals at the Guild Athletic Club located at 1114 Ridge St. in the Grandview Heights area. NOTE: This is the 2nd Thursday in June, not the 1st Thursday. We will hold the great 50/50 raffle. In addition, we will have a live auction of your unwanted or outgrown nautical items from your boat or home. This could be life vests, electronic equipment, flags, coasters, pictures, decorations, etc. Please bring them to the cookout. This is a BYOB party. See the Sea Gals report for price and RSVP information.

Our Dec 6th Christmas party will be co-hosted with the Sea Gals at the Reception Room at Raymond Memorial Golf Course on Trabue Road. We will have a buffet luncheon this year beginning at noon. We are asking each family to bring a wrapped gift in the theme of boating valued no more than \$25 for the gift exchange. Keep your eyes open this summer for those bargains at all the great shopping spots on the water.

AO Committee:

The planning meeting of March 26th was well attended. We came up with some great ideas on how to attract and retain new members. The boating class questionnaire results are in front of you for your review. The SNP was a big hit and a surprise was the Title Agency who recommended us as a class to take. The Title Agency could open a new door for us for free advertising for our organization with a poster that could hang all year.

Of the 45 people who tested last night, 9 became members on the spot with strong prospects of 6-8 more joining within the next few weeks. We need to assign each new member to a current active Power Squadron member who will invite them to dinner meetings, cruises, classes, seminars, etc and not let them fall through the cracks. This is to include the 7 new members and 5 reinstated members from 2007-08.

Membership:

A rough draft of the member roster was distributed to the calling committee at the end of March. The 28 member calling committee worked extremely hard to contact all people to verify addresses, phone numbers, emails, and if they were receiving the *Galley Gossip* by mail or online. Only a few are left to report their findings. All updates have been sent to Theresa Nadolson and we hope distribute a current roster by mid- to late May.

Cruises & Rendezvous:

See the CSPS Web page for a complete list of trips scheduled this summer.

Civic/Youth Activities:

Dan Charna is working diligently with Central Ohio Special Olympics to incorporate the CSPS as hosts of a S.O Regatta. Activities would include boating safety information with Coasty, boat rides, coloring activities and refreshments. We are planning sometime this summer at Buckeye Lake. We will need volunteers, boats, safety equipment and supplies. If you would like to be on this committee or volunteer to help in any way, contact me or Dan Charna.

Member Benefits:

- Sherwin Williams Neighbor-to-Neighbor program saves anyone who mentions the Columbus Sail & Power Squadron a 20% savings on most purchases.

- The Kroger program benefits the squadron when you use your CSPS gift card. This card can be recharged on a regular basis by cash, check or credit card.



HOUSEKEEPING

I have noticed extra effort being put into our housekeeping chores. Thank you and keep up the good work.

I received my *Galley Gossip* in the mail today. Big thanks to P/C David Michael, P, for getting the issue out quickly.

Motion to accept into membership those people who joined the squadron at the end of the public boating course that ended last night. Motion passed.

Names follow:

Brice Nadolson, Aaron Nadolson, Robert Ehrbar, Jenny Ehrbar, Nate Ehrbar, Dale Roberts, Chris Varvarosky, Walt McEnery, Michael Smith, James Grueninger, Daniel Libby, Thomas Norman, David Canale, Christian Coughlan, and Thomas Haire.

Education Officer Lt/C David Clark, AP:

Last night was the final exam for the Squadron Boating Course being chaired by Jeff Mirgon. He, his instructors, graders, etc., along with the help of PR Officer Tracy Garrett have set a recent high-water mark in terms of the number of students enrolled and number of students graduated. Considerable time and work behind the scenes resulted in a course that ran much more smoothly. Two organizational meetings were held before the course started and a post course evaluation meeting is scheduled to review "what went right, what went wrong, and how can we improve." Jeff has one more year to serve as public boating chair. One of last night's graduates and new squadron member, Tom Norman, has agreed to be Jeff's assistant next year.

The Commanders (Larry Whiting & Larry Lowe) have teamed up to present our first Remote Education Seminar. They will present "Using GPS," Saturday, 3 May, from 1000 to 1200. The presentation will be in Kottman Hall at OSU. It will be linked using our audio and video equipment to Squadron HQ. Last week Harold Beidel put up a poster at West Marine advertising the seminar and Tracy Garrett has distributed fliers to central Ohio marine dealers. The seminar is free. USPS seminar materials will be available for \$25.00 per student. We will be holding a pre-seminar organizational meeting at Kottman Hall tomorrow afternoon. We encourage all squadron members to attend at one or the other of the two locations.

Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN:

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

I wanted to advise anyone who travels Ohio Route 269 up to Lake Erie that the road is closed just above Bellevue due to high water. We first noticed the road closed in February and it has continued to remain closed due to high water to this date. According to various sources the State is investigating the cause of this condition, but, to date it remains undetermined.

Treasurer Lt/C John Mattis, S:

Copies of the Treasurer's report for last month were distributed.

Immediate Past Commander David Michael, P:

Per request I investigated our squadron coverage for loss of funds. The policy currently has a limit. I obtained quotes for extending the coverage and presented this information to the committee.

A motion was made by Lt/C John Mattis, P, to extend coverage. Also, as part of the motion, discussion was made regarding the policy wording of employee. We want to be sure member volunteers receive the same protection.

Rules Committee Chair P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP:

I am looking for ideas/suggestions for our by-laws and standing operating procedures.

Member-at-large reports:

Lt Pam Carr-Jackson, P:

The Commander's Ball was great!

I was a tutor at the public boating course last night.

I am learning to become a Vessel Safety Examiner.

Could we add the awards to the squadron web site? This would promote recognition. Discussion continued as space available and the possibility of expanding our site through squadron funding.

Lt Tracy Garrett, S:

I will delay my report until my marketing report later in this session.

Lt Ron Hupman, S:

I am involved with member involvement with new members. In that regard I would like to see the E# integrated into the new roster as it will assist in ordering exams for our classes.

The Commander's Ball went extremely well.

Lt Doug Jackson, JN:

I enjoyed the Commander's Ball. I have submitted a request to extend the

period of our grant to cover 2008. This has been approved. Reason for the request is that most of our activities for the grant have occurred this year.

Lt Ron Lavelly, JN:

The Ice Breaker is ready for 3 May. We are looking for a good turnout there as usual. We are working hard on the Kanawha River Cruise on 20-22 June. The hotel in Charleston has rooms set back for us, but is difficult at times to make the reservations. You have to make the reservations through the Hotel, not its national reservations offices. Mike Hughes is setting up the fun filled activities while we are in Charleston. I have been in contact recently with Bobo Island. They asked to start handling the details when their new dock master comes on board 1 May.

I have been working on the accommodations for the North Channel Cruise, more details to follow soon. We have moved that cruise back one week starting now on 19 July instead of the 12th. That's where we are presently on our cruises.

Lt Jeff Mirgon, S:

Compliments on the Commander's Ball. The boating class finished last night. Forty-five tested, 3 people will take the test next Wednesday at HQ, 4 people are not taking the test and I am waiting to hear from 12 more people as to if they want to take the test. Thanks to everyone who helped with the class.

Lt Sue Nadolson, AP:

The Commander's Ball was beautiful. The public boating course students were enthusiastic. I wanted to mention that some students in the public boating class made donations to the Judy Lowe fund.

I was a delegate at the D-29 conference and met lots of people. The calling committee is going well.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL COMMITTEES:

Audit Committee Chair Lt Bob Wells, AP:

We need more time to conduct the audit due to the change in Treasurers during the year. So far the audit is going fine with no problems found.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Sea Gals: Lt Debbie Smith, AP:

The Commander's Ball was fabulous. Many thanks to Jeff, Michael and Tracy for all their hard work to make the public boating course a big success.

On 20 May Sea Gals will hold our annual meeting. It will be at the Clintonville Women's Club.

We are working on updating our constitution and bylaws. Mary Mirgon is finishing up our new roster. It will be available soon.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

MARKETING: Lt Tracy Garrett, S

Vessel Safety Exams will be conducted at Alum Creek on 17 & 18 May. We could use some volunteers at the exam sites to assist. We are also planning on conducting VSEs at the Scioto Boat Club - more to come.

On 12 - 15 February 2009 will be the Sports Vacation Show. We will have a booth there. The very next week the public boating course will begin.

At the D-29 conference, the national rep stated that national is changing things and one area of possible local impact is that people can join the squadron on the national web site. National will then assign the person the closest squadron. This could bring us additional membership without us having to find them.

Web Master Teresa Nadolson:

To add award information to our web site would require additional space. Presently we are allocated limited space by national on their server. If we want to expand, we would need to purchase additional space on someone else's server and link to National. I will explore the costs of getting space on another site and present the information at a future meeting.

New Business:

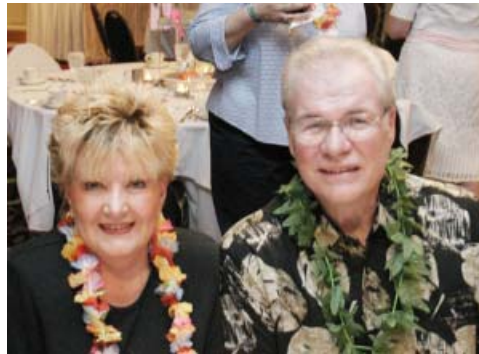
P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP, will conduct Operations Training at HQ on 5 May, 1900.

Members who hold a position within the squadron and have not completed the training are encouraged to attend.

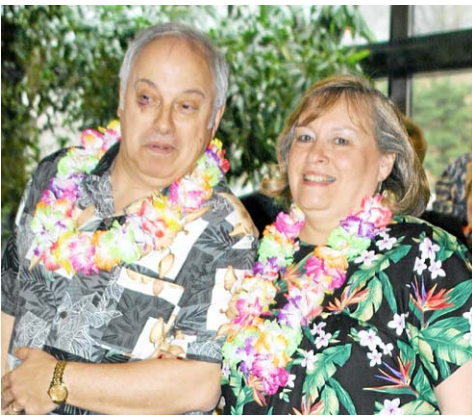
Lt/C Bob Prior, P, stated that CIC is having an in-water boat show the same weekend as the Ice Breaker. He suggests anyone wishing to attend to do so.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on 27 May 2008 at 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035. The meeting adjourned at 2155.

The Commander's Ball honoring Cdr Larry Whiting, P



12 April 2008 - Crowne Plaza, Dublin



Cruise Along with D 29 Summer Council Meeting

August 15-16-17, 2008

(Note date change)

Toledo Yacht Club



Fri Night – Cocktails at the TYC Pavilion

Saturday – Continental Breakfast

TYC Pavilion

Board the *Sawmill Explorer*

(right) for council meeting and

lunch while cruising on the Maumee River and Lake Erie. Weather permitting

Dinner TYC

Sunday — Continental Breakfast TYC Pavilion

Seminar: Dbase 2000

Come by land or sea

For Dockage reservations call TYC at 419-726-3485

Further details and reservation forms to come.

Lunch Hook Rendezvous

Saturday, 23 August

Location: Lake Erie Islands

Instead of doing lunch at the dock, why not do lunch on the hook?

You are invited to the Saturday Lunch Hook Rendezvous at School House Bay (N 41 degrees 41.5 minutes, W 082 degrees 48.0 minutes), or North Bay, Kelley's Island N 41 degrees 36.87 minutes, W 082 degrees 44.87 minutes (wind direction will determine location)

On 23 August for a day of dining enjoyment and social pleasure. Formal attire not required, or permitted, but an RSVP would be appreciated.

Bring your favorite dish to share along with your dingy, or small boat of choice, or maybe you just want to come in your dingy.

We will start dropping our lunch hooks at 1000 and the fun will begin immediately after. Lunch will begin at anytime.

Saturday morning call Aquaglow on channel 79 for location information.

Bad Weather Location: Herl's Harbor.

Larry Lowe 614-885-3601

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As usual, time is flying by. The 2nd annual Italian night was wonderful. A huge thank you to Jeff and Mary Mirgon. The six pasta dishes, meatballs, salad and rolls were scrumptious!!!! If this event gets any bigger, the Mirgons will have to add an addition to their home! Thank you again Mary and Jeff, and thanks to all who came and made the evening such a success.

May 20 is the Sea Gals Annual meeting. It will be held at the Clintonville Womens Club. The social hour begins at 6:30 with everyone bringing their own alcoholic beverage of choice. So set that date aside and be on the look out for a call or e-mail real soon.

June 12 is the date for the combined Squadron and Sea

Gal picnic. This year the Sea Gals will be cooking, so get your dessert recipes ready to go and get ready for an evening of fun and games. We will have an auction and other activities going so keep that date open.

Our annual rendezvous will again be at Gem Beach in August; August 8-10 to be exact. Last year was such a hit that many asked to have it there again. Watch for calls and e-mails and be sure to bring your water guns and cannons for a wet and fun weekend.

Be sure to mark your calendars with all the important dates and join us for fun, food, and most of all friendship as we enjoy the summer ahead.

Congratulations to our Columbus Sail & Power Squadron members who received Merit Marks for 2007:

Robert E. Abell, George R. Ault, Kevin P. Baron, Lea Ann Baron, James T. Beall, Shelley J. Beall, Herbert A. Beidel, Martha Beidel, Harold L. Beidel, Jr., Lyle Brooks Brown, Linda E. Bukky, Fred S. Card, Daniel A. Charna, David L. Clark, Joseph Richard Clay, Michael D. Cohee, Tanny R. Cohee, Gerald G. Colbert, Colette L. Cramer, Ramonda DeCapio, Ronald DeCapio, Angie P. Delewese, Donald A. Delewese, Paul J. Depalma, David R. Ehrbar, Sharon L. Ehrbar, Tracy L. Garrett, Wade E. Grosz, Roger Hankle, Larry G. Harris, Donald E. Himes, Marylou Himes, Jonathan N. Hollander, Michael S. Hughes, Rob Hupman, James S. Igo, Ruth L. Igo, Kougla K. Jackson, James L. Jenkins, Jane E. Jenkins, Connie L. Kauffman, Henry D. Kauffman, Glen Kubinski, Ruthie Kubinski, Mary J. Lauer, Ronald E. Lavelly, Karen S. Lehner, Larry L. Lowe, Walker B. Lowman, John Mattis, Joyce Mattis, Arlene May, Richard B. May, Joseph R. Mesenburg, Erik C. Meyer, James E. Meyers, Bonnie D. Michael, Jeffrey M. Mirgon, Mary D. Mirgon, Ken A. Moon, Sue Ann Moon, Thomas H. Morehouse, Matthew G. Murphy, Karen S. Nadolson, Ralph W. Newman, Stephen L. Newton, Patricia L. Prior, Robert L. Prior, John C. Pruitt, Robert E. Rayburn, Joyce A. Rogers, Alan B. Satterwhite, Debra Lee Smith, Steven W. Smith, Robert P. Stephens II,

Ronald Stewart, Sally Stewart, Robert Van Der Wissel, David C. Wells, George R. Wells, Wanda Wells, Larry R. Whiting, Linda L. Whiting, Ruth Ann Wilcox, Guy P. Williams, Laura L. Williams, Vernon P. Williams, Samuel A. Woodruff, Jr. Susan E. Woodruff.

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