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## Galley Gossip



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### **CSPS Dinner Meeting September 8, 2016**

### **Old Bag of Nails**

**24 N. State St. • Westerville, OH 43081**

**6:30 to 7:30 Happy Hour**

**7:30 Dinner - Wraps and Sandwich Variety**

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***Come swap summer boating stories and  
enjoy the camaraderie of friends***

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*No Shows Will Be Billed***

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## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

2 - 5	Fri.-Mon.	Huron Boat Basin Land & Sea Labor Day Fun - Ron Lavelly & Ruthie Kubinski
5	Monday	October <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due
8	Thursday	CSPS Dinner Meeting -- Old Bag of Nails, Westerville
12	Monday	Piloting Class Begins Register Online
17	Saturday	Delaare Dam Clean-Up -- 8am rain or shine
21	Wednesday	Junior Navigation Begins Register Online
21-25	Wed.-Sun.	Lake Cumberland Rendezvous -- Joe Huffman
27	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ HQ 7 pm

### OCTOBER

6	Thursday	CSPS Dinner Meeting Location/Time TBA
10	Tuesday	November <i>Galley Gossip</i> Articles Due
25	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ Headquarters 7pm

### NOVEMBER

2	Wednesday	Deadline to Submit Merit Marks
4-5	Fri.-Sat.	D29 Fall Conference Findlay
6	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Ends Fall Back
7	Monday	December <i>Galley Gossip</i> Articles Due
10	Thursday	CSPS Dinner Meeting Location/Time TBA
15	Tuesday	Central Ohio Safe Boating Council Meeting @ Headquarters 6 pm
22	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ Headquarters 7 pm

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr John Seaver, SN



We as a squadron may be faced with a decision that will require some hearty debate as it is a decision that will have long-term impact. Exploratory discussions are occurring with the Alum Creek Sailing Association, Arch City Rowing, The Army Corps of Engineers, The Central Ohio Safe Boating Council and the State of Ohio to build an on-the-water educational, rowing and fraternal facility. In this building, the squadron could offer classes and seminars, including accommodating our America's Boating Class (ABC), Executive Committee meetings, and dinner meetings. What this facility can provide for us is our much-desired immediate access to the water for an on-the-water component for any of our classes or taking sights for Junior Navigation & Navigation right from the facility.

The upside is – it is everything we've wanted – a facility that is on the water with signage, can have a transient dockage and space for dinner meetings and ABC Classes. All the ingredients that many have spoken about to increase participation in our classes and membership in our organization.

The downsides include – it is a shared facility that we will not own, so schedule coordination



with our partners will be extremely important; we would need to move a chunk of our current investments to bonds to cover construction; and we would have a finite (20 year) lease on the facility that would require renewal.

Much remains to be ferreted out to gain a full measure of understanding of this effort. Do we go for it or are we content to tread water and continue to teach the classes with the student numbers and in the manner we have been? Who can say? You can – please participate in this discussion and debate and share your thoughts and opinions about where and how we take our Squadron into the future.

I will share more data once it becomes available. I hope to see you at an Executive Committee meeting, dinner meeting or District meeting as well to hear your questions, thoughts and opinions.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN



I hope the summer has been good for everyone, and all of you are still looking for more great boating.

It has been a busy summer! Ruth and I started the season off with the trip to Nashville on June 20. There were nine boats from Columbus, Toledo and Lima on the trip. It was a fabulous trip down Kentucky Lake into Lake Barkly then down the Cumberland River to Nashville. We spent the first night going down in Clarksville, Tennessee and stayed there again on the way back north. Clarksville is a nice little community near Fort Campbell. It has some wonderful restaurants. The group had dinner at the Blackhorse Grill and there were no complaints about the food or service.

Going south, we docked at the Riverview Marina under covered docks and used Uber and Lyft to get



to the hotel. Whether country music is your fare or not, Nashville has a lot to offer—great places to see involving entertainment, museums, restaurants, etc. Several of us went to the Grand Ole Opry one evening and also visited the Ryman Theater on another.

Our return trip back to Calvert City was uneventful; the weather was bright and sunny while the river was calm with very few boats. I would certainly join everyone in thanking Ron for a great trip.

On July 15, we launched at the Gallipolis Boat Club with boats from Columbus, Lima and Findlay Sail and Power Squadrons. Our flotilla of seven boats went a short distance up the Ohio River then headed toward Charleston, West Virginia on the Kanawha River. There was another boat in our party already on its way and we met another boat in Charleston. The Kanawha River was a very good cruise with little debris and one lock into Charleston. After docking at the Charleston Boat

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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Ed Mack, SN



Welcome back from your summer of fun and boating! Hope all went well. I only had one little incident, but I'm keeping a tight lid on it until next year. That's when the statute of limitations has expired for the Bungle Jug award!

Our next dinner meeting is September 8th at The Old Bag of Nails Pub located in uptown Westerville. Happy hour begins at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30.

When Jana and I are boating, I like to use a cell phone app called Navionics. It is very similar to a chart plotter without all the bells and whistles. The app determines your position through GPS. The charts show where you are located, the depth of the water, and your speed. I have found the charts to be very accurate. While using this app, I have never gotten lost on Alum Creek Lake! But, it is very beneficial to double check your depth meter.

Recently I discovered the need for USB power on my boat for numerous devices: two cell phones and a tablet. I solved the problem by purchasing two cigarette outlet power devices with two USB plugs each. To that I connect six-foot-long cables in order to reach most places on the boat.



Finally, a word of caution about batteries. Be very careful where you dispose of dead batteries. They are usually never totally depleted of current. If the ends of the battery, or poles, contact metal, the battery can short out, causing it to get hot and catch fire or explode. This really happens. A house in Columbus last year burned down because "dead" batteries were thrown into the garbage. One of our own members had a 9-volt battery get extremely hot in his pocket from shorting out. So, make certain you safely dispose of batteries. I usually tape the ends or place them back into the original packaging.

Safe Boating!

### Plan Now To Attend the Weather Course in January Where You'll Master the Mysteries of the Sky

*Learn proverbs, sayings and observations like*

**"When the clouds  
appear like rocks and towers  
The earth's refreshed  
by frequent showers."**

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Club, the hotel van took us to the hotel. We stayed at this hotel in the past and it was very nice. Since then it has been remodeled and is now the Four Points by Sheraton. The following day several of us went upbound through three locks to the end of the navigable water of the Kanawha River. This was another great trip and a big thanks to Joe Huffman for getting things set up and for all the arrangements.

On July 2, we headed to the Huron Boat Basin in Huron, Ohio for the District 29 Summer Conference and Sandusky/Port Clinton Steak Fry. The weather was sunny; the lake was calm; and it was another very good cruise. All of our boats were docked just off the river. It was a great spot to be to enjoy the fireworks Saturday night!

The conference went well. The dinner and steak fry were outstanding. Huron is a very nice place

to go. There is music in the amphitheater making the basin an exceptional place to be. There is no better place on the lake to kick back and let the world go by!

I am now looking forward to the cruise to Pelee Island with the Lima Power Squadron, a trip to Lake Cumberland, the Muskingum River trip, the National Governing Board Meeting in Pittsburgh and one more trip to Lake Cumberland in the fall.

For anyone who travels out of the country by air, vehicle or boat...I just applied for a Global Entry Card through Homeland Security. Having one will assist you in getting through the lines much faster. You are pre-screened as a Trusted Traveler and, as a card holder, the lines should now be a little shorter when you are coming back into the United States from Mexico or Canada.





The 2016-2017 Columbus Sail and Power Squadron education courses are posted on both the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron ([www.columussailandpower.org](http://www.columussailandpower.org)) and United States Power Squadrons ([www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)) websites for students to register.

**District 29 Summer Council Meeting:**

John, Katrina and I attended our first D29 Summer Council meeting. We want to thank everyone for the warm hospitality. We enjoyed



all the cookouts, the outdoor meetings and especially the fireworks show from the boat.

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**WAY TO GO GRADUATES!!!**

The following students successfully completed the indicated courses. Be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them!

**Cruise Planning**

Michael Gray  
Mary Gray  
Paul King  
Edward Mack  
Paula Oliveri  
John Daulton  
Bruce Quatman  
Richard Sorensen  
Scott Shaw

**Seamanship:**

Kevin Davis  
Matthew Kinney  
Michelle Kinney



## 2016-17 Educational Courses

The following classes are planned for the education season beginning in September. Please watch the web site ([www.columussailandpower.org](http://www.columussailandpower.org)) for the updates and register early and often. We have a great line up for the coming year. Weekday classes and seminars begin at 7pm at the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron located at 8492 Cotter St Lewis Center OH 43035. Weekend classes and seminars will have times listed. Please arrive 15 minutes early on your first night to complete the registration process.

**CLASS LINE UP**

Piloting (Delewese)	Mondays 9/12 - 12/5	member \$70/non-member \$100
Junior Navigation (Newman)	Wednesdays 9/21 - 1/4	member \$175/non-member \$205
America's Boating Course (various)	Saturdays 2/18 or 3/11	\$50; includes lunch; location/hours TBD
Advanced Piloting (Rayburn/Lowe)	Mondays 3/21 - 5/22	member \$70/non-member \$100
Sail (Spilke/Jackson)	Tuesdays 2/1 - 5/3	member \$60/non-member \$90
Navigation (Hankle)	Wednesdays 3/15 - 5/31	member \$175/non-member \$205
Seamanship (various)	Tuesdays 3/21 - 5/16	member \$55/non-member \$85
Electronics Navig. (Lowe/Mohrman)	Wednesdays 3/22 - 5/10	member \$65/non-member \$95
Weather (Sorenson)	Tuesdays 1/17 - 3/21	member \$70/non-member \$100

**SEMINAR LINE UP**

The following seminars will be offered during 2016-2017. Dates/Times/Fees TBA

Anchoring (Lowe)  
Charting (J. Seaver)  
Marine Radar (Lowe)  
Emergencies on Board (Lowe)  
Practical Marine Engine Maintenance (Hughes)  
Practical Marine Electrical Maintenance (Mohrman)  
Crossing Borders (Lowe)



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron  
Minutes of the Executive Committee  
24 May 2016**

(These minutes will be approved at the August Executive Committee meeting.)

Cdr. John Seaver, SN called the meeting to order at 1900 at the Squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

The invocation was given by Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P and X/O Lt/C Phil Osborne, JN led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary, Lt/C. Ron Hupman, S found that a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr. John Seaver, SN; Executive Officer Lt/C Phil Osborne, JN; Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Administrative Officer Lt/C Edward Mack, N; Treasurer Lt/C David Canale, P; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP; Lt Mary Jane Lauer, P; Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P; Lt Jana Mack; S

Also present; Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P; P/D/C Bill Lehner, SN; P/C Michael Hughes, JN; Lt Tracy Garrett, S; P/C Tom Norman, P.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

**Commander John Seaver**

Boat Inspections:

Saturday – bad weather, poor turnout – 5 inspectors showed up.

Sunday – very good day – again 5 inspectors were there and got busy late. Sunday was a good day and many seemed interested in the squadron and our courses. Low number of inspectors meant that we missed many boats and opportunities to share our message.

It was decided that another inspection will be scheduled for June 11 from 9-1 at the New Galena ramp because the main marina is not as busy as it used to be.

ABC Retention – What ideas do you have to retain them?

- Schedule and invite to Charting seminar.
- Schedule and invite to 'Crossing Borders' seminar.
- Mail our new education brochure including a letter welcoming them to join us for the fall classes and dinner meetings.

Late Summer/Fall Seamanship or ABC?

At boat dealer – all their boat sales (Brunswick Advantage perk)

Spring Cleaning:

HQ – deep cleaning needs to be done after classes and prior to trailering seminar – I want to send the reminder to ABC Class participants for the trailering seminar and visit our HQ.

- Scanning Party – at least start to organize



the scanning material and identify scanning plans.

**Squadron Education  
Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S:**

**Asst. Ed. Officer – Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P**

The class schedule has been sent to instructors to add seminars, etc. On-the-water training would need to be held during boating season. Michael Hughes

suggests seminar on winterizing boats. A paddle boating seminar is being considered for which an instructor has volunteered. There was some feeling that our resources can be better spent on classes since recent attendance at seminars has been very low. Cdr. Seaver suggested posters/ banners be placed near launch ramps advertising our classes. Ed Mack will work on a source for posters and Cdr. Seaver will send ideas for the posters to ECOM.

**Executive Officer Lt/C Phil Osborne, JN:**

We are planning to do the Route 23 highway cleanup on Saturday, June 4 at 8:00 a.m. We should be able to park near the beginning or end of the project.

We had a great time at the Ice Breaker and would like to thank Ed & Jana for the great job.

We went to the Findlay Power Squadron meeting on May 14 and had a tour of the Homeland Security Building in Port Clinton.

If anyone cares, I'm having a rough time. Ruth had shoulder surgery May 10 to repair three of four rotator cuff tears in her right shoulder. This has been really, really tough on me having to get my own dinner, doing laundry, washing floors and windows.

**Treasurer Lt/C David Canale, P:**

Financial reports were reviewed by David Canale

**Administrative Officer Lt/C Ed Mack, N:**

**Asst. Admin. Officer – Lt/C John Daulton**

The Ice Breaker was good. Thanks to Phil and Ruth for their help and donations. A picnic will be held Sun., June 5 at the Alum Creek Sailing Assoc. facility from 4:00 -7:00 p.m.

**Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S:**

**Asst. Sec. – Lt/C Tom Doyle**

All officers are asked to email reports to hupman1@att.net.

**Immediate Past Commander, P/C William Mohrman, AP:**

No report



## Members at Large Reports:

Lt Mary Jane Lauer, P: Alum Creek Marina ice cream shop is open.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### General Committees:

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; P/C Robert Prior, P; P/C Tom Norman, P – No report  
Rules Committee: P/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Bob Van Der Wissel, AP; Michael T. Hughes, AP – No report

### Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman, S – No report  
Housing Committee: Vacant – No report - There will be a cleanup of HQ at 5:00 on 8/16. Pizza provided.  
Planning Committee: P/C David Canale, P; D/C Bill Lehner, SN – No report  
Law Officer: P/C David Canale, P – No report  
Merit Marks Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN; P/C Bob Van Der Wissel, AP - Absent.  
Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN – No report  
Supply Officer: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – No report  
Sea Gals: Cdr. Martha Beidel – Absent - Dinner at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club on 8/17

### Special Committees:

Technical Committee: Lt/C Ed Mack, N – Looking at alternate web sites. Using National's is an option.  
Social Media Committee: Need appointment of Social Media Officer.  
Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack, N – See Treasurer's report.  
Boat Shows: P/C William Mohrman, AP – No report  
Marketing: Need appointment of Marketing Officer.  
Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent - Update needed.  
Boating Activities: Lt/C Edward Mack, N – See GG.  
Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP – Absent - See Cdr.'s report.

## Old Business:

- Last month we discussed seminars at Field & Stream, Dick's, Cabela's, and Paul's Marine. Cdr. Seaver talked with each of them and they are interested in having us present at their facilities. We need to identify the location and the Seminar we are interested in presenting and then we will re-approach the partners.
- Focus on the fun—where's the fun? Tracy Garrett reminded everyone of the Memorial Day parade (be there 9:30) and picnic at their house.

## New Business:

Central Ohio Safe Boating Council discussion: Skier/Tuber flag – Design a flag and we will take it to the State for approval. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources volunteered to find out how to make progress and get us a "champion".

## Sick Bay:

Bill Mohrman's mother continues to have difficulties,  
Sue Goelz is doing OK but slow to gain energy.  
Bill Lewis's wife is very ill.  
Ruth Wilcox is recovering from shoulder surgery.

## Announcements

Next ECOM meeting is August 16  
Fall Governing Board will be in Pittsburgh this fall. Easy driving distance from Columbus. Cdr. needs to know if you are going for delegate selection.

GG deadline is 8/8

Meeting adjourned at 2027.

## BOAT, MOTOR, TRAILER, ETC. FOR SALE

2002 Brig rigid bottom inflatable; 11 feet, double floor, V bottom, flat interior floor; White anti fouling bottom paint, with blister prevention.

2000 Triton CXT Aluminum trailer; 12 inch wheels and tires, spare tire with trailer mount; Bow bag, folding anchor, foot air pump; Manual bilge pump, oars, hand held air horn, nav lights; Bottle jack with 4-way lug wrench; Two belly inflatable life jackets, mooring cover.

Motor: Nissan 2cycle, two cylinders 9.8 HP. Very little use, mostly around West Harbor; Tiller extension; External fuel tank.

**BOAT MOTOR AND TRAILER WITH ALL ACCESSORIES,  
\$2,600.00**

**Bob Van der Wissel, 614-570-0055**







### Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Adopt-a-Highway Update

On June 4th, several Columbus Sail and Powder Squadron volunteers came out to participate in our first of four trash pickup days for the year. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent many hours along our 2+ mile stretch of U.S. 23.

- Number of volunteer's: 12
- Number of trash bags filled: 42
- Most interesting item found:  
Leopard pattern bra



## Last-of-Summer Cruises

Sept 2-5 **Huron Boat Basin Land & Sea Labor Day Fun** - Ron L & Ruth K

No boat needed. Come play on those that show up.

Sept 23-25 **Lake Cumberland** - Joe H

Renting houseboats as a group. FUN FUN FUN - and fishing

Call **614-384-0245**  
to get more  
information or register  
for a trip.

## GOODTIME CRUISE

### Third Annual Commanders Cruise Aboard "The Goodtime"

All District 29 members are invited to join your fellow Power Squadron members for a wine tasting/'dinner cruise on "The Goodtime" sailing out of Sandusky, OH.

**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

**5:30 to 7:30 pm**

Vessel departs from Sandusky.

Cost: \$51/person Includes 5 wine tastings, appetizers, full course dinner, souvenir wine

glass, and a cruise along Lake Erie.

Limited to 90 people

Reservation and payment must be received by September 16 to Joyce Jagucki, 1999 N. Carriage Lane, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

Make checks payable to Joyce Jagucki

Questions may be directed to Joyce at 419-797-4228 (Home) or 419-341-1958 (Cell)



# "SECOND BATTLE OF NASHVILLE"

By Dick Sorensen, N



**Figure 1 – The 'Second Invasion Fleet' assembling at Kentucky Dam Marina.**

Lake-Between-The-Lakes, KY – Columbus Sail and Power Squadron boaters have a regional, if not national, reputation for being eager road boaters. We love to hitch the boats up and head on down the highway. Traveling to far away places, experiencing all the wonders that this great nation has to offer. Lake-Between-The-Lakes was our 2016 voyage-of-the-year cruise. We came looking for new experiences, tranquility and the joy of friendships, all offered in abundance by members and guests of CSPS and District 29. We found them in spades.

This voyage was to duplicate the one undertaken in February 1862 by Admiral David Glasgow Farragut which paved the way for the fall of Nashville during the Civil War. Only we didn't travel on steamships stuffed with cannon; we cruised on small boats loaded with sailors and credit cards.

Our 'Admiral' was the rascally Ron Lavelly who has served as our cruise planner for years. Ron and Linda have done a superior job of organizing our cruises. Anyone who has ever organized anything will certainly appreciate what a challenging task this is—



*Dick Sorensen, N, is also Co-Chair of the Bungle Jungle and River Rat Award Committee. Sadly, nothing, absolutely nothing occurred on this trip to even rate a mention for this year's awards.*



**Figure 2 - 'Admiral' Lavelly, his lady, Linda, and the Pyles give traveling instructions.**

about as rewarding as herding cats. Underway on a bright and clear Monday morning, we launched out of the very clean and professional Kentucky Dam Marina. Our flotilla of six boats and two jet skis headed across Kentucky Lake for the cut leading into Lake Barkley.

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Turning south, and almost oxymoronically, we headed up the Cumberland Rand. Yes, yes, the Cumberland is a southern river that flows north into the Ohio. Goofy. Following the barge channel thru Lake Barkley, we effortlessly transitioned into the Cumberland River.

No record exists that tells us what Farragut thought of his voyage into destiny. He had to love it because Lincoln made him an Admiral. As I sat on the foredeck of Phil and Ruth Osborne's boat my imagination worked overtime. The Cumberland River, flowing over 600 miles, isn't as wide as the Ohio. My imagination saw a Rebel behind every tree trunk. I couldn't help but wonder what his crews felt like knowing that at any time they could have been sailing into a Rebel ambush. But no shots came our way. We did get blasted with a steady bombardment of bright sunshine. What we did see was lots of animal and marine life: birds of all types, foxes, turtles, deer, domesticated cattle and an occasional jumping fish. The Cumberland was remarkably clean, free of industrial development and of man's litter and garbage. It was also warm. 87 degrees.



**Figure 3 - Clarksville's historic main street.**

Our first day's journey ended in the Tennessee River town of Clarksville. This historic city (fifth largest in the state) has recently completed construction on a gorgeous riverfront development project and our group benefited from its amenities: dockage under roof, gas and pump out, beautiful park and friendly staff. Clarksville offered a historically preserved architectural downtown, new businesses with art galleries and places that served good food and adult beverages. Valiantly led by



**Figure 4 - Fountain dedicated to the town's fighters.**

'Admiral' Lavelly we invaded and conquered this Rebel stronghold.

Early the next day our Band-of-Boaters followed in Farragut's wake toward Nashville, but first we had to transit the one lock on this stretch. In our flotilla we had the District Executive Officer, District Education Officers, Seamanship, Piloting, Advance Piloting, ABC, and Weather instructors. So upon exiting this lock, the lockmaster told us we were the easiest, most well behaved group he had ever locked thru. He would have been shocked if he had seen us at the bars holding up the Grand Ole Opry!

Nearing Nashville, we rounded a bend in the river, and came face-to-face with the muzzle mouths of the Confederate cannon of Fort Donelson. The fort was sited so that as the Union Flotilla steamed south it was under constant cannon fire for about two miles as they sailed toward the fort. Farragut took ten days to take this position and it was only with the help of Union infantrymen that it fell. What was historic about this battle was it marked the first time in our history where naval gunfire was used in close support of our ground troops.

Arriving in Nashville, we secured the boats, put on our cowboy boots, starting humming "Boot Scootin' Boogie", and headed into the dens of iniquity along Honky Tonk Row. People on vacation, especially boating people, aren't shrinking violets and nervous nellys. We are all ones who want, no, have, to see what's around the next corner. That same attitude applies during this, our Second Battle of Nashville. Instead of guns we invaded with credit cards and this time the rebels opened their arms; threw open their doors; greeted us with 'hail fellow well met' and that phony 'sweet cloying



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southern charm' all the while angling for that plastic card with raised numbers in our wallets. They won this skirmish of the Second Battle of Nashville.

Tuesday thru Thursday night were spent enjoying 'Athens of the America.' Nashville is a town rich in history and alive with the commerce of modern life. Andrew Jackson's Hermitage offers the finest drink of spring-fed water in America. The city has fine gardens and parks. Universities abound with lots of their graduates staying put. But like most shallow, simple minded sailors we headed for the bars and honky tonks of Broadway Street with all the temptations of the Grand Ole Opry. We were not disappointed. Tootsies, BB Kings, the Stage, Legends Corner all served up cold beer and hot licks music. Every wanta' be country star has to play everywhere on



**Figure 5 - How can you go wrong with a three story honky tonk?**



**Figure 6 – Future Opry Stars start young. Very talented and accomplished performers.**

about this crazy experiment in democracy. These guys are the ones that rolled up their sleeves and went to work building America. Teachers, policemen, small business owners, firemen. Helping other people thru education, ready to lend a helping hand to any boater, standing up when the American flag goes by, respecting others and the environment and striving to improve their

knowledge and their lives. I couldn't ask for a better group of shipmates or better friends to have a beer with.

Here's a few examples over the five days of that ethos. Phil and Ruth's boat wouldn't run on the first day. Pretty common when you realize that Ohio boats sit idle for months and then we take them

out and run them like maniacs for a week straight. Phil, always concerned for others, told everyone to 'Shove off!' Didn't happen. When he finally got ready to launch the whole gang was waiting. "One for all; all for one."

Just south of the lock, our 'jet ski

maniacs,' Carmen and Dan Mullane, came upon a family with two young children in a disabled boat. Tom Schmersal worked his boat into position, directed the young Captain on the proper way to secure the towline, and professionally delivered him to his car. "No muss; no fuss; just another day for a Power Squadron-er."

Rita and Len had a power problem leaving Nashville and decided to go all the way back to their car. 130 miles. Another boater, who hadn't planned on running it all in one day, changed his plans and journeyed with them. "I got your back."

So, I can honestly say that we won the Second Battle of Nashville. The first battle opened up the southern states for the ultimate victory of our most perfect Union. The second battle opened my eyes to the wonderful people that I sail with in the United States Power Squadron.



**Figure 7 - Tom and Diane Schmersal move into rescue position with Joe & Linda Huffman standing by.**



# SUMMER BOATING ADVENTURES

Several squadron members enjoyed unique summer cruises.

Roger and Joyce Hankle, Pam and Doug Jackson, Bill and Karen Lehner, and Joe and Karen Mesenberg attended the Great Lakes Cruising Club Rendezvous in Duluth, Minnesota.

Bob and Mary Rayburn cruised to Lake Superior to see Painted Rocks National Lakeshore (and points in between) with Bob and Janet Runner (Sandusky Power Squadron) and Gil and Pat Root.

Do you have a summer boating adventure you'd like to share? Send your story to Mary Rayburn at [GG\\_Editor@columbussailandpower.org](mailto:GG_Editor@columbussailandpower.org) and it will appear in a future issue of the *Galley Gossip*.



Karen and I just got back from the "Great Lakes Cruising Club" rendezvous in Duluth MN. Roger and Joyce Hankle, Pam and Doug Jackson, Karen and Joe Mesenburg and Kay and I. I got a picture of the Hankle (Sailboat), Jackson (Catamaran) and we towed our Whaler (small boat next to Roger's).

## THIS 'N' THAT...

**2016 National USPS Youth Annual Poster Contest** ... This year's theme is:  
**"Make it Personal!"**

***It's Your Life ... It's Your Lifejacket!"***

The Contest is open to all children ages 6 - 14. At the National level, a first place award of \$150, second place award of \$100 and third place of \$75 is given in three age groups: 1) 6 - 8 years, 2) 9 - 11 years and 3) 12 - 14 years. Submissions will be voted on at the October dinner meeting. Winners will advance to the Fall District Conference. Submission forms can be found at USPS.org

Send your **merit mark information** to Don Delewese and Bob Van der Wissel as soon as possible. The last day to submit hours for 2016 is Nov 2nd.

Columbus Sail and Power Squadron has performed 122 **Vessel Safety Exams** so far this year. If you still need your vessel examined, time is running out. Contact an examiner today through our website.

The **Bungle Jug and River Rat awards** will be given at the November dinner meeting. To submit an entry for this award, please type as much information as possible about the incident and submit to Dick Sorensen. What are the Bungle Jug and River Rat awards you ask? These awards are presented yearly to squadron members for 'blunders' in boating. Past receivers had such problems as transmissions going out inside a lock; antennas not being lowered before trailering; broken bones, black eyes, being towed home; launching from a tow truck and much, much more. So if you know of a blooper, please write it down and get ahold of Dick Sorensen (who by the way won both awards in the same year!!!)

## SICK BAY

Sue Goelz  
Ed Mack's Father  
Bill Mohrman's Mother

## LAST HORIZON

Gloria Hess (Toledo Power Squadron)  
Lea Lewis (Lima Power Squadron)

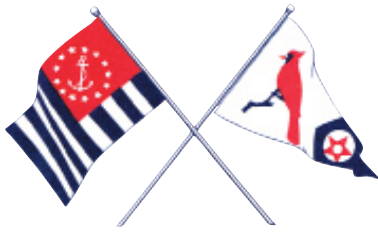
## Dam Clean Up: Delaware State Park and Route 23

Come on out on Saturday September 17th at 8am to help CSPS clean up our section of the Adopt-A-Highway. We will meet at the south end Delaware Dam playground area right off Route 23. Wear old clothes, shoes or boots, bring some gloves and if you have reachers, you will not have to bend over so many times. Provided are some lovely neon green vests and plenty of orange trash bags for all your finds. Children can help but must be at least 12. A waiver will need to be signed for those 12-18. Questions, contact Phil Osborne. With your help we will make our highway beautiful again.



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John Banche  
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Herbert Beidel  
Martha Beidel  
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Patricia Carpenter  
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