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CSPS Dinner Meeting Thursday, 3 June, 2010

Alum Creek Sail Assoc Pavilion - Off Big Walnut Rd and Lewis Center Rd.
www.alumcreeksailing.com

Time: Fire Extinguisher Class 1800; Social 1830; Dinner 1930

Programs: SILENT AUCTION - FIRE EXTINGUISHERS - FLARES

Cost: Children (10 and under) \$10.00 Adults \$14.00

Menu: Hoggy's Catering BBQ Pork and BBQ Chicken, Green Beans, Garlic-Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Tossed Salad, dessert. Beverages are available to purchase.

Programs:

Fire Extinguisher class (toward Inland Navigator Certification)- Orange Township Fire Department will hold a formal Fire Extinguisher Certification Class beginning at 1810. The class will include a short video, lecture and then simulated extinguisher use. Those who are interested in the certification should register for this at the time of RSVP for the dinner meeting. The class is free and it should last approximately 40 minutes which includes Q & A time. Following the formal class, all others are encouraged to receive summary instruction and have a chance to put out a simulated fire with a life-like extinguisher.

Silent Auction - Bring your boating related items to donate to the CSPS for the silent auction.

Orange Township Fire Department Exhibition- OTFD plans to bring fire and rescue apparatus for up close and personal viewing for kids of ALL ages.

Flares and more- a Flare demonstration and supervised use of your own expired flares may be fired. Bring your expired flares to shoot.

Some items may run concurrently to allow for the best use of time. The night should be informational and fun. Come and bring friends and guests. All are invited. We will also invite other partners in boating with Alum Creek Sailing Association and the Alum Creek Power Boat Club.

Attire: Casual or your boating themed attire

RSVP:: Lt/C Tom Norman email TNorman3@columbus.rr.com or call 614-488-4766 or use the SailAngle.com RSVP tool by 28 May, 2010.





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

JUNE

3 Thursday Dinner Meeting @ Alum Creek Sail Assoc Pavilion
11-13 Fri.-Sun. PA 3 Rivers Lobster Fest Cruise – Contact Jeff Mirgon
TBD Dam Paint Job at Delaware embankment

JULY

3 Saturday Westerville Parade Entry starts at 1pm
30-Aug 1 Fri.-Sun. D29 Summer Council meeting – Lorain
30-Aug 1 Fri.-Sun. Vermilion Cruise – contact Doug Jackson

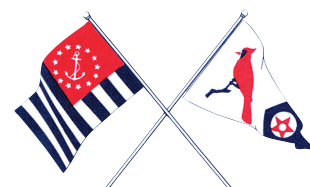
AUGUST

6-8 Fri.-Sun. Sea Gals Kelleys Island Cruise –
Contact Mary Lauer or Joyce Mattis
14 Saturday Lunch Hook on Lake Erie – Contact Larry Lowe
20-22 Fri.-Sun. Ohio River Cruise – contact Mary Mirgon
24 Tuesday Executive Meeting - 7:30pm at HQ
31-Sep 4 Tues.-Sat. Governing Board in Seattle Washington

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Michael Hughes, JN



As you read this, we are coming upon Safe Boating Week, May 22-28. This would be an excellent time to get your Vessel Safety Exam completed by one of our 9 examiners. Please find their names and contact information in this issue along with the areas they will conduct those exams at. VSE are a great way to check all your equipment and safety gear status before heading out on the water. If you would like to become a Vessel Safety Examiner, please contact John Pruitt at 614-216-5203. You will become a popular person at your marina if you can examine vessels each year.

Other events planned for Safe Boating Week include Vessel Safety Exams at Alum Creek. On Saturday, May 22nd we will meet at the New Galena Ramp and on Sunday, May 23rd at Hollenback Ramp from 10am – 1pm both days. Help is needed to talk with the crew of each vessel being examined to invite them to our cruises, seminars and our website. Please contact John Pruitt if you can assist.

Also on Saturday and Sunday May 22 & 23, we are holding a trailering seminar each day at Ricart Automall on S Hamilton Rd. We need your assistance in passing out towing material, ODNr boating booklets, coloring books to kids and promoting our squadron in addition to Coastie's appearance. This is a major undertaking being headed up by Bill Mohrman and the good folks at Ricart. Come out and support your squadron. Please wear squadron attire.

May 29 CSPS will have an entry in the Grandview Heights Memorial Day Parade. If you would like to ride on a pontoon boat, walk and pass out candy and books, and see lots of excited people, please RSVP to me at 614-488-4758. After the parade, we will have a cookout at our home around noon. We ask that those who are attending please bring a dish to



share.

CSPS joined with the Boy Scouts of America on May 8th to clean up the waterways in the Upper Arlington area. This annual community service project, known as the "Swamp Romp", had over 100 people in attendance. A nice pancake breakfast was provided by the Arlington Rotary Club to get us started. After spending about 1

½ hours romping through the creek beds off Fishinger Road, we returned to our starting point and deposited the collected trash in a dump truck. There will be no McDonalds cups and candy wrappers coming through our kitchen faucets this year. Special thanks to Bob Prior and Tracy for joining me. I hope more of you can attend next year.

Congratulations to our newest members: Michael T Hughes of Bexley, Tom Pieratt of Washington Courthouse and Lee Beall of Granville. If you see these people at our events, please make sure to introduce yourself to them.

Why should I renew my membership to CSPS? Because we always have exciting, new opportunities to meet boaters, to see different events, to experience new adventures and enjoy good times on and off the water. In addition to performing our civic duties to help our communities, we educate each other and the general public in numerous ways with great seminars and classes. So when you get that renewal notice, please send your payment by US Mail or go to USPS.org and renew online with your credit card.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P



I was contacted and subsequently performed a VSC from a lead resulting from our website last week. Great guy and I hope he eventually joins us. Bob Winning was his name.

I turned over a check to Theresa for the Kroger Rewards for the first quarter payment for the Community Rewards. If you have not already done so since 1 April, 2010, please re-submit your Kroger Rewards Community group as Columbus Sail & Power Squadron. The "and" sign is correct and not the work and. We receive excellent payout



from this and I urge all that have any opportunity to shop at Kroger to use their existing or get a card and link it to our organization. If you had done so prior to 1 April, 2010 it needs to be done again.

I am also proud to report that my company Qwest Communications has provided a time matching grant to CSPS in the amount of \$500.00. Qwest, once LCI in this area, provides LD and broadband services and hosts computing platforms in their Cyber Centers. The Qwest Foundation urges its employees to give back to the community and as a result will provide grants to non-profit organizations that qualify.

To reduce the chances for redundancy with others' reports I will defer at this time and end my report.



April Fool's Day proved not to be a prank. Forty-nine squadron members met at Café Daniela in Old Worthington for a wonderful family style dinner. Many people commented how good the food was. Squadron member Ken Spilke gave a fine presentation on the America's Cup with many pictures and interesting facts and history. The model of the America was not present but we are hoping for a showing at an ECOM meeting. Squadron member Wade Grosz had great fun presenting the River Rat award to Tom Doyle and the Bungle Jug award to P/C Bob Prior for the 2009 season. A special thanks to Angie Delewese, Debbie and Matt Murphy for their assistance organizing the dinner at Café Daniella.

The gathering at the Nor'Easter this month was a great time. There were 59 members present. It was nice just getting together for a 'no agenda' dinner; being able to wonder from table to table and chat with everyone. Not to mention to buffet was very filling. The 50/50 was won by David & Bonnie Michael, Yahoo.

We have an outstanding dinner meeting coming up and a chance for us to get together. June 3 – Dinner Alum Creek Sailing Club Shelter cook out. Hoggy's will be catering this event. The Alum Creek Sailing Association will be joining us as we get demonstrations from the Orange Township Fire Department. There will be plenty of MGD and other Adult beverages. The cost for the meal, salad, and desert is \$12.00 with beverages being acquired through ticket sales. There will not be a 50/50 raffle as we are going to have a silent auction. All squadron members are encouraged to donate items for the auction. Please contact one of your officers for instructions.

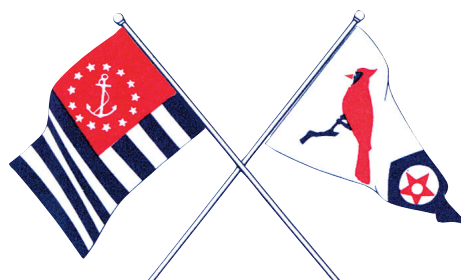
Boating season is upon us and now is the time to get the boat out of storage. Some have already launched their boats just to make the rest of us envious. Remember to check everything: engines, change the oil, check the batteries, fire it up; Hoses, pumps, trailers, wheel bearings, tie down straps, sails, lines, anchors and rode. Be prepared for a great season and great rendezvous' planned by many of your squadron members.

I would like to talk about E10 fuel. I have read several articles, "Motor Boating", "Trailer Boating", "Great Lakes Boating", "US Boating", "Boating", and others. All of these issues were May of this year. The best article came from "Boating" 'Is There a Killer In Your Boat' "ETHANOL SUCKS"



is a common refrain from all boaters and marinas. Mercury Motors has been doing research and they were quoted in this article stating they found little to no evidence of corrosion to tanks, fittings, and fuel hoses. They did find that performance was slightly impaired at high end RPMs. Their solution is to make the formula a little richer to overcome performance loss with E10. The question I ask is, if we are required to make the formula richer what

happens to our engines if we are too lean? Will this burn the pistons? Now the Federal Government is requesting we go to E15 because not enough gallons are being used. They want to impose this increase without any testing. More to think about. I will contact some of my racing buddies to here their story.



We would like to send a BIG SINCERE THANK YOU to all of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Members and Sea Gals that gave so generously of their time, effort, attendance and donations to make the 2010 Spring Conference and Commander's Ball a wonderful and successful weekend and evening. Columbus prides itself on throwing a great party and we and from all indications we did it again! A special thanks and congratulations to D-29 Commander Phil Osborne, Ruth Wilcox, Commander Michael Hughes and Tracy Garrett for all of the hard work and hours you put in to make this happen. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

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It does not seem possible, but this is the last *Galley Gossip* until September. Time really flies. We have had a great season of classes, unfortunately, not all the names are back for me to list them. But look for the September issue to have all the names listed for the classes. I do have two names to celebrate: Michael Cohee and Donald Delewese are two of the newest group to the elite Navigation class graduates. They all said it was a real backside kicker. Our congratulations go to both of them. There are two others who will soon add their names to that elite list. So the column in September should be full with those completing Piloting, Navigation, Weather, Sail and Seamanship.



I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff of instructors. Without them, I do not know what we would do. The time and talent that they put forth for so many is truly appreciated. Jeff Mirgon has done wonders in the Public Boating Class. He had 29 students this spring and 23 took the test and passed. Out of the class, I believe we added three new members. Jeff has a whole group of individuals that help him out. A big cheer for Fred Card, Dave Clark, Mike Cohee, Dave Ehrbar, Jessica Garrett, Tracy Garrett, Wade Grosz, Michael Hughes, Doug Jackson, Ruth Kubinski, Bill Lehner, Larry Lowe, John Mattis, Jim Meyers, Mary Mirgon, Matt Murphy, Karen Nadolson, Tom Norman, Phil Osborne,

Bob Rayburn, Karen Snyder, Richard Sorenson, Ken Spilke and Bob Wells. I hope I didn't forget someone. Our Navigation class was taught by Roger Hankle, who does a marvelous job. Piloting was taught by Don Delewese and Michael Cohee. Sail teachers were Ken Spilke and Doug Jackson. Weather was instructed by Skip Woodruff with assistance provided by Tom Morehouse. Skip also is providing Instructor development classes at the spring conference. Seamanship is being taught by David Michael. To round out our instructors this last season, we had Michael Hughes teaching Engine Maintenance assisted by Tom Norman and Marine Electronics by Larry Lowe.

We tried something new with a seminar program that was opened to the public. Our two instructors for the Seminars are Larry Lowe and Bill Mohrman. They are really running with the series and are planning events at Ricart Automall and at Alum Creek. Look for many exciting things from that group.

A huge thank you also goes to Tracy Garrett. Planning and presenting classes that are for the public is no small task. Her PR work has really done a great job in drawing in students and generating interest. She has truly been an asset to the Education Dept. and to me, especially, as I struggle with the computer. Tracy, my deepest appreciation.

Thanks to all who made this a successful educational season. Instructors and students alike are so very deeply appreciated by so many. Education is a huge part of our mission and you make it happen. May your boating be all that it can be this season and see you in class this fall.

Kroger Community Rewards

May I began a new year for the Kroger Community Rewards program. Each card must be re-enrolled to continue earning rewards for the squadron. Please follow the steps below to re-enroll or to begin earning for the squadron. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Murphy at 614-886-6732 or murphyimg@insight.rr.com

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and Click Ohio Click "Re enroll" if you were registered in the program last year.

1. Enter your e mail address and Kroger password. (If you forgot the password you set up please go thru the "Forgot your password") Click the "Sign In"
2. Find CSPS by typing in our organization's NPO number. (81790) Click the "Search"
3. click on the circle to the left of our organization so that it becomes highlighted. Click the "Select Your Organization"
4. Click the "Save Changes"
- or
- Click "Enroll" If you are new to the Kroger Community Rewards program.
 1. "Sign up today" (to the right)
 2. Enter your zip code and click "Search"
 3. Click on the arrow to display the list of stores in your zip code and highlight your preferred store

4. Enter in your email and password
5. Click "Next"
6. Key in you Kroger Plus Card Number (If it says that this card has already been used, please call the number on the back of your card)
7. Enter the security code (from the box above it)
8. Enter in your contact information then click 'next'
9. Verify account information is correct. Agree to the terms and conditions and click "complete information"
10. Kroger will send an email to you. Open and read the email and either click on the link within the email or copy and paste it into your browser.
 11. Sign in: click on the "Click here" button and then type in your email and password.
 12. Under Kroger Community Rewards Section at right, click "Edit Kroger Community Rewards Information."
 13. Find our organization by typing in our organization's NPO number (81790)
 14. Click on the circle to the left of your organization so that it becomes highlighted.
 15. Click on "Save Changes"
 16. Scroll over the page and make sure all information is accurate. You are now "registered"



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
27 April 2010 (These minutes will be approved at the
May Executive Committee meeting)**

Cdr. Michael Hughes called the meeting to order at 19:30 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

Lt/C Debbie Smith gave the invocation. Executive Officer Matt Murphy led the Pledge of allegiance.

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

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr. Michael Hughes, Executive Officer Matthew Murphy, Administrative Officer Tom Norman, Secretary Ron Hupman,, P/C Robert Prior, Lt. Fred Card, Lt. Tammy Cohee Lt. Ruth Kubinski, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, Lt. Bill Mohrman, Lt. Brian O'Rourke, Lt. Michael Robinson, Lt. John Seaver. Others present were: D/C Phil Osborne, Lt. Tracy Garrett and Legal Officer Lt. David Canale.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments, Cdr. Michael Hughes

I attended the services for member Bob Defenbaugh last week. Bob became a squadron member in 1948. I have attended all of the Public Boating Classes over the last 9 weeks. I would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who attends and how proud I am of our instructors. The volunteers at each class shows the determination of how we are working together to stay afloat. There is a full agenda for this evening, so let's get started.

Reports of Officers

Executive Officer, Lt/C Matthew Murphy

Lt/C Murphy read aloud the following bylaws changes proposed at the Ex/Com Meeting of 23 March 2010. Words to be added are in bold print and those to be removed are indicated by strikethrough. All changes are highlighted in yellow.

Article 5

Officers and Committees General Provisions

Section 5.3 The Executive Committee may authorize election of an assistant Administrative Officer, an assistant educational officer, an assistant secretary, and/or an assistant treasurer. Any such officers shall assist their principals and, in the absence or incapacity of their principals, act in the principals' stead.

Article 9

Meetings, Notices and Quorums

Section 9.6 Except as provided in 9.3 herein, notices of all regular and special meetings of this squadron and of the Executive Committee shall be mailed via U.S. Postal Service or, if designated by the individual member, mailed electronically, in the format said individual has designated, to the last known address of each member entitled to receive such notice.

Said notices shall be mailed at least 10 days prior to regular meetings, and at least 10 days prior to special meetings. The inclusion of a "Notice of Meeting" in an official squadron publication mailed the required time before such meeting will be deemed to comply with the foregoing provisions. Notice mailed, via U.S. Postal Service, to the household of one active member shall be considered proper notice to all additional active members in said household.

Article 15

Squadron Publication

Section 15.1 The official squadron publication shall be known as "Galley Gossip". This publication may be distributed by physical or electronic means as approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 15.2 An official website and electronic publication medium shall be maintained for dissemination of squadron information.

Motion by Cdr. Hughes for approval; 2nd by Lt/C Murphy; approved unanimously.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Thomas Norman

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Squadron member Wade Grosz had great fun presenting the 2009 River Rat award to Tom Doyle and the Bungle Jug award to Bob Prior.

All of us are getting our crafts ready for the season. Some have already launched their boats just to make the rest of us envious. There are several components that require our attention such as the engine, out drives, stuffing boxes, paint, cabin cleaning, fuel and much more. Remember all you trailer boaters check the trailers too. I hope to have sea trials for my boat in early May but my health will dictate when we will go sailing.

The next outing is the famous Ice Breaker at the Nor'Easter Club May 15th. Price is \$29.00 per person.

Educational Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith

Things are beginning to wrap up for our winter classes. The Public boating class finished last night. There were many positive comments regarding the course and the instructors. Many, many thanks to Jeff, Tracy, Michael and all the instructors, graders and others who volunteer their time and talents for this class. Each of you is a vital part of the process and your commitment is deeply appreciated. The icing on the cake is that to this point we have 3 new members.

We are in the process of finishing up the new Navigation class. Roger, you once again did a great job with your students and this class. All agree that it was a real backside kicking class. Thus far, Don Delewese and Mike Cohee have completed all



requirements and have their N's. Penny Newman and Doug Jackson are finishing up and should have their requirements polished off in the very near future.

Our Weather class is finishing and took their final last evening. We will be hearing results soon, I hope. Sail class took their first test and all did well and they are quickly approaching the end.

Sorry that last months report got hosed up in cyberspace. As great as computers are, they can sure be a headache at times. One of the items I had for last month was to find out the wishes of the board as far as presenting all of our classes to the public and what we should do about pricing, conditional memberships etc.

When in Florida, Steve talked with the Cape Coral Power Squadron and they were weighing the idea of charging \$300 per class with a 6 mo. Membership included. I am not sure how that would go, with the economy. I would suggest that this next Seamanship class that starts May 10, we charge \$200- \$250 with a 6 month membership included. I don't know how that would be for paperwork and bookkeeping, though. I would greatly appreciate your input and decision on this topic.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting were approved. Thanked those who have emailed reports. Reports should be emailed to hupman1@att.net.

Treasurer Lt/C Theresa Nadolson

Lt/C Nadolson was absent but financial reports were available and distributed.

Past Commander – P/C Robert Prior

P/C Prior read a letter he had sent to the family of long-time member Bob Defenbaugh who passed away recently.

Rules Committee Chair P/C Roger Hankle

See Executive Officer's report.

Members at Large reports

Lt. Fred Card – Had a great time at boating classes.

Lt. Tammy Cohee – Expressed that a list of examiners needs to be more publicized and that more examiners are needed.

Lt. Bill Mohrman – reported on plans for the Trailing Seminar that will be held at the Ricart Automall on May 22nd and 23rd.

Lt. Michael Robinson – Offered positive comments on the recent boating class.

Lt. John Seaver – is interested in a Vessel safety Examiner (VSE) class.

Standing Committees

Finance Committee - Lt/C Ron Hupman volunteered for this committee

Housing Committee – Lt. Tammy Cohee – Suggested spring and fall cleanings at headquarters and to solicit member volunteers for these.

Law Officer – Lt. David Canale – reported on the status of the squadron's Ohio tax exemption application.

Sea Gals - Lt. Mary Lauer/Lt. Joyce Mattis – Annual meeting is Thursday, May 29.

Special Committees

Boat Shows: Lt. Fred Card/Lt. John Mattis - Lt. Card reported no communications from Boat show sponsors

Marketing: Lt. Tracy Garrett – Reported on the status of a grant application to ODNR to benefit the public boating classes. Grandview parade on May 29.

Boating Activities: Lt David Canale – reported on the ways the information on planned activities has been disseminated.

Old Business

Proposed Changes to By Laws – See Administrative Officer
Outdated/Unwanted electronic Equipment – Will be auctioned at June 3 meeting.

Video Conferencing equipment – Questions raised about selling monitors with or without the equipment and the minimum price acceptable. Cdr. Hughes directed that the committee can make its own decisions without further approval.

New Business

Coastie – Approval was granted for the squadron to accept the Coastie robot from Central Ohio Safe Boating Council. There will be no reimbursement to the council for their expenses. Only trained and authorized members will operate Coastie.

Corporate Sponsors – Update in marketing report.

Westerville Parade – The squadron is applying to participate in the Westerville parade on July 3 at 1:00 pm.

Inflated Life Jacket World Record Day May 20 – Cdr. Hughes explained this project.

Dam Paint – Date in June to be determined.

Mile Post

Robert P. Defenbaugh, P (3mm)

Sick Bay

Jim Jenkins is home and doing well.

Announcements

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Articles for the June Galley Gossip due Monday, May 3.

Next Dinner Meeting: May 15 – Nor'Easter Club, Catawba Island.

Meeting Adjourned at 2127.

2010 Cruise & Rendezvous Information

Friday June 11-Sun. June 13, 2010 4 Rivers Cruise "The Lobsterfest" (Trailer Boaters).

This cruise will be in the Greater Pittsburgh Area that would encompass the Beaver River, Ohio River, Monongahela River and Allegheny River. Homeport for this cruise will be the Beaver River Yacht Club-- located in Fallston, PA (about 3.5 hours from Columbus). Lodging, if needed, will be at Monaca, PA. The Beaver River Yacht Club will also be having a fabulous LOBSTERFEST! Beaver River Yacht Club (BRYC): <http://www.bvycpg.org>

Link to navigable charts in the area: <http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/nav/nav.htm#ORNC>

Information in this area: <http://www.BoatPittsburgh.com>

A marina we will probably stop at: <http://www.downtownpittsburgh.com/go/the-landing-and-marina-at-station-square>

Contact for more information: Jeff Mirgon of Twain II: jmirgon@yahoo.com or call him at: 614 761-7800 or 614 207-2650.

Friday July 30-August 1, 2010 "District 29 Summer Conference"

This year the conference will be in Lorain, Ohio and at the Spitzer Lakeside Marina on Black River (301 Lakeside Avenue #1, Lorain, Ohio). Plan for a weekend of activities. Within walking distance of the Black River Landing will be the Saturday Farmers Market and "A Taste of History", antiques, arts and crafts, and an Ohio Wine Tasting. More details to come on this fun filled conference!

2010 rates (include water and power):

Under 25'	\$38	26-28'	\$45
31-36'	\$54	37-40'	\$60
40-45'	\$70	46-50'	\$75

Friday July 30-August 1, 2010 "Vermillion Cruise"

A huge success in 2009, this cruise is back by popular demand. Vermillion, Ohio is a crowning jewel of the south shore of Lake Erie. Born in 1830 as a port town, Vermillion is located at the mouth of the Vermillion River and is filled with surprising historical and cultural features. The Inland Maritime Museum, and numerous historical sites all nestled within a short walk from the docking area!

A website on the Vermillion area: <http://vermillionoh.info/>

The City of Vermillion: <http://www.vermilion.net/>

Hosts: Doug and Pam Jackson. doug@dougandpam.com

Phone: 614-519-6996 (cell); 614 895-0435 (home).

Friday August 6-Sunday Aug. 8 "Sea Gals Rendevous-Kellys Island"

An all around great place to visit, Kelly's Island has something for everyone. Taste and feel island living and give it at whirl. Aside from its close proximity to many of Lake Erie's greatest offerings, landlubbers will enjoy the hopping "Casino" restaurant and club, Wineries, Ancient limestone formations, shops, golf carting or biking, and gorgeous beaches. Or, kick back and sip a famous frozen Brandy Alexander at the Pump Room. Kelly's Island is known for its hospitality and is very family friendly.

Kelly's island: www.kelleysisland.com

Contact for more information: Mary Lauer at mlauer@orta.org or Joyce Mattis at quiltjem@aol.com

Saturday August 14, 2010 "Larry Lowe's Notorious Lunch Hookup"

Hook up with your friends and allow time to slip away as you and your friends drop anchor together in Lake Erie (usually near Schoolhouse Bay or Kelly's Island Bay). Swimming, floating, and having a fabulous lunch are all part of the agenda. Just bring a little snack to share and then let Larry Lowe show you his hospitality!

Contact for more information: Who else but Larry Lowe: llowe7298@wowway.com, or call him at: 614 885-3601 or 614 314-9439 or 614 885-3601.

Friday August 20-Sun. Aug.22 "The Ohio River Casino Cruise"

Ahoy all you trailer boaters. Cruise the Ohio River in a gaming adventure that you will not want to miss! Put in and launch from Marysville, Kentucky or thereabouts and then just cruise the Ohio River. Plans will be to stop in Lawrenceburg for a Casino adventure!

Contact for more information: Mary Mirgon at mmirgon@yahoo.com

Friday Sept. 3-Mon. Sept. 6 "Leamington, Canada Cruise"

This event gets bigger every year-and is held over the Labor Day Holiday. This year we have Ramonda DeCapio handling the special events. We will have a DJ again this year for those that enjoy dancing or just listening.

Contact for more information: Ron Lavelly: rlavelly@columbus.rr.com or call him at: 614 879-7388

Saturday Sept.18-Sun. Sept. 19 "PUT-IN-BAY"-No Agenda Cruise

Come enjoy what some people say is the playground of Lake Erie. Restaurants, pubs, clubs, pools, marinas, food galore, and numerous activities make Put-In-Bay a great little island. This year we will be back at Millers Marina.

Contact for more information: Ron Lavelly at ronlavelly@yahoo.com or Larry Lowe at llowe7298@wowway.com.

June Birthdays:

4 Beth Robinson
5 Julia McCauley
6 Dan Kilgore
7 Nathalie Durrant
7 Dick Sorenson
8 Bill Lehner
10 Erik Meyer
11 Arlene May
11 Rich May
12 Sally Stewart
14 Wade Grosz
15 Nancy Clagget
16 Don Himes
21 Harold Beidel
21 Jeff Johns
22 Jackie Egbert
23 Dan Charna
25 Bill Hogue
28 Michael T Hughes

July Birthdays:

1 Bob Prior
2 Michael Olney
5 David Fannon
5 Matt gilbert
8 Tom Jacobs
8 Dierdre Wogaman
9 Bonnie Michael
13 Mike Cohee
13 Roger Scott
16 Joe Mesenburg
16 Gail Wenger
18 James Koehler
18 Ruthie Kubinski
18 Karen Lehner
18 Michael Smith
20 Bill Mohrman
27 Jan Jacobs

Aug. Birthdays:

1 Eric Voisard
5 Dennis Neidert
5 Nancy Willard
6 Mary Card
8 Rebecca Garrity
8 Glenna Koehler
14 Matt Murphy
15 Juliet Liggett
15 Tom Norman
16 Theresa Nadolson
17 Steve Smith
23 Penny Newman
24 Jan Adams
24 Joy Ault
24 Walter McEnery
25 Dwight Brown
27 Sandra Biegler
28 Jane Jenkins
28 Ralph Newman
29 David Burge
29 Doug Golding

How to Pass a Vessel Safety Check

By XO Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P

It is the perfect time of year to receive a Vessel Safety Check (VSC). The Executive Committee thought it would be a great idea to remind you... but with an added twist. Not only will we help you schedule one but information below will help you pass it. Let's first review what a VSC is, what it costs, who performs them for you and the benefits to you.

A VSC is an inspection of your vessel that mimics what a law enforcement officer would look for if they inspected your vessel for proper documents, safety equipment and vessel condition.

A VSC is free. The materials and programs are donated and or funded through the US Coast Guard and partnerships. It is an act of civic volunteerism by the examiner who is eager to perform them. IT'S FREE!

A Vessel Safety Examiner (VSE) is a Squadron Active Member who has become certified through training and passed a proctored or on line examination. They must complete their first five exams with a veteran VSE and then stay certified by completing five exams each year properly. They must stay current with regulations and be able and willing to meet with and educate boaters. As a VSE, I find it quite rewarding.

The "prize" for the recipient who passes the VSC is a decal that is proudly and conspicuously displayed on the vessel. This decal will likely reduce the time spent interrupted by law enforcement which can be a significant benefit to you. Even better is the benefit of having a second pair of eyes double check you each year which might mean the difference between being properly equipped or not should there be an emergency. The VSE will use a structured form to verify that your equipment matches the vessel length and boaters aboard. VSEs are a great resource for the latest regulations—ask them any burning questions you have.

How to pass a VSC? Here is some advice to improve the VSC experience and pass. First of all make it fun and enjoyable. VSEs are not law enforcement officers on duty to issue citations. So relax, crack a few jokes, enjoy your beverage, and ask questions while you get prepared for the exam. Hand the VSE your state registration or if the case of a "documented vessel", the documents. Turn on navigation lights, lay out PFDs and "throwable" and distress signals. The bow numbers are the next thing that seems to be problematic. Enforcement is cracking down more each year on the numbering so the VSE may be more particular one year from the last. VSEs will check for three inch (3") high BLOCK LETTERS that contrast with the background color where placed. Nothing script or creative is approved. It is a great idea to make sure when you receive your registration that your hull ID matches. The VSE will check that. Check everything that has an expiration date, an indicator or a pressure gauge. Check battery connections and make sure the terminals are covered or the entire battery is in a battery box. Check that all navigation lights work including the ones that must be inserted only when in use. That covers the most common deficiencies. Now a few more things about what the VSE will check.

The VSE will check the expiration date on your flares, inspect fire extinguisher(s) and check the batteries for terminal covers. Ohio requires a few things that not all states or the federally controlled waters do. Battery boxes are an approved method for covering the terminals. They must be fastened down so they will not tip or slide around. Ohio requires an anchor of appropriate type and length of rode for the waters on which you boat. It is the "emergency brake" should the vessel lose power. The next items are not as commonly failed but are an important part of the VSC. VSEs will match up the PFDs type and size to the boater. They will check the condition of

the fasteners, the USCG certification, and overall condition of the device.

VSEs will match the regulations to the length, type of vessel, waters in which you boat, and check the gear for the number of boaters expected normally on the vessel. We will advise you on best practices share our knowledge and in many cases teach and learn along the way. It's a great experience and a wonderful way to reconnect with the latest regulations and have someone check your readiness. Vessels with Marine Sanitation Devices and Galleys will have added requirements.

What happens if you don't pass? Come on, you are a Squadron Member! All jokes aside even though you are assumed to be a safe boater we will simply make sure you understand the deficiency and provide some suggestions how to solve it. We will hand you a list of items that didn't meet the requirements. And although I am not on the committee, I vote that anyone that has a VSC should be exempt from the Bungle Jug Award.

To schedule a Vessel Safety Check see the list of the Examiners and contact them directly including our Vessel Safety Check Chairman Lt. John Pruitt. We maintain a list on the National USPS website as well as the CSPS web site. <http://columbussailandpower.org/Pages/vesselcheck.html>

Get your Vessel Safety Check this month

Contact one of the following examiners:

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Alum Creek Marina, Sailing Club and ramp areas; Hoover ramp areas

Philip Osborne: (C)614-327-4063; (H)740-625-5612
Columbus area and surrounding counties; Sandusky, Ohio and surrounding areas.

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Michael Cohee: 614-207-0445 mdcohee@gmail.com
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Larry Lowe: 614-885-3601 llowe7298@wowway.com
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Matthew Murphy: 614-886-6732 murphymg@insight.rr.com
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Larry Harris: <http://safetyseal.net/>

How answering a personal ad led me to become a skilled cruiser

Taken from www.womenandcruising.com blog. Search the site to see pictures and read more blogs written by Dierdre. February 24th, 2010 - by Dierdre Wogaman

In December 1992 I answered one more personal ad in the "Columbus Monthly" magazine, a glossy trendy publication in Columbus, Ohio. I responded by writing a note, as it was before Internet dating and instant gratification. Don called me after receiving that note. What I did not understand at first was that he was actually looking for a cruising partner.

While on my first phone call with Don, I learned that people actually lived on boats. What a novel idea! It had never occurred to me. Don's life goal was to go cruising. He tried to explain that concept to me, how two alone could sail to wonderful exotic places together.

Since I am a social sort of person, I was immediately concerned about being separated from [other people and] my friends. However, Don's inspired answer, "We will be in Paradise, with an extra bedroom..." settled me down so that I could listen to the remainder of the sales pitch from him. Don was convinced that I would make a good cruiser.

I was a certified scuba diver, an avid horseback rider, a sky diver, a water skier, a snow skier, and a lover of traveling. He also quickly learned that I am frugal, and I love to try new things. Cruising is an excellent venue for both, as I have learned.

Right off the bat, Don lent to me the book *Blown Away* by Herb Payson. He writes with great humor about his family's hard lessons and misadventures as new cruisers. It is a fun read that leads you to believe that anyone can indeed cruise. He also had me read Lynn and Larry Pardey's books for a more serious look at the good and bad possibilities. I was hooked, but being a newbie to sailing I needed to get on track to cram sailing knowledge in my head.

Don suggested that I take the beginning boating courses offered by the United States Sail and Power Squadron in Columbus Ohio.

As a self-taught boater who was already distance sailing on the Great Lakes, Don did not feel it necessary to take these courses. However, realizing that he would become my hands on teacher, he decided to take the courses with me to avoid confusing me later with contradictory practices and jargon.

Believe it or not, at the time we joined the Columbus Squadron they were the largest Sail and Power Squadron in the USA, vying for that distinction with the Fort Lauderdale, Florida Squadron. That is pretty amazing since Columbus is land locked, with the nearest big water being Lake Erie almost three hours north of the city. But, lucky for us, our Squadron was blessed with many excellent experienced blue water boaters as instructors.

We ended up taking almost all of their courses together. Basic boating, Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Sailing, Weather (very hard but excellent), Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, and began but did not finish, Junior Navigation (offshore and celestial).

I highly recommend those courses, as they can be done in the winter when you can't sail in many parts of the U.S. and they are very reasonably priced. You may not meet a lot of cruising sailors in the Sail and Power Squadron, but you can make lots of friends who will encourage you.

For Christmas 1993, Don gave me training with a female captain, on "our" boat.

Patty Moore from Sea Sense, the sailing school for women, came and stayed with us on SOUTHERN CROSS for two days to train me "hands on" on our boat. Many times, learning from your significant other can be difficult; think back to trying to learn how to parallel park from your parents, not a pretty sight that is for sure. Learning to sail from your significant other can be the same, but worse, because the experienced partner may not have the patience to share the tasks that the learner needs to practice. Take my advice and try to learn basic boat handling one on one from someone who is trained to teach, and preferably on your own boat. This I highly recommend. Don was allowed on the boat for half of one day while we practiced a man-over-board drill. Once he was off the boat, Patty showed me how to pivot the boat and how to dock, among other things.

Prior to Patty I had NEVER docked, ever. Now I am the primary pilot and Don is the line handler. Docking is still a bit of a nervous time for me, but I continue to practice so much that Don complains that he will forget if I do not let him dock once in awhile. Actually, neither one of us get to dock much as we anchor out most of the time.

While we were both still working hard to accumulate a cruising kitty we tried to take three-week vacations. Since the boat was located in Lake Erie we would head north to Lake Huron, the North Channel, North Georgian Bay or perhaps Lake Michigan, usually covering about a thousand miles. We



Keep up with the Wogamans

Check out Dierdre Wogaman's blog at www.womenandcruising.com. Search the site to see pictures and read blogs written by Dierdre.

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At last! Boating season is in full swing. The ugly Winter of 2009-2010 is just a memory!

If you missed the April meeting, it was a lovely evening at the Villa Charmonte. Everyone enjoyed a fabulous buffet of pulled pork, grilled chicken, green beans, mac n' cheese, slaw and followed by fabulous cookies.

Big Congratulations to Dave and Sherry Ehrbar for being awarded the Sea Gals' Member(s) of the Year Award for their untiring dedication of countless volunteer hours for the Sea Gals! Michael Hughes, Shelley Beall, Debbie Smith, Barbara & Ron Hupman also received Appreciation Awards. The 2010 – 2011 Slate of Officers were installed also: Sherry Ehrbar,

Treasurer; Jane Clark, Secretary; Martha Bidel, Membership Chair; Joyce Mattis & Mary J. Lauer, Co-Commanders.

The Sea Gals would like to welcome two new members, Phil Osborne and Ruth Wilcox. Thank you, Phil and Ruth, for your support of the Sea Gals!

If you haven't already reserved your dock at Kelley's Island for August 6 & 7, please do as soon as practical. Also, please inform Joyce or Mary of your intentions. RSVP: Joyce Mattis 614-761-8819 or Mary Lauer 614-882-8354

Happy Boating!

Joyce & Mary
Co-commanders

...skilled cruiser

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sailed one week to get there, a week to have fun and then a week to get back. This helped to give me an idea of what the cruising life might be like. No, it is really not live aboard cruising, but it was the best facsimile we could do. Those trips and a few bare boat charters in the Caribbean or the Bahamas in the winter really kept us focused on our goal. There needs to be joy in your work and plans.

For me, not being afraid to get my hands dirty and a willingness to learn new and different things was a great asset to learning to cruise. I will admit I feel I am lucky in the partner I have. Don is an excellent teacher, as he taught coal miners about electricity, and he has a wonderfully calm and cool personality. He rarely gets upset and does not yell. So I am indeed blessed.

About Dierdre Atkinson Wogaman

Dierdre sails with her husband Don Wogaman aboard SOUTHERN CROSS, their 1974 Dickerson 41 ketch. Designed by Ernie Tucker of Oxford, MD near the Dickerson plant this is the very first Dickerson 41 and was the last wooden boat Dickerson built.

Don bought the boat from her original owners, Neville and Louise Lewis who sailed her around the world with their son Chris aboard from 1975 to 1979. They sold SOUTHERN CROSS in 1984 to Don and then he moved her from the Chesapeake Bay to the Great Lakes.

Retiring and selling out of house and horse, Dierdre and Don moved to northern Ohio, Port Clinton to be exact, to be near the boat to finish prepping for cruising. In July 2002 they

moved aboard and actually dropped the dock lines on October 17, 2002 to head east and then south. It was not quite quick enough as they ran into some very cold temperatures along the way going through the Erie Canal.

Not straying too far from Ohio, due to Don's elderly parents' failing health, kept them in the Chesapeake Bay that first winter. Subsequent years they sailed the East Coast from as far north as Cutler Maine and as far south as the Dry Tortugas and around Florida's west coast up to Clearwater, following the seasons.

By 2006 it was time to venture further afield to the Bahamas, and then later to the Caribbean. One winter in the Bahamas and over two years in the eastern and western Caribbean finally made them feel like they were really cruising.

It has been a glorious time and thoroughly enjoyed, and after seven years, 22,000 miles and countless new friendships they still feel like they are just getting started.

Now they are tied to a dock in Oriental, North Carolina's sailing capitol, while remodeling the interior of the boat to prepare for future adventures. If you are in the area be sure and give them a shout.

Tennessee Flood Victims

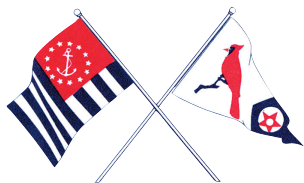
CS&PS members **Bill & Bonnie Cook** who live in Ashland, TN, near Nashville has suffered a major loss in the recent flood. It appears that their house and all it's contents are ruined. Their flood insurance covers the structure but not the contents. They are moving onto their trawler "Bonn Fire" for the time being. You can follow Bill's comments on Facebook.

For members that don't remember them, Bill was the Whitehall Asst. Fire Chief when he retired, he also worked at the West Marine store on Sawmill. They then moved aboard their trawler, selling everything. After several years cruising from Lake Erie to the Keys of FL they settled down in the Nashville area. Where Bill presently manages the Nashville West Marine.

Please keep Bill and Bonnie in our prayers.

D29 & D9 Combined Fall Conference

Being held in Perrysburg, Ohio at the French Quarter Hotel the weekend of October 22 – 24, 2010. The theme is "Famous Couples". Start planning your costumes now. More to come in September.



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