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## Holiday Party & Silent Auction Saturday, 6 December

The Reception House at Raymond Memorial Golf Course  
3860 Trabue Road • Columbus, OH 43228 • 11:30-3:30pm

11:30am-12pm Check-in time

12:15pm Buffet served

1-3:30pm Gift Exchange and Silent Auction  
Cash Bar

### MENU:

- \*Dijon and Apricot Pork - Slow Roasted with Herbs
- \*Shrimp and Artichoke Tortellini with a light Pesto Alfredo Sauce
- \*Green Bean Almondine \*Buttermilk Smashed Potatoes with Gravy
- \*Raymond Signature Salad \*Fresh Baked Rolls
- \*Iced Tea, Coffee & Water \*Sheet Cake for Dessert

COST: \$30 per person

DRESS: Uniform A or Holiday Attire

RSVP: Michael Hughes at 614-488-4758 or [mtbuckets aol.com](mailto:mtbuckets@aol.com) before  
November 29th.

**EXTRAS:** Bring a wrapped nautical themed gift (one per couple) valued under \$25 for the gift exchange. Sea Gals are accepting donations of unwrapped gifts for Firefighters for Children. There will be a silent auction of awesome items.  
Great place to pick up those last minute Christmas gifts.





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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

6 Saturday Christmas Luncheon - Raymond Memorial Golf Course  
16 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting - HQ

### JANUARY

8 Thursday Dinner Meeting & Elections - TBA  
10-18 Sat.-Sun. Boat Show - Fairgrounds  
27 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting - HQ  
30 Friday GG articles due for March issue

### FEBRUARY

7 Saturday Change of Watch  
12-15 Thurs.-Sun. Boat Show - Fairgrounds  
12-22 Tues.-Sun. National Annual Meeting - Anaheim, CA  
23 Monday Public Boating Class begins  
24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting - HQ  
27 Friday GG articles due for April issue

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Larry R. Whiting, P



Holiday greetings to everyone. This is a nice time of the year because it gives us a chance to reflect on all of our blessings. It also allows us to focus on one of our greatest blessings, our own menagerie of family and friends. I hope each of our squadron families will find time to reflect on the most important, non-material side of our lives and enjoy the real meaning of Christmas and the arrival of a Happy New Year.

Congratulations to Tracy Garrett and Michael Hughes for the full page article about our squadron's June rendezvous to Charleston, WV. This is great publicity for our squadron. This trip, like many of our boating activities, illustrates the many good times we have as a group on the water visiting interesting places, making new friends, and applying all that good knowledge we gain from our boating classes.

Ron Lavelly, again this year, has done a marvelous job of planning and heading up these events. Out of a half-dozen planned trips, only one (Bob-Lo Island) had to be cancelled for lack of interest. This occurred at the time gasoline prices hit their summer peak.

The squadron ended the season with 131 vessel safety checks – a 90 percent increase over 2007. Jim Meyers was presented with a special USPS examiner's jacket for having



done the most inspections (49).

I am eagerly waiting the start of the public boating class in February. The first 50 students who register will have their fees paid by the Judy A. Lowe Education Fund. This will help us not only to increase the number of students but enhance our chances for obtaining new squadron members. Last

spring, we had 73 register for the class, and we had a dozen or more new memberships from the group.

Let's ring in the New Year responsibly and safely.



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Robert L. Prior, S



Many of you may have seen in "The Dispatch" that the *Delta Queen* will no longer be able to operate after October 31. The *Delta Queen* is a steel hulled vessel built in the early 1920s with a wooden superstructure. I know many of us have been privileged to travel on her. She is truly a floating piece of American history that is about to be put to death by Congress.



For the past 40+ years, each year Congress has granted an exemption from a maritime safety act passed in the 1960s which mandated severe limits on vessels with wooden superstructures. Annual exemptions for the *Delta Queen* have been easily passed year by year with bi-partisan effort. There are a few in the new Congress who for "safety reasons" are blocking the exemption. Without it, the *Delta Queen* will be put out of business. I am told that the real reason behind this is that the *Delta Queen* recently went non-union; thus, the exemption is being blocked in committee. The *Delta Queen* by any and all standards has an impeccable safety record.

If it is allowed to die, this will be the first time since

1811 (when Fulton sailed into Cincinnati) that there will be no steam powered river boats plying our inland rivers. If you want to help keep a piece of American history afloat, please contact your representative and senators as follows:

For more information visit:

[www.save-the-delta-queen.org](http://www.save-the-delta-queen.org)

For contact information see:

[www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

Ask your reps to support H.R. 3852 and the similar bill introduced in the senate by Senator Voinovich.





Last month, I had the opportunity to fly to New Orleans with fellow squadron member, Jeff Mirgon. We met his brother-in-laws in the most remote area of Louisiana. We left New Orleans and drove 2 hours south to a small fishing village called Venice. This is where Hurricane Katrina first made landfall. This four-day fishing trip had us in brackish water searching for redfish. Through very shallow water, we had to dodge crocodile-infested marsh areas that all looked about the same to me. This is where having a GPS and a backup come in very handy. Without a GPS, you are sure to be gator bait! I am not kidding. We went out into the gulf coast riding at



45 mph for about 30 minutes. When we stopped, I looked around and could see nothing but marshes everywhere. There was no resemblance of hard land anywhere. I am very glad that Tom, Jim and Pat knew where we were (about) and had a GPS that could plot our course so we could return home each afternoon. Of course, I had a wonderful time fishing; we were very successful and well-fed each day. It was great to meet new people who enjoy things I like to do, having new experiences and visiting new places. It is never too late to sign up for a seminar, a class or a dinner meeting. Come see some new people who love what you love doing. Experience something new and visit a new place to eat with CSPS.



**Looking for the  
Marine Electronics  
Class?**

**You just found it!**  
**It will be starting in February, so look at  
the class schedule for an exact date!**  
**Contact Larry Lowe for details!**  
**614-885-3601**  
**email: [llowe7298@wowway.com](mailto:llowe7298@wowway.com)**



## 2008 MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

It is that time of year in which members in good standing, with the exception of current bridge officers, are eligible for the MOY award.

The nominee should best exemplify the objectives of CSPS in the years preceding the presentation of the award. Nominations for this award shall be in writing and may be made by any CSPS member in good standing. Written nominations must list reasons supporting the nomination and be submitted to the chairman of the MOY committee.

The current Chairman is P/Lt/C James E. Meyers, SN. His address is 133 Old County Line Road, Westerville, OH 43081 or E-Mail [jmeye1@wowway.com](mailto:jmeye1@wowway.com).

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS SHALL BE DECEMBER 15, 2008

Past Members of the Year are as follows:

1987 Charles W. Custer  
1988 Eugene E. Egbert  
1989 C. Hiller Walton  
1990 Dean M. Pape  
1991 Irven L. McLaughlin  
1992 Gerald G. Colbert  
1993 Martha C. Walker

1994 Donald E. Himes  
1995 Bill Weltz  
1996 Richard C. Palmer  
1997 Joseph Guthrie, Jr.  
1998 James E. Meyers  
1999 Joseph A. Hetzel  
2000 David R. Ehrbar

2001 Sam "Skip" Woodruff  
2002 Angie Delewese  
2003 Roger P. Hankle  
2004 Fred Card  
2005 Donald Delewese  
2006 John Mattis  
2007 Larry Lowe

Congratulations to Robert Stephens for passing Advanced Piloting.

Due to a delay in processing at National, recognition for those completing the Instructor Qualification course last fall was delayed until this October. Those successfully completing the course and now eligible to serve as instructors in any of our public boating courses are: Fred Card, Michael Cohee, Ron Lavelly, Jeff Mirgon, Tom Norman, Phil Osborne, and Bob Prior. Other members who hold Instructor Qualification are Dave Clark, Dave Ehrbar, Jim Jenkins, Michael Hughes, Juliet Liggett, Larry Lowe, Georgia and Bob Rayburn, Sharon and Tom Shoaf, and Larry Whiting. Skip Woodruff has agreed to teach another Instructor Qualification course. It will be held at our headquarters building on Monday, January 12 beginning at 7:00pm.

Plans are proceeding for the annual Squadron Boating Skills course under the steady hand of chair Jeff Mirgon. Tracy Garrett and Michael Hughes are working closely with him. The course will be promoted at the boat shows and through advertising funded by money from a grant won by the efforts of Doug Jackson. We are looking forward to financial support again this year from the Judy A. Lowe Education fund. This money will enable us to offer the Squadron Boating Skills course free to the public. Enrollment was up considerably last year with a class size of 73. We hope to see it even bigger in 2009. We look forward to help from each of you. You are welcome and encouraged to attend any and/or all of the Monday night classes. We have found that it really pays to have current members present and make face-to-face contact with students. Personal interaction with a smile is the most effective way to recruit new members. The course will be held again at Grandview Heights High School. The first night of the



*This fall's Piloting class includes instructor Mike Cohee (left), Tom Doyle, Tom Norman, Elias Murphy, Walt McEnery and Bob Prior.*

course is February 23 with registration beginning at 7:00pm, class beginning at 7:30pm.

The Boat Operator Certification (BOC) program is moving forward. Larry Lowe is our BOC Certifier. The Inland Navigator starter package became available in late September. Larry now has a copy of the starter package and is studying it for use with the squadron. The BOC program includes on-the-water training which has stalled use of the program because of liability exposure. National now has insurance coverage which now allows this program to move forward.

Several new seminars are available including Knots, Bends, and Hitches, Anchoring, Hurricanes and Boats, and Marine RADAR. Joe Hetzel and Larry Lowe are looking at one or more of the seminars to be used in our second Remote Education event.

Michael Hughes is to be congratulated on receiving the Educational Proficiency Award. This award is recognition by National that he has completed at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and three Elective Courses. The award entitles Michael to add the Educational Proficiency award patch to his uniform. Congratulations Michael!

## **CS&PS Winter & Spring Classes 2009**

<b>Course</b>	<b>First Class</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Advanced Piloting	Mon Feb 9	13 wks	Bob Rayburn & Larry Lowe	\$50.00
Junior Navigation	Wed Jan 14	15 wks	Ralph Newman	\$80.00
Sail	Tue Feb 3	15 wks	Ken Spilke & Doug Jackson	\$40.00
Weather	Mon Feb 9	16 wks	Walker Lowman & Skip Woodruff	\$70.00
Marine Electronics	Wed Feb 4	16 wks	Larry Lowe	\$50.00

These courses will be held at Squadron Headquarters, 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH beginning at 7:30pm  
For registration contact Dave Clark at 614 891-4120 or clark.32@osu.edu



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron**  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee**  
**28 October 2008**

(These minutes will be approved at the November 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. Cdr Larry Whiting, P, led 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; Administrative Officer Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN; Education Officer Lt/C Dave Clark, AP; Treasurer Lt/C John Mattis, S; Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN; Lt Pam Carr-Jackson, P; Lt Doug Jackson, JN; Lt Tracy Garrett, S; Lt Ron Hupman, S; Lt Ron Lavelly, JN; Lt Jeff Mirgon, S; Lt Sue Nadolson, AP; P/C David Michael, S.

Also present were P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP; P/C Larry Lowe, SN; Lt Debra Smith, AP; Jim Myers, SN and Lt Teresa Nadolson.

With no objection, the order of business was varied to expedite the meeting.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

**Commander's Comments:**

I want to remind everyone that merit mark nominations were due at the end of September. The National Headquarters deadline is 15 November. I know that P/C Don Delewese and P/C Bob Van der Wissel are diligently compiling the information. If you haven't submitted your names yet, there is still a little time left.

I received a survey this week from National that solicited views about changing the name of our organization and whether uniforms should be dropped. The Canadian Sail and Power Squadron dropped the uniform requirement some time ago. The name change under consideration was National Sail and Power. I am not sure who this survey was directed to, perhaps all current squadron commanders.

The D-29 Fall Conference will be held in Lima at the Wingate Inn this weekend. I hope we can have good Columbus representation.

This week I also received an email note from National urging squadrons to review their list of staff positions. It was essentially urging us to drop positions that are no longer relevant and adding new titles if squadron responsibilities have changed. When I met with the Strategic Planning Committee this past week I suggested that they look at this possibility.

At the November EXCOM meeting we will consider and approve the 2009-2010 budget. Copies have already been sent to you via email. At our annual meeting, 8 January, we will have the membership vote on the budget as well as elect our new set of officers. The ballot must be ready to mail to the membership in early January. Copies of the budget will be available for members to review the evening of 8 January, prior to the vote. I think these procedures fall within the requirements of our bylaws and standard operating procedures.

**Report of Officers:**

**Administrative Officer: Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN**

Dinner Meetings:

The October pig roast co-hosted with the Sea Gals at the Guild Athletic Club was a great time. Complimentary drinks were a bonus for all who attended. John Wargo of the USACE gave a wonderful presentation and answered many questions regarding Alum Creed State Park. Bill Perfect presented a picture 'perfect' pig. Thanks to everyone who attended – this was our largest group since the Commander's Ball.

The 6 November dinner meeting will be at the Grandview Café. Don Hall of Watt Works will present energy efficient products to save us money and keep us green.

On 6 December we will have the Christmas Luncheon at Raymond Memorial Golf Course. We will have a gift exchange, a silent auction



and some neat items to give away. The Sea Gals will have a collection site for Toys for Tots gifts. See the front cover of the December *Galley Gossip* for more information.

The 8 January dinner meeting will be the annual elections. If you are considering a position on the board, contact any current board member. Please attend this meeting to cast your vote for your new board members. The location of this event is to be determined.

Membership:

We have been seeing new members at our dinner meetings. Thanks to them

for attending. I would like to thank the calling committee for all the phone calls they make each month to our members. This phone reminder is another reason our dinner meeting attendance has jumped.

Cruises & Rendezvous:

You will notice a different article each month in the *Galley Gossip* with photos from the trips we took this summer. Please consider jumping on board next summer and join us for a fun weekend on the water.

Civic Activities:

The Columbus Boat and RV Show will run 10-18 January at the Fairgrounds. We need your help with manning our booth – just 3-4 hours of your time. We have much fun with our members and also meeting the public. Come out and help with our demonstrations, talk about our classes and pass out literature about the Power Squadron. Plus – you get into the show for free, so come early or stay late and see the show.

Membership 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. See Bob Prior to purchase a card that is loaded with \$5. A great gift for the holidays. Please remember to use your Kroger card for food, gas and in the pharmacy.

**Education Officer Lt/C David Clark, AP:**

Now that National has obtained insurance coverage, the Boat Operator Certification program is up and running. We ordered the Inland Navigator starter package for our BOC Certifier, Larry Lowe. The starter package contains a US Sailing Manual Certification Application, Passport, and Inland Navigator Certification Guide booklet.

Fall courses have begun. We have six students in Piloting taught by Don Delewese and Michael Cohee. There is one student in Engine Maintenance taught by Michael Hughes and one in Cruise Planning taught by Bob Abell.

Larry Lowe has reported that the ceiling digital projector in the Starboard classroom has been repaired and is back in use.

Successful completion of an Instructor Qualification course is required by National of anyone who teaches in a Squadron public boating course. Skip Woodruff has agreed to teach an Instructor Qualification course shortly after the first of the year. The date has not been confirmed.

A committee chaired by Ron DeCapio was formed last spring to consider alternate locations for the Squadron Boating Course and recommend public boating courses. Ron told me that the committee recommended we use the Grandview Heights High School again this year. The committee also recommended that in addition to the Squadron Boating Skills course that we should offer three 8-hour Boat Smart courses. The committee also proposed that mini-seminars be presented at the boat shows.

Jeff Mirgon is chair of the Squadron Boating Skills course. He and I have discussed the budget for the Squadron Boating Skills course at length. The course offered in 2008 was advertised at \$40.00 per



student. During enrollment each student was informed that the course was free. At the same time each student was encouraged to donate in support of the Judy A. Lowe Education fund. For the course completed in 2008 we enrolled 73 students. (I think this is record enrollment for a single course for at least the past 8 years). Forty eight of these students graduated representing a 34% drop-out rate. This level of drop-out was significantly above the two previous years (2006-25%; 2007-19%).

We are concerned that if the scheduled 2009 course is offered free of charge we may see an unusually large enrollment and the drop-out rate may be high. Enrollment will be limited to 100 since this is the capacity of the Grandview Heights High School library. As to the high drop-out rate, we have no concrete evidence to show that the drop-out rate will be any higher than last year.

For the 2008 course the Judy A. Lowe Education fund provided an initial \$2000.00. With tuition set at \$40.00, \$2000.00 covered tuition for the first 50 students. Additional funds were donated by the Judy A. Lowe Education fund to help cover the cost of the additional 23 students. The bridge voted to pick up any shortcomings from the Valerie Tout fund.

If the members of the bridge have no objections we would like to advertise the 2009 Squadron Boating Skills course as a free course. We will depend on the generosity of the anonymous donor to provide additional funds for the Judy A. Lowe fund if enrollment exceeds 50 students. We will solicit the class for donations. We will also rely on the bridge to approve any additional funds to come from additional sources including the Valerie Tout fund.

**MOTION:** Use Judy A. Lowe funds for tuition with the Public Boating Course. Limit to the first 100 students (fire marshal limit for room). Motion approved.

#### **Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN:**

District 29 sent out a mailing to all district members using our US mail permit. Unfortunately, we received a lot of returns due to out of date addresses. This caused us the expense of paying first class postage (\$.42) for each return. I will address this at the upcoming District 29 Conference.

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

A reminder that merit mark nominations are past due and need to be turned in now.

#### **Members-at-large reports:**

##### **Lt Pam Carr-Jackson, P:**

As a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, we are looking into the squadron history and would appreciate input from members who have been active in the not recent past including historical information that may be in the possession of members.

##### **Lt Tracy Garrett, S:**

Report to be given under marketing.

##### **Lt Doug Jackson, JN:**

I will now be teaching charting in the Public Boating Course.

ODNR has our old web site as a link on their web site. Tracy Garrett volunteered to provide ODNR with the new squadron web site URL. FYI, the new URL is: <http://www.columbussailandpower.org/>

Unfortunately, the old web site is still up and there is not a notice to advise the user that they are looking at the old site and there is no link to the new site.

##### **Lt Ron Lavelly, JN:**

We will have a 2009 Cruise Planning Meeting at HQ on 2 December at 1930.

##### **Lt Jeff Mirgon, S:**

We are planning a meeting in December for the 2009 Squadron Boating Course. Matt Murphy will be the assistant administrator for this class with myself continuing as the administrator for two more years then passing the job over to Matt.

##### **Lt Sue Nadolson, AP:**

I am currently working on strategic planning and the squadron mission statement.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES:**

##### **Sea Gals: Lt Debbie Smith, AP:**

The joint Squadron/Sea Gals pig roast was a big success. There were also several new members as well as long time - not recent time - members in attendance.

##### **Strategic Planning: P/C Larry Lowe, SN and Executive Officer Bob Prior, S:**

The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be on 12 November.

##### **Marketing: Tracy Garrett, S:**

Now is the time to turn in your *Galley Gossip* sponsorship forms for 2009. I am trying to get national on board with the "Get-R-On" campaign. At the January boat show, the show is planning on having seminars. I will try to contact the person in charge of the seminars and see if we can put on a seminar there as a way to increase interest in the squadron. I am still working on getting Larry the Cable Guy to do a public service announcement for the squadron.

##### **Member Involvement: Ron Hupman:**

What is the status of the calling committee? Per Michael Hughes, changes are being made as volunteers are added or quit.

##### **SRE Committee: P/C Larry Lowe, SN:**

The Charleston Squadron has now indicated that they are not interested in a remote course at this time.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

##### **Property Officer: Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN:**

New inflatable life jackets are now on the coat rack. They are to be used during the boat shows and by the Vessel Safety Examiners. Also, the HQ closets have been cleaned in preparation of the fire inspection.

#### **New Business:**

The deadline for submitting nominees for Member of the Year is 15 December. There will be an article in the December *Galley Gossip*. Contact is Jim Meyers, SN.

**MOTION:** To change the January meeting from 1 January to 8 January 2009. Passed.

#### **Sick Bay:**

P/C Phil Osborne is having knee surgery next week.

The next *Galley Gossip* deadline is 31 October for the December issue.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on 25 November 2008 at 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035. The meeting adjourned at 2120.



Would you like to meet people, discuss boating and share some time with squadron members? Then the Boat Shows are for you! The 2009 show runs 10-18 January and 12-15 February. Just two to three hours of your time is needed to pass out our brochures about classes, answer any questions and greet show-goers. Contact Bob Prior to volunteer.

# D/29 Fall Conference Lima, Ohio 31 Oct. - 2 Nov.



*Michael Hughes and Martha Beidel enjoy each other's company.*



*Sue Nadolson & Larry Lowe were in disguise.*



*Phil Osborne leads David Michael to the plank!*



*Michael Hughes & Tracy Garrett were not made to walk the plank.*



*Micahel Hughes receives the Education Proficiency award.*



*Glenda & C/C Creighton Maynard, SN, in costume.*



*First-timer Tom Norman meets Commander Maynard.*



*Steve Smith says "Off with her head!" to wife Debbie.*

## SEA GALS GEM BEACH RENDEZVOUS

What a fun weekend! If you were able to join us, thank you for your participation and we hope you had fun. If you were unable to be there, here is a brief rundown on what you missed. We couldn't have asked for a nicer weekend. The weather was nice up until Saturday evening and then the Heavens opened and the wind blew. It didn't last long and it surely didn't ruin the fun for any of us. Gem Beach and the members of the Yacht Club could not have been nicer. Our deepest thanks to that group and to Bonnie Michael and Lea Baron who made the whole thing work. Thank you, thank you, thank you !!!!!

Friday evening began with a get together at the Ehrbar's dock. Everyone brought goodies to share and of course the wine and other beverages of choice were flowing. There was lots of catching up on everyone's summer and upcoming plans. Joyce and Mary served up some jello shots that made several of us members of the "red finger club". The weather that evening was great and afterward several continued the evening over at the club.

Saturday morning began with Mr. Wonderful and his crew serving up their famous breakfast. Our thanks to this group. Their efforts are truly appreciated, and I have already begged them to put us on their agenda for next year. After breakfast, everyone who was interested, got together to participate in the "great dinky run".

This was a fun event last year and even better this year. Everyone came loaded with water guns, buckets etc.

Everyone started in high spirits and dry. However, upon their return they all looked like drowned rats !!!! There were some disgruntled remarks about Dave and John again having an unfair advantage. Sounds like next year there will be incentive for even more ingenuity on this race. Everyone agreed that this event was a blast and look forward to a rematch. Jim Igo won the poker hand and many were ready to "belly up" to the bar and hand their tab to him. Hey Jim, where did you disappear to ??

Everyone went off to clean up, rest etc. in preparation for a fun evening. Dinner was provided by the club. They had a wonderful lasagna dinner with salad, rolls and dessert. Our thanks again to this group. After dinner, upstairs we went to open our poker envelopes and enjoy the evening. There was live music and the beverages were flowing. It was a nice ending to a great day.

Our thanks again to all who helped make this weekend another one for the memory book. Bonnie, Lea, Dave, John, David, Fred and Rich get a special thanks for their efforts, and their work to make this weekend special are truly appreciated. I also want to thank all those who came to enjoy the weekend. Without you, there would be no weekend. Thanks to all and we look forward to having you join us next year if you missed this one. We are looking, perhaps, at Put-in-Bay, so keep an eye out for further information.



### *The Judith A. Lowe Education Fund*

*"A Simple Promise of Connection"*

*On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Judith A.  
Lowe Education Fund sailed  
onto the horizon. Its purpose— to  
connect the public to boating  
education by offering the USPS Basic  
Boating Course free of charge.*

*Simply stated, it is my hope that this  
tribute to Judy will continue to  
connect the public to the USPS Basic  
Boating Course for years to come —  
ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!*

*Anonymous*

## OFF THE SHELF

*From the CSG&PS Library*

Count Luckner, the Sea Devil "Running the British Blockade in an Hurricane"

"It's always possible to sail thru a mine field — provided you sail under a lucky star with a guardian angel at the helm," Count Luckner.

December 23, 1916 the Sea Devil and his crew on the ship IRMA broke through the British blockade in a hurricane by laying a course at the Northern end of Scotland sailing over a mine field. The waves were described, "as if Niagara Falls were descending upon us." It took two men lashed to the helm to hold the ship as "stays broke and canvas ripped." The tacking ship heeled over, drawing less water, thereby miraculously gliding over the mines. As the barometer fell and sails full spread, waves dashed over the crew, freezing where they fell. The lines and sails were frozen.

Christmas Eve came and "we prayed God to send us one Christmas present, the only one that would save us, a North wind to blow us South!"

By Christmas day, the South winds died and the North winds sprang up and the IRMA re-entered the Atlantic-if not- she would have been hopelessly caught in the polar pack and never heard of again.

Happy Holidays!

Sue Nadolson, AP

Dan,  
**I have been told I should run my engine at idle after I return to dock. Is this true or am I wasting fuel?**

In most cases, it is true. In a water cooled exhaust, things get pretty hot. While underway, water is constantly cooling things off inside. Higher RPM's (revolutions per minute) = more water flow. When you pull up to a dock or mooring ball you idle down and settle in. Keeping in mind we just ran that engine pretty hard, we can assume things got hot but now we have reduced the water flow or worse yet, shut it off. The remaining water in the exhaust will begin to let off steam because it is not replaced with cool incoming water. This steam can flow back into the engine and over a period of time, cause some major corrosion. Just like warming your engine up, we need to allow it to cool down; just like walking for a bit after a good jog or sprint to keep from cramping up. Instead of steamy hot water in the exhaust, we now have fresh cool water drawing heat away from the engine. How long you might ask? I can't say exactly but about 2 to 3 minutes should cool things down to a safe level. If you have ever looked over the stern of your boat when you first started the engine and had a rush of black water expelled out the exhaust. This is a sign that the last time the engine was shut down, things were still hot. Clear water immediately at start up is a good sign that the engine had cooled enough. Keep in mind, we are talking about the very first splash of water coming out of the exhaust so have someone else start the engine for you or you will never make it back there to see it. Exclude the first start up in the spring as the water is always discolored. Keep an eye on the exhaust fumes since sitting and idling can allow carbon monoxide to enter the vessel.

Dan,  
**Do you have any suggestions on winterizing the head (toilet)?**

Like anything else, the toilet needs to be winterized but does require a bit of extra work to keep things functioning properly.

Empty the holding tank and flush several times with fresh water, again pumping it as dry as possible. Add a **minimum** of 30% to 50% antifreeze to the tank. Remember, any stray water left in the tank will dilute the antifreeze considerably. A large open space like a waste (black water) tank, even if it freezes a little will normally not cause

damage, meaning there is plenty of room for expansion. The freezing concerns are a major consideration in small enclosed spaces like the valves leading to and from the head itself.

Under ideal conditions, the head should be dismantled, cleaned (not so fun) and all the water removed. Knowing this rarely occurs, at minimum the toilet should be pumped completely dry and filled with undiluted antifreeze. Pumping this through the system so that all spaces will be completely filled with antifreeze. Finally, add some to the bowl. Remember, some of this will evaporate over the winter so add quite a bit to eliminate the nice pink stain that is a quite a bit of work to scrub out.

Systems like Raritan and LectraScan have special needs and should be winterized according to the manufactures' recommendation.

Assuming we decided to dismantle the toilet, here are a few suggestions. All gaskets and seacocks should be lubricated, keeping them from drying out and cracking (a common cause of that nice little smell that seems to always come from the head). Check all hose clamps and inspect the hoses for signs of leaks, cracking, softening or bulging. Replace the hose if any of this is apparent. Replace the clamps as necessary. **Note: The incoming freshwater hose should be clamped at the seacock with two clamps that are reversed to prevent the hose from accidentally slipping off and filling the boat with water!** Before hooking everything back up in the spring, make sure you rinse out the vent loops as spiders and bugs like to nest in the vents thus causing that nice little smell to return. **Remember never to use ethylene glycol antifreeze in your fresh water (drinking) system and check to make sure the antifreeze you are using does not have alcohol in it as it can eat away at engine parts and water pumps!**

Dismantling the toilet to maintain it every few years is much easier and more pleasant than an eruption of waste water on a hot mid-summer day with guests onboard. Speaking of guests, always remember to have that conversation about what can and can not be flushed. It is amazing what one can find that has caused the toilet to clog. Let's not go there.

If a question arises during the winterizing process, feel free to call. (740)808-2586

A note from past *Galley Gossip* articles:

**October 2008 the article on shrink wrap.** A recent development — Several boaters got together and purchased the materials to shrink wrap boats. Now, this was a sound financial idea and has worked for many in the past. On this occasion, things went bad. During the shrinking process, one of the owners remembered smelling something but failed to investigate. On the second boat, they figured it out. The propane gun was the right type but it is suspected that it was not adjusted properly. The resin in the fiberglass was actually cooking at the hull to deck joint. Strange as it may sound, the exterior of the fiberglass showed very few signs of damage. Deep down, they will have some real concerns and a very expensive repair. Just food for thought.

Please feel free to send you suggestions for future issues to [dan@qudeck.com](mailto:dan@qudeck.com). Please address the e-mail subject line as *Galley Gossip*. If you wish to mail a suggestion, you may do so at P.O. Box 43 Lancaster, Ohio 43130 or give me a call at (740)808-2586.

Thank you all for inviting me to be your guest speaker at the last meeting. I hope it was informative and helpful.

Crackling fires, yummy food-filled gatherings and chilly weather-it's time to curl up, right? Time to bring things in! While this is the time of year when we get reacquainted with old family recipes and our favorite blankets and books, (or remote controls!) it's a perfect time to reduce stiffness with some good stretches!

So try one! Right now-especially if you're a little slouched over this newsletter or curled up on the couch with your knees to your chest and blanket from toe to chin. Remind your body how LOOONNNGGG it is. Start with your toes and spread them all out and give your ankles a wiggle! Then, extend your calves, like you just got a charley-horse or get on your tippey-toes. Reach an arm to the sky feel your ribs expand and stomach stretch as you take a deep breath. Stretch the arm even higher and feel all the little muscles in your forearms and fingers lengthen. Bring an ear down to its nearby shoulder and your neck and shoulder will thank you.

Do you know what you just did for yourself? You reminded your muscles how long they are so they'll perform better and will offer up a bigger range of motion. You improved your blood circulation, which nourishes all of the

body's systems making them work better too. You helped lymph circulate so your immune system got a boost. You might have worked out a cramp or muscle spasm- if not, you helped prevent one! Not bad for a couple of seconds of non-strenuous movement, right?

What you just did was a terrific start. The movements you did were helpful, yet generic stretches that can benefit just about anybody! Now treat yourself to something even better! Has anyone ever taken the time to show you how to stretch the specific muscles that make YOU ache or give YOU problems? A massage therapist knows all about joints and muscles and how they work and how to make them work better. During your session, the therapist will help you perform specific stretches that meet YOUR body's needs and will show you how to do them correctly and effectively at home!

'Tis the season to bring things in and to be generous to others. Make it also a time to stretch out your body and give it the gift of massage!

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## Laughter...the best medicine?

### Clean Sweep

Two brooms were hanging in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married. One broom was, of course, the bride broom, the other the groom broom. The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress. The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo. The wedding was lovely. At the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom, 'I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!' 'IMPOSSIBLE!' said the groom broom. 'We haven't even swept together!'

### What Happened!?

A small child slipped and fell overboard. A man swooped over the rail of the liner into the water and saved the child. Coming back on board, the man who had saved the child was cheered by the other passengers. The captain asked the man, "What can we do for you?"

The man said, "You can tell me who pushed me overboard?!"

## CHANGE YOUR COURSE!

Dead ahead, through the pitch-black night, the captain sees a light on a collision course with his ship. He sends a signal: "Change your course ten degrees east."

"Change yours ten degrees west," comes the reply.

The captain responds, "I'm a United States Navy captain! Change your course, sir!"

"I'm a seaman second class," the next message reads.

"Change *your* course, sir."

The captain is furious. "I'm a battleship! I'm not changing course!"

"I'm a lighthouse... it's your call."





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