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CSPS April Dinner Meeting ~ Thursday, April 3 *The Boat House at Confluence Park (formerly The River Club)*

679 West Spring Street Columbus, OH 43215 Phone 614.469.1143

6-7pm Representatives of the summer cruises will be available to discuss or answer questions about the cruises
7 pm Dinner
8pm Speaker Mr. George Kun "Secrets of the Travel Industry"

Menu: Chicken Piccata (baked breast lightly breaded and topped with lemon caper & white wine sauce),
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Salad with choice of Italian or Ranch dressing, Assorted Rolls and butter,
Dessert and Coffee.

Cash Bar

Cost \$28; walk-ins \$32

Kids meal: Chicken fingers, French Fries & Applesauce \$12.95

Dress: Casual - Uniform F, Business Casual or appropriate.

RSVP before Friday, March 28th to Bob Eastway at 614.204.3674 or email heartrhythmdoc1@gmail.com

No shows will be billed; special dietary needs available upon request

George of George Kun Travel and Incentives gives a travel agent's insight into travel and cruise planning. This will not be the ordinary slide show of 'here's the canals of Venice or my favorite cruise ship' but the inside 'scoop' from the mind and heart of a 30-year central Ohio expert. He's ridden through a hurricane with Steven Spielberg, travelled with Jack Hanna, trekked with the King and Queen of Jakarta, and bailed out travelers in Scotland. So come prepared to be impressed. Bring those questions that you always wanted to ask. Like....who gets all those travel miles when the travel agent books a tour? What's the best room to pick on a cruise ship? Should I really plan on climbing the Matterhorn or get tickets to the Viennese Symphony's Christmas program?....If Queen Isabella would have hired George first? Columbus would have gotten here in 1482! Or if NASA would have hired him we'd have been on the moon five years sooner.....Don't miss this Columbus Character !





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

April

3	Thursday	Dinner Meeting - The Boat House at Confluence Park
6	Sunday	Vessel Safety Inspectors Recertification at HQ 6-8pm
7	Monday	May <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
16	Wednesday	Boating on Rivers, Locks & Lakes Seminar at HQ 7pm
22	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ HQ 7pm
26	Saturday	Sea Gals Progressive Dinner Party

May

3	Saturday	Ice Breaker Dinner Meeting @ Sandusky Yacht Club
5	Monday	June <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
17-24	Sat.-Sat.	NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK
17	Saturday	Trailing Seminar for Couples @ Delaware State Park
20	Tuesday	Central OH Safe Boating Council Meeting at HQ 6pm
24	Saturday	Grandview Memorial Day Parade at Cookout 9am - ?
27	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ HQ 7pm (next meeting in August)
31	Saturday	Vessel Safety Exams at Alum Creek's New Galena Ramp

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Bill Mohrman, AP



"What would the Fox Say?" If you attended the Commander's Ball this year, you would know what the heck I am talking about. Last night was something special for my wife and me. A Character's Ball is what you get when you cross a Commander's Ball with a Costume Ball. It turned out to be a special night for many of us to celebrate our hard work with a bit of fun and frivolity. We certainly work hard for the squadron and the pay grade is pretty minimal (zero). I think those McDonald's workers who want a higher minimum wage wouldn't last a week in the squadron at our pay rates and hard work that is required. So why not a celebration as a small pay back our members.



The dress code for the evening was to come as a character, and come they did; Sponge Bob Square Pants, Little Red Riding Hood, the Big Bad Wolf, Mr and Mrs Howell, 3rd; and a Thurston Howell Jr, two fishermen, a mermaid, a creepy flasher, sailors, a hula dancer, a golfer, mardi gras partier leftovers, Q & Moneypenny, a pirate, a couple from Alice in Wonderland, two Blues Brothers, an Airline Pilot that couldn't find his plane and lots of characters from the 60s, as well as some elegantly

dressed party goers. Don't miss the fantastic photo booth and paparazzi photos as well as the "What would the Fox Say" video from the night. I would like to thank all the committee that helped make this night possible. Speaking of dinner meetings, we have a new AO with Bob Eastway, so please make plans to come to the April dinner.

We just finished a round of classes and are all looking forward to warmer weather and getting our boats out for the boating season. The ABC class was a huge success this year with the due diligence put in by many instructors and of course it wouldn't happen without Mari Seaver. I have to say the Educational Team is a well-oiled machine. They put untold hours in preparation, planning and execution to give the very best educational value to our students in all the classes, whether they are basic, advanced, or electives. I offer a hardy Thank You to all the instructors and the people behind the scenes that make this work. You are all an outstanding team and should be proud of what we offer to the boating community. We have some great seminars you can catch for summer boating, so make plans to spend a couple of hours on brushing up your boating skills.

There are lots of great things coming up this month as we move into May; the Ice Breaker, Safe Boating week and then we are on to summer! I look forward to seeing you there!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John Seaver, JN



I can say that our Squadron certainly has excellent momentum coming into the homestretch before the boating season begins. This weekend is our Commander's Ball to be followed next weekend by the Spring Conference and District 29 Change of Watch. Our winter/spring classes are well attended and some, like Weather, has neared standing-room-only status. We've just wrapped our Winter ABC Class – and I have to share what a great group of people that was. The class was filled with unique personalities and boating experiences that will add value to the squadron if they choose to continue participate in our classes and activities. The new member welcome event held at HQ was expertly orchestrated by our Membership Chairpersons and recently new members themselves - Sue and Bob Goelz. Another couple from last years' class, Terri and John McCarty have already lent their talents to the squadron with boat and booth-view videos that was shot live at the boat show as well as a photo booth at the Commander's Ball. All have been active in classes and bring fresh, fun ideas that are helping us accomplish our goals of making boating safe and fun through our education and experiences.

The Central Ohio Safe Boating Council held their quarterly meeting at HQ on February 19th. Highlights of the meeting included updates to the Hollenback parking lot and the jetty reconstruction projects at Alum Creek Marina. The parking lot reconstruction goal is to be completed prior to July 1.



Although the ramp and parking will be closed, ODNR will allocate a few weekends to allow sailboats to launch so they can access the Alum Creek Sailing Association Marina. The jetty – a break-wall in front of the main marina was badly eroded – the surface that was once 8' wide was less than 2' wide in some spots. The earth being placed will be protected with rocks to limit future erosion. This jetty supports a consistent flow of anglers, couples

enjoying a view as well as our JN and N classes who have found this place to be a remarkable location to work on sight folders. Another meeting highlight was information about the completion of the reconstruction at Delaware Lake's main launch ramp. Traffic patterns to launch have changed so be aware of that if you are planning some Delaware Lake excursions – or plan to attend our Couple's Trailing Seminar May 17th. Watch the calendar for our Safe Boating week activities – including boat inspections at the Alum Creek's New Galena Ramp and upcoming dates at Deer Creek, Buckeye Lake and O'Shaughnessy Reservoir.

Catch you on the water soon!

Spring is in the air and I hope that we have seen the last of the snow for this winter.

The Commander's Ball (re-named the Character's Ball for this year) was held Saturday March 15 at The Royal American Club Golf Links. We had a great time and check out our facebook and webpages for photos of all those who attended.

The dinner meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 3 will be held at The Boathouse (formerly The Confluence in downtown Columbus). The menu will consist of a sit-down dinner rather than a buffet. Check the cover for all the details about this dinner. We hope to have representatives for each of the planned summer cruises on hand to discuss their respective cruises and answer questions about the planned events. The planned cruises are listed elsewhere in this issue of the *Galley Gossip*. A guest speaker from the travel industry will be part of the program as well.



The Ice Breaker is scheduled for Saturday May 3 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Details will follow next month.

Before closing, I would like to take a moment to explain the picture associated with the articles written by me. I have several friends in the central Ohio area who are professional fishing guides. A year or so ago, my wife Teresa and I were fishing with Greg Senyo (the owner of Steelhead Alley Outfitters) on Elk Creek in Pennsylvania. Elk Creek is a tributary of Lake Erie located just across the Ohio-Pennsylvania border. The fish in

the picture is a 31" lake run brown trout and I might add, the largest trout I have ever caught. Next month I'll show you the fish my wife Teresa caught on the same day. Hope to see you at an upcoming dinner meeting.

ATTENTION VESSEL EXAMINERS RECERTIFICATION CLASS Sunday, 6 April at HQ 600-800PM

All current Vessel Examiners are now required to be re-certified by 30 June, 2014! This is not a difficult process. We will go through the process and complete the requirements by viewing a brief power-point presentation and answering a few questions. We will also discuss the current events and changes in the Vessel Safety Check Program. This is the day to get the 2014 supply of decals and forms. Anyone interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner this year should attend this meeting. We will cover what our exam process entails and how to get your initial Certification. Email John Pruitt, Vessel Safety Check Chair, at jmepuirt@prodigy.net or call 614-216-5203 with questions and comments.



SHIP'S STORE

The ship's store has all the latest attire for the upcoming spring/summer season. Order your CSPS short sleeve, lightweight, wicking material shirts today. Visit the Ship's Store online through our members-only section of the website. Key Words: Member AND Boating or contact Julie Mohrman at jemohrman@mindspring.com or call 740-965-3183.



(June 1999, California) Last summer down on Lake Isabella, in the high desert east of Bakersfield, a woman was having trouble with her boat.

No matter how she tried, she just couldn't get her new 22-foot Bayliner to perform. It was sluggish in every maneuver, regardless of the power applied. She tried for an hour to make her boat go, but finally gave up and putted over to a nearby Marina for help.

A topside check revealed that everything was in perfect working order. The engine ran fine, the outboard motor pivoted up and down, and the prop was the correct size and pitch.

One of the Marina guys jumped in the water to check beneath the boat. He came up almost choking on water, he was laughing so hard. Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer.

The April dinner meeting is where the 2013 River Rat and Bungle Jug awards will be presented. If you have any stories from 2013, please submit them with detailed information to Dick Sorensen zeke0711@yahoo.com and Wade Grosz wade@altavistaben.com before March 30th. Dick Sorensen is the only CSPS member to date to receive both awards in the same year!



Well it is April and although boating season for many of us start this month winter doesn't want to let go! It has been a long hard one, but luckily for many of us we used this time to expand our knowledge in a class to help prepare for boating season.

In March we completed another successful ABC course, I would like to extend a big thanks to Mari Seaver and all the instructors and volunteers that made the class such a success. When all was said and done we had 22 take the test and pass! Congratulations to: Michael Brown, Terry Burge, Pat Carpenter, John Daulton Jr., Michael Demyan, Vivian



Duff, Alfred Grooch, Sherri Haring, Rene Hudson, Joe Huffman, Linda Huffman, Dennis Irwin, Denise Cribben, Paul King, Gaige Mohr, Jillene Myers, Greg Myers, Kyle Shafer, Branch Wayt, Holly Wayt and Jacob Wayt.

We recently wrapped up the following classes as well: Cruise Planning led by Pam Jackson; Weather led by Dick Sorenson; and Marine Electrical Systems led by Larry Lowe.

As test results come in be on the look out for the most recent graduates.

Also there is still time to sign up for the 2 seminars before boating season gets into full swing (see box below). If you are interested in taking any of our great courses, go to www.columbussailandpower.org and click on the Education tab on the left hand side of the page. Then click on Courses to see our schedule. Registration is easy and can be done right from the web page.

Aging Boaters Take Note

Recent surveys among aging boaters show that over 80% either do not know about, understand or acknowledge the safety risks associated with the traits and conditions of human aging that affect boating safety! A simple "Click & Learn" on <http://www.seniorboatersofamerica.com> will start you on this learning process that may someday save your life, a fellow boater or someone you know. Research and study on this subject is relatively new (past four years) and some boating safety organizations have been slow to react or embrace it. With 10,000 people turning 65 each and every day in this country, we encourage every USPS Squadron and CGAUX Flotilla member to become knowledgeable about this extremely important boating safety issue. A must read for every boater over the age of 50!

USPS Teaching Aids Ideas

How do you get a point across to members on your boat about a general idea? Have you used ketchup and relish bottles to show how ATONS are found in the water? Have you used red and black bras to show how cold and warm fronts approach? How about a cut away of an engine? Do you have an idea on how to demonstrate docking in windy conditions? Navigational props? These are all teaching aids!! CSPS is looking for a few great ideas to submit at the District 29 Fall conference. Please contact me with your ideas so we can get them ready for submission. Think outside the box! The only bad idea is the one you did not call me about.

P/C Michael Hughes
614-488-4758



Winter/Spring 2014 Classes

All classes are held at the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Headquarters (8492 Cotter St. Lewis Center, OH 43035) from 7-9pm, unless noted. Register for a course or seminar by visiting our website at www.columbussailandpower.org Look under the education tab.

CLASSES

Mar 17-May 13 Seamanship – Hudson (9 weeks) \$55 member/ \$85 nonmember

Mar 26-May 14 Marine Communications Systems – Lowe (8 weeks) \$65 member/ \$95 nonmember

SEMINARS - \$15 member/\$30 nonmember (unless noted)

March 19 Partners In Command

Apr 16 Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes

May 17 Trailing and Backing for Couples @ Delaware State Park 10am-2pm (price per couple)



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
25 February 2014**

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

Cdr. Bill Mohrman, AP called the meeting to order at 1900 at the Squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

P/C David Canale, P gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C Robert Eastway, N.

Roll call was taken by sight and the Assistant Secretary Lt Wade Grosz, AP confirmed a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr. Bill Mohrman, AP; Executive Officer Lt/C John Seaver, JN; Administrative Officer Lt/C Robert Eastway, N; Assistant Secretary Lt Wade Grosz, AP; Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, P; SEO Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, P; Lt. Tom Doyle, P; Lt. Mary Lauer, P; Lt John McCarty, P; P/C David Canale, P

Also present P/C Larry Lowe, SN; P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN; Lt Tracy Garrett, S; Lt Julie Mohrman, AP; Mari Seaver, P/V/C Joe Mesenburg, SN; P/D/C Phillip Osborne, JN; P/D/C Robert Rayburn, SN

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as recorded.

Report of Officers:

Commander Bill Mohrman, AP:

Expectations for Bridge: Members-at-large are encouraged to attend USPS functions and activities and report back, good and bad. They are also encouraged to talk with other members and report on issues and concerns of the membership.

ACSA – Meeting Monday 3 March in Hilliard. We are going to present our courses to their membership. CSPS is invited to their Swap Meet at future date.

New Member Meeting – 10 March 2014, 6:30 PM. Bridge is encouraged to come. We explain how the squadron runs and what we do.

Commander's Ball – Saturday March 15 6 PM, Royal American Links Golf Club, RSVP to the AO.

D29 Spring Conference – Fri, Sat, Sun March 21, 22, 23, Sawmill Conference Center, Sandusky OH. Need to have 8 delegates total (1 Cdr, 1 XO). Signup sheet passed around. Please be aware, you still have to register with District.

ABC kudos – The instructors are doing a wonderful job with the latest ABC class. Everyone gets an A+++++

Visitations – Port Clinton COW, ADA winter conference, Sandusky Memorial Service, Sandusky COW, Marion COW, Toledo COW.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke P:

ABC class has 26 students, test is next week. Michael T. Hughes is a new instructor. Several students have interest in taking the Seamanship class. The USPS anchor kit teaching aid was very useful. Students appreciated seeing how each



anchor type works. Seamanship class moving to Monday nights (8 weeks) and Mike Hudson will teach the first three weeks. Issue with ED-80 resolved. Instructor Qualification class is in progress. Lt/C Ed Mack, P is the new advanced grades chairman.

Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, P:

Ed requested permission to withdraw money from investments according to the approved budget.

Smaller amounts will be withdrawn each time so that the funds will continue to earn interest. After discussion and further clarification P/C Michael Hughes made a motion to transfer the funds. Lt/C Robert Eastway, N 2nd motion. Motion carried.

P/V/C Joe Mesenburg, SN gave a review of our investment funds and made several recommendations.

Executive Officer Lt/C John Seaver, JN:

New Vessel Examination process for decals:

- o More available initially.
- o No reorders until ½ of the initial inspection forms have been completed and returned.

Schedule Squadron Clean-up event – pick a date.

- o Facility cleaning.
- o Scanning of Paper files to SAN and DVD for off-site storage.

o Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity planning – including off-site assets, BC/DR plans and exposures to explore and close.

USPS – Registered Trademark recommendation from the "Legal Committee"

- o The Circle-R should follow every USPS logo and Name – with the only exception being, but not recommended, listed in the letterhead or newsletter head.

Attending the Spring Conference

In-source the D29 Website?

Ice Breaker Rendezvous status

Recreational Boating Safety Visitation Program

Administrative Officer Lt/C Robert Eastway, N:

I attended the USPS national meeting and took several classes. These classes are available to us and can be held locally. Commander's Ball is March 16 at the Royal American Golf Club; April's meeting is at the Boat House;

The Ice Breaker Party, May 3, will be held at the Sandusky Yacht Club; June meeting to involve several other local boating groups.

Assistant Secretary Lt Wade Grosz, AP:

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

Member at Large reports:

Lt Robert Burton – Absent



Lt Tom Doyle, P – Need to introduce all new members at the monthly meetings

Lt Mary Lauer, P – D. Wogaman's (Oriental, NC) mother passed on Feb. 23, her name was Pamela Perkins-Frederick. Tom Norman's friend, Pat Parker's (she a member?) sister passed away a couple weeks ago. Bill Perfect was blessed with a new granddaughter, Eva Cassidy Perfect, born Feb. 25.

Lt. John McCarty, P – No report

A short break was taken.

Committee Reports

GENERAL COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee: P/C Matthew Murphy, JN; P/C Tom Norman, P; P/C David Canale, P – Reviewing nominations

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; P/C Robert Prior, P; P/C Tom Norman, P – Has not met.

Rules Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN; Lt Wade Grosz, AP; P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN – No report

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman – No report.

Housing Committee: Vacant

Planning Committee: P/C David Canale, P; D/A/O Bill Lehner, SN – No report

Law Officer: Cdr. David Canale, P: court decision on tax exempt status is still pending.

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN or P/C Bob Van Der Wissel, JN – No report

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN – Fire extinguishers have been checked and serviced. HQ passed annual fire inspection.

Supply Officer: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – The Ship's Store will be at the new member's party. Columbus will be hosting the District's ship store at the spring conference.

Outreach: Lt Julie Mohrman, AP – Bill & Julie Mohrman met with Cabela's store manager to discuss a partnership between CSPS and Cabelas. Cabelas is willing to promote our boating classes and suggested USPS contact Cabela's corporate. Julie is also contacting Amazon. com to promote a link to CSPS.

Sea Gals: Lt Martha Beidel – Sea Gals St. Patrick's Day Party will be on Monday March 17 at Dave & Sherry Ehrbar's home.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack, P – No report

Marketing Committee: Lt Tracy Garrett, S- The 2014/15 squadron calendar is available for emailing. Contact mtbuck-ets@aol.com if you would like a copy. A new administrator for Facebook will be Terri McCarty. Make plans to attend the USPS National conference Sept 8-13 in Washington DC. CSPS should visit the public boating classes offered by USCGAUX and ODNR to promote our additional courses. A list of those

classes is available upon request. July 4 Orange Boom over Alum lighted boat parade will not include VIP boats. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their own boats and be in the parade. Will we be asking for a new grant in 2015? If so, there are some suggestions as to what we would like to ask for. What is the difference between Merit Mark (MM) hours and ODNR Grant hours? Sometimes nothing and sometimes everything. MM hours are for any volunteer time to CSPS (boat shows, classes, VSE, dinner meetings, planning meetings, ECOM, trip planning, etc.). ODNR Grant hours are strictly accounted for educating the public on safe boating procedures (promoting and teaching classes, prepping for and driving to/ from classes, VSE, seminars, radio spots, etc.) Merit Mark hours should be sent to P/C Don Delewese & P/C Bob Van Der Wissel while ODNR Grant hours should be sent to P/C David Canale.

Boating Activities: Lt/C John Seaver, JN: Squadron rendezvous will be announced at the April meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

L/C John Seaver, JN wants to reorganize squadron HQ's papers and documents. Scan all pertinent documents; organize the book shelf and cabinets. Scheduled first date March 16 at 1pm

Comments from Guests:

P/C Larry Lowe, SN: Announced the seminars for D/29 Spring Conference at Sawmill Creek Resort.

P/D/C Robert Rayburn, SN: Announced that CSPS teaching aids received a 2nd place award.

New Members:

Sherri Haring

Michael Brown & Nancy McCarthy

David & Deborah Kittredge

Steve Huber

SEO Brian O'Rourke, P, made a motion to accept all new members, 2nd by L/C John Seaver. Vote to be via e-mail.

First Horizon:

Eva Cassidy

Sick Bay:

P/C Michael Hughes, knee surgery

Jane Clark in hospital

Announcements:

April GG articles due by March 10.

Next ECOM meeting is March 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 2048.

"Knowledge Keepers"

by Dick Sorensen, JN

David Canale is the latest one. He joins the 72 'Knowledge Keepers' who greet us when we enter our Squadron Headquarters. Some of these knowledge keepers are dead, some just act that way and a lot have more energy than the Energizer Bunny! It makes me feel, well good, like I'm a better person for even being in the same room with them. They also do another service for you and me; they guard our library.

Did you even realize we have a library? Actually our Squadron has quite a library. As a matter of fact it's the largest nautical library in metropolitan Columbus. How do I know that? I've checked. Ours isn't the only library to have guards. Columbus Public Library has rent-a-cops. I don't think they carry guns. Worthington, Bexley, Upper Arlington don't have guards but they don't need them. They have something even more intimidating; 'flinty-eyed' librarians with pit bull tenacity watching your every action. Yet not one library, not one, has 72 guards like we do. Not one!

All books are worth protecting. Books full of knowledge are a wonderful thing and The United States Sail and Power Squadron's objective 'keel' is built on it. Knowledge, along with sea time, is one of the two metaphoric hands on the 'tiller' of our personal boating experiences. Yet in the past knowledge was only for the elite, the chosen ones and the clergy. Until Gutenberg got busy in his workshop and changed the information transfer system of his day. Now, we've got it everywhere but especially on our computers via the internet.

I have a love-hate relationship with the internet and my computer. I look at it wrong and it dumps my files and all my contacts. After sitting for what seems like hours and staring at the keyboard in horrible fear, I finally press some new button or try a new procedure and am generally terrified of the results. Then I have to wait until my grandson can guide me back to the land of yahoo homepage. But, with a book....I can prop it up, read it and if I own it, write in the margins, underline, turn down the corners of the pages, highlight chapters, all the things, heaven forbid, your mother and teachers told you not to do....I love books. I can study the drawings without the screen going black; I don't have to worry about battery life or finding a three-prong outlet. All I need is sufficient arm strength to hold it upright and turn the page.

Do you have a nautical bucket list? What does include? How to select the right boat for your lifestyle? Planning a week on the Chesapeake? Installing a new circuit for your latest electronic gizmo? You can find all the answers on the shelves of our library. There are over 350 plus titles without counting the photo albums and chart collections. They span the maritime knowledge cafeteria just like the afternoon buffet selections at a Golden Corral Cafeteria; just before the 'white hairs' arrive for the early bird specials.

Navigation, nautical fiction, Around The World cruises, Great Lakes Cruising Club harbor guides, electrical, electronic, electrifying explorations of on-board cooking, how-to and how-not books on just about any boating subject you can think of. My favorite is the one titled, 'This Old Boat' by Don Casey who promises us that 'you'll be able to turn a rundown fiberglass boat into a first class yacht on a shoestring budget'. For those of you who know of my adventures on *The WaterDog* you'd think this was my bible.

All guarded by these 72 men and women who watch over our books and more important our very essence of life; or as the 20-something's like to say.....our business model. Well, sports fans, our business model is education...boating education. And these 72, soon to be 73, dedicated men and women stand guard duty every minute of everyday over our library. By their very actions, and years of service they reinforce, theirs and our belief in the fact that an educated boater is a better boater. Simple, that's our business model. Maritime education at practically no cost. Free! That's one four letter F-word we can all learn to love and cherish.

The one thing I'm happy about is that our library doesn't require you to have a library card, or go thru a body scan. You just have to walk in the doors, and pick-out a book, sign the check out log and, do me a favor, as you leave, stop, turn-around and throw a salute to those 73 people who have faithfully guarded our treasures all these years. Our Knowledge Keepers!



Dick Sorensen, JN, has decided that the Court of Popular Opinion has ruled against him as it pertains to his being awarded the Squadron's Worst Sailor designation in 2011. While he vigorously maintains his innocence he's resigned to the fact that he's got no hope of getting this award reversed! He's so over it.

Welcome New Members

Michael Brown
Terry Burge
Pat Carpenter
John Daulton Jr.
Michael Demyan
Vivian Duff
Alfred Grooch
Dennis Irwin
Denise Cribben
Paul King
Jillene Myers
Greg Myers
Kyle Shafer
Branch Wayt
Holly Wayt
Jacob Wayt

Dear Nautical Professor,

Last summer my wife and I took out new boat to the Ohio River for the weekend. We were going along just fine and enjoying the scenery when we came upon this big door that was open, so we went in and there were a lot of other boats in there. They told me to raft off of them, but I didn't have a raft so I gave them one of my ropes. Then they had the nerve to tell me to use my fenders. I don't have any fenders on my boat, but my car does. Then they put these white balloons between us and then the big door closed and we started to go down. I was really scared but all the people on the other boats were having a good time so I thought it was OK.

Pretty soon we stopped going down and the door on the other side opened and boats started to leave. I was really, really tired of this by now so I just gave it full throttle and got the heck out of that place. I took some of those white balloons and ropes from the other boats with me. Some people on those boats were yelling at me and so was the man at the top of the wall. I don't know why they were so mad because I just wanted to get the heck out of there and besides those balloons and rope don't cost that much.

Then to make matters worse, a boat with blue lights on it and a man with a badge told me to stop. He asked me if he could board my boat. My boat is fiberglass and I don't want any boards, but I said, sure buddy come on over. I offered him a cold one, but he wouldn't even crack a smile. After talking awhile in some kind of boating language that I didn't understand and writing a lot, he told me it would cost me \$200, but I was free to go. What do you mean, free? \$200 isn't free.

It was really pretty down along the river and my wife had a great time so the next time we go back I think I will just go around those big doors.

I told my neighbor my story and he said that I should always go in the big doors and they are called "locks". I'm not sure he knows what he is talking about, but is there some club I can join for boating, like there is for cars? I belong to the AAA. Is there a BBB club for boating?

If you can tell me about these "lock" things, and it is OK to just go around them I would appreciate it. I have a night or two a week that I'm not doing anything, so if there is a class or something that I could take so I wouldn't have to pay \$200 every time I went boating on the Ohio River it would be worth it. Hope to hear from you soon - The River King

Dear River King,

First of all, I'm glad that you and your wife are back home safe. And yes, the big doors are called locks and **DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT GOING AROUND THEM!!** If you would have gone around the lock, you would have thought you were going over Niagara Falls!!

There are several organizations that teach boating, but by far the best one is The United States Power Squadron. If you live in the Columbus, OH area contact The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron by calling 614-384-0245 or toll free 855-CSPS-SAFE or go to their website www.columbussailandpower.org

When you are on their website you will see that they have 12 different classes that teach you all about boating, but it sounds to me that a great one for you would be their ABC3 class. This will tell you about those ropes and white balloons, and what to do with them. I also recommend a seminar that the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron is offering on April 16, 2014 called **BOATING ON RIVERS LOCKS AND LAKES**. It is a 2 hour seminar and I'm sure that you will get more answers than you knew there were questions. It will show you why you shouldn't go around the locks, plus how to enter and exit a lock correctly, and what those different colored lights that sometimes blink mean. It will also teach you river navigation so you will know what those funny looking signs on those poles are telling you.

Why don't you make it a fun evening and bring your wife and neighbor with you? Then all of you will have a great summer boating on the river. Until next time - The Nautical Professor

A Fast and Easy Way to Tie a Bowline

Mike Hudson sent this link to you. The video uses the same technique Mike learned as a Midshipman. "If only I'd found it a year or two sooner; it almost drove me nuts trying to remember how to do it," says Mike. Doug Jackson says, "Wow - that's pretty cool - I've never seen that before!" See for yourself. Grab a line and try it as you watch this video.

<http://www.offshoresailing.com/sailing-tips/video-sailing-tips/how-to-tie-a-fast-bowline.aspx>



Kroger Shoppers Check the bottom of your receipts to see if you are donating your 'Community Rewards' to CSPS. If not, please contact XO John Seaver for information on how you can designate CSPS as your donor organization while shopping at Kroger.

CSPS Cruise List 2014

Join in on a great boating experience. We always have room on a boat if you do not have one.

May 3 Ice Breaker at Sandusky Yacht Club - Enjoy dinner with members of several D29 squadrons. This is the kickoff to the summer boating season. RSVP REQUIRED. Contact Bob Eastway at 614-204-3674 hearthrhythmdoc1@gmail.com

May 24 Grandview Memorial Day Parade - Get involved in safe boating with our 5th year entering this parade. Ride on a boat or walk this 1 ½ mile route. Bring a bag of candy to toss and your life jackets to wear. All are invited for a cookout at the Hughes/Garrett/Mohr home after the parade. Bring a dish to share. 9am-? Host: Michael Hughes & Tracy Garrett 614-488-4758 mtbuckets@aol.com

22 June Lake Erie Lunch Hook Rendezvous - Depending on the wind direction, we will meet at School House Bay or North Bay on Kelley's Island. Bring your lunch, drop the anchor and enjoy the water for the day. Host: Larry & Sue Lowe 614-314-9439 afterglowe15570@gmail.com

28 June Alum Creek No Agenda Fun Day - Stop by the Marina, head to the beach, visit a swimming cove. This 'No Agenda Fun Day' is an easy one to plan. Just call your friends and decide where to meet.

July 4-6 District 29 Summer Rendezvous @ Huron Boat Basin -36 docks reserved and a short Summer Council meeting. Steak Fry, fireworks and more. Sandusky & Port Clinton will coordinate.

July 4 Orange Boom over Alum Creek - Lighted Boat Parade. Columbus S&PS will coordinate the lighted boat parade before the fireworks begin. Plan now how to decorate your boat. Meet outside the break wall of the marina and we will make our way to the beach area to show off our spirit. Contact: P/C David Canale 614-323-6040 davidcanale4u@yahoo.com

July 19 Buckeye Lake Poker Run & Cookout - Centered around the Hupman estate on Liebs Island, enjoy the lake by visiting various locations to pick up your cards. Many establishments are accessible by water for lunch and refreshments. Finish out the day with a cookout at the Hupmans. Overnight accommodations are available as well as dockage and boats to crew on. Hosts: Ron & Barb Hupman 740-467-7013 HupmanI@att.net

August 1-3 Vermillion Weekend - Vermilion is known as the largest small boat harbor on the Great Lakes. We will be docking at the City Marina, in this historic city. There is a Quaker Steak & Lube located just feet away from our docks. Vermilion is always a good time place for boaters. Hosts: Doug & Pam Jackson

August 8-10 Pittsburgh Weekend - Join CSPS for "Boating, Brews and Baseball in the 'Burgh." The Pittsburgh area offers a wealth of boating options on the Ohio, Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers. In addition to exploring the three rivers, we'll take time to stop at Station Square Marina (<http://www.stationsquare.com/>) in Downtown Pittsburgh. On Friday and Saturday, explore the Three Rivers and the greater Pittsburgh area. On Saturday night, we'll head to PNC Park to watch the Pirates take on the Padres. Hosts: Jeff & Mary Mirgon 614-207-2650 jmirgon@yahoo.com

August 13 SeaGals Cookout @ Buckeye Lake - The SeaGals and Guys are headed out to the Hupman compound for a cookout and possible boat ride over the tranquil waters of Buckeye Lake. Host: Dave Clark

August 29-31 Huron Boat Basin - Come and enjoy the Labor Day weekend at the Huron Boat Basin. The docks are located in a basin where a band, the Cocobeans, will be playing one night. Sit in the seats on the basin bank or bring your lawn chairs. We will have a big cookout one night also. There will be lots of things to do this weekend. Hosts: Ron & Linda Lavelly 614-879-7388 ronlavelly@yahoo.com

Sept 19-21 Ohio River Cincy to Madison IN - Trailer your boat to Cincinnati where we will launch them. Then take a beautiful cruise on the Ohio River to Madison IN. We will be staying in a lovely restored hotel that the Steam Boat Captains stayed in. Side trips to Louisville and possible a casino will also be enjoyed. Hosts: Ron Lavelly 614-879-7388 ronlavelly@yahoo.com and John McCarty 614-832-6779 jmmccarty@gmail.com

A New Way to Share Squadron Photos

The great thing about the Power Squadron is all of the group activities and different types of boating adventures our members participate in. Therefore, in order to share photos from these events, and just general boating photos, we have set up a Shutterfly group site. The site can be accessed at <https://columbussailandpower.shutterfly.com/>. The site requires you to sign up for a Shutterfly account (which is free, and they will give you 50 free 4x6's when you sign up). Once you have an account, just go to the share site and request access. We have kept the site private to protect your pictures. Check it out to see the latest photos from the Commanders Ball 2014!



February's Casino night was an unmitigated success with tens of thousands of dollars changing hands. In one hand, hot shot Black Jack player Dawn Jacobs netted \$10,000. Many thanks go to Michael Hughes, Sherry and Dave Ehrbar, Jan Jacobs, Lucy Grosz and West Marine for their generous donations to the prizes which were won by infamous gamblers: Fred Card, Jan Jacobs, Laura Williams, Joyce Mattis, Lucy Grosz,

A Message From Your District Flag Committee

Many districts of USPS have adopted a distinctive flag to identify themselves and their squadrons' members. A district flag is an association flag, not a club burgee, and is not to be worn on a vessel without a squadron burgee. The flag must be rectangular and must display the district number prominently as either a number (e.g., "4", "D/4" or "IV") or as a graphic depiction (e.g., 4 stars.) Designs should be simple and bold so as to be distinguishable at a distance. It is preferable that the flag have a pattern that reads correctly from both sides. For maximum recognition, other wording should be held to a minimum.

Color combinations should be selected from the standard basic colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, white and black. Intricate designs and a multitude of colors should be avoided from the standpoint of costs of manufacturing and reproduction on printed matter. A district flag should not contain a spelled name. Its motif should be based on the district's number, some local geographic or historic feature or in some other way reflect the district's area of operation.

If you have an idea, please submit a digital image of the design, with an accurate portrayal of colors. A gold band along each side of the fly of the flag should be present representing 50 years. District 29 consists of 8 squadrons with over 1100 members.

Need some inspiration? Visit the International Burgee Registry at www.burgees.com Submit your ideas electronically no later than June 15th to District Administrative Officer Robert DuBray at brit1005@frontier.com Judging will be held at the July 4th Summer Council Meeting. Questions? Contact D/Lt/C DuBray at 419-433-3054.

Sherry Ehrbar, Tom Norman, Debbie Smith and Pat Parker. As testified by Jim and Jane Jenkins, 'A Good Time Was Had By All' (AGTWHBA). No photographs were taken at this meeting, in accordance with our plans to keep this floating gambling establishment out of view from authorities and to protect the losers!

St. Patrick's Day festivities were moved to March 17th (Duh!) in order to assure that there was no conflict with the Commander's Ball. Reporting on the annual Ehrbar classic will be reported next month so that participants have the opportunity to get their stories straight!

April will be our Progressive Dinner which is currently being planned! Mark your calendar for April 26th.



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