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Join your squadron mates for our

CRUISE-RENDEZVOUS ROUND-UP & PARROT HEAD PARTY

Thursday, April 2, 2015

**Winking Lizard Crosswoods
100 Hutchinson Avenue
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Come dressed in your favorite island wear and learn about all of the cruises & rendezvous planned for the upcoming boating season. There will be prizes for the best island apparel!!!

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7:00 PM Dinner and Island Apparel Awards**

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**RSVP to John McCarty by Monday, March 30th at
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No Shows Will Be Billed



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

MARCH

24	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ
24	Tuesday	Seamanship Course begins
25	Wednesday	Electronic Navigation Course begins

APRIL

2	Thursday	Dinner Meeting
5	Sunday	Easter Day
6	Monday	May <i>Galley Gossip</i> info due
12	Sunday	Marion Dinner 5pm @ HQ
19	Sunday	Vessel Safety Meeting
28	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting

MAY

7	Thursday	Dinner Meeting
10	Sunday	Mother's Day
11	Monday	June <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due
14	Thursday	Practical Marine Engine Maintenance Seminar
15	Friday	Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day
16-22	Sat.-Fri.	SAFE BOATING WEEK
16-17	Sat.-Sun.	Vessel Safety Exams - Hoolenback Ramp 8am-1pm
16	Saturday	Ready Set Wear It Photo @ Hollenback Ramp 10am - ALL INVITED - BRING LIFEJACKETS
19	Tuesday	Central Ohio Safe Boating Council Meeting 6PM @ HQ
23	Saturday	Grandview Heights Memorial Day Parade & Cookout 9am-???
26	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr John Seaver, JN



March was a busy Month! The new bridge had their first Executive Committee meeting in February and March is looming, but a great deal of progress on a new approach to marketing is underway. Thanks to the Marketing Committee and The Fannon's for their speedy work on our first attempt at focused postcard marketing to registered central Ohio boaters. There is no shortage of ideas or talent in our squadron.

The Members at Large 'in-touch' program is underway. These officers will be calling you monthly with an invitation to the dinner meetings and present any other pertinent information to you. Please be sure to look for their call and share with them any input, ideas or feedback to improve the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron.

The District 29 Spring Conference consisted of much work by many in our squadron. The Sea Gals created the beautiful table center pieces that were a hit. Some went home with squadron members, the wait-staff put a couple in the hotel fountain (they were still afloat the next day) and some were recycled for our Squadron 75th Anniversary party and Commanders Ball. Ed Mack, Bob Van der Wissel, Phil Osborne, Tom Norman and others greeted the attendees at the check-in desk; Julie and Bill Mohrman, Mike Hudson, Michael



Hughes and Mari Seaver conducted a 'Partner in Command' seminar; kids and adults had a splashing time at the diving seminar; and the Conference itself was extremely well coordinated by Angie and Don Delewese. I will apologize in advance for those I missed, but our squadron pulled together with the District Bridge to host a great conference.

The CSPS 75th Anniversary Party and Commander's Ball was an entertaining affair at the 94th Aero Squadron. Everyone had enjoyed the photo montage that ran for the night. Many pictures from past cruises and rendezvous, dinner meetings, change of watches and commanders balls donned the screen. There was much oohing and awing at the memorabilia table. Old photos, *Galley Gossips* from 50 years ago and event programs from yesteryear were available to view. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a blast that was better with your participation.



Come for the Education . . . Stay for the FriendsSM

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

L/C Julie Mohrman, AP



Besides May flowers and warmer weather, spring also brings us Safe Boating Week May 16-22. The week kicks off on Friday, May 15 with "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day". Join your colleagues, peers, and friends around the world in demonstrating how easy it is to wear a life jacket – even at work! Just prior to National Safe Boating Week and the sixth-annual "Ready, Set, Wear It!" event being held on May 16, we are asking you to take a photo of yourself wearing your life jacket at work! Don't forget to post your photo on the "Ready, Set, Wear It!" Facebook wall (www.Facebook.com/ReadySetWearIt) or email to outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org for others to see that you "Wear It!" at work. So put on your life jacket that day and wear it with pride!

This year we will be holding Vessel Safety Examinations at Alum Creek State Park's Hollenback Ramp on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 from 8 AM to 1 PM. All Vessel Safety Examiners are asked come out and help. We need both Examiners and helpers as we will be handing out drinks for the public. I am not a Vessel Examiner you say, well it just so happens that our own John Pruitt will be conducting an Examiner Training at headquarters on Sunday April 19th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. If you are so inclined, it's easy to become one



of the "red shirts" so come on in and get certified. Get a jump ahead of this training by reading the manual and taking the open book test online. See the VSE Wanted article in this edition.

In addition on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 AM we will be trying to set yet another new world record with the "Ready, Set, Wear It!" photo in conjunction with the U.S. Corp of Army Engineers at the Hollenback Boat Ramp at Alum

Creek State Park. Bring your life vest with you that morning and participate in the group picture. Pictures will be taken simultaneously around the United States to be combined for a new world's record for wearing life vests. In 2014 there were 175 photo events worldwide with 6,973 participants which included 49 dogs!

Be safe and help spread the word about the good things we do on the water.

April is almost here and the days are just flying by. It won't be long until the boats are all in the water. First, I would like to thank everyone that attended the Commander's Ball and the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron's 75th anniversary party. It seemed like everyone had a great time, I know Terri and I did. Photos from the Commander's Ball and also from the District 29 conference will be uploaded to the Shutterfly sites (both squadron and district). If you have photos to contribute or just want to access the sites, please send me an email and I will help get you setup.

April is going to be a busy month. We are starting it off with our Rendezvous Round-up and Parrot head party at the



Winking Lizard on April 2nd. Come dressed in your best island wear and learn about all of the rendezvous' this year.

Lt. Katrina Seaver, our new Co-Chair for Youth Activities, is hosting a youth party at the Seaver's house on Friday, April 10th from 6:30p-9:30p with pizza and video games. RSVP's should be sent to kseaver02@gmail.com

Please let John Daulton or I know of any ideas or requests you have for upcoming meetings. We have had some good suggestions so far and are looking forward to bringing you some interesting meetings.

As the year goes on, you will notice that I am not much of a writer; my updates will normally be short. I do like quotes though, and have been looking for good nautical ones.

If a man is to be obsessed by something, I suppose a boat is as good as anything, perhaps a bit better than most.

—E.B. White

Riverboat to get New Life



Lookout Mountain provides the perfect backdrop near Moccasin Bend on the Tennessee River.

The 88-year-old *Delta Queen* left Chattanooga Sunday, March 22, for repairs in New Orleans, pushed by the tugboat *J.W. Herron*. Melissa Fannon, wife of Lt David Fannon, JN, along with about 300 other passengers, escorted the sternwheeler on the *Southern Belle* riverboat as far as Williams Island. Melissa was in the Scenic City for a bridal shower, and was happy to have the chance to participate in the historic occasion with her daughter, sister, and niece. After a calliope concert, a balloon release, and much whistle-blowing, the *Delta Queen* continued on its way downstream. You can see more about the *Delta Queen* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5xk6x8DPeY> and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9k3bSLtj_0

App: Google Sky Map
Cost: Free
OS: Android 1.6 or Higher

Sky Map uses GPS data to locate and/or identify celestial bodies. Users simply hold their Android device towards the heavens and Sky Map identifies objects such as stars, constellations, planets, meteor showers and the horizon. This app is perfect for United States Power Squadron members working towards Junior Navigation or those who simply enjoy stargazing. I enjoy using Sky Map in the *Night Vision* mode during late night cruises on Lake Erie.

Sky Map includes additional features such as *Hubble Gallery* replete with photos of nebulae and galaxies immediately located in the sky with the touch of a button.

Multitudes of similar apps are available for both Android and Apple devices. Go to **Google Play Store** or **Apple App Store** and search for "Sky Map".



Sky Map by John Daulton



Education is rocking right now! The Weather course is wrapping up and Marine Electrical Systems is finished – with John Daulton passing and results from Jr. Navigation pending. Navigation, Seamanship and the new Marine Electronic Navigation courses are starting in March, check the web page for more details.

During the Squadron Education Officer meeting at the Spring District 29 Conference, I had the opportunity to share the changes we implemented with our America's Boating Course this year. Everyone was very interested in our "hands on" four-station approach. Columbus members should be very proud of the effort, energy and quality of the instruction given with each of our courses.

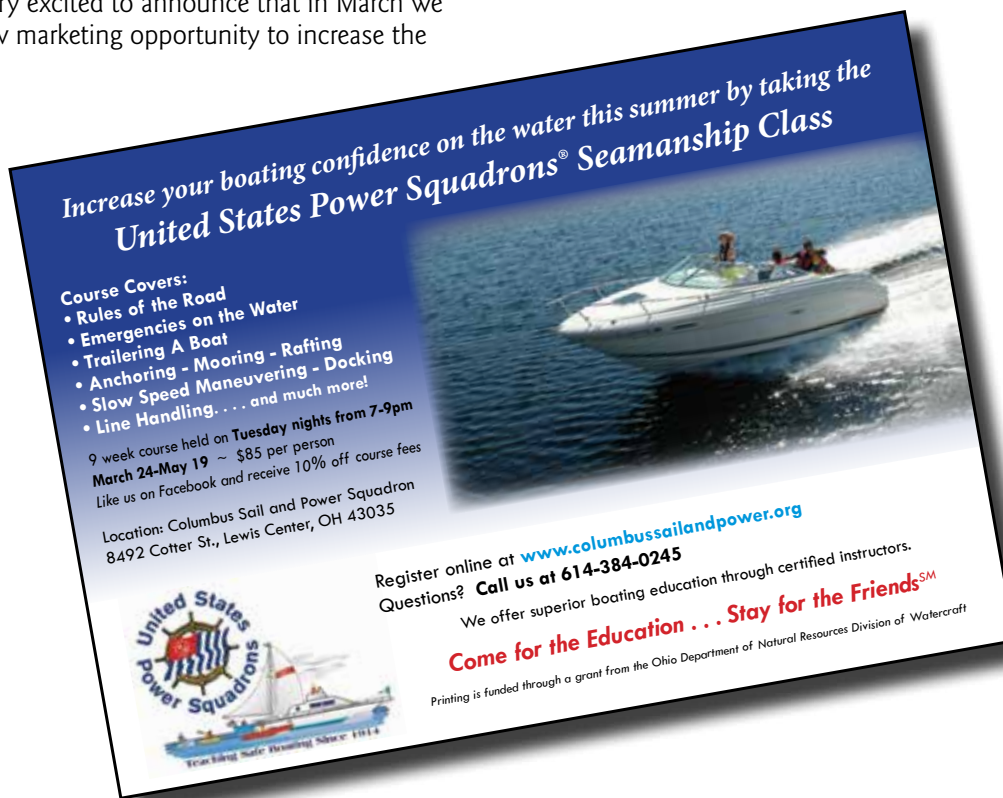
We are also very excited to announce that in March we are exploring a new marketing opportunity to increase the



awareness of our educational course offerings to the public. We mailed approximately 4500 post cards to a focused audience for the upcoming Seamanship course. Thank you to all the individuals who worked quickly to develop this new marketing strategy and implement the plan in a very short period. We hope to see positive results from this effort.

Below is a copy of the

Seamanship marketing postcard.



2015 Educational Courses

Register for all these courses and read a complete description on our website found at www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab. All classes will be held at CSPA Headquarters unless otherwise noted. Weekday classes and seminars begin at 7pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early on your first night to complete the registration process.

Cruise Planning (P Jackson)
Navigation (Hankle)
Seamanship (Hudson/various)
Electronic Navigation (Lowe)

Mondays 3/2 – 5/4
Wednesdays 3/18 – 6/3
Tuesdays 3/24 – 5/19
Wednesdays 3/25 – 5/13

member \$50/non-member \$80
member \$175/non-member \$205
member \$55/non-member \$85
member \$65/non-member \$85

SEMINARS:

Practical Marine Electrical Maintenance Wednesday 3/4
Practical Marine Engine Maintenance Thursday 5/14

\$20 per person @ HQ
\$20 per person @ HQ



Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Minutes of the Executive Committee 24 February 2015

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

Cdr. John Seaver, JN 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 Julie Mohrman, AP.

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

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr. John Seaver, JN; Executive Officer Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP; Administrative Officer Lt/C John McCarty, AP; Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, AP; P/C Bill Mohrman, AP; Lt Bob Goelz; Lt Eldon Hall, Jr., AP; Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P; P/D/LtC Larry Lowe, SN; Lt Jana Mack, S; Lt Mary Rayburn, S; Lt Scott Shaw.

Also present: P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN; P/C Harold Beidel, SN; D-A/O William Lehner, SN; P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN; P/C Dave Canale, P; P/C Robert Prior, P; Lt Tracy Garrett, S; Lt John Daulton, S; Lt Michael T Hughes, AP.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Commander John Seaver, JN:

Cdr. Seaver encouraged registration for the D29 Spring District Conference in Columbus. Secretary Ron Hupman and member at large Ruthie Kubinski were sworn in as they had missed the Change of Watch. The winter conference in Ada was attended by XO, AO, SEO and Commander. The agenda for calls by the MAL calling committee should include the D29 seminars and scuba event and the Commander's Ball and 75th anniversary event.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S:

The ABC class was very successful with 28 students. Eight attended the charting seminar. The Sailing class has been cancelled due to no participants.

Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, AP:

Financial reports were distributed and reviewed. Ed reported on updated dues information from national, including the one-time fee for new members. The check for the new ODNR grant has arrived.

Executive Officer Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP: Boat Show

- The boat show season has concluded for Columbus for 2015
- Continuing to look for Boat Show Chair and Committee to begin plans for 2016.

Public Relations

- Tracy Garrett has agreed to be PR Chair for 2016, however she needs help. Please contact either her or myself, if you are interested in volunteering some time towards PR.
- New this year to PR will be Social Media.
- Many changes this year in the PR area with National's new USPS Branding Standards Manual. This will affect many areas of our squadron both internally and externally, ie. website, communications, printed materials, social media, *Galley Gossip*, boat show and Ship Store – clothing and name tags. CSPS has until September 2015 to comply with these new standards. The PR committee will be meeting this Thursday, Feb 26 at 7:00 PM at Headquarters to plan out this year's PR activities and review the new standards. Please come and join us if you are interested or would like to have any input.



Safe Boating Week Plans

- April 19 – 5:30 PM – Vessel Safety Examiners meeting – CSPS headquarters
- 16 May – 22 May
- 15 May – Wear your life jacket to work day – upload photos on Facebook
- 16 May & 17 May – 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Vessel Safety – Alum Creek Reservoir – Hollenback Ramp
 - o Any plans for food or water for the Public?
- 16 May – 10:00 AM – Ready, Set, Wear It! Photo – Bring your life vest and participate!
 - o Banner?

Central Ohio Safe Boating Council Meeting

- Orange Boom over Alum & Lighted Boat Parade– Saturday, July 4, 2015.
 - o This will be co-chaired this year with CSPS and ACSA – CSPS P/C David Canale; ACSA – TBD
 - o ODNR (Jeff Baker) – Paddle Palooza – June 7th – Alum Creek – 3 or 4 more to be scheduled throughout the state this summer.
 - o ACRC – has a new facility at Alum adjacent to the ACSA club facilities.
 - o 2015 Delaware Dam painting – joint project with USACE & CSPS scheduled for June 30th this year. With rain on scheduled for July 1. Would like to have this completed before July 4th.
 - o Annual Memorial Day Parade Grandview Heights – Sat May 23 – with a potluck picnic at Michael & Tracy's following.
 - o There was no report on the Div of Parks Local Capital Improvements for 2015-2016. Nor Div of Parks updates – Steve Harvey was absent.
 - o Div of Watercraft update – Jeff Baker – Division of watercraft personnel for this region stretched very thin for the 2015 season. Approximately 17 waterways and only 6 patrol officers.

D-29 Winter Council Meeting

- Attended D-29 Winter Council in Ada OH on Feb 8 2015.
- Discussion at the National Level on revamping the dues structure in the future due to declining and aging membership
- D-29 looking at other means of conducting meetings in the future, in lieu of face to face meeting.
 - o Webinars, Webex, Conference calls are possible alternatives
- Summer Council will be joint District 29 & District 7 – July 31 & August 1 at Middle Bass Island.
 - o Docks are available thru ODNR on the ODNR website.
 - o If you don't have a boat – Miller's Ferry can get you to the Island.
- New Ohio License Plate – United States Power Squadron – see info being passed around
 - o \$15.00 of sale of each plate goes back to the 4 USPS Ohio district's Educational Fund

D-29 Spring Conference

- Columbus Marriott Northwest, Dublin OH – March 6, 7 and 8th.

Administrative Officer Lt/C John McCarty, AP:

The Commander's Ball will be March 14 at The 94th Aero Squadron beginning at 5:30. The Christmas Party will be on December 4. The Lake Cumberland rendezvous has been cancelled due to weather damage at the lake.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S:

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



Immediate Past Commander, P/C William Mohrman, AP

Reported on the meeting of the Central Ohio Safe Boating Council

Members at Large Reports:

Lt Bob Goelz- He is pleased with the new members from the ABC class.

P/C Larry Lowe, SN – Has called the 12 members on his list. Three phones have been disconnected. Should we survey members about the starting time of dinner meetings?

Lt Mary Rayburn, S – It is Bob Rayburn's birthday. She brought cake.

Committee Reports

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee: No report

Audit Committee: No report

Rules Committee: No report

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Planning Committee: P/C David Canale, P; D/A/O Bill Lehner, SN – Thanks to David Canale for cleaning HQ.

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN- Coastie has been painted but needs new voice synthesizer. Exterior lights outside HQ are not working. Emails and phone calls have gone to the responsible party. Reportedly an electrical contractor has been hired to re-route the circuit but no progress. P/C Canale will look into it.

Supply Officer: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – The new USPS Branding Standards were discussed. Merchandise is being evaluated to determine the impact of the new standards. Recommendations will be made at the next meeting.

Sea Gals: Cdr. Martha Beidel – Harold Beidel reported that a good time was had at the Casino Night. A St. Patrick's Day party will be at the Ehrbar's.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Technical Committee: Lt Michael Hudson, P, Lt/C John Seaver, JN – A web page meeting is pending. John McCarty reported that we don't own our domain name and need to get it transferred to us. Email options are being researched.

Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack, AP; Ed and P/V/C Joe Mesenberg, SN had a conference with Morgan Stanley and recommended leaving the investments as is.

Boat Shows: P/C William Mohrman, AP – We are looking for a chair and new ideas.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett, S – Calendar has been created for 2015-16. Dates that need some discussion

§ Aug 25th ECOM (4th Tues) is during the USPS Fall meeting in Calif.

§ Aug 18th (3rd Tues) is COSBC here

§ ?? August Meeting

§ Dec ECOM 22nd (4th Tues) or 15th (3rd Tues)

Marketing and Branding update from USPS

§ Much change is coming from USPS

§ Branding manual leads the way from website, newsletter, social media, clothing, name tags and more

§ New slogan replaces all other slogans from the past "Come for the boating education, stay for the friends.

§ Words to drop – safety, USPS, HQ,

§ Words to use – boating skills, United States Power Squadrons, headquarters

§ Sept is the deadline to complete these changes

Marketing and PR update from CSPA

§ Holding monthly marketing meetings beginning this Thursday

§ Committee will include all aspects of marketing from newsletter, website and external PR

§ Move forward with marketing CSPA in future years

Galley Gossip News

§ Changes to newsletter will be implemented this summer during non-printing season

§ We will conform to the guidelines of USPS

§ Looking for a program that can search docs and blur specifics (email, phone #) so we can put a version of the GG on the front page

§ If not available, will be required to create a second GG with less info.

The August and December Ecom meetings will be changed to 8/18 and 12/15.

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent. The data is the responsibility of each squadron member to keep updated but the calling committee can check it.

Boating Activities: Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP: List of rendezvous will be in the April GG.

Old Business:

The questions of document retention and HQ storage were tabled for discussion at a later meeting.

New Business:

There was discussion about some reimbursement to the Scioto Boat Club for the use of their building for the ABC class. Michael Hughes motioned that we provide a monetary reimbursement plus 4 vouchers for classes or seminars, a certificate of appreciation and a burgee. 2nd by David Canale; passed. Cdr. Seaver will contact Wade Grosz to discuss this before any action is taken.

Ed Mack has talked with our insurance carrier regarding other groups using headquarters. In general, if the group's purpose and function is similar to ours, we are covered but for a more diverse group we should require a certificate of insurance.

The SOPs and By-Laws need to be examined and updated. A meeting will be scheduled.

Comments from Guests

P/C Prior reported on the donated outdrive cut-away. A plaque will be attached to it designating the donor.

Sick Bay:

Fred Card – Being treated for a brain tumor

Debbie Murphy – Hip surgery

Jane Clark

Announcements:

Next ECOM meeting is March 24

The meeting was adjourned at 2055.

**A-1 Trailer & Hitch, located at
5812 Columbus Pike (US Rt 23N) in
Lewis Center is offering an early spring
trailer wheel bearing repack/replace
special for \$35. This includes all parts
and materials. Contact owner Roger at
614-389-4614 and mention this
fishing expo special!**

A Sailor's Signs of Spring

By Dick Sorensen, JN

It must be the re-alignment of the earth's magnetic field that causes me to walk around a deserted boatyard in February. I've racked my brains trying to determine what other of nature's influences could cause me to drive to Port Clinton and start wandering around Brands Marina while those winter winds are freezing all of my extremities. Do I have the same DNA as those Monarch butterflies that suddenly rise-up from that 4 acre patch of Mexico and start their journey northward? Or is my blood like the sap that begins to rise in Sugar Maple trees? Without rhyme or reason I need to get to the water; so I head north.

I became a boatyard groupie young. I'm attracted to all kinds and even worked in one. I like them all. I just wander them and study the silent boats accompanied with the smells of stale water, the cold sting of the winter wind, the song of the gulls. But most of all I just like looking at the boats. Marinas have lots of different types because the owners pack them tighter than a Victoria Secret's Push-Up Bra.

Boatyards hold lots of dreams. Boats are objects of man's desire to survive and thrive on the water. Yet, they are immovable objects. Empty shells of fiberglass, wood, exotic metals and protected with paint, varnish and wax yet they are filled to capacity with the hopes and dreams of their owners.

The boats resting on cradles remind me of dinosaur skeletons. Full of latent energy, but absolutely unable to move....no muscle, no skin, no heartbeat...no life at all. Like nautical 'tiki' statues. Yet, I remember them alive with movement in their natural element; struggling against their dock lines, bobbing with the waves, rigging creaking, water lapping against the hull. How weird it is to see these wonderful creations of man's desire to be on the water posed in their winter time 'freeze' poses.

Like most winter-weather-mentally-ravaged Ohioans, I search for signs of spring. I know it is going to arrive because 'I believe,' yet at times I'm so in the dumps my faith is shaken and lies quivering in the dark recesses of my brain. But I know that in a few short weeks the first harbingers of spring will arrive. Not in the shape and form of a crocus, daffodil, nor the tiny little snowdrops pushing upward through a snow bank but in the arrival of a single car. It will snuggle up close to a boat and one will see a hardy soul pushing his head up through the canvas, grabbing his tool bag to start on his fitting-out list. He is my daffodil!

You can track the northward progress of the Monarch's on your computer or you can use my method. Head off to your marina, park at the entrance and count the cars! The more cars the closer the spring! Easy.



Dick Sorensen has just started his third attempt at mastering USPS Navigation course. He would appreciate it if you'd light a candle and say a prayer for Roger Hankle, the instructor.

Vessel Safety Examiners Wanted

Before the boats are back in the water, why not use this down time to become qualified as a Vessel Safety Examiner? This program will begin its 16th year in conjunction with ODNR Watercraft and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is an enjoyable, worthwhile program, and who knows how many lives have been saved because of everyone's efforts nationwide.

This is an invitation to join us for the upcoming year and beyond. We currently have about 15 examiners, and have completed as many as 185 Vessel Safety Checks in a summer. I will be offering an Examiner class tentatively Sunday, 19 April from 1730-1930 at headquarters. However, you can be way ahead by reviewing the material online at the National Website www.usps.org.

Follow the drop-down menus: Locate Things, Site Navigation, Executive, Vessel Safety Check, and then on the left side margin you can download the VSC manual. After reviewing the manual, you can access online tests in this same area of the website (you can take practice tests, just don't submit them until you are confident of your knowledge). The tests are open-book.

We will have several scheduled events throughout the boating season, starting with the kick-off of National Safe Boating Week May 16th. These events take place at Alum Creek Lake, Buckeye Lake (actual dates to follow), various marinas on Lake Erie, and anywhere you choose to conduct Vessel Safety Checks. This is a great way to meet fellow boaters, inform them of what is necessary to be safety-compliant on the water, and promote our Squadron.

Please let Vessel Safety Check Chairman John Pruitt know if you are interested in attending. You can email him at jmepruitt@prodigy.net or by calling (614) 216-5203.

IT'S HERE !



The United States Power Squadrons license plate is now available through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Support your squadron's education department by purchasing your plates upon renewal. The customer may choose to support recreational boating skills and safety by purchasing a United States Power Squadrons license plate. The voluntary contributions (\$15.00) for these plates helps support safe boating through education.



MARION P.S. MEMBERS

It is with a sad note that we report the Marion Power Squadron is disbanding due to limited member participation. The following people are transferring their membership to the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. Please make them welcome when you see them!

P/D/C Phil Osborne & Ruth Wilcox (welcome back!)

P/C Karen & Jim Ruth

P/D/C Ralph & Lois Behner

Mike & Carol Burtch

Charles Groll

Don & Sandra Novatny

Matthew Scheff

Rod & Diane Cooper

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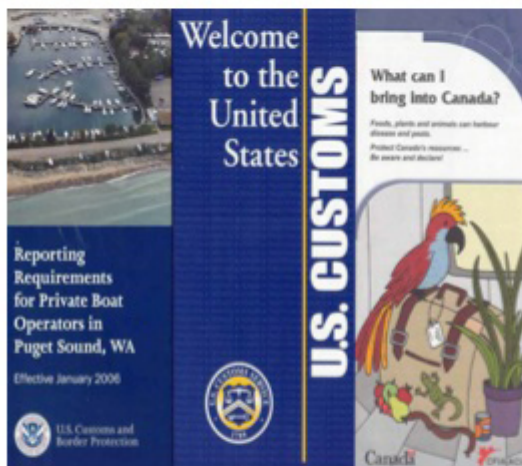
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USPS WEBINAR - - CROSSING BORDERS

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The cruising season is about to start for this year. The United States has over 95,000 miles of coastline and 350 ports of entry. Many of these ports and a portion of the coastline are shared with our immediate neighbors, Canada. Additionally, in the southeast, it is a short transit to the Bahamas and to other island nations in the Caribbean Sea.



The objective of this webinar is to introduce boaters to the process of moving between countries by private boat. The webinar explains the immigration and customs process and the programs that enable boaters to easily cross into Canada and the Bahamas. This webinar will help you prepare by having the correct documents; we can help you get there.

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Did we miss your birthday? If so, go to www.usps.org Click on "Site Index" at the very top; click "Information Center" in the list; then on "Manage Your Profile". You can update your entire record here (email, boat, spouse, phone numbers). This also helps up keep our roster current. NOTE: Your DOB will not be listed on the roster.

CSPS 2015 Cruise & Rendezvous Listing

MAY 7 Dinner Meeting & Ice Breaker – Join us at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club for our Annual Ice Breaker Dinner Meeting. This is the kickoff to the summer fun season!

MAY 16-17 Sat/Sun – Kickoff Safe Boating Week with Vessel Safety Inspections at Hollenback ramp Alum Creek State Park 8am-1pm. Come talk to boaters and help pass out cold drinks.

MAY 16 Ready, Set, Wear It! Photo Op – Bring the family (including the dog) along with your life jackets and help set the world record at 10am Hollenback ramp.

MAY 23 Grandview Heights Memorial Day & Cookout Come for the parade and stay for the fun. Get involved in safe boating with our 7th 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. Parade watchers can walk 5 doors away and wave as we go by. Then stay for the cookout around 11:30am at Oakland Ave Yacht Club. Meat, table service and drinks provided. Please bring a dish to share. 9am-? RSVP so we know how many chairs to get out. Host: Michael Hughes, Tracy Garrett & Charlotte Mohr 614-488-4758 mtbuckets@aol.com

JUNE 20 Larry's Lunch-Hook – Depending on the wind direction the day of, we will meet either 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 afterglowel5570@gmail.com

JUNE 26-28 Pittsburgh Fun – Drive about 3 ¼ hrs from C'bus to Fredericktown Pa. Launch boats at Greene Cove Marina; plenty of vehicle safety. Stay in Fredericktown area Thursday & Saturday nights. Friday morning head to Pittsburgh through the locks and spend the night. Return to Greene Cove on Saturday for a scheduled night of fun. Sunday boat the area, perhaps travel to Morgantown WV or return to Columbus. Hosts: Joe & Linda Huffman 614-889-9696 joes442@sbcglobal.net

JULY 4th Orange Boom Over Alum Lighted Boat Parade - Columbus SPS along with the Alum Creek Sailing Assoc will co-

ordinate the lighted boat parade before the fireworks begin. Plan how to decorate your boat. We meet outside the break wall of the marina and make our way to the beach area to show our spirit. Watch for fliers at the Marina area. David Canale 614-323-6040 davidcanale4u@yahoo.com

JULY 18-25 NY Finger Lakes Event - Enjoy a weeklong trip through the scenic waters of the New York Finger Lakes. There are wineries on the water and super fishing charters that can be retained for some spectacular fishing. Be sure to get on the email list for all the stops, hotels, etc. A trip not to be missed.

Host: Ron Lavelly 614-595-1762 ronlavelly@yahoo.com

JULY 30-AUGUST 1st Districts 29 & 7 Joint Conference – Middle Bass Island Dockage should be booked ASAP – 6 months in advance of the event. Middle Bass Yacht Club is an option for members. Contact Phil Osborne for more information 740 625-5612 Posborne2@aol.com

AUGUST 15 The Canale's Summer Fling @ Alum Creek State Park – Come out early, go for a swim, enjoy some tubing and play at the beach. Then a possible Steak Fry? Host: David Canale 614-323-6040 davidcanale4u@yahoo.com

SEPT 4-7 Huron Labor Day Land & Sea Cruise – Ron has been hosting this trip for 15 years. But after attending it last year without his boat and staying in a hotel next to the marina, he had so much fun he decided to host it again. If you do not have a Lake Erie boat or don't want to trailer, join the group staying at the hotel. There will be plenty of boats to ride on. Host: Ron Lavelly 614-595-1762 ronlavelly@yahoo.com

SEPT 24-27 Lake Cumberland Boatel – Rent houseboats but stay at the docks. Bring a few power boats for lake play. (at this time, this event has been cancelled due to the tremendous amount of snow/rain damage from the late February storm. If this event comes back online, we will let you know.) Hosts: The Mohrman's

Help Wanted! ■ We are looking for volunteers!!

Boat Show Chairperson & Assistants — Hey membership we are need of your help for the 2016 Boat Show. Columbus Sail & Power Squadron is looking for new, fresh and innovative ideas for next year's Boat Show. We are need of a Boat Show Chairperson and several assistants that work on this project over the next 10 months. This would include organization, booth layout, design and activities for the public during the show to promote Columbus Sail and Power Squadron both as an organization and our public boating classes.

Public Relations Chairperson — Hey membership we are need of your help for the Public Relations Department. After eight years of Tracy Garrett's tireless work in the Columbus Sail & Power Squadron PR Department, she is asking for help. We are need of a person or persons to oversee and manage our PR department. Working with a number of assistants to promote Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. This would include promoting our classes, rendezvous, dinner meetings and other activities to both the squadron and the general public.

If you have interest in volunteering in either of these positions, please contact Lt/C Julie Mohrman at 614-581-4814 or jemohrman@mindspring.com.

TechSoup's 5 Basic Things to Protect Privacy

— Jim Lynch

Around 15 million people in the U.S. experience identity theft each year with financial losses totaling over \$50 billion. It's not our imagination. The risks of being on the Internet are increasing. There are a few simple things we can and should do to protect our online privacy:

Secure Our Smartphones

Now that we can use our phones to make credit card purchases, do online banking, email our doctors, and store lots of personal information, it's probably time to take few precautions. Smartphone users are 33 percent more likely to experience identity theft than people without them.

Set up a strong screen-lock passcode to secure a phone, preferably one that is longer than just four numbers. The four-number passcodes are easily hacked. I like Consumer Reports' two-minute video on how to set a strong smartphone password. Well over half of smartphone owners don't password protect their phones at all.

Use public WiFi sparingly. Eavesdroppers can easily hijack account information traveling over those networks. PC World has a great article about what they can get. Smartphone and tablet users are far more likely to use unsecured WiFi than laptop users. Instead use the phone's 3G or 4G data plan, which is much more secure.

For those of us who especially value our privacy, turn off the phone's location tracking feature until it's needed for something like getting driving directions.

Don't Overshare on Social Media

Most social media is free. To reiterate Andrew Lewis' MetaFilter dictum, "If you're not paying for something, you're not the customer; you're the product being sold." The information we reveal about ourselves on Facebook, Google+, Twitter, and all the rest is being harvested, packaged, and used for targeted marketing and who knows what else. It's simply the business model now for all social media. Have a quick look at the Facebook Data Use Policy. They lay it out pretty plainly.

The sensible precaution? We shouldn't overshare and shouldn't say or display anything we don't want to be perfectly public. Social media is not the place for private conversations. The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recommends that we treat our personal information like cash.

Use Strong Passwords

Most or all of us feel like we're drowning in passwords. We need one to get in to lots of websites, our email, social media - everywhere. Here are a few precautions for keeping passwords safe. First a list of things to avoid:

- +Don't keep passwords on sticky notes or on scraps of paper — keep passwords out of plain sight.

- + Don't use the same password for many accounts. If it's stolen from us, or from a website we use — it can be used to unlock our lives.

- +Don't share passwords on the phone, in texts, or by email. Legitimate companies will not send any messages asking for a password.

Now some things we should do:

- +Change our passwords from time to time, especially our work logins, and change them if we hear that a website we use has been hacked, like what happened recently with the Heartbleed bug.

- +The longer the password, the tougher it is to crack. Ten character passwords are good; twelve characters are even better.

- + Mix letters, numbers, and special characters. Try to be unpredictable — don't use our name, birthdate, common words (foreign or domestic), or the name of our beloved pet. One option is to try out free password strength checking websites like Password Strength Checker or How Secure Is My Password?

- +Consider an online password manager like PasswordSafe, LastPass, or KeePass. These maintain a secure and encrypted username and password list. Each of them has a freeware version. I like my colleague, Dulcey Bower's, entertaining piece about trying them out, Password Herding in Less than 10: Getting Started.

Beware of Social Engineers

Social engineering, as it's called in information security, is someone calling us on the phone to trick us into disclosing personal information and login details for our organizations. It's also called pretexting. Famed hacker Kevin Mitnick, in his memoir, *Ghost in the Wires*, revealed that persuading people to do things for him like emailing him some company source code was one of his most effective information theft tools. He researched his targets ahead of time so he could sound convincing by "using the correct terminology and lingo that they expected." Social engineers are basically con artists. They can also pose in-person in our offices as maintenance people or contractors.

TechSoup's recommendation is to be skeptical about anyone asking for any passwords or account information — unless we know them well personally. Also, as previously mentioned, don't leave post-its or scraps of paper with passwords on them lying around.

Keep Your Software Updated

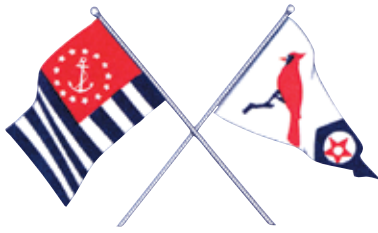
One of the big annual high tech conferences is DEF CON. It attracts hackers from all over the world. Hacking is a massive industry. Information thieves find new ways to break the security features in our software on both our computers and mobile devices.

Software makers create updates pretty frequently to patch these security holes as they discover them. Essentially every update is more secure from hacking than the previous update.

The most important software to update on our devices is the software we use every day like our operating systems (for example, Windows, Apple, or Android), antivirus or anti-malware, browsers, office suites, Java, Adobe Reader, and Flash. Important software on our devices usually alerts us when an upgrade is available. TechSoup's recommendation is to update when we get the alerts. Don't postpone updating. The FCC also recommends that we use security software that updates automatically.

Windows XP - One of the biggest security risks currently is Windows XP, which cannot be patched or updated. Microsoft ended support for Windows XP in April 2014, but it is still the world's second most popular operating system. Millions of PCs worldwide are still on it. The most pressing software update is to upgrade from XP to a supported operating system like Windows 7 or Windows 8.1. I recommend our webinar recording, *Beyond XP: Upgrading Windows Operating Systems*.

I hope you get a few useful nuggets of information from these basic recommendations to protect privacy.



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