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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

December

2	Tuesday	2015 Cruise & Rendezvous Planning Meeting at HC
6	Saturday	Christmas Dinner at La Scala
9	Tuesday	January <i>Galley Gossip</i> info due
12	Friday	Sea Gals Party (see report on page 9)
16	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting at HQ - 7pm
25	Thursday	Christmas Day
31	Wednesday	New Years Eve - BE SAFE!

January 2015

8	Thursday	Dinner Meeting & Elections
10-18	Sat-Sun	Boat & RV Show at Fairgrounds PLEASE VOLUNTEER
12	Monday	February <i>Galley Gossip</i> info due
21-24	Weds-Sat	101st USPS Annual Meeting - Hyatt Regency - Jacksonville FL
27	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ HQ - 7pm
31	Saturday	America's Boating Class - Scioto Boat Club 8am-2pm

February

Saturday	America's Boating Course #2
Sunday	District 29 Winter Council Meeting - OH Northern Univ, Ada
Monday	March <i>Galley Gossip</i> info due
Saturday	America's Boating Course #3 TEST DAY
Saturday	CSPS Change of Watch
Saturday	Charting Course 8am-2pm All Hands Needed
Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ
	Sunday Monday Saturday Saturday Saturday

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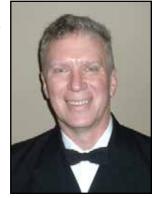
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE Cdr Bill Mohrman, AP



From Wikipedia:

Leadership has been described as "a process of social influence in which one person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task". **Teamwork** is "work done by several associates with each doing a part but all subordinating personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole".



Personally I like their definition of Leadership but not so much

their definition of Teamwork. To me "it takes a Village" better summarizes what it takes to run the Squadron. It is not up to one leader to enlist the aid of individuals, but rather it is all the collective actions of each and every one of us that accomplishes the whole task. In my opinion the Teamwork definition understates the importance of each individual to the whole organization. It is with that thought that I want to thank each and every one of you for your contribution to the squadron. Without each of you, it would not be possible to put on the many dinners, meetings, classes, vessel safety checks, and rendezvous that we have each year. As I look over this year's Merit Mark hour tallies, I am truly humbled by the effort our membership puts into keeping this ship sailing in a true and efficient course.

There are many people in the squadron in many different positions. I cannot say enough about how proud I am to be associated with the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. This

is a fine group of people who are passionate about boating, boat safety, comradery and public service.

As I said earlier "it takes a village". We have a huge task ahead of us with the Ohio RV & Boat show starting January 9 and running through January 18th. This year we have been given a 50' booth that will house Lake CSPS for the remote control model boats for the kid in all of us, as well as our Virtual Boating Simulator. The Virtual Boating Simulator is new to us this year and requires a person to set up the situation scenarios for each user. It is a realistic boating simulator that allows the public can take our 22' center console boat out for a test spin. They can practice docking, maneuvering in close quarters, overtaking or crossing other boats, and many more situational boating conditions. The instructor can vary the wind and tides as well as put the student into a night boating situation. This will require extra CSPS personnel in the booth to run the simulator as well as others to run the remotes and talk to visitors. I am thinking that we need a **minimum** of 4 people in the booth at peak times. I am excited about these new forms of training that we can offer the public at the boat show. However, we need your help in manning the booth this year. So please plan to help us out at the January boat show, especially on the weekends.

Julie and I attended the D/29 Fall Conference and had a great time. It was nice to see old friends and recap our summer's activities. The seminars were quite informative as well as entertaining. I wish a hearty THANK YOU to the members of Findlay Squadron & D/29. As I said before "It takes a Village".

Stay warm and think boating...

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C John Seaver, JN

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As we roll into December and snow is already on the ground, I feel sad about what seemed to be an exceptionally short boating season. To compensate we'll be holding our Rendezvous Planning session a bit earlier this year on December 2nd at HQ. We'll have pizza and desserts to munch on and the soda and Barley Pop will be stocked in the fridge. Bring your plans, ideas and calendars to discuss diverse boating opportunities. Mari and I attended (crashed?) the Sea Gals November dinner event at HQ, there was a great turn-out for a very fun evening. Thanks for having us!

In November, Mari and I had the opportunity to attend the Fall Conference in Findley. There were a number of great seminars, but one broke the mold. USPS has a new boating simulator that is really cool and a number of us from Columbus took turns manning the virtual helm. Be sure to put it in your plans to sign up to staff the booth at the January Boat show and check this out in person or at one of the other opportunities at the ABC course or District meetings.

We are also working with District 29 to plan the Spring Conference, March 6-7, 2015 here in Columbus and the plans I am hearing sound like there will be some excellent seminars



and events. If you haven't attended a conference before, you need to know that they are not just for the bridge to attend. While there is an afternoon business meeting, there are classes and seminars in the morning and other planned activities during the business meeting to keep you well entertained. Katrina doesn't want to miss the Scuba Intro event so if your kids or grand-kids haven't had a chance to try that out, you'll

want to put that on their must-do list. Friday and Saturday evening events are great opportunities to fraternize with other District 29 squadron members, enjoy some entertainment and widen your circle of friends and boating comrades.

A special thanks to John Pruitt, AP, who ran another great year of boat safety inspections. Look for his wrap up article in this month's *Galley Gossip*. We'll see you at the Christmas Party!

Wow – I can hardly believe that the Holiday Season is upon us. It seems like just yesterday we were cleaning and winterizing our boats. December is going to be a very busy month for CSPS.

Last month found us dining at The Spaghetti Warehouse for a very entertaining evening awarding both the Bungle Jug and River Rat Awards to their 2014 recipients. We had quite a number of Honorable Mentions for the awards (perhaps next year,



if you are lucky, you may be one of the recipients!) With our experienced MC for the evening, Lt. Dick Sorenson, we were able to keep the secret of the actual recipients until the Jug and Plaque were unveiled. So with great enthusiasm, I would like to say congratulations to both Lt/C Ron Hupman, 2014 Bungle Jug Award winner and Lt Joe Huffman, 2014 River Rat Award winner! In addition, we had our annual First Mates Game with a star studded line up of members and significant others: Mary

The Galley Gossip
editor, contributors, and
printers wish you
a wonderful
Christmas
season!

SHP'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.

Jane Lauer and Bill Perfect, Lt/C Ed and Lt Jana Mack, Lt Dave and Melissa Fannon, and Lt Bob and Lt Sue Goelz. It is truly amazing what you find out about your first mate vs what you thought you already knew! Thanks to our MC for the game P/C Michael S Hughes and his lovely assistants Lt Tracy Garrett, Charlotte Mohr, Gaige Mohr & Perry Mohr.

On December 2nd at 7:00 PM at CSPS headquarters, the rendezvous planning meeting will be held. We will have pizza, snacks and dessert that evening for anyone who would like to attend. We will be taking our first look at scheduling the rendezvous' we would like to have in the coming summer of 2015. So if you have ideas on a cruise, trip or day event, please let me know. The lead planners of these adventures are always looking for additional assistance in helping plan the fun. So bring your 2015 calendars, ideas and join the fun. We would love to have you participate in this planning meeting.

Also, this month we will dine at La Scala Bistro for our Annual Christmas Dinner & Holiday Party on Saturday, December 6th. The evening will include a lovely meal with cocktails. I have heard rumors that Santa Claus will be coming! So have you been naughty or nice this year? I am sure Santa will be checking his list twice before he arrives... To cap the evening off we will have the judging of our 2nd Annual "Ugliest Holiday Sweater" Contest. This was a huge success last year. We truly had some very original and unique designs. Again this year we will have prizes for the "Most Original Ugliest Male and Female Sweaters". I hope to see everyone there

Looking ahead we have the January 2015 Annual CSPS Elections on Thursday, January 8th. The speaker that evening, John Wargo, with the US Army Corps of Engineers and member of CSPS will to talk about – Boating in January – Accident Investigation.

Last of all, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy Holiday season. As always, think boating and warm weather.

Piloting Class 2014



Front row left to right; Ike Kershaw, John Daulton 2nd row left to right; Vivian Duff, David Kittredge Back Row left to right; Paul King, Instructors; Mike Hudson, Don Delewese

P/C Larry Lowe, SN

It's been twelve years since I have sat in the Squadron Educations Officer's chair, and it is great to be back. I haven't been out of contact with the squadron education activities so I hope to be up to speed in a short time.

This is a busy time of year for the education department and we have many classes and seminars scheduled.

On Wednesday, January 7, 2015 we will be presenting the seminar **HANDS ON BOATING THROUGH THE VIRTUAL TRAINER**. This seminar will not only show you how to dock and undock your boat without losing your gel-coat by using short videos, but you will actually do it on the virtual trainer. Yes, you really have a steering wheel and throttle. Then when you get on the open water, you have trim tabs to operate as you maneuver past other boats.

The **ANCHORING AND STAYING IN PLACE** seminar on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 is another great one. Do you know which anchor is best for you? What size do you use? Is one enough? Come and try the miniature anchors and see for yourself how different anchors act in mud, sand, or gravel. You may be surprised!

If you have a suggestion for a seminar topic, please tell me and I will try my best to get one for you.

The question of the month is: You are boating down a channel you have never been on before and you approach a pole in the water with a board on it. The board is painted with

the top half green and the bottom half red. What is this? What is it telling you? And what do you do? If you know the answers, email them to me at afterglowe 15570@ gmail.com Those who answer correctly will be posted in the January *Galley Gossip* along with the answers.



VHF Radio Legal Tidbits

You need a ship's radio license if: you visit a foreign port including Mexico, the Bahamas, and **Canada**!

You cannot use your VHF radio (handheld or fixed mount) on land.

Never call for aradio check or carry on a conversation on Channel 16.

Do use Channel 68, 69, 71, 72, or 78, to carry on your conversations.

Larry Lowe, SN Squadron Radio Technical Officer (SRTO)

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 CSPS 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.

Seminars will begin in the spring! If you would like to see a specific seminar in the line-up, please contact the education department.

Weather (Sorensen) Tuesdays 1/13/15 - 3/17 member \$70/non-member \$100 **America's Boating Course (various)** Saturdays 1/31 - 2/14 \$50 Scioto Boat Club 8am-2pm includes lunch Marine Electrical Systems (Lowe) Wednesdays 1/21 - 3/11 member \$65/non-member \$95 **Advanced Piloting** (Rayburn/Lowe) Mondays 2/2 – 4/6 member \$70/non-member \$100 Tuesdays 2/3 - 5/5 member \$60/non-member \$90 **Sail** (Spilke/D Jackson) member \$50/non-member \$80 **Cruise Planning** (P Jackson) Mondays 3/2 - 5/4 **Navigation** (Hankle) Wednesdays 3/18 – 6/3 member \$175/non-member \$205 **Seamanship** (Hudson/various) Tuesdays 3/24 – 5/19 member \$55/non-member \$85 Marine Communications Systems (Lowe) Wednesdays 3/25 – 5/13 member \$65/non-member \$85

SEMINARS:

Hands-On Boat Handling with Virtual TrainerWednesdayh 1/7\$20 per person at HQAnchoring & Staying In PlaceWed 2/4\$20 per person @ HQCharting (Instructors: Various)Saturday 2/2 I\$FREE for ABC students; \$50 all othersScioto Boat Club 8am-2pm includes lunch

Practical Marine Electrical MaintenanceWednesday 3/4\$20 per person @ HQMarine RadarThursday 4/9\$20 per person @ HQPractical Marine Engine MaintenanceThursday 5/14\$20 per person @ HQ

Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Minutes of the Executive Committee 28 October 2014

(These minutes will be approved at the November 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 Tom Norman, P gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C John Seaver, JN.

Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary Lt/C. Ron Hupman 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 Julie Mohrman, AP; Squadron Education Officer P/C Larry Lowe, SN; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, AP; Lt Thomas Doyle, P; Lt Bob Goelz; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP; Lt Mary Lauer, P; Lt John McCarty, AP.

Also present: P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN; Lt Tracy Garrett, S; P/C Bill Lehner, SN; Lt Mari Seaver, S; P/C Tom Norman, P; and DEO Bob Rayburn, SN.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as recorded.

Report of Officers:

Commander Bill Mohrman. AP:

Merit Marks - Merit Marks are pretty much collected for 2014 year. National is now emailing out merit marks, so please make sure your email is up to date with National.

AO – I am happy to announce Julie Mohrman has agreed to take over as AO for the remainder of 2014-2015 year. She will then move into XO position for next year.

SEO – I am also happy to announce that P/C Larry Lowe will be taking over as SEO for the remainder of the 2014-2015 year.

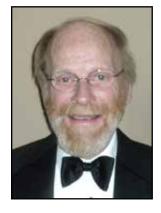
Asst SEO – In addition, Mari Seaver is moving into the Asst SEO position for the remainder of the 2014-2015 year. She is a welcome addition to our family as she has done a wonderful job with the ABC class the past few years. I look for great things from her in the future.

D/29 Fall Conference - Hosted by Findlay Squadron on 14, 15, 16 NOV at the Findley Inn, Findley Ohio. Saturday there is a great slate of Seminars – DEO Bob Rayburn, SN (details)

Squadron Education Officer P/C Larry Lowe, SN:

It's been 12 years since I have sat in this chair, and it feels great to be back. Mari Seaver is my assistant and we will be working together to make the education department even better. If you or anyone you know has a suggestion to improve the education department, please tell me. I would like to hear them.

Cdr. Mohrman is also the seminar chairman and has put together some seminars that aren't on the USPS list. So we are



very flexible on this. As a matter of fact, I would like the members at large to contact the members and get their suggestions as to what seminars they would like. We need to know so we can give you what you want.

I have had a request from one of our members, Michael Brown, to do distance learning. He is currently living in Tennessee and been unsuccessful in scheduling a piloting class in Nashville. Since

our classes don't require attendance, I will be sending him a Piloting student manual.

As you know, I have been an advocate of On the Water training for many years, because that is the course that I believe the squadron education is and should be going. Therefore, I will be encouraging the instructors to do OTW training with their classes. Also, the Practical OTW seminar is for the general public and we should be teaching this.

P/D/C Bob Rayburn, who is now the DEO, has a great program lined up on how to teach this. This will be presented at the upcoming D29 conference in Findlay, OH on Nov 15. I'm sure Bob will be telling you more about this in a little while.

Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, AP:

Financial reports were distributed and reviewed.

Executive Officer Lt/C John Seaver, JN:

The rendezvous planning meeting will be at HQ on December 2 at 7:00 PM. A boat show planning meeting will be held soon. We are currently looking for a manufacturer for additional storage cabinets similar to those we have.

Administrative Officer Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP:

October Dinner Meeting results – 43 people attended the dinner meeting at Schmidt's Sausage Haus in German Village. We had two very interesting speakers - Don and Robin Rose enlightened us on their 10,000 mile sailing journey.

Upcoming November Dinner Meeting – Spaghetti Warehouse on November 6, 2014. This is the Annual Bugle Jug and River Rat Awards night. In addition, we will be judging the local entrants for the Boarman Poster Contest. Last of all we will finish the evening by playing the 2nd Annual "First Mates" game show. The menu that evening will have several choices of Italian Fare and also a discounted children's menu. The price for the evening is Adults \$22/person and Children \$10/person. Drinks – cash bar and dress is business casual.

Future Dinner Meetings – The annual CSPS Christmas Party this year will be at LaScala in Dublin Ohio on Saturday evening December 6, 2014. We are planning a fun filled evening with the 2nd annual "Ugliest Christmas Sweater Contest", a visit from Santa Claus himself, a delicious dinner and afterward we can dance the night away out on the LaScala dance floor.

continued



Watch your emails and the upcoming Galley Gossip for more details.

2015 Cruise Planning Meeting - this is scheduled for December 2nd at CSPS Headquarters at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in planning a rendezvous, helping with a rendezvous or just interested in participating in our rendezvous in 2015, please plan on attending our meeting.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S:

All officers are asked to send reports to hupman I@att.net.

Immediate Past Commander, P/C David Canale, P -

The 2015/16 grant application was timely submitted. The final report for the current grant will be submitted Thursday. Trying to get ODNR PWC simulator.

Member at Large Reports:

Lt Bob Goelz - Need application from Isaac Kershaw whose dues have been paid and he was voted on last month. Robert and Ann Munson report that they intend to pay their dues. Jim and Ann Patton are reinstating their membership. Ron and Sally Stewart report that they want to become more active. There is an administrative fee added to first year dues for those joining after 12/1/13.

Lt Mary Lauer, P – Reported on the plans for new docks and other renovations at Alum Creek.

Committee Reports

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee: P/C Matthew Murphy, JN; P/C Tom Norman, P; P/C David Canale, P – The slate of officers is almost complete and will be in the December GG.

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; P/C Robert Prior, P; P/C Tom Norman, P - No report.

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 – Current budget versus actuals will be sent out within a few days and input invited. A 2015 budget will be ready for a vote by the December ECOM meeting.

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

Law Officer: Cdr. David Canale, P: No report Merit Marks Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN or P/C Bob Van Der Wissel, JN – Most submissions are in and checking the list.

Sea Gals: Cdr. Martha Beidel – Chili and hot dogs at HQ on 11/7.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Technical Committee: Lt Michael Hudson, P, Lt/C John Seaver, JN - See X/O report

Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack, AP – Statements have been sent to Joe Messenberg.

Boat Shows: Cdr. William Mohrman, AP – We have the USPS boating simulator for the boat show and the ABC class. A training session on the simulator for those who will work the boat show is being set up.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett, S – Fruit is available, the same as the squadron previously sold. Contact Tracy if interested. Money for advertising has not been resolved. We need to print brochures and Tracy will check on cost of radio advertising. Michael S. Hughes moved to authorize money to cover lunches for the ABC class and to print brochures; 2nd by David Canale; approved unanimously. Advertising will be addressed in November.

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent.
Boating Activities: Lt/C John Seaver, JN: Complete for this year. See XO report.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP: Absent

Old Business: None New Business: None

Comments from Guests:

P/C Lehner reported that the D29 Spring Conference will be March 6-8, 2015 at the Dublin Marriott. Don & Angie Delewese are chairing with a district committee. CSPS is responsible for the Friday night hospitality party and registration desk duties. The event Saturday between the meeting and dinner will be hosted by Bill Lehner. Commanders will open rooms. Next July 30-Aug.1, D7 & D29 will jointly host a rendezvous at Middle Bass. Money for the Spring Conference needs to be included in the 2015-16 budget.

Sick Bay:

Ron Hupman – Knee surgery

Announcements:

Next ECOM meeting is November 25

The meeting was adjourned at 2040



"Weather to Stay Or Weather to Go?"

By Dick Sorensen, JN

The other night John Daulton called. John is a member of our squadron, a graduate of our weather class and I like John a lot. He's a truly nice guy, loves to be on the water and even more important he is an involved single father. He brings his son to many of the squadron dinner and other meetings.

John was eager to share a Lake Erie experience he had with Michael T. Hughes, a squadron member, board member and fellow alumni of the weather class. John set the scene for this drama. He had gotten underway with Mike for a day sail to Put-In-Bay. Upon anchoring, like most sailors, they had headed to a local pub where they embarked on a program of quality control testing of adult beverages. As the number of drinks increased someone commented that the weather was beginning to change, and not for the better. And so their saga begins.

'Whether to go or whether to stay? John and Mike begin an in-depth, vocal analysis of the changing weather scene. Some of the elements they considered were; where is the center of the Low Pressure system? From which direction is the wind blowing? Is the temperature remaining the same or changing? What is the sequence of clouds marching across the Bay? What are the cloud heights to name the critical ones? They discussed these weather characteristics and arrived at a 'Go/No Go' decision. At which point they are interrupted by a woman at the next table. The story continues.

This woman and her companions apologized for eavesdropping, but wanted to know if (1) John and Michael T were vacationing weathermen, and (2) what their 'Go/No Go' decision was? John is very self-effacing and started to tell the young lady that, no, they weren't visiting meteorologists when he was abruptly stopped by Mike who isn't so self-effacing. But that's another tale for another time. Mike told the couple about the Weather Course they had completed, what the weather indicator signs they considered and what the final 'Go/No Go' decision was. Then our intrepid crew drained their glasses, hitched up their bellbottoms, walked out the bar with a little more swagger than when they had walked in and shoved off for Sandusky Bay.

You too can become mistaken for a meteorologist if you take the Weather Course. We've all had to make that 'Go/No Go' decision and wouldn't you really like to have more information to make your decision rather than just flipping a Susan B. Anthony. The weather course will teach you how to make marine forecasts and perhaps make your cruising experiences more enjoyable. And like Captains John and Mike arrive safely at your dock.

The next weather class starts January 13th, 2015. This is one class you'll appreciate 'weather' on the water or on dry land.



Dick Sorensen, JN, is delighted to have Ron Hupman add his name to the Bungle Jug recipient list. Ron has joined a very exclusive club. To read more of Dick's literary scratchings visit his restaurant blog; ColumbusChow@ BlogSpot.com

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2015 Cruise Planning Meeting *HEY CSPS MEMBERS! It's that time!!*

December 2nd – 7PM @HQ is the place to be for the 2015 Cruise Planning Meeting. This is where we plan out the cruises, rendezvous, day trips and much more. Bring your ideas with dates, places and other information you may have regarding the places you want to visit. Everyone is encouraged to attend this standing room only meeting. If you want to help plan a trip, then attend the meeting. The lead planner is always looking for additional assistance with planning a rendezvous! So bring your 2015 calendar, ideas and join the fun!



Celebrate the holiday with the SeaGal's Christmas party at the home of Laura and Guy Williams. The party is Friday, Dec 12th and starts at 7PM or so (1900 for you swabbies). Bring a toy for Toys for Tots and an appetizer to share. BYOB or enjoy a holiday libation from Fred the Bartender. Party Headquarters: 2035 Wyandotte Rd., Columbus, OH 43012. 614-486-1232

Time to Renew Your GG Listing

Do you notice the names on the back of the *Galley Gossip* each month? Those are the *Galley Gossip* Sponsors! If you would like to have your name, boat, pet or business listed on all 10 issues in 2015, please tear off the back cover of this issue and follow the directions. Each name listed is only \$20. **NEW LISTING STARTS WITH THE JANUARY ISSUE** which will come out in late December. Send yours in today!



NEW MEMBERS

Isaac Kershaw Robert & Sheridan Munson



2014 Vessel Safety Check Wrap-Up

Once again the boating season has come to an end for most of us, and I trust it was a great one for all! Our Vessel Safety Check Team has completed 149 Exams to date, and of interest, the number of boats passing was down significantly. This tells me that we are reaching out to a larger number of boaters that really benefit from our efforts and guidance. Boaters also continue to be more receptive to having their boat checked early in the season to make sure that they know if they are safety-compliant when the season gets underway. A big thank you goes out to all who participated in the Vessel Safety Check program this year! Congratulations to Nahum Burt who led the squadron with 19 examinations. Look for a class coming in the spring for anyone wishing to become a Vessel Examiner in 2015.

On a personal note, I was fishing on Alum Creek in late September in possibly the roughest and windiest conditions I have ever experienced on that lake. As we came in to the New Galena ramp, I noticed a boat blown back in a small cove in shallow water. The boat was being beaten relentlessly against a high bank. As they saw my boat, they raised their USCG approved distress flag, so we knew immediately that they were in trouble. Conditions were such that I was unable to get to them safely, but I called ODNR Watercraft who came to the rescue with the necessary equipment to pull them to safety. They had lost power and were helpless under the circumstances. The good news is that that boat had a Vessel Safety Check earlier in the season, and the distress flag came to mind when they needed it most!

Lt. John Pruitt AP Vessel Safety Check Chair



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Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Candidates for Elected Positions 2015-2016

(Term ending January, 2016)

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BRIDGE:

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*Denotes Executive Committee Member

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