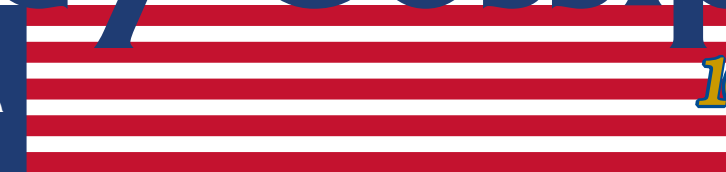


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CSPS Elections Night

Thursday, January 3, 2013

The Lakes Golf and Country Club

6740 Worthington Rd., Westerville, OH 43082

Social Hour: 6:00 PM

Meet the Candidates & Vote: 7:00 PM

Dinner: 7:30 PM

Menu: Mixed garden greens salad, Penne, Bowtie and Fettuccini Pastas; Cajun cream with mushrooms, yellow peppers, onions, alfredo sauce, marinara sauce with meatballs, rolls, butter, cookies & brownies, iced tea and coffee.

Price: \$23.00 (Cash, check or credit card)
Cash Bar – (CASH ONLY, no credit cards)

Dress: Uniform F or casual business attire

Program: Elections, Member of the Years Award,
& ODNR Update

RSVP:
by Monday Dec 31st to
Bill Mohrman
614-203-8817 or
wjmohrman@mindspring.com





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

January

3	Thursday	Dinner Meeting and Elections
5-13	Sat.-Sun.	RV & Boat Show @ Ohio State Fairgrounds
7	Monday	February Galley Gossip articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
8	Tuesday	Cruise Planning meeting at HQ 7pm
12	Saturday	Ft Wayne Change of Watch
13	Sunday	Toledo Change of Watch
16-19	Wed.-Sat.	USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville FL
22	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting (Changing of Bridge Seats) @ HQ 7pm
23	Wednesday	Boat Handling Seminar @ HQ 7pm
24	Thursday	Sea Gals Night @ the Movies
26	Saturday	Pt Clinton Change of Watch

February

2	Saturday	Findlay Change of Watch
3	Sunday	Sandusky Change of Watch
4	Monday	March Galley Gossip articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
7-10	Thurs.-Sun.	Boat Show at OH State Fairgrounds
9	Saturday	Lima Change of Watch
10	Sunday	D29 Winter Council & Officers Training - Ada OH
13	Wednesday	GPS Seminar at HQ 7-9pm
16	Saturday	Columbus Change of Watch dinner meeting
16	Saturday	America's Boating Class #1
19	Tuesday	Central OH Safe Boating Council 6pm Cross Creek Campgrounds
22	Friday	Sea Gals Casino Night
23	Saturday	America's Boating Class #2
23	Saturday	Marion Change of Watch
26	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm at HQ

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas E. Norman, P



As Power Squadron members we promote safe boating and education. We should also promote people to become interested in the great joy of boating, the camaraderie, and the beauty of our rivers, lakes and streams. Water is our great comedy and we need to promote and protect this resource. The Great Lakes are this Earth's greatest source of fresh water. We need greater means and methods to protect this great and beautiful resource. We are greatly concerned with the depleting of this resource, polluting of the Great Lakes, and preserving the pleasure of private boating in the Great Lakes Region. To encourage future boaters to become boaters and squadron members let us, through our association with Brunswick and the United States Power Squadrons, promote better and more fuel efficient engines and hull designs. Three to five miles per gallon is way too few, why not twenty miles per gallon with boats. Inboard engines are of old design with the General Motors V6 4.3 liter, small V8 5.0 liter, mid-range V8 5.7 liter, all cast iron engines. These engines were all



developed in the 1950's. They weigh too much and provide fewer horsepower per pound than the all aluminum outboard engines. Mercury 4-stroke engines 158.5 cu in 300 horsepower 648 pounds compared to the GM V8 5.7 liter 350 cu in at 300 hp and 986 pounds. That's a 1.89 hp per pound for the outboard and 0.30 hp per pound for the IO.

That was the message I sent out last month and today I received in the mail the January 2013 issue of *Boating*. In this issue is an article on "8 Great New Engines for 2013". Wow are they really going to tell us something new or actually show some great improvement NOT. "The Yamaha SHO is new in the company's sport boats for 2013, but this jet-drive system has been used ..since 2008." The weight is down 306 pounds at 210 hp compared to the Volvo Penta small-block V8 225 hp weighing more than 1000 lbs." Some benefit but what about the possibility of 20, 30, or 40 miles per gallon. More fuel efficient engines and hull designs for us boaters. They talk about alternative fuels, electric and propane. And yes, it is true there are some electric motors pushing boats beyond 100 miles per hour but for how long. We are still using designs of the 1950's for engines and are concentrating on EPA Tire 3 emissions, but not on engine efficiency. Yes, we need stringent rules on pollution and with more efficient engines.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C David Canale, P



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone! With the year coming to an end, there are a lot of loose ends to finish up and year end activities. The squadron holiday party at La Scala was recently held and, as usual it was great. Commander, sorry we missed you but we knew that you were not feeling well and could not attend. Thank you Bill and Julie for a job well done and congrats to Tom Doyle, our 50/50 winner. Next month our dinner meeting at The Lakes Country Club will include nominations and elections for the 2013 bridge. Be sure to attend as we have quite a slate of candidates!

Thank you to everyone for volunteering their time and talents to our worthy causes. Our first boat show is also right around the corner. Located at the fairgrounds and starting in January, this show will allow us to meet boaters and promote safe and skilled boating. A sign up has been sent to everyone by email (if I missed you please let me know!) via "signupgenius.com". This allows you



to sign up to volunteer online and then receive a reminder email the day before the event. I think I will be making more use of technology like this in the future. Our second boat show is in February and emails and sign ups for that show will be sent after the first show has concluded.

The education department is currently in full swing. Please be sure to register and promote any classes that may be of interest to you. Also, sometime soon the squadron will be sponsoring a CPR certification class.

More details to follow.

Again, happy holidays!

A New Year's Resolution That's Easy To Keep!

Become a Vessel Safety Examiner in 2013 ! Columbus Sail and Power Squadron's Vessel Safety Check program had its best year ever in 2012 ! We inspected 186 boats this summer, and our efforts are definitely having an impact on boating safety awareness.

We invite you to join our team, and are especially asking all Past Commanders who are not Vessel Examiners to consider becoming one! There will be a class in April (details to follow), but you don't have to wait to get started. Visit the USPS website, www.usps.org , and follow the drop down menus: go to site

navigation, locate things, executive department, vessel safety check, direct links, VE FAQ&info. There you can view the Vessel Examiners manual and learn about the info we cover during a vessel check. If you feel comfortable with the material, you can even take an online test and be on your way to becoming a Certified Examiner. Otherwise, check it out and then come to our class.

Please let John Pruitt, Vessel Safety Check Chair, know at jmpruitt@prodigy.net if you plan to take any online exam prior to April.

Here's wishing you and yours a Happy New Year !



By the time you are reading this, I will be getting ever closer to closing out my year as Administrative Officer and will be moving up the command chain to Executive Officer. While I am still a year away from the commander's position, I am excited to serve in the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. But I am getting ahead of myself...

Friday evening, December 7th we had a wonderful meal and shared fellowship at the Christmas party held at LaScala's Italian Bistro in Dublin. Fifty USPS members gathered to regale the past year and look forward to a new boating season. Scheduling the Christmas party this year was particularly challenging as the 2012 calendar had only 3 Fridays in December before Christmas rather than four which we have had for the last 3 years. This may not seem to be much difference, but it takes away about 25% of our time to fit everything into the December rush before Christmas. So if it felt like you were particularly rushed this holiday season, there was a good reason for it.

Speaking of dinner meetings, coming up this month is our annual elections to be held on January 3rd at the beautiful Lakes Golf and Country Club in Westerville. While the Lakes is officially "closed" on this date, I am anticipating a very nice evening as they open up just for us that evening. It is very reasonably priced and the view overlooking the golf course is gorgeous. Please be aware the only restriction on the evening is the cash bar is truly "CASH ONLY". They do not accept credit cards for the bar refreshments. However, we do accept credit cards for your meal.

I am looking forward to the January & February boat shows. Larry Lowe and company will be offering the public free seminars at the both shows. Beginning in January 2013



we are starting the monthly seminar series with one per month until the boating season arrives. So if you are looking for something to do, please think about coming to a seminar to help get your boating fix while the weather is cold. They are only \$10 per person for CSPS members, are 2 hours long and held here at headquarters in Lewis Center. We have a lot of fun and learn some important boating techniques in the process.

Register online at our web site, www.columbussailandpower.org. Invite your neighbors or dock mates to join you.

Jan 23rd – Boat Handling under Power

Feb 13th – Using Marine GPS

March 13th – Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio

April – The Art of Trailing

May – Trailing and Backing for Women Only

June – Digital Charts

So before I can look forward to handing the torch to the next AO, there is still much to do to close out the year before the Change of Watch. Please keep your home fires burning, think boating and enjoy the New Year!

Local dog featured in Lakeland Boating Nov/Dec

CANINE CREWMEMBER

MOLLY

"She's the only dog I know who has hobbies!" says a fellow boater about our beloved Springer Spaniel, Molly. Her affinity for water started young, when she would sneak over to a neighbor's pond for a swim on a hot day. It was only natural for her to join us on our boating adventures.

An inflatable canoe, a.k.a. "Molly's Boat", is tied beside our 378 Four Winns — a handy place for her to watch fish or take a nap. It's even better if she can convince someone to get the paddles and take her for a ride.

Pick up a fishing pole and she's right at your side, letting you know with a howl when you have a bite. We throw the small ones in a bucket full of water, and she'll repeatedly thrust her head underwater until she catches one in a move we call "bobbing for bluegill." Once caught, the fish is proudly paraded up and down the dock for a few minutes until it's tossed back unharmed.

But her favorite hobby is swimming. Drop the boat anchor and she'll wait impatiently on the swim platform. As soon as the swim ladder hits the water, so does she. With a slow, relaxed dog paddle Molly will spend hours in the water, coming out only rarely to rest. And the best part? She taught herself to climb the swim ladder! We get a lot of surprised looks when people see her climb back aboard by herself. Molly also loves to bodysurf off the beach.

Exceptionally social, our Molly quickly makes friends of both the two- and four-legged variety, so she's the perfect dog to cruise ports or sit at the dock. Along with her companion, Brynn, they truly are our 2nd Mates (the name of our boat).

—Tammy Cohee



The **Galley Gossip Sponsors Club** is renewing. If you would like to have your boat, pet, spouse, business listed, please use the form on the last page and submit your \$20 payment per listing.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, P

Happy New Year!!! Hope everyone is ready for a great year and getting ready for boating season. It is never too early to start preparing with knowledge so look at our webpage and look for a class or seminar to join!

We are still looking for qualified instructors to help teach America's Boating Course. If you are interested in teaching this class please reach out to Mari Seaver. The next ABC3 class is scheduled to begin February 16th



I would like to congratulate Bob Rayburn and the students in his recently held Instructor Development class. We look forward to getting the test results soon and finding out that we have 4 new qualified instructors: Bill Mohrman, Matt Murphy, Tom Norman and Dick Sorenson

If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor to teach any of our other classes and seminars, or if your certification is expiring soon, please reach out to me or Bob Rayburn to discuss another ID class. We are always looking for teachers and assistants! Certification is received after taking the Instructor Development Course and is good for 4 years. Recertification requires a 2 hour course. CSPA has about a dozen instructors who have expired or are expiring soon.

I would also like to thank Michael Hughes for his leadership and instruction of the Engine Maintenance Course. Eleven students completed the course and are eagerly awaiting their test results at this time. They are: John Bumgartner, Nahum

Burt, Robert Eastway, Robert Burton, Eldon Hall, Mike Hudson, Michael T. Hughes, Doug Jackson, Matt Murphy, Nate Murphy and Michael Robinson.

As always please visit our website for the latest courses and seminars being offered by the squadron. We have a jam-packed schedule with plenty of courses and monthly seminars available to take over the winter for folks to learn new skills or dust off old ones. Just go to <http://www.columbussailandpower.org> click on the Education tab on the left hand side of the page and then click on Courses or Seminars to see what is being offered and when. Registration is easy and can be done right from the web page!

You said to connect the *red* wire to the *yellow* wire because they were your favorite colors!!

If the electrical system on your boat is a mystery to you, come to the **Marine Electrical Systems** class and let us help take the mystery away. We won't make you an electrical engineer, but we can make you feel comfortable with all of those colorful wires and plugs. Then when the lights flicker and the screens go blank in the middle of the lake, you won't press the panic button. The class will be starting on Wednesday 23 January, 2013, so call 614-384-0245 or visit www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab and register so there will be a book for you the first night of class.



Winter/Spring Classes

CLASS	DATE	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	PRICE (mem/non)
Advanced Piloting	Jan 14-Mar 18 Mon	L Lowe/B Rayburn	HQ	\$70/\$95
Marine Electrical Systems	Jan 23-Mar 13 Weds	Larry Lowe	HQ	\$65/\$90
Sail Class	Feb 5- May 7 Tues	K Spilke/D Jackson	HQ	\$60/\$80
America's Boating Course	Feb 16-Mar 2 Saturday	various	Scioto Boat Club	\$40/\$40
Navigation	Mar 6 - May 8 Weds	Ralph Newman	HQ	\$175/\$200
Seamanship	Mar 19-May 7 Tues	B Lehner/D Ehrbar	HQ	\$55/\$75
Marine Communication Systems	Mar 27-May 15 Weds	Larry Lowe	HQ	\$50/\$75

SEMINARS (held at Headquarters starting at 7pm unless noted)

Boat Handling under Power	Jan 23 Weds		HQ	\$10/\$20
Using Marine GPS	Feb 13 Weds		HQ	\$10/\$20
CHARTING A COURSE	Mar 9 Sat	Free for ABC3 Students	Scioto Boat Club	\$40/\$40 8am-noon
Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio	Mar 13 Weds		HQ	\$10/\$20
The Art of Trailering	APRIL TBD			
Become a Vessel Safety Examiner	APRIL TBD			
Trailering and Backing (for women only)	MAY TBD			
Digital Charts	JUNE TBD			

Register by calling 614-384-0245 or by visiting www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab. See you in class or at a seminar!



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
27 November 2012**

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

Cdr Tom Norman, P called the meeting to order at 1900 at the Squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

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

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 Tom Norman, P; Executive Officer Lt/C David Canale, P; Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, P; Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay, P; Asst. Secretary Lt Wade Grosz, AP.

Members At Large:

Lt John Seaver, AP; P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, SN; Lt Mary Lauer, P; P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/D/C Philip Osborne, JN

Also present were P/C Matt Murphy, AP; P/C Larry Lowe, SN; P/C Michael Hughes, JN; P/C Bob Prior, P; Lt John Pruitt, AP, Edward Mack

The minutes of the October meeting were approved. Motion for approval P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN, 2nd by Lt John Seaver, AP

Report of Officers:

Commander Tom Norman, P

ODNR Grant for 2010-2012 summary complete, grant being closed and audited. ODNR Grant for 2013-2014 - received letter from ODNR approving our grant request. Reviewed two ODNR forms that help justify our grants, "Report of Actual Hours Worked" and the rules for filling out that report.

Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay, P

Passed out CSPS financial statements for review and

discussion. 2013 budget planning meeting is Thursday December 6, 7:00 at Squadron HQ.

Executive Officer Lt/C Dave Canale, P

I am pleased to report that I have been in contact with a CPR certifier from the OSU Hospital and this person is willing to come to the Squadron Headquarters and conduct a class for CPR certification at only \$25.00 per head. This amount is substantially lower than the typical \$70-100 per head cost as quoted by National at the Detroit conference. The certifier asked that I have a commitment for at least 10 persons in order to allow him to recoup any costs. The class would all be done in one day and attendees that pass would walk out CPR certified. This is a potential opportunity for the squadron that is too good to pass up. Consequently, I then asked for a vote on the issue and the Executive Committee agreed to guarantee at least 10 persons to attend the class. Several squadron members expressed immediate interest at the meeting and it is thought that the class could exceed 10. Dave will coordinate setting up a date, sometime in the winter, and then announce the date and details.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S

No Report, Minutes were taken by Asst Secretary Lt Wade Grosz, AP.

Member at Large reports:

P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN — Attended the District 29 Conference where valuable information was shared and everyone attending had a good time.

Lt Mary Lauer, P — Attended the meeting of the Central Ohio Safe Boating Counsel where updates were given about ramp work and dockage issues for both Alum Creek and Deer Creek.

P/Lt/C Jim Meyer, SN — Committee is working on the "Member of the Year" award, nominations should be sent to Chairman P/C Roger Hankle, SN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

General Committees:

Nominating Committee: P/C Bob Prior, P

Ballot for the 2013 CSPS officers will be published in the December *Galley Gossip*.

Standing Committees:

Sea Gals: Lt Martha Beidel

P/D/C Harold Beidel, SN gave the Sea-Gals report. Sea Gals holiday party is 14 December at 6:30 at Guy and Laura Williams home. Bring an unwrapped gift that will be given to fireman for distribution, an appetizer to share and \$5 per person for other costs.

Law Officer: Lt/C David Canale, P

I have been in contact with the law firm representing the

Distress Signal and MMSI#

If you don't have your VHF DSC radio connected to your GPS, the Coast Guard can't pin point your location when you push the red button when you need help NOW! OH! And of course you have gone on line and received your MMSI # and entered it into your radio, because the red button is useless without doing this. If you don't have these two things done to your radio, now is the time to be making arrangements to have them done.

P/C Larry Lowe, SN
Squadron Radio Technical Officer (SRTO)



Olentangy School system and the Tax Court itself. I have been advised that it will be AT LEAST an additional 6-12 months before the Court can get thru its backlog and hear our appeal for tax exemption. Counsel for the schools indicate that settlement of the issue is essentially out of the question as exemption is such a different nature than simply a reduction in the property evaluation. Further discussions are expected to occur.

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN

Serial numbers have been added to all new equipment for inventory accuracy.

Special Committees:

Technical Committee: Lt John Seaver, AP

Our 4 new laptops have had "Windows 8" and "Office 2010" installed.

Boat Show: Lt Glen Kubinski, P, Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P

David reported for Ruthie Kubinski. Ruth and I have been working on the details for the upcoming boat shows in January and February. We have secured commitments in the first show for a free booth and Coastie rental. On the second show, we will also be granted a free booth but the show vendor is not interested in Coastie. On both shows, we now need to provide the show organizers a listing of seminars, etc., that we will be putting on. Dave has already been in touch with Larry Lowe and Bill Mohrman.

Boating Activities: Lt/C David Canale, P

A rendezvous planning meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013, 7:00 at squadron HQ.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP

District 29 completed a total of 990 Vessel Safety Exams for



Need a new Name Tags or CSPS Apparel for the upcoming boating season? Visit the CSPS Ship Store on our website - www.columbussailandpower.org or contact Lt Julie Mohrman at jmohrman@mindspring.com or 614-581-4814.

2012. Toledo led with 312 checks for 12 examiners; Pt Clinton 291 checks with 6 examiners; Columbus 186 checks with 19 examiners.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Lt/C David Canale, P and 2nd by P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN that District 29 delegates have their fees paid by the Squadron. P/C Michael Hughes, JN made a motion to amend the motion to include the Fall Conference delegates. Amended motion passed. Original motion was voted on and passed.

New Business:

P/C Larry Lowe, SN was disappointed by the lack of squadron attendance for the last District 29 conference.

Comments from Guests:

Edward Mack was introduced by P/C Michael Hughes, JN as our 2013 candidate for Treasurer

Sick Bay:

Skip Woodruff is recovering at home.

Tracy Garrett is recovering at home.

Announcements:

* The next Executive Committee meeting will be on 18 December 2012 at 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035.

* Remember to register for the Kroger Rewards Program.

* National Convention January 16-19, 2013 Jacksonville, Florida

The meeting adjourned at 2050.

**BOAT SHOW
JAN 5-13 at the
Fairgrounds**

It's time to sign up to volunteer at the January Boat & RV Show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds-Expo Center. This year, the Show will run from Saturday January 5 through Sunday January 13. The show is CLOSED on Monday and Tuesday. Please consider signing up for a 2 or 3 hour block of time. We need your help to make this year a success. We will have a booth to staff during the show, and, in addition, have committed to have Coastie present from Noon-4PM on both Saturdays and Sundays. To sign up visit www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B044EA4A92AA31-january/4030191 or call David Canale at 614-323-6040 to be added to the volunteer list.

The Dark Times

by Dick Sorensen, JN

Dick Clark didn't have it right. It's not Happy New Year! It's welcome to the 'Dark Times.' As a northern boater I look forward to the change of seasons. College football starts, leaves turn, the heavy heat of summer is replaced by cool nights and temperate days, the family is gathering for Thanksgiving and my wife, Sharon, is getting the gifts ready for the holidays. But the closer I get to January 1st the more mentally depressed I become. Sharon knows this and she refers to the period between January and March as my 'Dark Times.'

My foul mood rises as the outside temperatures plunges and the mind-numbing, seemingly endless days of low, menacing clouds, sharp winds and bone-chilling dampness persist. I find myself, more and more, just staring blankly out into space and counting the days until I can launch the boat. Sharon calls it the million-mile stare; I call it 'hell'. The medicine men even have a name for it - Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). It makes me sad alright.

I've tried everything. Bright light therapy, handfuls of Vitamin E, reading back issues of *Cruising World*, *Passage Maker* and *Wooden Boat* magazines, but nothing seems to help. My depression hugs me like a wet T-shirt hugged 1960's sex symbol Ursula Andress. But I've found a cure. It was right at my fingertips. It's a web site called www.continuouswave.com. It should be called www.continuousrelief.com. Jim Herbert, out of metro Detroit, is the type of guy you'd love to hang over the gunwale of a boat with and just talk. As a cruising sailor I love the Great Lakes and so does Jim. Log on to this website and click on section 'saillogs'. Ever since 1986 he and his wife, Chris, have explored this magnificent playground with cruises on Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and especially Georgian Bay in great detail, Lake Superior recently, The Trent-Severn and Rideau Canals. He is my 'anchor to windward' in the mental storm of my winter depression!

Reading along on his narratives I find myself 'mentally on-board' with Jim, on his 2001 trip, as he threads his way through the intricacies of the Small Boat Channel on Georgian Bay. In Killarney, we've figuratively rubbed elbows on that worn wooden counter of that school bus food trailer while wolfing down white

fish sandwiches with hand cut fries, watched the eagles soar over Lansdowne Channel and thrilled to the water so blue it made my teeth ache in the Baie Finn. I have languished along with him as he made the 'should we go or should we stay' trip decision heading out to Isle Royale onto the treacherous big water of Superior.

He's not a professional travel writer so you don't get all the 'warm, luscious, scent of apple pie wafting thru the air' prose of Martha Stewart's magazine. He's a small boat sailor just like us and he writes as such. No b.s. With great detail he shares his experiences and he does so in a style that my soul finds appealing and soothing. There is lots of information about how and why the trip preparations are made, how Chris finds the best bargains and unique places to eat along with neat hidden anchorages and special bed and breakfasts to stay at. Jim's a fanatical Boston Whaler snob and only boats with other BW'ers, but that's his only character flaw. Each day's narrative starts with a weather forecast so you get a mental picture of what they are facing as they get underway. Jim shares the actual boating day through words and great pictures. Pictures of places I've already been, and a lot of places I want to 'have been.' Man, mentally cruising with Jim, well, it's like popping a valium to chase away my 'Dark Times!'

If you happen to be a northern boater, or just a fellow sufferer from the illness known as 'Lack Of Boating Dark Times' symptoms then I would strongly recommend a visit to www.continuouswave.com. Winter may be the boaters 'The Dark Times' but the voyages of Jim & Chris Herbert can shine light thru your mental gloom.

And in the spirit of Dick Clark --- Happy New Year!

Dick Sorensen still holds the unique distinction of being the only member in the history of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron to ever win both the Bungle Jug and The River Rat Awards, for being the worst sailor, in the same year! He 'thinks' he feels proud of this nebulous honor and distinction.

An **ENSIGN** Magazine Update

Many of you will recall the beautiful Trent Severn trip that the squadron took in 2011. Even more of you will recall my presentation during one of our dinners and Tracy published it in the *Galley Gossip*. It was suggested to me to also send the story to the USPS *ENSIGN* Magazine. Last week, I was advised by the editor that they will run the story in the winter issue of *ENSIGN*. Keep an eye open as CSPS will be honored with another article in the *ENSIGN* Magazine.

Sincerely, Erik Meyer

NOTE: P/C Matt Murphy's article about education and becoming an SN was printed in the Spring 2012 *Ensign*.





CSPS Christmas Party



December 7
LaScala
Restaurant





Sea Gals Christmas Party

December 14





On December 14th the Sea Gals held their annual Christmas Party at the beautiful home of Guy and Laura Williams. With more than 40 people attending a wonderful time was had by all at the seasonal cocktail party. While Santa called off as busy that night, Fred the Bartender was in full swing with the merriest of libations!

On January 10th we will be getting together at the Movie Tavern in Hilliard for Movie Night. The theater does not post

their offerings until a week in advance, so at printing time for the GG, we are unable to provide that Movie and times but the calling committee will be reaching out to the membership with the movie information and times along with emails. Last year's outing was quite and fun and this year should be no exception.

If you would like to join us please call John & Joyce Mattis at 614-761-8819 on or about January 3rd for an update on the festivities or await the calling committee.

Following is a listing of the planned events for the first eight months of 2013. Hope you'll place them on your calendar and plan to attend because you know that we'll have a great time!!!!

MONTH	EVENT	CHAIRMAN	WHERE HELD
Jan. 24, 2013	Night @ The Movies	Mary Card	Movie Tavern- Hilliard
Feb. 22, 2013	Casino Night	Lucy & Wade Grosz	HQ.
Mar. 17, 2013	St. Pat's Brunch	Sherry Ehrbar	Ehrbar's Home
Apr. 6, 2013	Pub Crawl	Joyce & John Mattis	Short North??
May 19, 2013	Change of Watch	Martha & Harold Beidel	Colombini's
Aug. 16, 2012	Rendezvous	Clarks & Cards	Middle Bass I.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Jana Mack	19 Chris Bjorkman
11 Jim Beall	20 Kevin Baron
11 Teresa Eastway	21 Jane Clark
11 Susan Hall	22 John Baker
12 John Bumgartner	23 Lea Baron
12 Bonnie Cook	23 Fred Card
12 Glenn Mitchell	23 John Seaver
13 Sherry Ehrbar	24 Brunhilde Bietz
13 Ursula Marshalek	26 Lynne Canale
14 Michelle Hudson	30 Larry Harris
18 Frank Harmon	31 Mary Hetzel



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2013 Cruise Planning Meeting

HEY CSPS MEMBERS! January 8th - 7pm @ HQ is the place to be for the 2013 cruise planning meeting. This is where we plan out the cruises, rendezvous, day trips and more. Bring your ideas with dates, places and any other information you may have regarding the place you want to visit. Everyone is encouraged to attend this standing room only meeting. If you want to help plan a trip, then attend this meeting. The lead planner is always looking for additional assistance with planning a trip! Bring your 2013 calendar, ideas and join the fun!

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