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CSPS Dinner Meeting **5 April, 2012**

The Florentine Restaurant
907 West Broad St., Columbus, OH 43222

***Speaker: Lt Brandon Rathke,
U.S. Naval Submarine Warfare Officer***

Please help welcome Lt Brandon Rathke, an Assistant Professor of Naval Sciences at OSU as the speaker at our dinner meeting. Lt Rathke has dedicated his life to the U.S. Navy and is currently serving as an assistant professor at the OSU Naval ROTC unit. He has served on the USS Henry M. Jackson nuclear submarine as Electrical Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, Assistant Weapons Officer and Assistant Engineer.

We have the privilege of having Lt Rathke discuss his experiences and life in today's Navy. This will be a fascinating look inside the life aboard a modern nuclear submarine. He will be discussing what drew himself to become a "bubblehead", how a modern sub works, as well as the mental and physical challenges of being on a submarine for long periods of time. Lt Rathke will also tell how the submarine fits into the worldwide challenges the US faces today; Russia, N. Korea, Libya and of course China.



Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Social Hour
7:00 pm – Dinner followed by Lt Rathke's presentation

Price: \$23 adults; \$11 children (Cash, Check or Credit Card) Cash bar available.

Menu: Your choice of either the famous Florentine Lasagna (Six layers of Pasta, Meat, Ricotta and Provolone Cheeses) or Rigatoni Florentine with Homemade Marinara Anacapri, a tossed garden salad, fresh baked bread sticks, spumoni ice cream and a beverage (Coffee and Tea).

Dress: Uniform A or Business Attire

RSVP by April 1 to Bill Mohrman at 614-203-8817 or email wjmohrman@mindspring.com or www.ColumbusSquadron.org (No Shows will be billed)



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

April

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| 1 | Sunday | Vessel Safety Examiner Course and Refresher |
| 4 | Wednesday | Operations Training 7-9pm @ HQ |
| 5 | Thursday | Dinner Meeting |
| 9 | Monday | May Galley Gossip articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com |
| 13 | Friday | SeaGals Casino night at HQ 6:30pm |
| 24 | Tuesday | Executive Committee Meeting at 1900 (7pm) at HQ |
| 26 | Thursday | GPS Seminar @ HQ 7-9pm |

May

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| 6 | Sunday | SeaGals Change of Watch - see article |
| 7 | Monday | June Galley Gossip articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com |
| 12 | Saturday | Dinner Meeting - Nor'Easter Club @ Lake Erie |
| 15 | Tuesday | Central OH Safe Boating Council 6pm @ Cross Creek Campgrounds office |
| 16 | Wednesday | Rivers, Locks & Lakes Seminar 7-9pm @ HQ |
| 19 | Saturday | Vessel Safety Exams @ Alum Creek State Park |
| 19-25 | Sat.-Fri. | Safe Boating Week 2012 |
| 22 | Tuesday | Executive Committee Meeting 1900 @ HQ |
| 26 | Saturday | Grandview Parade and Cookout - Hughes home |

June

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| 7 | Thursday | Dinner Meeting |
| 9 | Saturday | Larry Lowe's Lunch Hook on Lake Erie |
| 13 | Wednesday | Anchoring Seminar @ HQ 7-9pm |
| 22-24 | Fri.-Sun. | Kanawha River Trip - Blues Brews & BBQ with Michael & Tracy |
| 30 | Saturday | Vessel Safety Exams at new Galena Ramp 8am-4pm |

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas E. Norman, P



The Gilligan's Island Three Hour Tour and Rendezvous Dinner Meeting was an outstanding success. There was a close race for Gilligan (David Canale), and the Professor (Ron Hupman), and a clear winner for Skipper Jonas Grumby (Jeff Mirgon), Mrs. Lovey Howell (Lew Pflaum) and Thurston Howell III (Michael Hughes). For Ginger and Mary Anne see the pictures in this issue. The Rendezvous Captains were impressive presenting their trips and answering questions. It was great to see the enthusiasm for the squadron's scheduled cruises. A huge thanks to Bill and Julie Mohrman for an exceptionally enjoyable evening. PS the food was fantastic. Our education staff is busy with the ABC3 Safe boating course with several eager boaters and potential members taking the course.



The CSPS 2012-13 Officers Calendar has been updated and is available for everyone to view. To see the information, visit our website at www.columbussailandpower.org. There you will find cruises, meetings, civic activities and more. To see a listing or current classes and seminars that are available, visit the education tab.

March 23 – 25 your officers will attend the District 29 Spring Conference and Change of Watch at Sawmill Creek at Huron.

The incoming Commander is Anne Gilcher from Sandusky. Friday nights "Shaken Not Stirred" reception is a James Bond character event. Pictures to follow.

April 1st from 5-730 pm at headquarters John Pruitt will teach anyone who is interested how to become a Vessel Safety Inspector. This is also a refresher for current inspectors. If we plan to beat our record of 176 exams from last year, this is where it starts. An online, open book test is required and you can take it as many times as needed to pass. Then, 5 exams with a certified inspector and you are on your way! Plan to attend this class. I'll be there.

Operations Training is scheduled for Wednesday 19:00 (7:00 pm) April 4. This program is designed for those who want to, or need to know more about how the squadron operates. It is essential for those who are in elected positions in the squadron to attend; and is interesting and useful to those who have wondered just why things are done in certain ways. It covers a wide range of topics, some of which are of general value, such as parliamentary procedures. New members are particularly urged to attend this program. This is truly a MUST program for all - for all officers and committee chairmen and should be taken by every member of the squadron who wants to understand the workings of the squadron. P/C Don Delewese, SN, is heading up this training. RSVP under the website's education tab.

Are you ready for BOATING, our next dinner meeting is April 5th. Will really warm weather be soon, I'm ready.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C David Canale, P



April and May are months in which you must RENEW your "community" membership in the KROGER PLUS program. PLEASE RENEW YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD FOR 2012 AT THIS TIME AND MAKE SURE THAT THE COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON (organization number 81790) IS DENOTED AS YOUR COMMUNITY BENEFICIARY. If you didn't know, Kroger donates funds to the squadron and other local non-profits/charitable organizations under a community initiative that is tied to your Kroger Plus card. All you need to do is to go online to Kroger.com (there will be a Kroger plus icon on the top right) and either renew or set up a Kroger Plus account and link it to the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. It costs you nothing, you don't lose any points or benefits, and the squadron receives free money in this program. As the new Executive Officer, I challenge each squadron member to seek out 5-10 friends and help them to link their Kroger Plus card to our squadron. What an easy thing to do—and what a "good" thing to do.

Also, as spring approaches, we all find ourselves planning and preparing for the new boating season. Critical in this area is the need to educate and promote safe boating and the usage of safe and operational equipment. In this regard, our own John Pruitt has scheduled a Vessel Safety training and refresher course on 1 April, 2012 at 5-7:30 p.m. at headquarters. Anyone interested in becoming an inspector is welcome to attend! John will be utilizing the USPS Vessel Safety training manual



as the course material. Best wishes to John and the new prospective inspectors. Last year was a record year for Vessel Safety checks and we are hoping for even more this year. Shortly after the Vessel Safety training has concluded, there will be a number of significant opportunities for inspections. Perhaps the single largest opportunity will be in May during central Ohio's safe boating week. Safe boating week runs from 19 May thru 25 May and the squadron

is planning a cooperative effort to perform vessel safety checks at the Alum Creek State Park Marina. It is anticipated that the squadron will have beverages and snacks available on site from 8am until 4pm. Look for more information and emails or just come on down and or help out. At the end of safe boating week is the notorious Grandview Parade (26 May) topped off by festivities hosted by Past Commander Hughes at his home in Grandview. Also, during April, your squadron officers will be studying and undergoing Operations Training courses as administered by Past Commander Don Delewese. Class will be held on 4 April, 2012 from 7-9pm at headquarters.

Finally, Happy Easter to all.



Highly successful companies over communicate with their employees to ensure that everyone pulls on the rope in the same direction. You will be hearing from me in the coming issues on what it is we all must pull towards - Membership Growth. My current task as AO is to organize the social aspect of the squadron and make sure everyone has fun in the process. If we have fun in doing our job, it becomes a passion, we attract others who want to be in on the fun, and we grow.

Speaking of fun, who didn't have fun at the March 3-hour cruise dinner meeting? I know I sure did. We used the Gilligan's Island theme to present the 2012 rendezvous schedule to the membership. My rendezvous chairmen outdid my expectations and we had a huge amount of fun in the process. Gilligans, the Skippers, Mr. & Mrs. Howell III, Gingers, Mary Anns and the Professors all joined us to help kick off the 2012 rendezvous year. Thank you to each and every one who participated and presented. If you missed the meeting, don't fret, we will be advertising the rendezvous schedule in this and upcoming Galley Gossips. Speaking of pulling on the rope; spread the word to your boating friends outside of the squadron. Invite them to a rendezvous and let them in on this summer's fun!

Looking ahead to our next dinner meeting (see the front cover) we have an outstanding speaker planned: Lt Brandon Rathke, U.S. Navy Assistant Professor of Naval Sciences at



The Ohio State University. Lt Rathke has a very interesting presentation planned on his passion for submarines. He will be covering how he ended up where he is today and his responsibilities while on board the USS Henry M Jackson, a nuclear submarine. He will give us the basic engineering of a sub; i.e. nuclear power (is it safe?), how they navigate (imagine boating with your eyes closed under the surface), the missions

of a sub in today's world wide theater and the threats we as Americans are facing and how subs address these threats. He will also give us a personal look into the mental and physical challenges of staying submerged for months as well as the inclusion of women into the submarine ranks.

This will be a fascinating discussion as we teach our students how to stay afloat and not to take an unintentional dive. Submarining is a whole other area of marine (boating) activities that do this as a matter of course. I am sure you will have many questions about life below the surface, I know I do. I am looking forward to the April meeting with much anticipation. I hope to see you all there (and bring a friend)!

Ready, Set, Wear It Ohio!

Help raise awareness of the importance of wearing a life jacket by planning to participate in a life jacket world record event on Saturday, May 19, 2012. The National Safe Boating Council is helping organize events across the United States, including a few here in Ohio. Anyone with a properly fitted life jacket is welcome to help break the world record for the number of life jackets worn at the same time. Previous events were devoted to inflated life jackets, but this year, the scope has been widened to include all life jackets. "We welcome anyone who enjoys boating," said Rob Lucas, event coordinator for Ohio DNR Division of Watercraft. "As long as the life jacket fits you properly, whether it's inflatable or inherently buoyant, you're welcome to attend an event. So grab your family and all your life jackets and head out to Alum Creek's Marina to be included in the photo which will be taken at 10AM.



OPERATIONS TRAINING

When temperatures sag and winter skies are leaden, nothing warms a boater's spirit like an invitation to the OPERATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM.

You may have wondered how attending an OT PROGRAM will really make you a better squadron member. To find a program that best meets your needs, you must do some research. Well OT does the research. You will be informed about all aspects of USPS. They make you feel good about your squadron. They help you understand why it takes so many bodies to get the job done.

This is truly a MUST program for all - for all officers and committee chairmen and should be taken by every member of the squadron who wants to understand the workings of the squadron. No exams or tests are involved, just complete an OT PROGRAM on how your squadron and USPS functions. A certificate of completion is presented to each member who completes the required number of hours.

The next OT program will be held April 4th from 7-9pm at Headquarters. Sign up at www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab. You will find the time is well spent.



Well, here we are with March ending and based on this weather it is starting to feel like boating season. A few more weeks and we should all be able to hit the local waterways! The Education department is in full swing with courses and seminars and we will have exciting news on the following classes:



We had 24 students complete the ABC3 class March 10th. Students were greatly appreciative of the education they received from instructors Michael Hughes, Matt Murphy, Jeff Mirgon, Brian O'Rourke, Phil Osborne, Larry Lowe and John Seaver. Support staff included Mari Seaver, Katrina Seaver, Tracy Garrett, Jim Meyers, Tom Norman, Fred Card, Dave Ehrbar, Doug Jackson, Bill Mohrman, Julie Mohrman and Dick Sorensen. A listing of students can be found on page 11 and we ask you to welcome them all as our newest members of CSPS.

Doug Jackson taught a wonderful Charting Seminar on March 17th with assistance from Michael Hughes, Larry Lowe,

Brian O'Rourke, John Seaver and Jim Meyers. In 4 hours of instruction, students learned how to read a chart, plot a course and calculate time, distance and speed over a course line.

Ralph Newman's Junior Navigation class spent time using the nautical almanac, taking sextant sights of the sun and reducing sights to establish lines of position. Students David Fannon, Matt Gilbert, Sherwin Ritchie and Michael Robinson came out of this class with more education than Christopher Columbus had when he sailed the world.

Larry Lowe taught a powerful Marine Electrical Systems class to Nahum Burt, Michael Hudson, Marcin Swiderski & Doug Jackson. Students learned the workings of radio waves and equipment, AC/DC boat power, galvanic corrosion, GPS & electronic charts and much more.

Classes currently under way are Advanced Piloting, Weather, Sail, Navigation, Marine Communications Systems and Seamanship

There is still time to register for the Vessel Safety Examiner/ refresher 1 day course (April 1st 5pm-730pm) and Operations Training (April 4th 7pm-9pm). Visit our website at www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab to register for all classes and seminars.

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Register at www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab or call 614.384.0245

Apr 26, Thur 7:00 PM-9:00PM

GPS Seminar - Location: Headquarters

Is your GPS telling you to go where you don't want to? If so, maybe you aren't communicating with it properly. It doesn't work like the one in your car does where there is a moving map display and it takes you down the street. If you would like to speak GPS language and be on speaking terms with your GPS, learn how to store waypoints, activate them for navigation, use your GPS to keep you on a safe, prequalified course, come to the GPS SEMINAR on 26 April.

May 16, Wed 7:00 PM-9:00PM

Rivers, Locks and Lakes - Headquarters

On May 16 we will be having a 2 hour seminar on BOATING ON RIVERS, LOCKS, AND LAKES covering the special navigation rules for rivers, the Western River System of buoys and markers. You will learn how to "read the river" and identify jetties and wing dams, learn what those different shaped and colored signs mean. You will also learn the intricacies of locking through, and how to communicate with lock masters and bridge tenders.

Jun 13, Wed 7:00 PM-9:00PM

Anchoring Seminar - Headquarters

The Anchoring seminar has been prepared to assist boaters and will teach you how to drop and set your anchor so that you will be in the same place when you are ready to leave. With this hands-on seminar you will learn how different anchors are used in gravel, sand and mud bottoms to actually catch and hold. In addition, we will discuss the type of anchor to buy, type of lines to use on your anchor, the amount of line (or scope) to let out, how to set your anchor and retrieve it, and answer any questions you may have concerning anchoring.



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Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
28 February 2012

Cdr Tom Norman, P called the meeting to order at 19:00 at the Squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH. P/C Bob Prior, P, gave the invocation. Lt/C David Canale, P, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by sight and the Assistant Secretary confirmed a quorum was present.

Executive Committee members were present: Cdr Tom Norman, P; Executive Officer Lt/C David Canale, P; Administrative Officer Lt/C Bill Mohrman, AP; Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, P; Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay P; Assistant Secretary Lt Wade Grosz, AP, P/C Matt Murphy, P.

Members at Large present: P/R/C Harold Beidel Jr., SN; P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN; P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, SN; Lt Tom Doyle, P; Lt John Seaver, P; Lt Mary Lauer, P; and Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P.

Others present were P/C Larry Lowe, SN; P/C Bob Prior, P; P/C Bill Lehner, SN; Lt Tracy Garrett, S; Lt John Pruitt, AP; P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP; P/C Michael Hughes, JN; Lt Julie Mohrman, AP; Lt Dick Sorenson, JN; and Lt Eldon Hall, S.

With no objection, the order of business was varied to expedite the meeting. The minutes of the January meeting were to be approved by e-mail roll call.

Commander's Comments, Cdr Tom Norman

Membership, we need to recruit new members and their families as well as keep track of our present members. More contact with our members supporting that camaraderie we have and involve members utilizing their talents. Vessel Safety Checks, We had an outstanding year with the most VSC's in our history 176. P/C Matt Murphy, P has challenged us to do 200. We had more examiners last year and Lt John Pruitt, AP is training more for this year. The cook-out at Alum Creek Hollenbeck brought in many more boats for exams. This is also a great recruiting tool for families. Maybe two cookouts this year could be planned. We need to move towards to a balanced budget. Your administration will balance our budget. Lt/C Joe Clay, P, will speak more to this. Education, we have a strong education department with great instructors teaching USPS courses as well as seminars. We are always looking for more instructors as dedicated as those now serving. Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, P is our new SEO. Finally, there needs to be more communication with our sister squadrons. Every now and then a squadron will need some support. Let's be open and all band together for fellowship and support with our brothers and sisters, rendezvous as well. P/D/C Phil Osborne, AP is planning a joint rendezvous with Lima on the Ohio. We received approval for a budget change with our ODNR Grant. We are approved to purchase a new projector, 2 PC's and one Laptop (may be interchanged) with software and 3 UPS's.

Executive Officer Lt/C David Canale, P

It is that time of the year when the squadron is running full speed ahead. Many of our educational classes are in full swing or about to start, our new officers have assumed their

roles and planning for the new year is in high gear. And, as in many organizations and households, there comes a time to do certain housekeeping chores. At a recent meeting, the executive committee reviewed a new budgeting process and method to track income and expenses by assigning codes for each activity within each respective officer's domain. An analysis of the budget was conducted and recommendations will be considered in order to streamline, organize and promote a more efficient method of bookkeeping. Thank you to Lt/C Joe Clay for all of his hard work, and for all who contributed to this process. It is also time for the squadron to think about Vessel Safety checks. Our own LT/C John Pruitt is requesting approval from the ECOM to purchase 10-15 vessel safety check manuals and forms for inspectors from National. That will be addressed at today's meeting. Also, Matt Murphy has volunteered to become our squadron liaison officer. And finally, as I begin my duties as Executive Officer I am asking for the assistance, guidance and recommendations from any and all members as to how to promote a more public awareness of our organization. If anyone has any ideas please contact me so that our efforts can be coordinated.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Bill Mohrman, AP

Monthly Meetings: 75 % planned for the rest of the year. March 8th - Scioto Boat Club; April 5th Florentine Restaurant; May 12 - Nor'Easter Club. Rendezvous: See the GG article in this edition for complete details. New Member Orientation is planned for March 21 at 7:00 PM at HQ. Operations Training is planned for April 4th 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at HQ.

Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay, P

Reports were passed out for review and questions. Revised expense/revenue forms were handed out.

Educational Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, P

ABC class began on 25 February, a four week class at the Scioto Boat Club 22 students in attendance.

A Seamanship class is proposed for 26 March to get as many of the ABC class members as we can.

Education department meeting scheduled for 7 March at HQ, 19:00. Course calendar has been distributed to the EDU department and will be posted on our website.

Assistant Secretary Lt Wade Grosz, AP

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting are to be approved by e-mail roll call. There was no report for the Secretary.

Immediate P/C Matt Murphy, P

I am pleased to report that I attended the COSBC meeting 21 February. The hot topic was COSBC to partner with The Orange Township Business Association to fill a need for fireworks in the township July 4. There are expected to be some volunteer opportunities. We could also have a parade entry. John Wargo reported that a submission was made on our behalf for a grant based on our accomplishments over the last year. Thanks go to Tracy for compiling and excellent report. Results were not known at the time. I was able to



report along with PC Hughes that CSPS has continued to work and support Coastie which includes reinvesting in her to keep her ship shape.

I am in my fifth week of Advanced Piloting class. It is both challenging and fulfilling. I urge all of us to get back to class. I encourage members to take a seminar, take a class, advance your grade and your proficiency. Get your first mate back in class. Partner with another first mate and it will be more supportive and fun. Our education is among the finest offerings and as PDC Rayburn and DEO Lowe have demonstrated we have some of the best instructors. Don't waste your opportunities.

Now that I have spent some time in class recently I have realized we still have a supply of questionable items. Questionable is in value and usability. I urge the continued effort to remove the obsolete items from the facility as storage space and classroom space remains a challenge.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN - In our boating classes we should promote CSPS better. We should talk more about our other classes. Harold gave Martha Beidel's Sea Gals report. All of the officers will repeat for 2012. SeaGals next meeting is Saturday 17 March at Dave and Sherry Ehrbar's home for the annual St Patrick's Day Party. Bring an appetizer to share and wear your green.

Lt Mary Lauer, P - Attended the Central Ohio Safe Boating Counsel Meeting. Alum Creek's Hollenbeck ramp re-opens on 1 May with the new Galena ramp opening 20 June.

P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, SN - The ABC class was well attended and the students seem to be very interested.

P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN - Proposed that the Secretary send a letter to National's Flag and Etiquette Committee requesting that CSPS be able to fly a 50-year burgee. This burgee has a gold border.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Sea Gals: Lt Martha Beidel - Report given by Harold
Rules Committee: P/C Bob VanDerWissel, AP - A report and review of rules changes were distributed by tabled by Cdr Norman.

Supply Committee: Lt Julie Mohrman AP - The Ship's store will be open at the District 29 conference.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett, S -

1) A QR Code (aka "Quick Response" code) is a mobile phone readable barcode that has embedded information such as web site addresses, phone numbers, or plain text messages. BUYABARCODE.COM Send our name, web site, phone numbers etc and we can get a QR for a one-time fee of \$35. Like them on facebook and get 5% off (\$33.25)

2) 14th Annual Hoover Fishing Club Expo was well attended. We passed out over 100 Watersmart books and DVD's to kids, handed out brochures about boating classes to adults. Michael enjoyed the seminars and learned some valuable info about fishing.

3) May 19 kicks off Safe Boating Week. ODNR/Watercraft and COSBC will hold a "Ready-Set-Wear It" photo event at 10am at the Alum Creek State Park Marina area. They are doing

media, radio spots and facebook invites to the public. Everyone who is at the marina area is invited to be a part of the photo.

4) Vessel Safety Exams: Alum Creek Hollenback Ramp? (5-1 opening) Time/Date: May 19th at 8AM-4PM. Food and/or drinks? Yes, Lt/C Canale will help. Radio Spots with WCOL, Sunny 95 and more. 2nd day at New Galena? (6-20 opening) Yes, June 30th 8am-4pm Drinks only.

5) Buckeye Lake VSE day? Lt/C Hupman is coordinating with BL for 2 places to perform exams on a single day. More to come.

6) Boat US Grassroots grant committee notified me today that our proposal for the handheld GPS units were not among the projects selected to move forward for public voting. A list of those chosen can be found on the Foundation's webpage and facebook page in the coming days.

Law Officer: Lt/C Dave Canale, P - Delaware Board of Claims approved our appeal on real estate taxes for the HQ property.

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP - Asked that all committee chairman report their MM as soon after an event as possible.

Boating Activities: Lt/C Dave Canale, P - List of rendezvous was passed out.

Technical Committee: Lt John Seaver, S - I am setting up an inventory meeting.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt. John Pruitt, AP - A vessel safety examiner class will be held 1 April at HQ, 5p-7:30p. Vessel safety manuals can be printed on-line. New vessel safety exam forms will be more in depth to help identify additional safety issues.

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN

1) Coastie has come through surgery with flying colors. Both eyes have new motors and operate without sticking. New eyelashes have been installed and he looks handsome. A new battery and quick connects will be purchased before the next extended period event.

2) The fire extinguishers have been re-certified for another year and are ready to go.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Mohrman suggested a new position of Assistant Marketing.

Operation's Training class for the executive officers will be 4 April, 7-9, at HQ.

New member orientation is 21 March, 7p-830p, at HQ.

On 4 March Larry Lowe is teaching a Marine Communications Class.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the D-29 Conference which is not just for bridge officers.

Announcements:

Galley Gossip articles are due Friday, 5 March for April's issue

Next Dinner meeting Thursday March 8th at the Scioto Boat Club

D29 Spring Conference: Sawmill Creek Resort Huron, OH. 23-25 March

The next Executive Committee meeting is 27 March at Squadron headquarters.

Meeting adjourned at 20:58.

Change of Watch and Commanders Ball - Feb 18



Cdr Norman is sworn in by D/C Doris Critzer as ODNR Officer Victor Ricks watches.



The 2012-13 Executive Bridge taking the oath.



Members at Large being sworn in.



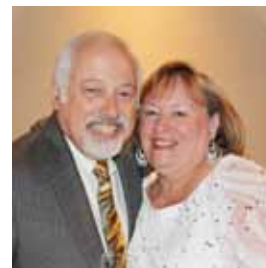
P/C Murphy presents the 2011 Commander's Award to Brian O'Rourke and John Seaver for their significant contributions to CSPS.



P/C Murphy presents the Senior Member awards to those earning their 5th merit mark in 2011: Mike Cohee, Tammy Cohee, Ruthie Kubinski, Ron Hupman, Sue Nadolson and Sally Stewart.



Did someone say Harold Beidel was coming this way?



Sherry & Dave Ehrbar after the festivities. They would make a great team for a dance-athon.



MARCH 8 - THREE HOUR TOUR Dinner Meeting



Mr & Mrs Thurston Howell, III



Skipper Mirgon and Gilligans Canale & Card are ready for their passengers to arrive for the cruise.



Jane Jenkins & Joyce Rogers sharing stories.



Thurston Perfect, Ginger & The Professor Hupman ready to enjoy a great meal.



Jim Jenkins, 'Mary Ann' Mohrman & 'Gilligan' Canale checking the attendance.



What National Website?

Submitted by PC Matthew Murphy, P

Did you know you have the ability to log in to the USPS national website? <http://www.usps.org>. Why would you do that? I am amazed how many members who serve on the Executive Committee, other committees, or long time members have never visited this web site. As a member you can set up your PIN to make it easy to pay dues, check your information, and edit your email address. You can register a MMSI. The national website located at USPS.org is where a member can check a rank, an education grade, their family information and login in to Sail Angle. SailAngle is like Facebook for boaters but with more classy information and it is secure. One can also learn about member benefits, request a vessel safety check and find contact information for other members. Taking a trip and want to find another squadron in the area to where you intend to travel? You can find them on the USPS.org website. Make it a point to get logged in, set up your PIN if not already done, and take a look at all it has to offer.

What about our squadron information? Have you ever told someone who we are but didn't know where to send them? Have them call us or send them to our newly revised website www.columbussailandpower.org. Did you know you can register for a class, email an ECOM member, or register for an event? It's pretty cool. You can learn about Vessel Safety Checks, check a price on membership and classes and check out the latest Galley Gossip. If all you want is a phone number you can get that too. Need help with one of the websites? Call one of us and we will help you out. <http://www.columbussailandpower.org>. Our catchy phone number is on the cover.

"The Headache Highway"

By Dick Sorensen, JN

Ohio is spending 3.2 billion dollars on road projects this year. Everything from new interchanges, re-surfacing roadways, to buying buses. Natural Resources is spending 4.5 million on refurbishing marinas, creating more docks, dredging the harbors, along with restoring the Maumee spawning beds so that future generations of Lake Erie fisherman have something to fish for, but they aren't doing a darn thing about making it easier getting us fishermen to Lake Erie!

Every time I drive to The Lake I have to drive thru the mess of Route 23, then hit the stop sign at Waldo (always roll up my window so I'm not tempted by the smell from G&R Tavern's fried bologna sandwiches) then slip into traffic at the Y-turn in Bucyrus and then the boring section getting to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine turnoff.....and not getting killed by some farmers combine or some kid in a souped-up Subaru....Something is wrong with the highway situation to the lake; has been for 50 years.

I would like to see a divided four-lane highway to Sandusky! It's time for central Ohio boaters to demand a new highway to Ohio's north shore! And, it should be in straight line to Sandusky! No more fiddle-farting around with slowing down

for Chatfield, Carrothers, Attica, Reedtown, Caroline, Bellevue, Castalia....(just make sure there's an off ramp for that beer drive-thru north of Castalia!)

I can make it almost to the outskirts of Indianapolis in about the same length of time as it takes me to get to the Lake. Now, I'm part of, along seven million other visitors, whose disposal income contributes over 9.75 billion dollars a year (that B --- billions) to Ohio's economy by going to Lake Erie and by owning a boat, buying registrations, license tags, gasoline, oil, taxes on the above and supporting local businesses along the way; in my particular case, every Mercruiser mechanic from here to West Harbor. Isn't about time to make getting to the place where we spend our money easier?

Now, I'm not unreasonable, if a divided four lane is out of the question I have an alternative solution. Make both lanes of the northbound State Route 98/4 section one-way on Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 8:00 pm and reverse it on Sunday. How does that sound for an easier way to the water and back?

April Birthdays



3 Walter Callahan
4 Chad Brown
4 Erin Hudson
5 Eric Langille
6 Faye Flack
7 Dave Clark
11 Beverly Wolfe
14 Dale Pancoast
14 Kelly Johnson

15 Karen Snyder
17 David Morrow
21 Glenn Mills
23 Roger Holstein
23 Bonnie May
24 Michael Henestofel
27 Colette Cramer
29 William Biegler

Have we missed your birthday in the past? If so, please email your name and DOB to Tracy Garrett at mtbuckets@aol.com or call 614.488.4758. Your name will appear on your next birthday month.

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New Member Orientation

What an awesome turnout March 21 at squadron headquarters with over 35 new and current squadron members. New members were able to see our headquarters, meet the bridge, find out more about upcoming classes, what we do and how we do it. They also met other squadron members, talked about their boats, marinas and the cruises CSPS has planned for the summer. If you missed this orientation, we encourage you to come to a dinner meeting soon. You will meet many people who share a passion for the water and are willing to talk about their experiences. Who knows, you could be neighbors at a marina or homeport and not even know it. Come on out because boating is fun. . . . we'll show you how!

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Our February Meeting held at Bravo restaurant was the usual SeaGals success with many folks sporting their beads and feathers!! Dinner was great with prizes for the best Mardi Gras costumes.

March will be our annual St. Patrick's day party at the Ehrbar's and by the time you are reading this the affects of the Green Beer and Irish Mist will no doubt have somewhat worn off. A full report will follow next month! Maybe even pictures!

April 13th (Lucky Friday) will be Casino Night with the SeaGals. The plans call for us to meet at headquarters at 6:30 with Pizza, Snacks and other Refreshments for the usual nominal fee. There will be a number of games to play with great prizes.



Sea Gals Mardi Gras Party



Welcome, New Members!

Graduates of the ABC3 course

Callan Reese	John Bumgartner
Joseph & Sharon Petrelli	Kelly Johnson
John Joseph Dimond	Bozena Lusiak
Marissa Dimond	John & Patricia Carter
Anna Bratasz	David Mack
Joseph & Kelley Forster	Edward & Jana Mack
Greg Giaimo	Michael & Jana Kent
Rebekah Anderson	Robert Louthen (cyber member)
Marc Sethna	

May 6th will be the SeaGals Change of Watch at Colombini's at 894 W. Broad St. at 1PM (Luncheon). Be sure to mark your calendar.

Our rendezvous in August at Middle Bass Island is still in the planning stages with more information to follow. We will keep you posted.

We would also like to remind all squadron members that they are automatically eligible to become a SeaGal member. Our dues are only \$12 per year and spouses cordially invited to join us too!

"BUT OFFICER, WE DIDN'T KNOW WE NEEDED THAT STUFF TO BE SAFE !!!"

Members, you can help eliminate this conversation on the water by becoming active in the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron's Vessel Safety Check Program. We had a record year in 2011 with 13 examiners and 179 Vessel Safety Checks performed. Being an examiner is fun and rewarding. It offers an outstanding opportunity to help people be safer on the water, and also promote the benefits of classes we offer and membership in our Squadron. We have found that every year more people seek us out to have their Vessel Safety Check!

Becoming an Examiner is simple — we are holding a Class at 1700 on Sunday 1 April at our Headquarters, 8942 Cotter St Lewis Center, OH 43035-7139. This class will last approximately 2 1/2 Hours and all course material will be provided at no cost to you. It is a very informal, yet an informative overview of the Vessel Safety Check procedure. After taking the class, you take an online open book exam to become a Vessel Safety Examiner.

Please accept this invitation to become part of this valuable program which complements the Coast Guard Auxiliary and State Watercraft safety awareness efforts. E-mail John Pruitt, Vessel Safety Check Chairman, at jmep Pruitt@prodigy.net (<http://us.mc1809.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=jmep Pruitt@prodigy.net>), or call his cell phone 614-216-5203 today to register.

Julie Mohrman will have the National Vessel Safety Examiner polo shirts for men and women in all sizes available for purchase at this event. Purchase your shirt here and you do not have to pay shipping charges. Cash, check or credit cards accepted.





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