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## **Elections Night at El Vaquero**

**3230 Olentangy River Road (close to Riverside Hospital)  
Columbus OH 43202**

**January 7, 2016**

**6pm-6:30pm Social Time**

**6:45pm Buffet Dinner**

**7:30pm Meet the Candidates and more**

**Buffet includes Chicken and Sirloin Steak Fajitas cooked with fresh bell peppers, mushrooms, onions and tomatoes; and Slow Roasted Beef Barbacoa. Served with Mexican rice, refried beans, lettuce, guacamole, sour cream, pico de gallo, tortillas, chips and salsa. Cash bar**

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## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 2016

- 7 Thursday Set up for Boat Show
- 7 Thursday Dinner Meeting and Elections
- 8-17 Fri.-Sun. Columbus Boat & RV Show (closed M-T)
- 9 Saturday Ft Wayne Change of Watch
- 10 Sunday Toledo Change of Watch
- 11 Monday February *Galley Gossip* articles due
- 19 Tuesday 2016 Cruise-Boating Planning Meeting @ headquarters 7pm
- 26 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting @ Headquarters 7-9pm
- 30 Saturday Findlay PS Change of Watch
- 31 Sunday Sandusky PS Change of Watch

### FEBRUARY

- 5 Friday Columbus SPS Change of Watch
- 6 Saturday Lima PS Change of Watch
- 7 Sunday District 29 Winter Council Meeting Ada, Ohio
- 8 Monday March Galley Gossip info due
- 13 Saturday America's Boating Course Class 8am-5pm - Scioto Boat Club
- 14-21 Sun.-Sun. USPS Annual Meeting - Orlando FL
- 19 Friday SeaGals Casino Night @ HQ
- 23 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting 7pm
- 28 Sunday Port Clinton Power Squadron Change of Watch

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr John Seaver, SN



As January arrives – so ends another year. We welcome a new year with greater hopes and dreams for ourselves and our nation. Our election is a full ballot of people eager to provide their input to improve our squadron and meet our goals. Our November Executive Committee meeting was a departure from the normal approach and I appreciate the bridge humoring me with the experiment and even more for their active participation in brainstorming ideas to retool our squadron moving forward. We walked away with a number of ideas:

- Add a 2nd ABC was near and dear to my heart and we have one on the schedule
- Revamping the dinner meetings with new venues and activities
- Pushing the squadron via social media as marketing in the world today is moving from web pages toward social media



David Fannon for their great work in getting this accomplished.

and we need to be active in that endeavor

- Focus on the fun! We are a fun group; we need to do fun activities and people will want to be a part of that.

This *Galley Gossip* is also the first month that we will be publishing to the public – so one of our best marketing tools will be available for all to consume. Thanks to Tracy Garrett and Melissa and

David Fannon for their great work in getting this accomplished.

## 2016 ANNUAL CSPS FUND RAISER

**WIN!! \$500.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE OF YOUR CHOICE**  
**PROCEEDS HELP FUND OUR ABC CLASS AND OTHER SQUADRON ACITIVITIES**

**\$5.00 PER TICKET OR 5 TICKETS FOR \$20.00**

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING 01/07/16**

**WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT!**

*Contact Lt/C Julie Mohrman – jemohrman@mindspring.com or 614-518-4814 -  
if you are interested in purchasing any tickets.*

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

L/C Julie Mohrman, AP



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**  
January finds us in the boat show season here in Columbus and comes with that the duty of manning the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron booth. This year, we will only have one boat show in the Columbus area. So this show is extremely critical for us to let the boating public know about the America's Boating Course that we teach.



I really think some of the most pleasant volunteer hours you can contribute to are during the boat show. It gives you access to other potential boaters that are anxious to talk boating during these winter months as well as tell them what the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron is all about; safe and fun boating.

The boat show we are participating in this year is the Ohio RV and Boat Show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. It starts on Friday, January 8th and runs through Sunday, January 17th

except for Monday and Tuesday when it is closed. This year we have a much smaller booth space than in the past couple of years. Unfortunately we will not be able to bring our beloved Lake CSPS. So our focus this year will be on Personal Flotation Devices. Emphasis will be that PFDs should be used in some of the newer and fastest growing segment of boating industry: the paddle sports – Kayaks, Stand Up Paddle Boards, Canoes, etc...

For those of you who have not worked a boat show before, it is pretty easy duty and can be a lot of fun as well as credits toward your merit mark hours. We are located in the educational section beside the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Our duties will include handing out information on our upcoming ABC Class and other class literature, discussing the CSPS organization, and generally offering our educational and fraternal services to the boating public with a friendly face.

How do I sign up for Boat Show Duty? It is very simple, go to [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org) and click on the Signup Genius link or give Bill Mohrman a call at **614-203-8817**. Thank you in advance for your help. I hope to see you at the Show!

# 2015 Merit Marks Earned

A Merit Mark is awarded by the chief commander to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons.

Martha Beidel  
Harold Beidel Jr  
Becky Bumgartner  
John Bumgartner  
Nahum Burt  
David Canale  
Fred Card  
Pam Carr  
David Clark  
Jane Clark  
Diane Cooper  
Rodney Cooper  
John Daulton  
Ramonda DeCapio  
Ron DeCapio  
Angie Delewese  
Don Delewese

Tom Doyle  
David Ehrbar  
David Fannon  
Jessica Garrett  
Tracy Garrett  
Bob Goelz  
Sue Goelz  
Wade Grosz  
Eldon Hall Jr  
Roger Hankle  
Larry Harris  
Mike Hudson  
Joe Huffman  
Linda Huffman  
Michael S Hughes  
Michael T Hughes  
Ron Hupman

Tom Indoe  
Doug Jackson  
Ruthie Kubinski  
Ron Lavelly  
Sue Lowe  
Larry Lowe  
Edward Mack  
Jana Mack  
John Mattis  
Joe Mesenburg  
Karen Mesenburg  
Jim Meyers  
Charlotte Mohr  
Gauge Mohr  
Perry Mohr  
Julie Mohrman  
Bill Mohrman

Matt Murphy  
Penny Newman  
Ralph Newman  
Robert Prior  
John Pruitt  
Mary Rayburn  
Robert Rayburn  
Joyce Rogers  
Katrina Seaver  
Mari Seaver  
Scott Shaw  
Richard Sorensen  
Ken Spilke  
Robert Van der Wissel  
George Wells

Congratulations the all Columbus Sail and Power Squadron members and participants who earned a Merit Mark in 2015 by contributing 4,185 hours!

## Ohio Boater Registration Information ODNR Watercraft

Online boat registration renewal ends September 30. Online renewal will be available again in January 2016.

Renewal reminders will be sent throughout the month of January to boat owners whose boat registrations expire in 2016. The renewal reminder contains the personal identification number (PIN) needed to use online renewal.

Boat registrations that expire March 1, 2016, as well as those that expired in 2015 and 2014 will be eligible for online renewal as long as the boat and owner information related to the registration are accurate and there are no known issues with the registration (such as insufficient HIN).

If you need to renew your boat registration now, your options are to visit a registration agent in person or to contact one of our Division of Watercraft offices.

## Part of Muskingum River Closed to Boat Traffic Due to Industrial Accident

On December 2, 2015, a conveyor belt that carried coal across the Muskingum River to the former AEP Plant-Unit 5 in Beverly, prematurely collapsed while being demolished. The industrial accident site, which resides on the river between Luke Chute Lock #5 and Beverly Lock #4, is closed to boating traffic until further notice. This includes commercial as well as recreational boating traffic. Workers are currently completing demolition and removal of the collapsed conveyor belt system. The US Coast Guard will determine when the river is safe for boating traffic.

For more information about the status of demolition and the temporary river closure, please contact Mike Jarvis at Dillon State Park at 740-453-4377.





We recently conducted our America's Boating Course (ABC) planning session to discuss the course outline for 2016. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and provide feedback for next year's course. It takes many hours of volunteer time to make our course successful each year. In order to increase our outreach, we will be conducting 2 ABC courses next year. I'm excited with all the changes that were recommended and look forward to measuring our progress.



**2015 Piloting Class**

Front: Brian Lehner, Dale Kezer

Middle: Mary Rayburn, Bob Munson (not shown, Sheridan Munson)

Back: Instructors, Don Delewese, Mike Hudson



**Key changes:**

- Offering the Judith Lowe Fund to the first 50 students registered for each course
- Move from our current 4 day schedule to a 1 full day Saturday - tentatively scheduled for 2/13/16
- Adding a second full day ABC class - tentatively scheduled for 3/12/16
- Removing the virtual trainer from

the course

- Adding the virtual trainer to the Seamanship course
- Removing Communication Afloat and Charting sections - will offer as free seminars to members

Congratulations to the following students who passed Engine Maintenance class:

1. Patricia Carpenter
2. Sherri Haring
3. Paul King
4. Glen Kubinski
5. Howard Pritz

We have some excellent classes starting in the New Year. Go to the website and register for a class or seminar today.

## 2016 Educational Courses

The following classes are planned for the education season beginning in September. Please watch the web site ([www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org)) for the updates and register early and often. We have a great line up for the coming year. Weekday classes and seminars begin at 7pm at the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron located at 8492 Cotter St Lewis Center OH 43035. Weekend classes and seminars will have times listed. Please arrive 15 minutes early on your first night to complete the registration process.

**CLASS LINE UP**

Marine Communications (Lowe)	Wednesdays 1/20 – 3/9	member \$65/non-member \$95
America's Boating Course (various)	Saturday 2/13 (8am-5pm)	\$50; includes lunch
Scioto Boat Club - 3232 Indian Village Rd., Columbus OH 43221		
Advanced Piloting (Rayburn/Lowe)	Mondays 2/1 – 4/4	member \$70/non-member \$100
Sail (Spilke/Jackson)	Tuesdays 2/2 – 5/3	member \$60/non-member \$90
Cruise Planning (Carr-Jackson)	Mondays 3/7 – 5/9	member \$50/non-member \$80
Navigation (Hankle)	Wednesdays 3/23 – 6/8 (7:30-9:30)	member \$175/non-member \$205
Seamanship (Hudson/various)	Tuesdays 3/22 – 5/17	member \$55/non-member \$85
Electronics Navig. (Lowe/Mohrman)	Wednesdays 3/23 – 5/11	member \$65/non-member \$95

**SEMINAR LINE UP**

Instructor Recertification (Rayburn)	Thursday 1/21	FREE – valid for a 4-year period
Emergencies Onboard (Lowe)	Thursday 2/4	\$20 per person
Charting (Rayburn/Jackson)	Date/Time/Price TBD	
Crossing Borders (Lowe)	Thursday 3/10	\$20 per person
Trailer and trailer tune-up (Hughes & Mohrman)	Saturday 5/14	\$50 per couple/\$30 ind.; lunch included; time/location TBD
Communications Afloat	Date/Time/Price TBD	



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

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

Cdr. John Seaver, SN called the meeting to order at 1900 at the Squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH. The invocation was given by Lt Mary Rayburn, S and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by X/O Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP.

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

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr. John Seaver, S N; Executive Officer Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP; Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, N; Lt Mary Rayburn, S; Lt Eldon Hall, Jr., AP; Lt Scott Shaw; Lt Jana Mack, S.

Also present: P/C William Mohrman, AP; P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN; P/C Phil Osborne, JN; P/C Tom Norman, P; P/C Bob Rayburn, SN; Lt Tracy Garrett, S.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

**Commander John Seaver, SN:**

- Fast-lap around the table tonight; into Operations discussion and onto brainstorm mode!
- Participated in the D29 Conference – it was good and inspiring, as you can see below
- Participated in “Operations Training” – leading to brainstorming; leading to this meeting

**Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S**

The Adopt-A-Highway sign is up but needs to be corrected.

**Executive Officer Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP:**

Attended D-29 Conference in Ada, Ohio hosted by the Fort Wayne Power Squadron

- Nice venue.
- Attended many of the informative Seminars that day. D Lt/SEO Bob Rayburn did a very nice job in putting together the seminar offerings for the day.

Annual Fund Raiser for Columbus Sail & Power Squadron

- Raffle a \$500 gift certificate from the Store of the winner's choice. –
  - o Tickets are being sold now. Please see me if you are interested in purchasing any tickets.
  - o Raffle tickets will be sold at the upcoming dinner meetings in November, December and January at \$5.00 ea. or 6 for \$20.00
  - o Drawing for the winner will be held at the January 2016 Election meeting. Winner need not be present.
- 2016 Boat Show
  - o Continue to work on the booth for the show.

**Outreach**

- Working with local dealers to procure Stand Up Paddle boards or Kayaks for the CSPS booth.

**Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, N:**

Financial reports were distributed and reviewed. Investments



were up last month but up for the year.

**Administrative Officer Lt/C John McCarty, AP:**

Absent

**Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S:**

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

**Members at Large Reports:**

No reports

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**General Committees:**

Nominating Committee: P/C Bill Mohrman, AP; P/C Tom Norman, P; P/C David Canale, P – No report

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; P/C Robert Prior, P; P/C Tom Norman, P – Will have report in Dec/Jan.

Rules Committee: P/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Bob Van Der Wissel, JN, AP; Michael T. Hughes, AP – Absent

**Standing Committees:**

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman, S – An email requesting budget inputs have been sent out. Discussion and vote to send it to membership at January dinner meeting will occur at the December ECOM meeting.

Housing Committee: Vacant – Need to prepare job description and operating procedures. Duties were briefly reviewed.

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN or P/C Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN- Inventoried items received from the Marion squadron and fixed lights.

Supply Officer: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – See X/O report

Outreach: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – See X/O report.

Sea Gals: Cdr. Martha Beidel – Christmas party is coming up. See GG.

**Special Committees:**

Technical Committee: Lt/C John McCarty, AP, Lt Michael Hudson, P, Cdr John Seaver, SN- Changes have been made to the web page. Check it out. Some changes are needed yet to sub-pages. Alias emails will be set up by early December.

Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack, N; See treasurer's report

Boat Shows: P/C William Mohrman, AP – Arrangements are being made to borrow kayaks and new vests.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett, S – GG articles are due 12/8. A new calendar is coming. Tracy's daughter is updating the phone scripts.

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent

Boating Activities: Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP: See X/O report.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP: Absent.

**Old Business:**

Galley Gossip revisions will be implemented with the January



issue and it will be publicly available: No redacted marks; eliminate all phone numbers except squadron's main number; eliminate all non-alias emails unless a person is willing to advertise.

**First Horizon:**

Ed and Jana Mack welcomed a new grandson on 11/6.

**Last Horizon:**

P/D/C Ralph Behner, SN; P/C Larry Lowe's sister.

**Sick Bay:**

Sue Goelz will be hospitalized at The James. Visitors and food are welcome.

**Announcements**

Next ECOM meeting is December 15.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to discussion regarding redefining our squadron for the 21st Century. A summary of that discussion follows in which for simplicity, ranks of respondents are not included:

To spur discussion, Commander Seaver shared a list of suggestions offered by the National Commander at the District 29 Fall Conference on ways to grow a squadron:

- Teach ABC in partnership with a Community College – that partnership has shown itself to bring students.
- Show your colors – wear branded clothing, fly your squadron flag, get branded plates if they are available (They are in Ohio!) – each of those is a marketing opportunity when we're ask 'what is that?'
- Make flyers available at docks, marinas, boat stores (West Marine) and boat dealers.
- Participate in Community Calendars.
- Use Social Media – Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc. to communicate classes, events and material data about 'what we do'. Members 'like' and 'share' to their audiences.
- Undertake Campaigns – Adopt-A-Highway, food drives, operation feed, Toys For Tots, etc.
- Volunteer for Non-boating efforts (wearing your colors) – hand out water at races (marathons, 5/10K, etc.), volunteer at food banks, etc.
- Water-Demos – participate in events (Extravaganza, Home Shows, etc.) that don't directly relate to boat shows.
- On the Water – all courses have an 'on the water' element – take advantage of that. Create demonstration events – auto-deploying life vests ('fall' in the water), etc.
- Brunswick Dealer Advantage – The dealers have an incentive from Brunswick and we have an incentive for members.

Commander Seaver stressed his personal goal of offering multiple ABC classes each year.

Bob Rayburn: a discussion originated at the Operations Training Seminar as to what we can do differently within the context of National's requirements.

Mary Rayburn: discussed a book, "The End of Membership," the premise of which is that membership organizations are declining due to various factors such as boomers retiring and technology. Young people have a different way of thinking.

Julie Mohrman: in reading the book, economic changes caught her attention. Organizations grew off boomers who are now retiring and don't want to pay the costs related to membership. How to pull in new, tech savvy members that don't need bricks and mortar?

Michael Hughes: some organizations like Elks, e.g., have personal connections like weekly card games.

Mary Rayburn: we have to understand target markets, e.g., paddle boaters.

Bob Rayburn: We could have classes targeted at special interests like diesel engines.

Scott Shaw asked whether a list of boat owners in Ohio is available. It is.

Mary Rayburn: the book suggests setting targets with performance evaluation criteria.

Scott Shaw: suggests contacting insurance companies through National to get lower rates for members. He asked if we can get a list from federal government of documented vessels.

Ron Hupman: how to get our message out to more people is key.

Mary Rayburn: we could stress rendezvous.

Michael Hughes: we need to let people know about the fun they can have on rendezvous.

Ed Mack: most successful organizations have a lot going on for people of differing interests. We are hard to find in our location.

Ron Hupman: dinner meetings are the opportunity to get the general membership together. Attendance at these meetings has been in decline. We need enticing venues, better food and better programs to attract members.

Julie Mohrman: While we are the largest squadron in D29, we have low participation. The 20% who do the work are getting worn out.

Phil Osborne: even when we had 500 members it was still a small number doing everything.

Bill Mohrman: question-are squadrons that are doing a lot larger than we are? Bob Rayburn answered that they are not.

Jana Mack: maybe we need more social events where people can also talk boating.

Ron Hupman: We could organize excursions for members to boating related sites and events (or even non-boating) e.g. the USS Constitution in Boston once it is again available for tours.

Bob Rayburn: we could teach more online.

Tracy Garrett: Seamanship should start immediately after an ABC class.

Mari Seaver: thinks electives and seminars are more important than advanced grades. Rendezvous planning meeting needs to be held soon so that people have plenty of time to plan.

Ron Hupman: an example of a special seminar that could be developed would be about the peculiarities of safely handling "go fast" boats

Commander Seaver summarized from the discussion that our efforts should be directed toward outreach, fun and education with planned goals and measurements of progress. There was general agreement from those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 2044

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# More Is Not Merrier

by Dick Sorensen, N

A certain political candidates' rhetoric has inspired me to write with candor about a particular type of boat. And the boaters that use them as 'weapons' against the me. Like most issues in life there is a lot of truth in this 'tongue-in-cheek' look at one particular type of boats: the Go-Fast.

I don't mean to be selfish. I don't want to keep the rivers, lakes and oceans to myself and a few of my friends, but there does come a point when noise ruins everything. We have all the noise this country needs now. I associate 'Cigarette' boats with noise pollution and my unhappiness, not with a better economy due to more employment in the boat manufacturing sales and related maritime industries employment.

You know the names that this class of boats go by. Formula, Donzi, Baja, Scarab, with model titles of Top Gun, Marauder, Intimidator. Do these model names sound warm and welcoming? No.

These are the "immigrants" I want our maritime department of Home Land Security to stop at our shores. These are un-caring violators of everything I hold sacred. What do we know of these so called boat 'operators'? What has been their preparation, their schooling that will allow them to operate these 50-foot gelcoat freaks to run down our lakes with 2200 horses screaming. at high rates of speed into our world of jibs, mainsails and roller reefing. These 'never grown up high school jerks' who continue their testosterone driven bullying on our waterways. These seeming adult renditions of these bullies. You know the ones.... Most of the time the jocks. Clustered at their own lunch table, wouldn't move over in a crowded hallway, looked to slam a shoulder into anyone that didn't get out of their way, had the mental IQ equal to the number of shoe laces they had in each shoe. And now, just when I want to enjoy the serenity of the water here they come...roaring into my eardrums, violating my eye sight with their snake-like like form, their wake throwing me around the cockpit and for what? So that they can go as fast as they can!

It bruises my righteousness as a maritime traditionalist. Cigarette boats are one dimensional watercraft...all they do is go fast. I want, no I demand, that my boat serve as (1) a conveyance, (2) my home, (3) a place for friends to gather, (4) my personal refuge from a mundane life on shore, (5) a teacher or mentor of all things good, in the physical world, (6) a discoverer of new places, people, foods and culture, and (6) above all, a craft that can safely carry me thru to the harbor of happiness.

There is no magic in those boats...oh, initially, like a young girl attracted to a bad boy the thrill must be like plunging down the first hill on a roller coaster but it wouldn't take long for me to get over it and to find it numbing... like a root canal. The Scotch-Jewish heritage that I claim has clothed me in tight-fistedness that would make me retch if I had to buy gas for one of these oddities. It is the antitheist of what I want to find on the ocean; it is loud...I crave the quiet of a wave sluicing my hull...it is demanding on the body, I want my voyages to caress my soul. ....all they do is go fast...I want to slow down from my daily go-fast life....

Oh, I can hear you maritime liberals now! As you hold the 'Bill of Boaters Rights' high in the air howling in indignation. "These owners have the same rights as we do. They have paid their money and gotten these 'Harley Davidson's go fast boats!" I can hear your whining all the way over here. Like any good politician I have a compromise. Restrict them to 50 miles offshore or to only operate on a certain stretch of water, say the trash-strewn cesspool that is the Ohio River at its source in Pittsburgh...let them grab a handful of throttle and roar off into that open drain pipe....but, no, we find these characters everywhere....5000 horsepower on Alum Creek, a fleet of them tearing across Sandusky Bay, or thru Kent Narrows on the Chesapeake.

So, I would slam shut the factory whose doors are the wombs of these evil creations. I would put sugar in the stomach tanks of all these fiberglass evil-doers. I would subject their owners to ridicule and scorn and make sure they are never, ever, able to buy high octane gas again. Are you with me in my self-righteous indignation against these maritime banshees?

Yes, our waterways are over-whelmed by these oddities and our world would be a better place without them!

Now, that we've gotten rid of Go-Fasts on to the next class of boat that really aggravate me: Personal Watercraft!



*About this article....*

*While I personally abhor Go-Fast Boats and in all honesty really, really would declare them illegal, please note that I believe that they do have the same rights as I do to use the waterways. But, honestly, if I could I would.*

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*The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron roster has been updated. Go to [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org) under the members only section. Sign in using member and boating There you will find the roster and back issues of the Galley Gossip.*

# 7 Winter Projects

Save yourself time this spring by doing them now

Getting your boat repaired in the spring and summer can be challenging because most people are clamoring to have work done at that time. But with a little foresight, you can get the services you need now. Here are some common projects boaters should be looking at doing now, before the spring rush.

**Engine and prop** - Getting your boat's motor worked on in June is like waiting to buy Billy Joel tickets at the door. Get your mechanic on it now if you have a project in mind. It's also the time to have the dings taken out of the prop.

**Canvas and sails** - Canvas and sail lofts are notoriously cyclical businesses, so don't feel guilty about asking for a discount on winter work. Now is the time to get the new Bimini top made, repair the camper canvas, or get the sail stitched up.

**Wiring** - Every boater needs an extra 12-volt outlet at the helm or knows of a corroded wire or two somewhere on the boat that needs fixing.

**Paint and varnish** - Generally you need warm weather for these projects, but consider taking home hatch boards, tiller handles or wood trim projects and working on them now in a well-ventilated basement or heated garage.

**Line splicing** - Maybe it's an extra-long spring line you've always wanted or dock lines that will actually fit your boat's cleats. Curl up by the fire, sing a sea chantey, and start splicing because you will never want to do this in the summer.

**Chart and electronics updates** - Does your chart plotter use an old chip or are you using the same paper chart you had 10 years ago? Your helm electronics software may also have downloadable updates that make them perform better.

**Do a winter tackle box overhaul** - You're never going to want to do this once the fish start biting.

—BoatUS

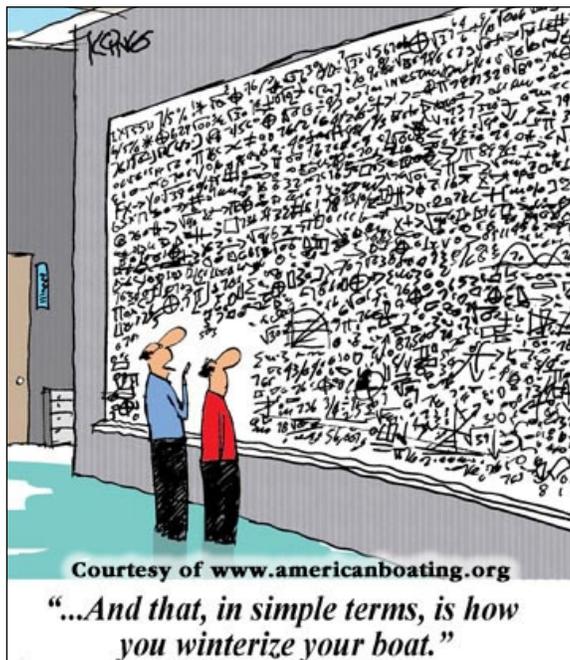


## USPS and the Geodetic Marker Recovery Program

Geodetic marks are highly accurate reference points established on the surface of the earth by local, state, and national agencies. Maintenance and preservation of these marks is of utmost importance to users of the net and to NGSD, recognizing that many valuable geodetic marks are destroyed by construction, new roads, erosion, or for other causes. Our job is to locate each of these marks and report their condition together with any change in the directions needed to locate them.

There are basically two types of marks, horizontal reference and vertical reference. Although the advances in GPS technology have made the horizontal reference marks less of a necessity in surveying, GPS cannot measure elevations accurately so the vertical reference marks are still necessary for accurate surveying. Normally, geodetic marks are round bronze disc, roughly three inches in diameter, firmly imbedded in concrete, bedrock or on a long rod driven into the ground. The objective of this cooperative charting geodetic mark recovery program is to locate and identify these marks and to report on their condition as Good, Poor, Not Found, or Destroyed. This is a valuable public service and, at the same time, an opportunity for Squadron members to get together for a fun, off the water activity.

This is fantastic way to spend a few hours together on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon this winter. Grab the grandkids, your GPS, a camera and the proper USPS form for marking the location. How to find them, where to find them, what to do when you find them, which ones need to be found, and more information is available at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) under the Cooperative Charting Program.



# Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Candidates for Elected Positions 2016-2017 (Term ending January, 2017)

Pursuant to sections 5.2 to 5.7, 6.8, 6.8.2, 11.1, and 11.2 of the Bylaws of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee hereby nominates the following candidates for the 2016 Annual Elections to be held on 7th January, 2016 at the monthly dinner meeting.

**BRIDGE:**

Julie Mohrman, AP	Commander*
Phil Osborne, JN	Executive Officer*
Edward Mack, N	Administrative Officer*
Mari Seaver, S	Squadron Education Officer*
John Daulton, P	Asst. Administrative Officer
Mary Rayburn, S	Asst. Squadron Education Officer
Ron Hupman, S	Secretary*
Thomas M. Doyle, P	Asst. Squadron Secretary
David Canale, P	Treasurer*
Edward Mack, N	Asst. Treasurer
John Seaver, SN	Past Commander

\*Denotes Executive Committee Member

**MEMBERS AT LARGE – ELECT 9**

- Harold Biedel, SN
- Bob Goelz, S \*
- Sherri Haring, S
- Michael T. Hughes, AP
- Ruth Kubinski, P\*
- Mary Jane Lauer, P
- Larry Lowe, SN\*
- Jana Mack, S\*
- Ruth Wilcox, S

\*Denotes Incumbent



**RULES COMMITTEE:**

- Harold Beidel, Jr., SN
- Michael T. Hughes, AP
- Bob Van der Wissel, AP

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- David Canale, P
- William Mohrman, AP
- John Seaver, SN

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

- Douglas Jackson, SN
- Thomas Norman, P
- Bob Prior, P

***Come greet the new bridge and vote  
January 7th! See the cover for more info.***

## 2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Month/Year Sponsor	Event Location	Date
February 2016 Lucy & Wade Grosz	Casino Night Headquarters	Fri. 2/19
March 2016 Sherry & Dave Ehrbar	St. Patrick's Party Ehrbar's Home	Thurs. 3/17
May 2016 Joyce & John Mattis	Night @ The Races Scioto Downs Racino	Wed. 5/18
Aug 2016 Jane & Dave Clark	Family Picnic TBA	TBA

Looking forward to seeing you all there.  
*The Crew*

# 2016 Cruise Planning Meeting

**HEY CSPS MEMBERS! It's that time!!**

January 19th – 7PM @HQ is the place to be for the 2016 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 place you want to visit. Everyone is encouraged to attend this standing room only meeting. If you want to help plan a trip or see where we are going in 2016, then attend the meeting. The lead planner is always looking for additional assistance with planning a rendezvous! So bring your 2016 calendar, ideas and join the fun!

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# Join us on a fun filled Cruise To Nashville June 19-26

Come join us on a fabulous Squadron Trailer Boat Cruise. In late June, we will launch from the "Land-Between-Lakes" National Park near Paducah KY. This beautiful park land will extend for 40 miles along our voyage. Along the way we will pass over the same waters that General Grant led a flotilla of boats to attack Fort Donelson. He had 6 gunboats, troop transports, supply barges with tugs, and even a hospital ship. As his gunships fired on Fort Donelson the Confederates cannons on shore fired back at his flotilla. Just picture this as your traveling this section of the river. General Grant captured 13,000 confederate troops at the fort. You'll also see an amazing number of eagles on this leg of the cruise.

Spend the night in historic Clarksville TN where we will eat in a rustic old restaurant. Then travel on to the famous entertainment capital of Nashville the next day. When it comes to entertainment this town has something for everybody. You can attend the "Grand Old Opry", eat at the Aquarium where the walls, have fish swimming by you, or see "The Country Music Hall of Fame". Then have a cold beverage where all the new young country entertainers start out. Take short side trips in your boat on up the river passing some of the \*stars\* homes. After 3 nights enjoying Nashville we'll head back north in our boats. Stopping again in Clarksville then on back to Kentucky Dam Marina where we'll load our boats and head home. You will have experienced an unbelievable week of boating fun.

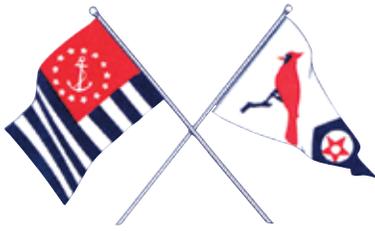
I need to know if you're interested in attending this event as the block of rooms I have reserved is about gone. I have got a good price on the rooms with the Nashville hotel located right downtown. So let me know if you're definitely interested. Get your name on my list soon.

Contact, Ron Lavelly, 614.595.1762, as soon as possible if you are interested in going: [ronlavelly@yahoo.com](mailto:ronlavelly@yahoo.com)



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