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# Commander's Ball

# "Boating Skills and Thrills"

Honoring Commander David M. Canale, P and Lynne

16 March 2013, Social Hour starting at 1800 J Liu Restaurant

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Questions? Call Lt Angie Delewese, P. 614-370-3700 or email hl19angie@earthlink.net



# **COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON**

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# **CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS**

## March

2 Saturday America's Boating Class #3 & Test Day9 Saturday Charting Seminar at Scioto Boat Club

10 Sunday Daylight Savings Begins

11 Monday April Galley Gossip articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com

12 Tuesday New Member Orientation @ HQ 6:30pm

13 Wednesday Using VHS/DSC Radio Seminar

16 Saturday Columbus Commander's Ball - dinner

17 Sunday Sea Gals St Patrick's Day party

19 Tuesday Seamanship Class begins

26 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ
27 Wednesday Marine Communications Systems class begins

28 Thursday CPR Class @ HQ 7-9pm

31 Sunday Happy Easter

# **April**

4 Thursday Dinner Meeting

5-7 Fri.-Sun. District 29 Spring Conference and COW - Perrysburg

6 Saturday SeaGals visit Hollywood Casino Night

8 Monday May Galley Gossip articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
11 Thursday Marion PS Target Shooting and Dinner 6:30pm

17 Wednesday Rivers, Locks and Lakes Seminar @ HQ

21 Sunday Vessel Safety Check class 6pm @ HQ

23 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting

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A BIG thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome at the Change of Watch (COW) wherein I was formally sworn in as the new Commander and the new Bridge officially assumed office. We all plan to work vigorously and promote the efforts of the Squadron. I was truly humbled for such a fine turnout at the COW. I would also like to thank Past Commander Tom Norman and his bridge for a job well done.

Kicking things off for 2013, I am pleased to announce that our 2010-12 ODNR grant has been closed and our new Grant for 2013-2014 is now fully available. With these Grant funds we will be purchasing advertising for our ABC boat courses and general courses as well as some new equipment. Thank you to the ODNR!

On a similar note, I want to welcome Victor Ricks, of the Division of Watercraft, as an Honorary Member of the CSPS. Many of us have worked with Victor in the past, and he is truly an asset to our squadron and the Ohio boating community.

Congratulations to Bill Mohrman, Michael Hughes and Tracy Garrett for recent radio plugs that they appeared in. Public appearances truly help to promote the squadron and account, to some degree, on our recent enrollment success of 30+ students in the ABC classes.

On the national scene, the USPS Jacksonville Conference



was recently held in January. Most noteworthy was the fact that National will soon be offering most courses over the internet (which was inevitable in our computer drenched society). And, while the details have yet to be ironed out, National will apparently be sharing some of its course revenues with the local squadrons. Clearly, there are going to be a lot of changes in the future and I will try to keep everyone updated as those changes occur.

On the district level, this

year, the Toledo Squadron will be hosting the D 29 Spring Conference the first weekend of April. This year is very special as the USPS Chief Commander will be personally attending. Let's all mark our calendars and plan to go to the Spring Conference, April 5-7, and show our support for the Chief Commander. Finally, as our classes are proceeding and our rendezvous are being planned, let's all take a moment to thank those who volunteer their time and efforts to the Squadron. Best wishes until next month.

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Bill Mohrman, AP



I would like to thank the membership for voting for me and affirming my continued trek on the bridge of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. After a full year at Administrative Officer, I am looking forward to being the second in command, the Executive Officer (XO). You may ask, as I did, what are the roles and responsibilities of the XO? In short, the XO is responsible for many of the external links to



the squadron; Public Relations, Boat Shows, liaison to other boating organizations, Co-operative Charting, and Vessel Safety Checks.

As it turns out, all of these have Public Relations in common activities. If we don't have a strong marketing department that is putting CSPS out in front of the public, we are just an inwardly focused boating club. It is very important to "market" ourselves to not only the public but other important boating entities such as ODNR, Ohio Safe Boating Council, boat dealers, the various boating clubs in the area. Why? We are an important boating education and safety organization in the Central Ohio area. There is no other organization in Central Ohio that offers the breadth and depth of boating training that we do. We should be proud of our

efforts and volunteer time we spend with the boating public.

I am blessed with a very capable and seemingly inexhaustible Public Relations Officer, Tracy Garrett. Tracy keeps us all in line and spends a huge amount of time promoting the squadron. It is my job as XO to make the best of our contacts and relationships with the public. For example, we just completed two radio spots to promote CSPS. Commander David Canale, Coastie and I appeared on the WCOL 92.3 FM "Woody in the Morning" radio show promoting our America's Boating Course. This is huge exposure for us as WCOL reaches tens of thousands of listeners here in Central Ohio. We also participated in a radio interview for the Ohio Outdoor Network that is broadcast all over the state.

Our exposure in conducting Vessel Safety Checks is showing. We have people coming up to us at the boat shows and saying they know us because we conducted a VSC examination for them. We plan to expand this activity this summer to more ramps and bodies of water to touch more boaters. Our primary reason for doing VSC checks is for public safety, but also it gives us great exposure.

So, what PR can you do for CSPS today? It is really simple; you will find our "Who We Are" speech in this edition of the Galley Gossip as well as on our website. Then the next time someone asks you about the CSPS, please take a minute and tell them the three things we do: Education, Civic Service, and Fraternization. We are a great organization and we serve the public in many ways.

As I embark upon the Administrative Officer role, I first wanted to say thank you to the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron for welcoming my family and I into the crew. I appreciate the AO nomination and the work of the nominating team as well as your confidence in me as I assume this responsibility. As a relative newbie to the squadron, I am continually impressed by the dedication, knowledge, and thoughtfulness of our members. The camaraderie and fun we have while serving the boating public - teaching seminars and classes, during parades and boat inspections as well as every time we extend a hand to a fellow boater – is infectious.

As a background introduction, I came to Ohio for college (DeVry) and stayed for the fun – and because CompuServe was hiring. I met my wonderful wife Marielle, of 25 years shortly after arriving in Ohio, and we've enjoyed the company of our daughter, Katrina, every day for the past 10 years. My wife and I both work full time in the information technology field – she for Cardinal Health and I work for the State of Ohio. Our marriage is very much a team approach and I expect the AO role will find us both heavily invested. We're very much a package deal – she's the brains and I am the modest, charismatic, trophy husband.

We met Brian (our SEO) and Jerrie Anne O'Rourke when our kids became friends at daycare – and after joining them on their boat, we were bitten by the boating bug. We "won" our first boat, a Four Winns 195, from an eBay auction on Easter 2008 – and three boats later we currently enjoy our Crownline 268. Look for "Crown Royal" every weekend that we're not travelling - at Alum Creek - tubing, cruising or anchored in the swim cove. Brian was aware of the US Power Squadron

# Thought-Provoking Boating Demographics

During the business meeting at the recently concluded USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL, the CEO of Brunswick Corp. offered two interesting and critical facts concerning boating demographics. Brunswick owns numerous boating industry brands including Mercury, SeaRay and Bayliner among others. He stated the following:

Two thirds of all adult boaters were introduced to boating in their childhood

Two thirds of all children introduced to boating in their youth will become boaters as adults.

These facts speak volumes as to what we must do in the present to help insure boating survives into the future; introduce children to our passion at every opportunity.

P/C Bob Prior, P

and twisted my arm to take the ABC Class with him in the spring of 2008 and we've been active in the Squadron since. I have enjoyed serving for three years as a Member at Large, ABC Course Instructor, and Boat Safety Inspector as well as the past couple of years and as the "Tech Team" Lead. I have taken every elective class except for Sailing and am currently attempting to pass Jr Navigation. I have learned an incredible amount from my fellow students and especially from our great instructors. I have been mentored by many, but there are a few that stand out - Larry Lowe, Michael Hughes, Tracy Garrett, Matt Murphy; and our current and outgoing Bridge and The Executive Committees have kept my journey educational and interesting.

Making my transition into this role easy and entertaining, Dick Sorensen has agreed to return as Assistant AO. Easily one of our more entertaining personalities I am grateful Dick remains on board for his experience and equally twisted sense of humor, keeping us entertained, if no one else.

As for my "agenda" for the upcoming year, I am easily bored and continually seek new challenges and entertainment. I appreciate tradition, but I also love to try new things so this year we'll sprinkle some new locations in for our monthly dinner meetings to go along with our always excellent speaker line up that you all help with.

Our Dinner meetings for the spring are all sewn up with a few details yet to be ironed out. Bill Mohrman has lined up excellent February and March events with the Change of Watch and The Commander's Ball. I have already leaned heavily on Bill and Julie for their guidance – and the structure they have implemented into the AO role will be a great benefit.

April's Dinner meeting will be our "3 Hour Tour" event at the Scioto Yacht Club – if you missed it last year, you missed a great time. This event will be moved from the first to the second Thursday in April (the 11th) to accommodate our activity at the club. At this event the rendezvous coordinators for each event will have a table to share details on the entertaining rendezvous that they have put together. And back by popular demand – we'll have a bragging-rights contest for the best-dressed characters from Gilligan's Island. May brings the Popular "Ice Breaker" event with details pending. In June, we are wrapping up details with Alum Creek Sailing Association to have a cook-out at their pavilion and our speaker will share his extensive knowledge on The America's Cup history including the changes for this year's event. Ron Hupman gave him two thumbs up. To accommodate our speaker's schedule – we will need to move this event the second Thursday as well, June 13th – details pending.

I look forward to getting to know each of you better and doing my part help the CSPS further our goals and have fun while we do it!

# **FIRST HORIZON**

Luke David Fannon, born 12 February in Wooster, Ohio. Proud grandparents are David R. Fannon, JN, and first mate Melissa.

# **EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, P

Ken Spilke and Doug Jackson launched the Sail class February 5th and by May Catherine Kohn, John K. Daulton, Paula Duzinski, Michael T. Hughes and Karen Kramer should be able to tell us the difference between a jib, a spinnaker and a main sail.

America's Boating Class (ABC) kicked off Feb 16 and this is one of the biggest education and membership events of the year! We have 25 students registered and



after this class that will be 25 people who are more educated when on the water not to mention 25 new squadron members!

Navigation begins March 6 with Roger Hankle at the helm. This is the second part of the study of offshore navigation. It further develops the student's skills and understanding of celestial theory. You are introduced to additional sight reduction techniques for bodies other than the sun. You will develop greater skills and precisions in sight taking, positioning and the orderly methods of carrying on the day's work of a navigator at sea. Of particular interest and importance is the navigation software that is explained and used in practices for planning and navigating in the offshore environment with the included software. Offshore navigation using minimal data and/or equipment, such as when on a disabled vessel or lifeboat is also studied.

Come to the March 13 seminar, Using VHS/DSC Marine Radio. Attendees will learn radio procedure/etiquette, the latest features, how to select a radio and much more. Today's radio operators are assigned an MMSI to take advantage of Digital Selective Calling and the Coast Guard's new Rescue 21 system. Some new radios even have built in AIS. If you don't understand this lingo, this seminar is for you. Marine radio is not a CB, walkie-talkie, or telephone and your safety may depend on knowing how to properly use it.

Join Bill Lehner and Dave Ehrbar when Seamanship begins March19th. Building on the basics taught in ABC, students learn practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water.

Larry Lowe and Bill Mohrman will be starting Marine Communications March 27th. Radio history and spectrum definitions are presented along with definitions of radio circuits and how to choose the best communications method for your situation. In addition, Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and FCC Rules and regulations are covered. High Seas radio (MF/HF and satellite communications) and Family Radio Service transceivers will be discussed. Also troubleshooting of radio installations will benefit everyone.

As always please be sure to visit our website for the latest courses being offered by the Squadron. We have a jam-packed schedule with plenty of courses and seminars being offered so you can learn new skills or dust off old ones. 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 so easy and can be completed right from the web page!

# **Toot Your Horn!**

Boat horn a little weak? Try this free app (BRENNANMOYMEDIA) on your smartphone and make some noise. This was designed to be an annoyance app so it isn't USCG approved but, it has been reported to make sounds at 80db.

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



# Winter/Spring Classes

	CLASS	DATE	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	PRICE (mem/non)	
	Navigation	Mar 6 – May 29 Weds	Roger Hankle	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	
<b>SEMINARS</b> (held at Headquarters starting at 7pm unless noted)						
	CHARTING A COURSE	Mar 9 Sat Free for AB	C3 Students	Scioto Boat Club	\$40/\$40 8am-noon	
	Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio	Mar 13 Weds		HQ	\$10/\$20	
	The Art of Trailering	ADDII TDD				

The Art of Trailering APRIL TBD
Become a Vessel Safety Examiner APRIL TBD
Trailering and Backing (for women only) MAY 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 22 January 2013

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

Cdr Thomas Norman called the meeting to order at 1900 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH

Cdr Norman gave the invocation.

A/O Bill Mohrman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by sight and the secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr Tom Norman, Administrative Officer Lt/C Bill Mohrman, Executive Officer David Canale, Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay, P/C Matt Murphy, P/R/C Harold Beidel, Lt Tom Doyle, Lt Michael T. Hughes, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, P/D/C Philip Osborne, Lt John Seaver.

Others present were: P/C Larry Lowe, P/C Michael Hughes, P/C Bill Lehner, Lt Tracy Garrett.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

### Commander's Comments, Cdr Tom Norman

The audit of the 2010-2012 ODNR grant has been completed and accepted by ODNR. Some unspent money was returned.

### Reports of Officers

## **Executive Officer, Lt/C David Canale**

Ticket sales for the IPad drawing are going well. Suggested dates for a CPR training class being considered are March 23 or 30. David will contact the instructor and finalize.

## Administrative Officer, Lt/C Bill Mohrman

The Change of Watch will be Feb. 16 at Hunan House with a family style dinner.

### Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke - Absent

See the GG or the website for upcoming classes and seminars.

### Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting were approved. Reports sent to the secretary have declined in recent months. Please provide written reports which should be emailed to hupman I@att.net.

# Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay

Discussed highlights of the month and year–to-date reports

### Past Commander - P/C Matt Murphy

Reported that he feels the Power Squadron is no longer considered a competitor with the Coast Guard Reserve. The

two groups complement each other. He has received several calls recently regarding classes and it is very easy to enroll someone on the web site while on the phone.

### **Members at Large Reports**

Lt Tom Doyle –Suggests having a video monitor at the boat show booth.

P/D/C Philip Osborne – Reported that P/C Bill Lehner will be District Commander for 2014. P/D/C Osborne would like Columbus to host the Spring District Meeting

Lt John Seaver – We will possibly assist the Marion Squadron with their web page. There was general agreement that this assistance would be appropriate. Phil Osborne will discuss with Marion what they would like to include.

## **General Committees**

**Audit Committee Chair:** P/C Don Delewese – Absent. **Nominating Committee Chair:** P/C Robert Prior – No report

**Rules Committee Chair:** P/C Robert Van Der Wissel, P/C Don Delewese, P/D/C Phil Osborne – No report.

### **Standing Committees**

**Finance Committee:** Lt/C Ron Hupman – The 2013-2014 budget was approved by the membership.

**Property Officer:** P/C Michael Hughes – Reported on continuing entry door problems. Be sure it is closed when you leave. HQ passed a fire inspection. We must not pile things on top of the cabinets.

**Supply Officer:** Lt Julie Mohrman – Absent - Bill Mohrman reported that they are checking to see if Ships Store is wanted at the Spring District Meeting.

**Sea Gals:** Lt Martha Beidel – Harold Beidel reported upcoming events are Movie Night on 2/22 at 6:30, and Casino Night in March at HQ and St. Patrick's Day brunch at the Ehrbars on 3/7. A visit to the Hollywood Casino is being considered for April.

## **Special Committees**

**Technical Committee** – Lt John Seaver – Disposing of two laptops as previously approved.

**Marketing:** Lt Tracy Garrett – We will need more class brochures after the February boat show.

**Boating Activities:** Lt David Canale – Planned 2013 cruises will be in the next *GG*.

After the break, the members of the 2013 executive Committee took their seats

#### Commander Elect David Canale – Thanked Cdr.

Tom Norman for his service during the past year. Plans to streamline the agenda. Mentioned the excellent article by Eric Meyer in the Ensign about the CSPS's 2011 Trent Severn cruise. Painting the Delaware dam is scheduled for 7/2 (rain 7/3). The Winter conference is in Ada on 2/10. Sign up at SignupGenius to work the February boat show.

continued

#### **Old Business**

none

### **New Business**

2013-2014 calendars were passed out. Several dates need to be changed. The following changes were agreed on:

5/4/13 Ice Breaker 9/12/13 Dinner Meeting

12/6/13 Christmas Party

12/17/13 ECOM

1/9/14 Dinner Meeting

Motion to approve by Canale, 2nd by Mohrman, approved unanimously.

### **Comments from Guests**

On 2/22 the 2013 Hoover Fishing Seminar will be held at Walnut Springs elementary 8-2 and CSPS has been invited back.

## Sick Bay

Skip Woodruff is back to work Jim Beall had spine surgery and is doing well Linda Lavely is recovering from knee surgery.



... to Dick Sorensen for his generous contribution to the squadron refrigerator. We greatly appreciate your donation.



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.

### Announcements

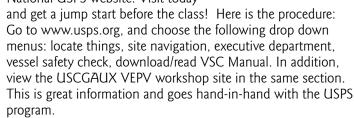
Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 26 February Remember to Re-register for Kroger Rewards February 8 Is the Deadline for March GG Articles Boat Show dates: February 7-10

Meeting Adjourned at 2030

# **JOIN OUR VESSEL SAFETY CHECK TEAM THIS SEASON!**

Please accept this invitation to join our VESSEL SAFETY CHECK team as we kick off the 2013 boating season. The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron has had great success with this program, and we are looking to build it even stronger this

year! We invite you to come to a class conducted by John Pruitt AP, Vessel Safety Check Chair, to be held at our Headquarters (8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center OH 43035) on Sunday 21 April at 1800. The class will last about 2 hours, is free, and all materials will be provided. You can get a great overview of the material and what is involved during an inspection from the National USPS website. Visit today



All Past Commanders who are not already Vessel Examiners are invited to join us as well. All current examiners are encouraged to attend as a refresher.

All Vessel Examiners provide a potential life-saving service, meet lots of new boaters who share our love of the water, help grow our organization, and have fun in the process! Please e-mail John Pruitt at jmepruitt@prodigy.net to express your interest, ask questions, or sign up for the class.

To register for this class, visit www.columbussailandpower. org under the education tab. Questions? Contact John Pruitt at 614-717-9494 or email him at jmepruitt@prodigy.net

Order your Vessel Safety Examiner shirts from the ships store.



# NOAA and U.S. Power Squadrons renew cooperative charting program

January 18, 2013

U.S. Power Squadron members and others report wrecks and other potential navigation dangers to NOAA, and cartographers update the nautical chart. These are real-time displays from a January 16 hydrographic survey, as NOAA Research Vessel Bay Hydro II confirmed the location of a reported wreck in the Chesapeake Bay.

This week, NOAA and the U.S. Power Squadrons, a non-profit organization dedicated to safe boating, will renew a 50-year commitment to a cooperative charting program that helps to update the nation's thousands of navigational charts.

Under the voluntary program, formalized by a Memorandum of Agreement, members of the U.S. Power Squadrons scan water and land areas, looking for changing conditions that may not be reflected on NOAA nautical charts. Power Squadrons members submit their reports online, and NOAA cartographers review and incorporate changes to their navigation products.

"The partnership between Coast Survey and the Power Squadrons is a long and successful one, speaking to our shared vision of safety on U.S. waters," said Rear Admiral Gerd Glang, director of NOAA's Office of Coast Survey. "The cooperative charting program, originally formalized in 1963, continues an extremely cost-effective method for correcting chart errors that are the result of constantly changing coastlines and seafloors."

Over the last ten years, Power Squadrons members have submitted more than 28,000 corrections to NOAA's nautical charts and the United States Coast Pilot, a series of nautical books that cover a variety of information important to coastal and Great Lakes navigators. More than 4,000 members have submitted reports, adding their particular local knowledge to NOAA's national effort to keep navigation materials accurate.

"I believe that our cooperative efforts with NOAA represent an ideal partnership between a volunteer organization and a federal agency," says John Alter, chief commander of the U.S. Power Squadrons. "It gives our members a feeling of accomplishment and pride to see their contributions reflected in the latest nautical chart updates and provides a tangible benefit to being a United States Power Squadrons' member. This cooperative effort has stood the test of time, and we look forward to our continued commitment to this important civic service."

In 1963, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, one of NOAA's predecessor agencies, recognized the challenge of maintaining one thousand U.S. nautical charts covering 95,000 miles of coastline with the sparse resources at hand. Many charts would go uninspected by Coast Survey surveyors for decades, agency leaders acknowledged. To help remedy the situation, Coast Survey established the cooperative charting program so local Power Squadron members could check their local charts for accuracy and report discrepancies.

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, originally formed by President Thomas Jefferson in 1807, updates the nation's nautical charts, surveys the coastal seafloor, responds to maritime emergencies and searches for underwater obstructions and wreckage that pose a danger to navigation. Join Coast Survey on Twitter @nauticalcharts, and check out the NOAA Coast Survey Blog at http://noaacoastsurvey.wordpress.com for more in-depth coverage of surveying and charting.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources. Visit us at www.noaa.gov and join us on Facebook. Twitter and our other social media channels.



iPad is a magical window where nothing comes between you and what you love. Now that experience is even more incredible with the new iPad. AND CSPS is raffling off a 32gb WiFi retina display dual core with an A5X chip NEW iPAD! You could win this awesome prize at the 2013 Commander's Ball on March 16. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Get your tickets today through any bridge officer, at any dinner meeting or at the Executive Committee meetings. SOMEONE will win the new iPad and it could be YOU!!!!

# ATTENTION ALL NEW COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON MEMBERS

Please join us for an informal meeting at our squadron headquarters March 12th at 630pm. We will have pizza, salad, dessert and drinks for you as we introduce you to some of our squadron members and show you around our headquarters. Please RSVP for this event to John Seaver at jls\_oh@hotmail.com or call 614-562-8076. Let John know what you like on your pizzas that we will order. Bring the family!

# Scenes from the CHANGE OF WATCH 16 February





















# **DISTRICT 29 SPRING CONFERENCE -**

# Party like A Dock Star!

The District 29 Spring Conference will be held **April 5-7** in Perrysburg OH at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. Hotel rooms are \$80 per night for Kings or Doubles. Call the Holiday Inn directly at 419-874-3111 to make your reservations. Mention you are with the United States Power Squadron to get this rate. The registration form for the conference will be coming out by the end of February and we will have it in the April Galley Gossip. BUT, do not delay, reserve your room today!

Haven't been to a District Conference yet? What do they do there? Friday evening everyone gets settled in their rooms and enjoys the hosts squadron's meet and greet hospitality party. Meet new people from the eight squadrons, greet some old friends and enjoy appetizers and drinks. After the Saturday morning continental breakfast provided by the District, journey off to some interesting seminars presented by squadron members. These seminars change each conference so there is always something fresh to catch. After the District luncheon, the general meeting is where you find out what the other squadrons and committees have done and are planning. Plus pick up new information from National. During the time as the general meeting, there is a spouses program to some interesting local places. Everyone will have an hour or so to nap or prep before the District Commander's Hospitality party and dinner. After dinner there is some entertainment (music, speaker, etc) and then the squadron hospitality rooms open. Sunday morning provides another breakfast, then the goodbyes to new and old friends begin before heading home.

YOUNG SKIPPERS PROGRAM - We are excited to present a youth program all day Saturday. Dave Smith of AquaGym in Columbus will be teaching some youth the fun of diving. Dave will provide all equipment and instruction for the awesome price of \$30 per child. Space is limited in the diving class so register early. Those children who do not want to or cannot participate in the diving class will be working in the pool learning life jacket usage and boating safety skills with an inflatable boat. After a pizza party lunch, the afternoon will include some classroom activities and working on the entries for the youth poster contest. This year's theme is "100 Years of Wearing It".

If you wish to register your child for the youth program, contact Ruth Wilcox at ruthwilcox@aol.com or call 614-425-8577. Adult supervision will be available the entire day until after dinner.

# **Calling All Volunteers!**

### Saturday March 2 - 10am-12 noon

Volunteers are needed at the America's Boating Class being held at the Scioto Boat Club located at 3232 Indian Village Dr, Columbus OH 43221. If you can grade tests, talk to students about the correct answers or help process the scores, please contact Mari Seaver and let her know what you are willing to do. mseaver87@gmail.

614-563-6075

## Sat March 9 - Charting Course 8am-noon

Volunteers are needed at the How to Chart a Course class being held at the Scioto Boat Club located at 3232 Indian Village Dr, Columbus OH 43221. Doug Jackson will be presenting this seminar to the ABC3 students and anyone else who signs up for this course. If you feel comfortable helping a table with using a plotter and divider, assisting with the hands on exercises and answering questions from your table mates, please contact Mari Seaver and let her know what you are willing to do. mseaver87@gmail.com 614-563-6075.

# SICK BAY

Linda Whiting had back surgery on Feb.11,2013. She will be staying at Dublin Methodist Hospital then on to Friendship Village for 2 to 3 weeks. Please send your cards to her at Friendship Village of Dublin, Health Center, 6000 Riverside Dr, Dublin OH 43017. The staff will make sure she gets them.

# D/29 wins **VSC Award**

Congratulations to the Vessel Safety Check Team for District 29! Their efforts have resulted in a 5th place award nationally for productivity. Our District has 55 vessel examiners who performed 970 vessel safety checks during 2012. This ratio of the number of active examiners to the total number of vessels checked put us among the top 5! Thank you to everyone for their efforts, and let's plan to have an even more successful 2013.

VSC Chair John Pruitt



When asked "what is a Power Squadron" how do you respond? Here is a way to answer:

The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron (CSPS) are 225 volunteer members here in Central Ohio promoting boating education and safety. We are a part of the United States Power Squadron (USPS) that is 40,000 members strong. We have three main functions: Boating Education, Civic Service and Fraternal Activities.

Boating Education: We offer basic to advanced classes, seminars and on-the-water education that cover Seamanship, Piloting and Navigation. No other central Ohio organization offers the number of classes or depth of education that we do. All of our classes and seminars are open to the public.

Civic Service: We offer Vessel Safety Checks free of charge to the boating public. We participate at the Boat Shows with free seminars. We participate in the NOAA Co-operative Charting program by volunteering our time to verify and help chart our waterways.

Fraternal Activities: We offer hands on activities through our rendezvous and have social activities during the year to promote safe boating.



# **Target Shooting & Dinner**

The Marion Power Squadron is inviting CSPS to their April II Target Practice and Dinner at the Marion Fish and Game. The outdoor range can handle both pistols and long guns. Dinner is included for \$8. Please mark your calendar for this event. If you would like more information, contact Diane Cooper at (740-389-3725), diane.cooper@exactsoftware.com

# CPR CLASS -HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

Ohio State will be presenting a CPR Class at HQ from 7-9pm on Thursday March 28. Cost is \$25 - lowest price anywhere! This will be a "Heartsaver" certified course. It will cover adult CPR, both hands free and using a pocket mask. We will be working on the executive committee table so no need to get down in the floor! We will cover the use of an AED (defibrillator) and the Heimlich maneuver. There will be manuals provided to take home with you. This course is now almost all hands on. The only "test" is watching to see if the skills portion is done correctly. There is no written test. To RSVP for this valuable class, contact David Canale at davidcanale4u@yahoo.com or call 614-323-6040. REGISTER TODAY.

# Sail Classes on Alum Creek Reservoir

The Alum Creek Sail Association conducts a number of adult learn to sail classes throughout the summer. Courses consist of at least 2.5 hours of instruction each week over a six week period, and involve classroom and on-the-water experience on sailboats from 22 ft to 26ft in length.

All classes are conducted at the Alum Creek Sailing Facility located off Lewis Center Rd. is offering Adult Learn to Sail Registration fee (\$150) includes enrollment in: (1) The Shore School - Introduction/Orientation Class; and (2) A full course of On-the-Water Classes, on the dates of your choice (Sun & Thurs schedules). For questions or to register for this class, visit www.alumcreeksailing.com under the "Learn to Sail" tab. Classes are also available for youth.

# **CONGRATS!**

Congratulations to Mary Humbel and Bob Rayburn who were recently engaged. The wedding bells will be ringing in October!

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# 'It Was Only A Three Tour Cruise'

By Dick Sorensen, IN

In the closing weeks of World War II a naval tragedy occurred that makes my hair stand on end to this day, one that highlights a truly horrendous example of sailors in trouble, and no one knew about it. The USS Indianapolis, after delivering one of the atomic bombs to end the war, was returning to base. A Japanese sub got lucky and put two torpedoes into her. The Indianapolis sank like a rock. The Navy knew nothing of this fortune-of-war for four long days and nights; the sharks found out immediately.

As recreational boaters, becoming lost or disabled has the potential to be more than a little inconvenience.....It can kill you. When we are overdue our 'loved ones' are the first to know and raise the alarm. Yet, the first responders need information: Who is lost? How many on board? What is the boat's length? Topside color? Registration number? What lifesaving gear is on board? Does it have a vhf radio? Where did the overdue boat depart from? Where was it headed? When was it to arrive/ etc. Would your family be able to answer these questions? I know my wife and kids wouldn't!

Jim Young, a boater and, here's the real neat part; a software developer from Puget Sound came to the same realization. Mr. Young knows the time-tested proven way to share maritime travel plans with shore-based folks is to file a float plan. Yet, in today's world who are we to file it with? Besides leaving a note on the kitchen counter who do you tell? The Coast Guard? Not likely. How about typing it and leaving it nailed to the dock or duct-taped to the trailer....Who's to know? Being a software developer guess what Jim did? He got busy and provided a real sweet solution to this nasty problem....and it's FREE for all of us!

Mr. Young created www.FloatPlanRegistry.com. This is a web site that allows you to set up an outline of your cruise with your email contacts to be alerted if you're overdue. It is designed for you to provide answers to these critical questions: Who, What, Where and When.

It's a two-step process: You establish a basic account with detailed information about your boat, it's physical characteristics, a photo, radios, safety gear, etc you go on about yourself and your potential crewmembers. You then list key email contacts.

Once you've established your basic account it's easy to create a Float Plan for your cruise. Just open your account, enter the departure and arrival times, waypoints on the cruise if you want, select who's crewing with you, your expected arrival date and time when you should be off the water.

Then if you're overdue an email is automatically send to your contacts alerting them and they can get busy, armed with lots of data about you, where you put in at, the general area you should be in, to share with the first responders. It's automatic. You just have to remember to 'close out' the cruise before your contacts start freaking out and call out the Coasties.

While I usually take a 'self-reliant' attitude towards personal safety because I believe, as a responsible boater, we should be prepared to 'save ourselves,' there are times when you just need help and this registry provides it. If you've ever become disabled while on a cruise you know the feeling of helplessness. Especially if you can't reach anyone by radio or phone and waiting for a good Samarian to cruise by is a long shot and not a bet I'd take. And, it's been my experience, that when something goes wrong it's usually in bad weather. Would your loved ones know where you where boating that day, would they know details about your boat or who was with you? Check out Jim's website and watch the demo tape. This Free Website is a real life saver.

If 'The Skipper' had filed a Jim Young's Float Plan then he wouldn't have been stuck on Gilligan's Island all those years! It truly would have been just a three hour cruise!

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.

# **Buckeye Lake News**



On Thursday, March 14 at 8:00PM, our own Doug Jackson will discuss Bare Boat Charters at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club as part of the Club's winter lecture series. All CSPS members are invited and urged to attend. Anyone planning to attend who would like to have dinner at the club prior to the program or who needs directions, please contact Ron or Barbara Hupman at 740-467-7013.

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# SAVE THE DATE - May 4, 2013

Columbus Sail and Power Squadron along with the Marion Squadron invite all members of Distrit 29 to join us for The Icebreaker Dinner held this year at The Island House Hotel, Port Clinton, Ohio. We will be celebrating the running of the 139th Kentucky Derby. We are hoping to have all squadrons bring rendezvous' plans for the summer boating trips plus sign-up sheets. Dress of the day- Island shirts, derby hats. Prizes for the best Derby Hats – men's and women's. Look for more information in the May issue of the *Galley Gossip*.

In January, the SeaGals enjoyed Movie Night at the Movie Tavern. All except for a few who were pre-occupied in the back row enjoyed Robert Di Niro and Bradley Cooper in "Silver Linings Playbook" developing a new appreciation for mental illness. About 35 members were in attendance.

In February the SeaGals enjoyed Casino Night more to come next month. Coming up in March is our annual St Patrick's Day party. This year we are having a St Paddy's day brunch at 11 AM on Sunday, March 17th at the home of Sherry & Dave Ehrbar. The SeaGals will be providing a main dish with members bringing a side dish to complete the St. Patrick's Day festivities. Watch your e-mail or check with Sherry and Dave for additional information.

On Saturday evening, April 6th, we are planning a field trip to the new Hollywood Casino. After sharpening our skills for Martha Money in February, we will put these enhanced skills to work breaking the bank at the Hollywood Casino. (Of course we will stop in time to assure that the county doesn't default on the Nationwide Arena loan!)

May 19th will be the SeaGals Change of Watch and while there won't be much change, any opportunity to party together will not be overlooked. Please mark your calendars.

August 16th weekend will be our Rendezvous. Plans are shaping up for a wonderful cruise thanks to the Cards and the Clarks. More info to come as the day draws near.

Mark your calendars and "Outlook" schedules to join us!!

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	
Mar. 17, 2013	St. Pat's Brunch	Sherry Ehrbar	Ehrbar's Home	
Apr. 6, 2013	Casino Night	Joyce & John Mattis	Hollywood Casino	
May 19, 2013	Change of Watch	Martha & Harold Beidel	Colombini's	
Aug. 16, 2012	Rendezvous	Clarks & Cards	Middle Bass I.	

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