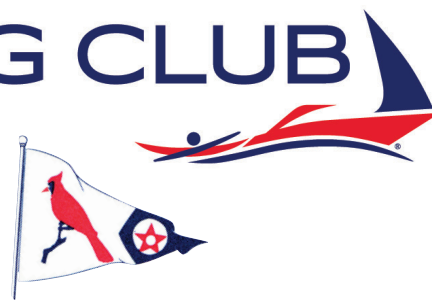


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**Commander Brian Crabbe
and his Bridge invite you
to join them for the
America's Boating Club
of Central Ohio
2024 Change of Watch**



**Saturday, February 17, 2024 ~ 6:00 pm
Giammarco's Italian Restaurant
6030 Chandler Court ~ Westerville, OH 43082**



Cost \$25.00 per person

**RSVP by February 10th
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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY


- 4 Sunday D29 Virtual Winter Council Meeting
- 4-10 Sun-Sat USPS Annual Meeting – Orlando, FL
- 5 Monday March 2024 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 12 Monday Modern Weather Forecasting Seminar – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 14 Wednesday Marine Nav. Using Open CPN Class Begins – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 14 Wednesday Happy Valentine's Day
- 20 Tuesday Crossing Borders Seminar - Zoom
- 27 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

MARCH

- 7 Thursday Dinner Event - Place/Time TBA
- 11 Monday April 2024 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 15-17 Fri – Sun District 29 Spring Conference – Sandusky, OH
- 18 Monday Trailing Seminar – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 26 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 31 Sunday Happy Easter!

APRIL

- 4 Thursday Dinner Event – Place/Time TBA
- 8 Monday May 2024 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 13 Saturday ABC Class – ABC Clubhouse – 8 am – 5 pm
- 17 Wednesday Rules of the Road Seminar – Place/Time TBA
- 23 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 24 Wednesday Confidence in Docking & Undocking Seminar - Place/Time TBA



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Lt/C Tom Doyle, P

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| Member-at-Large | Lt Joe Huffman, P | | |

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP



This always feels like the longest stretch of the non-boating season! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Change of Watch.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

USPS Annual Meeting
February 4-10, 2024 — Orlando, FL

D29 Virtual Winter Council Meeting
February 4, 2024

D29 Spring Conference
March 15 – 17, 2024
Holiday Inn Express — Sandusky, OH

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP



I wanted to start off with a great big Happy New Year to everyone and your families. I wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2024. Now I do believe we can start to look ahead to the 2024 boating season. Four months to go before we can get ready to splash our boat back into the water. However, we live in Ohio and these four months will be the slowest, cloudiest, and most likely to have plenty of moisture whether in the form of rain or the white death Snow! But at least we have a time line to focus on.

It looks like the current Bridge will be staying in place for an additional year. This is a very exciting situation for our Bridge leaders. This will give us more time to focus on the administrative issues that have slowed our club's grown down. Mari Seaver has graciously decided to stay on as our Treasurer and is working very hard to get the books arranged so they can be passed down to future Bridge members without any hiccups. This



will also allow me to learn the ins and outs of being your next Commander. I think part of the concept of staying on for the additional year was that some people thought I may be a slow learner. Thank you to all who recognized that this would help me a little bit.

I want to remind everyone to take a look at the

upcoming class schedule and District 29 meetings and make time to enjoy the education part of the club. Thank you all for your fellowship and I hope to see everyone on and in the water soon.

Also, I got my truck transmission fixed and I look forward to traveling down the road with my wife, my boating busses and Baby, AKA my boat. Be good and enjoy!



A flight of nine new Inlet Drone Videos (IDVs) have been approved for public release by the U.S. Coast Guard. IDVs combine aerial video footage and 3D chart animations to help recreational boaters plan their first sorties through challenging and dangerous U.S. waterway entrances.

Eight of the new IDVs are available now for download from https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DsuI_dzAx-oZTISpmeQ9jYhxYGs6lvUd, with the ninth to be added in the near future.

Understanding Life Jacket Labels

Let's start the year by getting our life jackets ready for the 2024 boating season. If you cleaned and inspected your life jackets before storing them for winter storage, you should know how many need to be replaced. Which brings us to our topic of life jacket labels. You may be unaware of the new labeling system if you have not purchased a life jacket recently. Type I, II, III and IV labeling was removed by the U.S. Coast Guard from the Code of Federal Regulations in 2014, but it is taking several years for the legacy designations to be phased out.

To help boaters understand the current labeling system, Season Four of America's Boating Channel offers the video "Life Jacket Labels" in which you are introduced to the simplified labels that contain less writing and more icons.

Regardless of your age or experience level, data shows that life jackets save lives. So don't hesitate

to replace older life jackets. America's Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled "New Label Benefits" that covers the advantages of the new life jacket labeling system. In this video, viewers learn how to interpret label icons. Also featured are tips for selecting the right life jacket for your intended on-the-water activity.

To find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel>.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV.

New Members

Welcome aboard to our new members! Looking forward to meeting you!

Guy and Laurie Merrill
John Paulsen



Jessica Garrett
Jonathan Hollander

Debbie Murphy
Bob Rayburn

SICK BAY

Diane Doyle
Sarah Doyle
Debbie Murphy
Matt Murphy



GG Editor Needed

Looking for a fun way to get more involved with the club? Why not consider becoming the editor of the *Galley Gossip*? I plan to retire from the position in 2024. I would be happy to work with an interested individual over the next few months to help them become familiar with the process before I make my exit. You will also be working with Melissa Fannon from DC AlphaGraphics who does the layout work after I have provided her with the information for the monthly issue. She is great to work with!!! If you would like to volunteer to become the editor and/or would like more information, please contact me at 419-606-9345 or humbelmh@yahoo.com. It's a fun way to earn your Merit Mark!!



I hope you are reading this article with a little warmer weather outside. Even with the cold weather your education department is speaking and teaching boating! Engine maintenance is underway.

Seminars in February include **Modern Weather Forecasting** with our weather sage Dick Sorensen in person at HQ on February 12th. Go beyond watching a screen and understand fronts, highs and lows, and other forecast information. **Crossing Borders** will be presented using Zoom on February 20th for boaters that may wish to visit locations in another country.



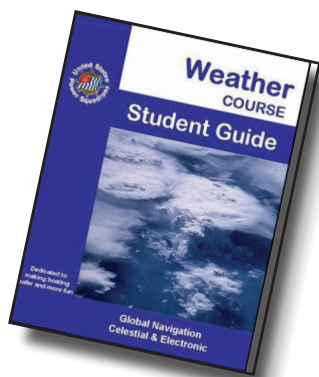
Marine Navigation class begins on February 14th at our clubhouse. The class provides experience using charts and electronic navigation software called OPEN CPN. Add understanding of your electronic charting screen and learn how to navigate if you lose electronic instruments.

As a teacher it is exciting to know that a student enjoyed learning and is putting the knowledge and introduction of skills to use on the water. Melanie

and Dave Stacy are cruising in Florida. They ran into a tricky docking situation. Working together it looked easy to the spectators nearby who complimented them on how well they maneuvered to dock their boat. One of those magic moments that makes teaching so rewarding. All of our instructors enjoy helping boaters learn to apply learning to on-the-water challenges. Picture of the docking challenged that they ached.

Stay tuned to the website

www.columbussailandpower.org for the latest information on educational and other activities with America's Boating Club of Central Ohio. There is more to come during the educational season.



Winter Classes (December – February)

ABC3 – Jan. 20th, 27th, Feb. 3rd (Saturdays – Half days with Charting)

Classes – Marine Electrical Systems – Jan 8th – Mar 4th (Mondays – 7 – 9 PM)
Engine Maintenance – Jan 10th – Mar 13th (Wednesdays – 7 – 9 PM)
Marine Navigation using Open CPN – Feb 14th – Mar 20th (Wednesdays – 7-9 PM)

Seminars - Modern Weather Forecasting – In-person Feb 12th
Crossing Borders – Feb 20th – Zoom

Spring Classes (March – May)

ABC3 – April 13th – (Saturday – 8 hours, 8-5 with test)

Classes – Boat Handling Seminars or Full Course. (Wednesdays – could adjust days)
April 17th. Rules of the Road
April 24th. Confidence in Docking and Undocking
May 1st. Boating with Confidence
May 8th. Anchoring with Assurance
May 15th. Emergencies on Board
May 22nd. Knots and Line Handling

Seminars - Trailering – March 18th In-person
Paddle Smart – April 16th – In-person
AIS for Boaters – May 13th – Zoom or in person?
Weather for Boaters – May 6th – In-person



**America's Boating Club of Central Ohio -
Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
19 December 2023**

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

Old Business: P/C Bob Goelz, S presented Cdr Crabbe, AP with a can of his favorite meal --- SPAM.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes: Lt/C Tom Doyle, P confirmed that a quorum was present. R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN made a motion to review the November Minutes. P/C Bob Goelz, S seconded it. R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN said that Lt Tom Francis was present at the meeting, but not included in the minutes. Tom Doyle said this oversight was corrected prior to the minutes being printed in the Galley Gossip. The November minutes were approved.

Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ECOM Officers Present:

Commander Brian Crabbe, AP; Education Officer R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN; Secretary Lt/C Tom Doyle, P; Treasurer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S; Immediate Past Commander P/C Bob Goelz, S; Asst Education Officer P/C John Seaver, SN; P/Lt/C Tiffany Francis; Lt Tom Francis; Lt Sue Goelz, S; Lt Joe Huffman, P; Lt David Keller, S; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/Lt/C Ruth Wilcox, S.

Guests present: P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN-IN; P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S; Linda Huffman.

Commander Brian Crabbe, AP:

Brian said Port Clinton may merge with Sandusky Squadron. He thanked all the volunteers that earned Merit Marks this year. Commander's Ball date and venue have not yet been set.

Executive Officer Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP:

Absent

Education Officer R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN:

No report

Administrative Officer Lt/C Ruthie Kubinski, P:

Absent

Secretary Lt/C Tom Doyle, P:

We received a letter from the Secretary of State

saying we needed to pay a fee to register the club's name "America's Boating Club of Central Ohio." Tom will forward the letter to the Treasurer.



Treasurer

Lt/C Mari Seaver, S:

Immediately prior to this month's ECOM meeting, Mari conducted a budget meeting. Our 2022 taxes are now complete, and the IRS fine has been rescinded. We have made our donation to the USPS education fund.

Past Commander P/C Bob Goelz, S:

No report

Flag Lieutenant P/C Sherri Haring, P:

Absent

Members at Large Reports:

P/Lt/C Tiffany Francis: No report

Lt Tom Francis: No report

Lt Sue Goelz, S: We have been holding steady at 102 members. Sue reviewed how to check that your personal information is up-to-date and correct on National's roster and how to access the roster for CSPS. P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S said that all family members may not share the same address. Can this situation be managed on the National's roster? Sue Goelz will need to check on this.

Lt Bob Hern, S: Absent

Lt Janet Hern, S: Absent

Lt Joe Huffman, P, Boating Activities: No report.

Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP: Absent

Lt David Keller, S: No report

D/1st/L Phil Osborne, JN-IN: No report

P/Lt/C Ruth Wilcox, S: No report

General Committees:

Nominating: P/C Dick Sorensen, SN, P/C Sherri Haring, P, P/C Bob Goelz, S: Bob said they were not able to find anyone to replace Tom Doyle in the Secretary position.

Audit: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; Ralph Newman, N: Absent

Rules: P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Robert Van der Wissel, AP: Absent



Standing Committees

Finance: Open

Housing Committee: L/C Tom Doyle, P asked if anyone was still in contact with Bill Mohrman as his photo is the only Commander's photo missing in the past 80 or so years. A couple of members present said we may have a photo of him that we could use. They will check on this.

Law Officer: Open

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP: Absent.

Special Committees

Technical Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN: No report

Investments Committee: Lt Joe Huffman, P; Lt Tom Francis: Joe gave a brief report on the Morgan Stanley account. He is still waiting for our contact at Morgan Stanley to recommend specific stocks rather than mutual funds.

Boat Show, Coastie: P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S.: Coastie will perform for three days at the Boat and RV Show. We still need two volunteers to cover the 4-hour shift (noon -4PM) on January 13, 2024. A training session on Coastie will be conducted at Headquarters on Thursday, December 28, 2023, from 6 PM to 8 PM.

ABC Class: P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S: No report

Marketing: Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP: We are still pushing our classes on Facebook. Brian recommends that we have some instruction on Zoom. We will be setting up at the Catawba Island

Boat Show again this year. Toledo and Sandusky squadron boat trips will also be listed on our website for those that may want to participate.

Boating Activities: P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; Lt Joe Huffman, P: No Report

Vessel Safety Checks: Lt John Pruitt, AP – Absent

New Business:

We need to think of some things that we can do for charity that may give us some public exposure as well. Toys for Tots and some work with the Corp of Engineers were suggested. Obviously, there are many others to consider.

Comments from Guests:

None

First Horizon:

None

Last Horizon:

None

Sick Bay:

Matt Murphy, Debbie Murphy, Michael T. Hughes, Diane Doyle, Sarah Doyle

Announcements:

Next ECOM meeting is January 23, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned: 2015

District 29 Spring Conference

March 15, 16, 17, 2024

Holiday Inn Express at Thirsty Pony
1515 Cedar Point Drive, Sandusky

Room Rate \$109.00 per night
Free Hot Breakfast

Reservations must be made before February 15, 2024
in order to get the \$109.00 room rate. Our Group Code for this rate is PSS.

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Be sure to use/mention the group code PSS.





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