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Monthly Newsletter for Sail, Power, and Paddle Boaters

Hoping you can join us for a spring feast!! Thursday May 2nd

Big Walnut Grill — 175 N SR 3, Sunbury Ohio 43074

Mac and Cheese Bar including:
Mac and cheese served with pulled pork, fried chicken, chili, bacon bits, buffalo sauce, avocado, tomato, onion, salsa, jalapenos, shredded cheddar, green onions, & steamed broccoli.

\$25 per person

6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

MAY

2	Thursday	Dinner Event – Big Walnut Grill – 6 pm
6	Monday	June 2024 Galley Gossip Articles Due
6	Monday	Weather for Boaters Seminar – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
12	Sunday	Happy Mother's Day
13	Monday	AIS for Boaters Seminar – On Zoom – 7 pm
18-19	Sat – Sun	Alum Creek Vessel Safety Check Event – Time TBA
27	Monday	Memorial Day
28	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
31-June 2	Fri – Sun	Toledo ABC Shakedown Cruise – Put-in-Bay

JUNE

16	Sunday	Happy Father's Day
21-23	Fri – Sun	Toledo / Columbus ABC Rendezvous – Cedar Point

JULY

4	Thursday	Happy Fourth of July!!
4 - 7	Thurs – Sun	Sandusky/Port Clinton/ Toledo ABC Rendezvous – Huron Boat Basin
6	Saturday	District 29 Summer Council – Huron Boat Basin – Time TBA
13	Saturday	Poker Run – Buckeye Lake – 11 am
		Barbara Hupman's Home - 2966 Dupler Place - Millersport/Lieb's Island
19 - 23	Fri – Tues	Toledo / Columbus ABC Rendezvous – Windsor Yacht Club/Lake Sinclair

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP

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I hope everyone is ready for the Non-Boating season to end!

We have a bunch of exciting things happening! Janet Hern has brought together a great team to come up with ideas on advertising, promoting, and having fun! I'm really looking forward to seeing their plans being put in motion. In addition to this



Barbara Hupman, Janet and I have been working on The Buckeye Ocean (Lake) Poker Run slated to

take place July 13th! The ladies have been spending many hours connecting with establishments on the water for card distribution and have quite the assortment lined up.

In addition to our cruises, I will be posting the D29 cruises on our website as well. And on that note, I have been overwhelmed with work for the past 4 months and have not been able to do much work on the needs of the squadron. I believe I will be able to go back to dedicating more time to getting things up to date and enhanced. Thank you for your patience during this time.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our VSC event and on the cruises!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP

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Well hello to one and all. Sorry I missed the deadline for the April *Galley Gossip* but I have a good excuse. Really, I was in Italy snow skiing at Paganella ski resort. Which is in the northwest region of Italy in a small picturesque little town called Andalo. While we were there we went to Lake Garda which again was



unbelievable. This lake is one of the biggest lakes in Italy with towering mountain cliffs surrounding the entire lake. Roads were literally carved into the mountain walls by hand. We took a tour of the



lake, by boat of course, to three small towns that again had built buildings and streets right into the stone mountain walls. Really a site to be seen if you enjoy the water and boating.



My next stop was Venice, Italy and if you like water and boating this was an incredible place to be. Of course, they had a lot of old buildings and statues but the water was amazing. Ruthie, your favorite AO, and I took their public transit up the Grand Canal and over to three small islands which was tons of fun. One of these islands was known for glass blowing and the other for making lace material for clothing and other household items. But the best thing was that we took a boat direct from our hotel to the airport. That is correct we boated to the airport. How much fun was that?! It was cold and misty out but I sat next to our captain like a faithful first mate, completely enjoying the ride; the next thing I knew was we were pulling up to a dock so I jumped out

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and grabbed a line to tie the boat off. What an exciting way to get to an airport! They should have thought about that when they built John Glenn International. Maybe down Alum Creek to a canal that would take you right to the airport. Just a thought!!



Enough with my European vacation; let's talk a little about the club and what we have been up to. Last month we had the District 29 Spring Conference up in Sandusky. The Sandusky Power Squadron had a great venue and had plenty of seminars. They did one at the local planetarium about the solar eclipse that was very fun to watch and learn. The science teacher who was the instructor showed how ancient civilization interpreted the event in the past. This was a very informative seminar but was super cool in the planetarium. They even passed out the special eye protectors for the eclipse.

Another seminar was First Aid on the Water an important class. This one was completely full and totally informative. It did make me think about all the possibilities of injury on a boat and how long it may take you to get back to shore. I know that I will be checking my first aid kit out and adding a few things. You can never be too prepared when it comes to safety.

Friday night they had a reception at the Sandusky Maritime Museum. The director of the museum gave a presentation on women during WW2. She was very informative about how women entered into the different branches of our military. Mostly, these women were nurses and how they became a critical part of the war effort. Also, she spoke about how once in the military they began to advance themselves into positions other than nursing. If you are up in the Sandusky area you should check out the Maritime Museum.

Next thing I would like to bring you up to speed with is our new committee, the Fun Committee. This is an idea we are trying to float to see if we can get some new members into the club. Thanks to Janet and Bob Hern for helping to get the ball rolling. The idea is to do events as a club other that our monthly dinner meetings and boating classes. We are thinking of ideas that will draw people or even other members to Fun Events. Like an old time, field trip. Suggestions included going to or having events like comedy night, night at the races or maybe a Clippers game where we could meet and go in as a group. How about a Euchre night at headquarters, AKA Club House. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please give me a call or email me. We will be having one of the first events at Alum Creek Lake around Labor Day.

David Keller is putting together Music on the Water. With a live band and tons of Fun. More information will be out in future *Galley Gossips*. Thanks, David for your hard work and persistence in getting this idea off the ground.

Thank you all for being members of our club and if you know anyone who may be interested in joining let us know. The more the merrier they say.

Safe boating and I will see you soon on the water.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C Ruthie Kubinski, P



Looking forward to seeing everyone at Big Walnut Grill!! We'll be having a 50/50 drawing. Brandon Lawson from Otto Insurance Group

(PH: 614-832-3125) will be joining us to share some information on boat insurance with us.

R/C Bob Rayburn, R/C

April 13th ABC Class

was full both in Ohio and Tennessee. There were also four boaters that came in on the morning of the class- 24 boaters in headquarters! Members and nonmembers learned new skills and added much to their boating knowledge. We have three young members as well as adults



taking the class. The families in class shared the fun and will enjoy the water together this summer boating season. The six instructors received compliments for the presentations and learning activities.

This one-day class requires support from many members to teach, prepare the facility, provide food, administer the tests, and record scores with the State of Ohio, America's Boating Club, and the State of Tennessee. If you know of someone that participated, please let them know you appreciate their work in building a larger safe boating community.

We currently have a Instructor Development Class at headquarters on Wednesday evenings. Upcoming Educational Events include:

Weather for Boaters – May 6th in person at the club house. You can use your phone to check radar images, and this seminar will let you go further and use the information to make better use of the images.

AIS for Boaters is a free online Zoom seminar on May 13. Find out why boaters are choosing this technology. Decide if you might wish to use AIS for your present or future boating needs. Register on the website:

www.columbussailandpower.org.

Paddle Smart – June Seminar. This seminar will help paddlers choose the craft and paddles they would like to use for their type of "human powered" on the water adventures. Please register on the web site.

SEO Bob Rayburn

Spring Seminars Weather for Boaters – May 6th – In-person AIS for Boaters – May 13th – Zoom

Vessel Safety Examiner Class

Hello to all,

As boating season begins, we invite those interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, as well as current Examiners to attend a class on Sunday April 28 at 5:30pm at our Headquarters, 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035.

I will cover the overview of the Vessel Safety Check program for attendees: a review for current VE's, an intro for prospective VE's.

This program is a potential life-saver for boaters, and a fantastic way to introduce boaters to our Squadron during an Exam.

Please respond to me by April 22 at jmepruitt@prodigy.net if you plan to attend.

Thank you very much!

John Pruitt, Vessel Safety Check Chair
614-216-5203

We are looking for great boating stories from you for upcoming issues of the *Galley Gossip*. Please write a few paragraphs about your trip, include some photos, and email it to humblemh@yahoo.com

All submissions will run in an issue of the *Galley Gossip* and also be sent to USPS for inclusion in *The Ensign* magazine.



America's Boating Club of Central Ohio, Executive Meeting Minutes
Date: February 27, 2024

7:00 PM

Pledge: Lt/C Glen Kubinski, S

Quorum of 2/3 – Attendees:

Via Zoom – Joe Huffman & Ralph Newman In person – Brian Crabbe, Glen & Ruthie Kubinski, Bob & Sue Goelz, Tiffany Francis, David & Maggie Keller, Bob Rayburn, Ruth Wilcox & Phil Osborne, Tom Doyle, Janet Hern, Tracy Garrett, Mari & John Seaver

Old Business:

No topics shared

Approval of last meeting minutes:

Motion made for approval by Bob Rayburn & seconded by Tom Doyle – motion carried.

Commander's Report: Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP

I reserve the right to change the order of the meeting as deemed necessary.

July 13th – Buckeye Lake Poker Run – there will be extra boat seating available for ride-alongs. Barbara Hupman hosting, Cdr. Brian and AO Ruthie coordinating.

Delegates for Spring Conference – will be turned into treasurer on Thursday for payment.

Columbus is now hosting Fall Conference: October 12th or 19th – which is bye week for Bucks – Need to get our volunteering and planning rolling!

Executive Officer's Report: Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP

Dates proposed – working on dates with district: Dec 7 - Christmas party Target Feb 15, 2025 – COW Target COW was a great event!

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

Low class turnout observations/suggestions: There has been some anecdotal evidence that class length is a major issue:

Multiple classes cause concerns for people taking ABC classes to invest the time over multiple days. The 1-day class is harder for instructors but seems to be the preferred by students.

Creative ideas need to be undertaken – breaking classes up into seminars – as Boat Handling is. Perhaps offering some portions online and others in the classroom?

Perhaps offer more entirely online and gather for review/testing.

Current Spring class schedule:

Engine Maintenance is wrapping up.

Boat Handling Seminars or Full Course. (Wednesdays – could adjust days) \$95 / \$65 April 17th. Rules of the Road \$25 (Each Seminar)

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 (F-2-F Meeting) \$ 25

Paddle Smart – April 16th (F-2-F meeting) \$ 25

AIS for Boaters- May 13th - Zoom. Free – (Advertising)

Weather for Boaters - May 6th

(F-2-F Meeting) \$25

Assistant EO: P/C John Seaver, SN

Marine Electrical Systems – hands-on setup – past student, Jim Gray has voiced that this class needs to have a strong 'hands-on' element. Bob Goelz, Bob Rayburn & John Seaver met with Jim to discuss goal.

Administrative Officer's Report: Lt/C Ruthie Kubinski, P

March – Mimi's

April - El Vaguero

May/June – working with Ruth Wilcox on agenda and locations

Secretary's Report: P/C John Seaver, SN

No report

Assistant Secretary: Tom Doyle

No report

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C Mari Seaver, S

Get BS from Mari!

Fund Raising:

Coastie Brought in \$1200 from boat show dates! License Plates - \$60

50-50's - need breakouts

Expected expenditures:

Advertising

Wix – double-billing

Reiterated need to understand procedures or ask questions in advance to not get into a fiscal bind.

Past Commander's Report: P/C Bob Goelz, P

Vessel Safety Inspection - Need to reconcile safety examiners and schedule class for new inspectors – will work with XO on this

Need to get calendar set for additional locations – outside of Alum Safe Boating week.

Flag Lieutenant: D/Lt/C Sherri Haring, P

Not in attendance

Member-at-large Reports:

P/Lt/C Tiffany Francis: No report

Lt Tom Francis: No report Lt Sue Goelz, S: No report

Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP: No report

Lt Joe Huffman, P, Boating Activities:

Lake Cumberland - No more 'boatel' option - ev-



eryone charges full price for take-out. Looking at VRBO option and take our boats. Dates to be lined up within a month.

District meeting – upcoming meeting – One of the seminars is a physician, looking to get this and other seminars on Zoom

Lt David Keller, S: Alum Creek Rendezvous -Music Activity – lining up dates (early September target) and potential entertainers. JS to send potential entertainers to David he knows.

Lt Bob Hern, S: No report

Lt Janet Hern, S: Poker Run - Organizational meeting on March 22 to meet with venues at Buckeye

P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN: Working on Rendezvous

P/Lt/C Ruth Wilcox, S: Proposed dates: June - Cookout/bonfire? Will work with AO on dates

General Committee Reports:

Nominating: D/Lt/C Sherri Haring, P, P/C Bob

Goelz, S - No report at this time

Audit: Ralph Newman, N: No report this evening. Need to schedule a meeting.

Rules: P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Robert Van der Wissel, AP: No report

Standing Committee Reports:

Finance: Joe Huffman reports our earnings are doing well with market

Housing: P/Lt/C Tom Doyle, P

Fire Inspector wants to set up an inspection -

Brian Crabbe will coordinate

Liquor need to review the inventory for use or disposal. A locked cabinet is created, he will move the storage liquors back

New EFIB

Law Officer:

Merit mark: P/C Robert Van der Wissel, AP Enter your time – book was passed around

Special Committees:

Technical: P/C John Seaver, SN

MS Office: Need to procure, looking to see if I can

jump into discount for non-profit.

Investment: Lt. Joe Huffman, P, Lt Tom Francis Returns are good with the upturn in markets. Need to establish governance relative to petty

Boat Show: Coastie: P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S - Great show resulted in a \$1200 donation to ABC Columbus!

ABC: P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S

Pending class: watch for sign-up genius - needs to include Zoom & TN, Matt Murphy has students. OH Class is \$70 - which includes lunch

TN – no lunch served – need to set a price for them

Marketing: Lt/C Brian Crabbe, S

Facebook marketing for ABC and some rendezvous Boating Activities: P/C Phil Osborne, JN- IN, Lt

Joe Huffman P. Noted above in sections

Vessel Safety Checks: Lt John Pruitt, AP See Notes under Past Commander

Sea Gals: Lt Martha Beidel, P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN: No report

New Business:

Motion Made: Establishment of a \$5000 Petty Cash Fund to deal with ad-hoc needs.

Discussion – we run budget tight, we need to afford the ability to expend petty cash for ad-hoc expenditures. This fund would be refreshed monthly, with the expense report completion of staff who spent from this account.

Discussion: Need to formalize governance for handing expenditures, deposits and however timely expense reports are absolutely necessary.

Motion Passed.

Dockage at Alum Creek - A group is developing a plan for 100 more docks at Alum Creek. They reached out to John Seaver who coordinated a meeting with the Army Corp. rep who attempted to push this through 5 years ago. The 5-year moratorium has expired, and this is a good time. I have the first proposal of this plan in my inbox, I have not reviewed. More people are welcome to attend. The next meeting will include ODNR.

Building at Alum Creek – Bob Rayburn, Bob Goelz, John Seaver met with representatives from Coast Guard Auxiliary (3 divisions), Arch City Rowing, Army Corps (retired) and Alum Creek Sailing. Team will meet again on March 6th at HQ – staff welcome to attend.

Coast Guard Auxiliary – has a boat that needs maintenance, John Seaver discussed with Eli Murphy as a potential training session for Engine Maintenance Class, need to have further discussion.

Action Items:

Public record request for Central Ohio boat registration – potentially mail-spamming them. Tracy Garrett volunteered to coordinate. David Keller, Glen & Ruthie will participate. Glen will call ODNR for a record request.

Vessel Safety Check Training Class – as mentioned above. Bob Goelz will coordinate preliminary proposal and share for Mary to share wider. Coordinating training with Bob Rayburn.

Sick Bay:

Debbie Murphy – another knee surgery performed today, Feb 27th

Next Meeting: March 26th, 2023

Adjourn 9:00 pm

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE EXECU-TIVE COMMITTEE ON MARCH 26, 2023.

ABC Consulting Group Makes Plans

America's Boating Club of Central Ohio needs more members! But how do you recruit and retain members in clubs in the 21st Century? A group from our local organization met on March 24th to brainstorm ideas that could do just that-increase our club's membership.

First, we gave ourselves a name. We call ourselves the ABC Consulting Group. Next, we adopted a Mission Statement. The mission of the ABC Consulting Group is to increase the membership of America's Boating Club of Central Ohio by adding new boating enthusiasts and retaining existing members by offering a variety of fun activities, entertainment, and engagement.

Starting with a list of potential events for 12 months of "dinners with a theme", attendance at local community events, group participation events, a summer concert, and enhancements to our vessel safety checks, the ABC Consulting Group quickly adopted enough plans with immediate action items to keep us busy for the entire summer and beyond.

Stay tuned for more information and upcoming updates. Pass out America's Boating Club of Central Ohio Business Cards, participate whenever possible, and engage with others who own boats and/ or share your love for the water.



Back row from left: Michael Hughes, Tracy Garrett, Janet Hern, Ruthie Kubinski, Glen Kubinski Front row from left: Maggie, David Keller, Sue Goelz, Bob Goelz



SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, July 13th, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., boaters will cruise Buckeye Lake visiting various lake establishments and collecting playing cards to make their very best poker hand. Later, at a barbecue and picnic, show your hand for a chance to win the poker pot. The Poker Run begins with registration at 11 a.m. at the home of ABC member, Barbara Hupman next to the Lieb's Island boat ramp and ends at Barbara's with a barbecue and picnic at 4 p.m. Meat, buns, condiments, and tableware will be provided by the Club. Attendees may contribute a side dish or dessert. This event will be limited to 40. Registration fee \$15. No boat? No problem. Join someone else who does have a boat. Registration information and Poker Run Rules will be published in the June edition of Galley Gossip.





Toledo & Columbus ABC Joint Rendezvous

Toledo and Columbus ABC have planned two joint rendezvous for this summer. The dates, locales, and Columbus contact persons are listed below:

- June 21 23 / Cedar Point / Lisa Hefflinger lisahefflinger@huntington.com
- July 19-23 / Windsor Yacht Club & Lake Sinclair / Brian Crabbe bcrabbe01@yahoo.com

Hope some of you will be able to come along on these joint ventures. Sounds like fun!!

LAST HORIZON

Marty Lafferty. Those of you who participated in the 2017 filming at Alum Creek for the first season of America's Boating Channel will remember Marty and his wife, Sari. The channel was Marty's brainchild and both he and Sari have worked continuously producing a new season for the channel each year since. Marty passed away suddenly on April 5th. He will be missed.



America's Boating Club of Central Ohio Lt/C Tom Doyle, P 8492 Cotter St. Lewis Center, OH 43035

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

D29 Summer Council — July 6, 2024 — Huron Boat Basin USPS Governing Board — September 22 – 30, 2024 — Pittsburgh, PA

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