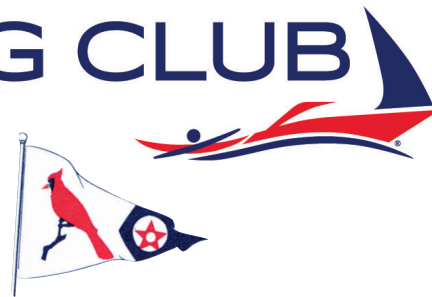


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Holiday Gathering



Saturday, December 2nd

Morgan House

5300 Glick Road, Dublin, OH — Side Entrance ONLY

Social / Shopping Hour 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Buffet Menu including Beef Tenderloin with Hunters Mushroom Sauce,
Chicken Heinlen with Champagne Sauce, Twice Baked Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli,
Rolls & Butter, Apple Cobbler, Coffee, Tea and Water
Cash Bar — Dinner Cost - \$25.00 per person

RSVP by November 27th to Ruthie Kubinski at
RTKubinski@columbus.gov or 614-805-1001

Please bring an unwrapped toy for donation to Toys for Tots



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 Saturday Columbus ABC Holiday Party – Morgan House – 6 pm
- 4 Monday January 2024 *Galley Gossip* Article Deadline
- 9 Saturday Toledo ABC Holiday Party – Place/Time TBA
- 15 Friday Happy Hanukkah!
- 17 Sunday Sandusky/Pt Clinton Holiday Party – Catawba Island Club – 1 pm
- 19 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 25 Monday Merry Christmas!

JANUARY 2024

- 1 Monday Happy New Year!
- 4 Thursday Dinner Event – The Berwick – 6 pm
- 6 Saturday Toledo ABC Change of Watch – Place/Time TBA
- 8 Monday Marine Electrical Systems Class Begins – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 8 Monday February 2024 *Galley Gossip* Article Deadline
- 10 Wednesday Engine Maintenance Class Begins – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 20 Saturday ABC3 Class Begins – ABC Clubhouse – 8 am to Noon

FEBRUARY

- 1 Thursday Dinner Event - Place/Time TBA
- 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


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Member-at-Large	Lt Joe Huffman, P		



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP



With the year coming to a close, I want to thank everyone for all of their hard work! We have had some great dinners and cruises. We have an awesome class line-up and I look forward to next year!

I wish everyone the warmest of Holidays and Happy New Year!



SAVE THE DATE

America's Boating Club Sandusky is hosting the 2024 District 29 Spring Conference on March 15 -17. It will be held at the Holiday Inn Express at the Thirsty Pony, 1515 Cedar Point Drive. Rooms will be \$109.00 per night and include a free hot breakfast. Watch the *Galley Gossip* and your e-mail for more details.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP



Hello fellow boaters and friends of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron aka America's Boating Club. I wanted to take a few moments to bring everyone up to date on the District 29 Fall Conference which was held at Maumee Bay Lodge. The event was hosted by the Toledo Squadron who did an excellent job on the conference. There was plenty of discussion on how we can get information on all our district rendezvous out to one another so everyone will have the choice on different adventures next boating season. We also had a meeting on weather apps that you can use while on the water. This is especially important if you are planning to take a longer cruise up in the Great Lakes, which can become trying if the weather changes quickly. Remember, we also have a Weather Forecasting class which will be held on February 12th, 2024, at our headquarters. This should be an exciting class to add to your boating skills wallet.

I am looking for a few good people to work on the committee for next year's Change of Watch and Commanders Ball. As you know the XO, me, will be sworn in as your next commander replacing our Current Commander Brian Crabbe, AP, who will be hard to replace. This guy has done so much to bring this club into the 21st Century. He has achieved what no one has before when it comes to our digital footprint. I can only hope he will help me, and the club, maintain our presence on social media next year and beyond. Thank you, Commander Crabbe. And by the way, he is a treasure trove of knowledge when it comes to boating mechanical issues. I had him answer winterization questions at every meal at the conference. The poor guy could hardly get a spoonful of food in his mouth. Thanks again!

We need help with three upcoming positions that will be opening soon. We will be looking for an Editor for the *Galley Gossip*, a Treasurer, and a



Secretary. Currently these positions are held by Mary Rayburn, Mari Seaver and Tom Doyle, all outstanding individuals who will be hard to replace. So, if you have an interest in one of these positions reach out to me and let's get these positions filled. We are a club of volunteers so raise your hand and help out our great organization!

One more short story and then I will be done. So, I pick up my boat (or baby as I call her) from being winterized and I am driving down Rt. 23 South from Delaware, Ohio. On my dash screen I always keep the digital temp. reading of my transmission up so I can constantly check the fluid temperature. About a month or so ago I had an extra-large double wall transmission cooler installed on the truck, so I look at my dash to see the reading and say to myself, "I don't need to check this anymore. I fixed this problem". So, I proceed to shut it off and guess what? The transmission blew and I was stuck on the side of Rt. 23 with cars and trucks flying by so fast I could not even open my door. But there was no real reason to get out anyway; I just sat in the truck and cried and maybe said a few words that I will not mention in this article. Thank God an Ohio State Trooper stopped and helped me slowly to safety get off the highway. Thankfully, a friend took my baby to storage, and I was able to get my truck to the dealer for repairs. When I get it fixed, from now on I will always leave the transmission temperature display lit. Don't forget to check out my GoFund Me page. Only kidding!!

Thanks, and I hope I see everyone at the next dinner meeting.

America's Boating Channel Now on Apple TV

Smart TV Viewers Now Have the Choice of Apple TV, Roku, or FireTV – plus Online and Mobile Options

America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS), has launched its free-to-view smart TV offering on Apple TV.

The video-on-demand app is already available at no charge on Roku and FireTV smart TV platforms, and for online and mobile viewing, at AmericasBoatingChannel.com, providing a consistent viewing experience regardless of the type of connected device used, with immediate access to all the video content in its flagship service.

America's Boating Channel on Apple TV now presents more than a thousand titles covering boating and water sports themed television programs, motion pictures, and boater educational videos, with that number steadily growing as new videos are added.

In making the announcement, America's Boating Channel's VP of Smart TV Kathy Strachan stated, "We're excited to add Apple TV to the viewing platforms where our smart TV offering is available at no charge. As the first full-time television destination for all-things-boating, we want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to access our

boating entertainment, sports, and information anywhere, any time, and on any device."

America's Boating Channel's Marty Lafferty added, "We're pleased to make the outstanding videos from our content partners representing the nation's leading boating safety advocacy organizations more easily accessible, including Water Sports Foundation, the ACA (American Canoe Association), National Safe Boating Council, The Corps Foundation, American Whitewater, NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators), Sea Tow Foundation, Water Solutions Group, and Safe Kids Worldwide."

Smart TV viewers can subscribe to America's Boating Channel for free on Apple TV, Roku and FireTV using their remotes.

On Apple TV, viewers can click on Store in their top toolbar, then search for Americas Boating Channel and select Get to install the app. On Roku, viewers can select Store, click on Channels, then search for Americas Boating Channel and add the channel. On FireTV, viewers can go to Apps on their FireTV Main Menu, then search for Americas Boating Channel and select Get to install the app.

Online, the best way to access the flagship video service offering for free is at AmericasBoatingChannel.com.

Viewers can still also subscribe at no charge to America's Boating Channel on YouTube to access the service's original award-winning boating safety and boater education videos.



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Joseph Clay

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Nathaniel Murphy
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Diane Doyle
Michael T. Hughes
Debbie Murphy
Mari Seaver

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



As we enter the holiday season it is time to enjoy family and good company while we count our blessings. My wish is that the boating season leaves good memories of enjoyment, fun, and new locations to enjoy the water. While the cold weather eliminates on the water activities, at least up north, it does provide another way to think about boating. (You know what is coming next don't you!)

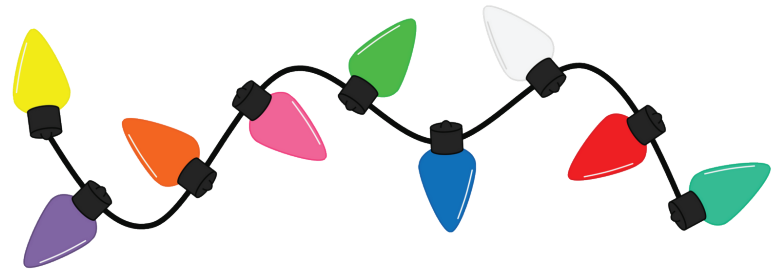


in the season. We have three classes and two seminars scheduled through February. Also, ABC3 is starting on January 20 and will continue on January 27 and February 3rd. The classes are half days from 8 AM – 12PM. Having three sessions allows more time to review materials and practice skills as well as the introduction of charts for boaters who wish to travel further during the boating season. If you know a new boater who would like to earn their boating card or wants to start preparing for next season, please let them know about the class.

Happy Holidays! Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party!

We're offering a seminar during this holiday season. On December 12th there is a Zoom Seminar entitled Boating on Locks Lakes and Rivers. This is a good introduction for the rendezvous next boating season. Please check it out on the web site, www.columbussailandpower.org. Registering for the seminar will also allow you to join the online meeting from the comfort of your home.

While you are on the web site, please look at the other courses and seminars available later



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
24 October 2023**

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

Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP called the meeting to order at 1900.

Old Business:

None

Approval of August Meeting Minutes: Lt/C Tom Doyle confirmed that a quorum was present. There were no comments or corrections to the September minutes, so they were approved.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP. The invocation was led by Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP.

ECOM Officers Present:

Commander Brian Crabbe, AP; Executive Officer Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP; Education Officer R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN; Administrative Officer Lt/C Ruthie Kubinski, P; Secretary Lt/C Tom Doyle, P; Treasurer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S; Immediate Past Commander P/C Bob Goelz, S; P/Lt/C Tiffany Francis; Lt Sue Goelz, S; Lt Joe Huffman, P; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP; Lt David Keller, S.

Guests present: Lt John Pruitt, AP; Lisa Hafflinger.

Commander Brian Crabbe, AP:

The District 29 meeting was good, but Brian was disappointed in the turnout. He would like to see more Columbus squadron involvement in District 29.

Executive Officer Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP:

Glen invited more members to get involved in the planning for the Christmas Party and the Change of Watch. Perhaps a committee should be formed.

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

At the District 29 meeting there was a good presentation about the ABC3 class. The Weather class has been cancelled. We need to do more advertising for the classes and encourage even experienced boaters to learn from our classes.

**Administrative Officer
Lt/C Ruthie Kubinski, P:**

The November dinner meeting will be a turkey dinner at Brownfield Ranch in Sunbury, Ohio. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish and beverage. Please let Ruth Wilcox know what you intend to bring. Bob Goelz made a motion

that the cost of this dinner should only cost the attendees \$15.00, and any remaining cost be covered by the club. A vote was taken, and the \$15.00 charge was approved. The Christmas party will again be held at the Morgan House. Attendees are requested to bring a gift for Toys for Tots.



Secretary Lt/C Tom Doyle, P:

Tom looked through past minutes and *Galley Gossip* articles in order to bring the Member of the Year, River Rat, and Bungle Jug award plaques up to date. He found the following:

- 2020 Member of the Year: Tom & Diane Doyle
- 2020 New Member of the Year: Tiffany Francis
- 2021 Member of the Year: Brian Grabbe
- 2021 New Member of the Year: David Keller
- 2022 River Rat Award: Bob Rayburn
- 2022 Bungle Jug Award: Brian Crabbe

Any missing award years are thought to be due to decreased activity during the COVID pandemic.

Treasurer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S:

Mari needs to reset the SQUARE password. She is waiting for the current expense reports so she can close out the September accounts. The IRS still has not sent us the final resolution to our 2020 tax return. There was significant discussion concerning the Profit and Loss Report as well as the Budget. It was decided to discuss this in more detail at a separate meeting, possibly immediately before the next ECOM meeting.

Past Commander P/C Bob Goelz, P:

Bob asked if more advertising of our classes had occurred as proposed in last month's Education Officer's report. Bob Rayburn and Brian Crabbe said some progress in that regard had been started but more would be coming.



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

Members at Large Reports:

P/Lt/C Tiffany Francis: No Report

Lt Tom Francis: Absent

Lt Sue Goelz, S: We now have 102 members. Four new members attended the October dinner meeting.

Lt Bob Hern, S: Absent

Lt Janet Hern, S: Absent

Lt Joe Huffman, P, Boating Activities: Brian Crabbe is helping Toledo and Sandusky squadrons with their web sites so we can coordinate our boating trips. Ruthie Kubinski still hopes to have a get-together at Alum Creek.

Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP: Michael said he will not be available for the January 20 ABC class.

Lt David Keller, S: No Report

P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN: Absent

P/Lt/C Ruth Wilcox, S: Absent

General Committees:

Nominating: P/C Dick Sorensen, SN, P/C Sherri Haring, P, P/C Bob Goelz, S: The committee is making some progress.

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: Lt/C Tom Doyle, P: Thanks to XO Kubinski's help, we now have a handicapped accessible restroom. Arrangements have been made for routine maintenance on the rooftop unit ahead of winter.

Law Officer: Open

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

Special Committees:

Technical Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN: Absent

Investments Committee: Lt Joe Huffman, P; Lt Tom Francis: Joe gave a brief report on the Morgan Stanley account.

Boat Show, Coastie: P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S: Absent but sent following message: Coastie has been asked to entertain kids and adults at the

Columbus Boat and RV Show. The show dates are Jan 5-14 (closed on Mon/Tues). We are in negotiations to add Sundays this year, in addition to his Saturday gig. Coastie will need a few handlers for this 4-day event. Training can take place in December at HQ for a couple of hours.

ABC Class: P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S: Absent, but sent the following message: Two America's Boating Club (ABC) classes are scheduled for early 2024.

Saturdays, Jan 20, 27, Feb 3 from 8am-noon is the first class. In addition to instructors, support staff will be needed to check-in students, grade tests, and help with demonstrations. We will send out a registration form soon but mark your calendars now.

Saturday, April 13, will be a full day class 8am-5pm. Again, support staff will be needed.

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

Vessel Safety Checks: Lt John Pruitt, AP – John received his 25 Merit Mark Award. We had a good season of VSCs this year. We did 146 inspections putting us in second place in the district. Three more inspections and we would have been first. Brian said that many boaters at Lake Erie want inspections. Perhaps next year some Columbus inspectors can travel there.

Comments from Guests:

Tracy Garrett sent a message that the ECOM meeting for December is shown on the calendar as the 26th. She suggested that this meeting be moved to the week before, the 19th. A vote was taken, and the meeting was moved to the 19th.

Sick Bay:

Bob Van der Wissel, Mari Seaver, Debbie Murphy, Michael T. Hughes

Announcements:

Next ECOM meeting is 28 November 2023

Meeting Adjourned:

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