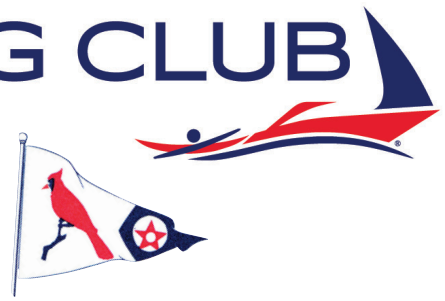


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Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting **Sunday, November 12**

Social Hour 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Come join us for a traditional Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner at Brownfield Ranch
14888 Centerburg Road—Sunbury, OH 43074**

**Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to
share and your own refreshments**

**Contact Ruth Wilcox at either her cell phone 614-425-8577
or email ruthwilcox@aol.com so she can coordinate the covered dishes**

**We will be playing games, cards, and a little
cornhole after dinner for those who are interested.**

Dress is casual / Western attire encouraged

**Cost of the event will be sent via E-Blast
when it is finalized**





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 5 Monday Introduction to Navigation Seminar – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 6 Monday December 2023 *Galley Gossip* Article Deadline
- 12 Sunday Dinner Event – Brownfield Ranch – 4 pm
- 23 Thursday Happy Thanksgiving!
- 28 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

DECEMBER

- 2 Saturday Columbus ABC Holiday Party – Place/Time TBA
- 4 Monday January 2024 *Galley Gossip* Article Deadline
- 9 Saturday Toledo ABC Holiday Party – Place/Time TBA
- 10 Sunday Sandusky/Pt Clinton Holiday Party - Place/Time TBA
- 15 Friday Happy Hanukkah!
- 25 Monday Merry Christmas!
- 26 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

JANUARY 2024

- 1 Monday Happy New Year!
- 4 Thursday Dinner Event - Place/Time TBA
- 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


2023-2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP



Well, no matter how we look at it, time is up for this great boating season. We played, we drank, we ate, and we had fun on the water this year and now it is time to put our little motorized babies to bed for the winter. So, make sure you do a thorough winterization on your boat to ensure next year will start off well without complications. Also, check your tires and grease in your bearings which can cause huge headaches on the road if not properly maintained. Just ask a couple of my boating buddies. Names will be changed to protect the guilty! Also, a good cleaning is a welcome little detail for your boat. So many people say "I will just clean it in the spring" which leads to a dirty launch in the springtime. So do a little cleaning this year.

We are looking at a Thanksgiving celebration meeting for November 12th at Brownfield Ranch in Sunbury and, hopefully, we will have the same



caterer as we did for the Alum Creek picnic in September. However, we will be doing a more traditional Thanksgiving meal. Keep your eyes peeled for the *Galley Gossip* with more details.

I will be heading to the District 29 Fall Conference at Maumee Bay Lodge the weekend of October 20-22.

I will give everyone a full update when I get back. Please take a look at the classes that will be offered over the winter so you can learn skills that you will be able to apply next boating season. Education is a great tool, but you must use it or lose it. Good skills on the water help you and your crew stay safe as well as fellow boaters who share the waterways with you.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Ruthie Kubinski, P



I hope everyone who attended the dinner at Schmidt's in German Village enjoyed themselves. We had 39 members present at this gathering. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy Schmidt's great German food!



For our next dinner meeting things are going to be a little different. Instead of the first Thursday of the month, we will gather together on Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We wanted to change the date so we could share more time together and give thanks for all the good things that we celebrate as a club and as individual families and

friends. Our members will be able to reflect on time at home and on the water. I want to thank Ruth Wilcox for all her help and ideas for this meeting. Her determination and love for our club has been inspiring to me. I hope to see everyone out at Brownfield Ranch in Sunbury. Let's enjoy the fall colors together as well as the food from our friends at Dickson Caterers.

MERIT MARKS

Your list of volunteer hours to earn a 2023 Merit Mark must be turned in by November 1st. Please submit it to P/C Bob Van der Wissel at rvanderw@columbus.rr.com as soon as possible. A Merit Mark notebook is also available at the ABC Clubhouse in which you may record your hours. What qualifies? Helping with ABC courses, VSE's, social events, other misc. support to the club, etc. If you're uncertain about what qualifies, contact Bob. Give yourself a pat on the back and get those hours in!!



GALLEY GOSSIP

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!!



David & Deb Crothers
Preston & Laura Graham
Jason & Sheryl Mack
Cynthia Phelps

UPCOMING MEETING:

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



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Doyle
Karen Mesenburg
Charlotte Mohr

SICK BAY

Diane Doyle
Debbie Murphy
Mari Seaver

Boating Under the Influence: Talk about it before it's too late

Let's talk about boating under the influence (BUI). Just because November is upon us and a lot of boats have been winterized, we continue to need to educate each other about this dangerous practice. America's Boating Channel™ BUI videos offer an excellent way in which to do this.

Check out the "Dispelling BUI Myths" video in Season Four that covers six major misconceptions about boating under the influence (BUI). It teaches viewers about unique dangers associated with boating while intoxicated and features law enforcement actions and penalties for conviction of BUI. In Season Five there is a video entitled "BUI Fatalities" that covers the most fundamental reason for not boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Viewers will learn of additional associated risks and receive tips for avoiding BUI, such as using a designated sober operator.

The videos referenced here, and others, are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find the topic you need. Or visit America's Boating Channel on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and nearly 100 other safe boating videos.



I hope the sad truth that boats are put away for the season has not reduced your desire to think about boating! There are boat shows to visit. You may also share your boating experience with others in a class or seminar. I mention this because the current **Boat Handling** class has three couples who are experienced boaters. While they are learning something new, they are also sharing experiences that are helping the class think more deeply about boating. Think about taking a class or seminar to refresh your knowledge and skills.



You may wish to join a seminar or class with content that would be new to you. The **Marine Navigation** class being offered in February will include computer software for charting and

plotting. A seminar **Introduction to Navigation** in November will introduce electronic charting along with the basics of using charts. For those thinking about inland boating, the **Boating on Lakes, Locks, and Rivers** seminar will be presented in December. Please check each of these seminars out on the web site, www.columbussailandpower.org, for more details and reserve your spot. Both these seminars are free and will be online via Zoom so you can enjoy them from the comfort of home.

It is not too early to put **Marine Electrical Systems** and **Engine Maintenance** in your schedule for early January. Two great courses to build knowledge about your boat. The knowledge will help you become aware of potential problems as well as checking things and fixing things that could create problems on the water. Become more comfortable on your boat with the knowledge to anticipate and solve problems.

Fall Classes (September – November)

- Seminars** - Boating on Locks, Lakes, and Rivers – Zoom – Sept. 22nd and Oct. 12th
- Introduction to Navigation – Nov 15th – In-person

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
26 September 2023**

(These minutes will be approved at the October 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, P confirmed that a quorum was present. There were no comments or corrections to the August minutes, so the minutes were approved.

Invocation was led by P/C Sherri Haring, P.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C Glen Kubinski, 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; P/C Bob Goelz, S; P/Lt/C Tiffany Francis (partial); Lt Tom Francis (arrived approx.. 2010); Lt Sue Goelz, S; Lt Bob Hern, S; Lt Janet Hern, S; Lt Joe Huffman, P; Lt David Keller, S; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/Lt/C Ruth Wilcox, S.

Guests present: P/Lt/C Tracy Garret, S; P/C Sherri Haring, P.

Commander Brian Crabbe, S:

Six new members joined in the past two weeks. They are:

- David and Debbie Crothers
- Jason and Sheryl Mack
- David and Melanie Stacy

Executive Officer Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP:

We should promote the camaraderie that is developed on our boating trips in order to get more people interested. We should also list trips that other squadrons are taking as some members may be interested in those as well. The District 29 Fall Conference is Oct 20 – 22. Prior to the Change of Watch, Glen wants to meet with some other members and Past Commanders so he can plan his Commander's agenda.

**Education Officer P/R/C
Bob Rayburn, SN-IN:
Asst EO P/C John Seaver,
SN: Absent**



It is hoped that placing more courses and seminars on the website will attract more interest and students to the educational offerings. The list was presented at an earlier executive committee meeting. We will see if this works over the year. Brian is advertising online, Facebook, and our web pages. We also register our classes with ABC (national), which provides access to boaters living close to our location.

To date:

I have cancelled the September 16th ABC course due to a low response. Hoping for January class.

Should we consider how many people should sign up for ABC class before holding the class?

Please note: My position on individual classes, especially with a single instructor, should be the decision of the instructor. However, if the instructor decides that they will only teach 15 or more students, the executive committee might consider that standard excessive today.

We changed the start of the Weather Course to Oct. 23rd to encourage more participation.

The Boat Handling Class started with seven, soon to be eight participants. Two couples have joined the club as members while registering for the course. (Good group - many experienced boaters that enjoy sharing!)

JN, Offshore Navigation, is a go as well! The class met at HQ on Sept. 18th and set the schedule for the course. Instructor Ralph Newman explained the key concepts of the course in 6 minutes! Now the application begins.

We have new instructors for several courses. I wish to thank all instructors who have agreed to teach during the coming cold months of our educational season. The goal is to keep the current instructors and to expand the number of instructors to allow more future education options.

There are two online seminars for the fall: Boating on Locks, Lakes, and Rivers – Free to attend. Introduction to Navigation.

Some of the online seminars could be used as advertising to encourage boaters to focus on our education program. Please encourage people to attend the seminars and classes. Question, should



we use free seminars to encourage membership? (Make all seminars free to local club members? Advertise a charge and return funds to local club members?).

Admin. Officer Lt/C Ruthie Kubinski, P:

The October dinner meeting will be at Schmidt's Sausage Haus in German Village. Social Hour is at 6:00 P.M. and Dinner is at 6:30.

Secretary: Lt/C Tom Doyle, P:

Asst. Sec. Open

Tom noted that the office of Secretary had inadvertently been deleted from the *Galley Gossip* Executive Committee list.

Treasurer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S: Absent

Imm. Past Commander, P/C Bob Goelz, S:

Bob suggested that the ABC class is the only class where we should set a minimum number of attendees. Other classes which are taught primarily by one instructor should be left up to the individual instructor whether to conduct the class or not. Bob is now on the District Rules Committee.

Flag Lieutenant P/C Sherri Haring, P:

Sherri has performed the required maintenance on the defibrillator.

Members at Large Reports:

Lt Sue Goelz, S: Sue reported that we have six new members. She recommended that we buy new get-well cards. Tiffany volunteered to get the cards and send them out as appropriate.

Lt Joe Huffman, P, Boating Activities: Joe said we had 5 wonderful trips this year and encouraged more people to take part in them in the future.

Lt David Keller, S: David has been posting information about our club and our trips on Facebook to give us more exposure. He would like to schedule a summer rendezvous at Alum Creek near Howard Road.

P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN: Phil is already looking forward to next year's trips.

General Committees:

Nominating: P/C Dick Sorensen, SN; P/C Sherri Haring, P; P/C Bob Goelz, S: No Report

Standing Committees

Finance: Open

Housing Committee: Lt/C Tom Doyle, P: Tom asked for a volunteer to help him move some things in headquarters. Glen Kubinski volunteered. Tom said the River Rat, Bungle Jug, Member of the Year and other award plaques were several years out of date. Commander Crabbe volunteered to take care of the plaques and Tom Doyle said he would try to track down the River Rat and Member of the Year awards.

Law Officer: P/C David Canale, P: Absent

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP: Absent – Send Merit Mark Hours to Bob if you haven't already done so.

Special Committees:

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

Boat Show, Coastie: P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S: They may want Coastie at the Boat and RV Show for four days this year.

ABC Class: P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, S – Currently scheduled for three 4-hour days, Jan. 20, 27, and Feb. 3.

Boating Activities: P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN: Lt Joe Huffman, P – See Phil Osborne's and Joe Huffman's Member-at-Large reports.

Vessel Safety Checks: Lt John Pruitt, AP – Absent.

Marketing: Cdr. Brian Crabbe, AP – Brian is doing marketing on Facebook. He reached out to the *Columbus Dispatch*, but they were too expensive. He might try Instagram.

Action Items:

Plaques, Bungle Jug, River Rat and Member of the Year Awards.

First Horizon:

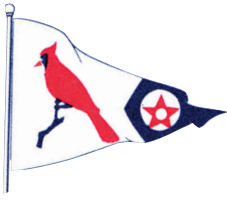
Alice Diana Humbel (Mary Rayburn's granddaughter).

Sick Bay:

Bob Van der Wissel, Mari Seaver, Debbie Murphy, Diane Doyle

Next ECOM meeting is 24 October 2023

Meeting Adjourned: 2020



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