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Monthly Newsletter for Sail, Power, and Paddle Boaters

Happy Hour & Dinner Meeting

Thursday, March 6

CAP CITY DINER

Bridge Park in Dublin

6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Reservations by Feb.27th to Sue Goelz

sue_goelz@yahoo.com

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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

See page 7 for SAVE THE DATES!

- 15 Saturday ABC Class - ABC Clubhouse (rescheduled from January 25) – 8am-5pm
- 22 Saturday ABC of Central Ohio Change of Watch – Berwick Manor Banquet Center
6 pm Social Hour – 7 pm Dinner – RSVP: janethern@icloud.com
- 25 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

MARCH

- 1 Saturday Deadline for Ordering ABC Name Tag – Call Janet Hern at **614-530-0695**
- 3 Monday April 2025 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 6 Thursday ABC Happy Hour/Dinner – Cap City Diner – Bridge Park, Dublin –
6 pm - 8:30 pm – RSVP: Sue Goelz sue_goelz@yahoo.com
- 15 Saturday ABC Class ABC Clubhouse
- 22 Saturday Marketing Leadership Retreat with Solstice Marketing - Clubhouse 9am -1:45 pm
- 23 Sunday Sea Scouts meeting ABC Clubhouse 1 pm-3 pm
- 24 Monday Marine Navigation Class ABC Clubhouse (Seven Monday evenings)
- 25 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 28-30 Fri – Sun District 29 Spring Conference – Sandusky Holiday Inn

APRIL

- 3 Thursday ABC Happy Hour/Dinner – WIND CHIMES – 5742 Frantz Rd., Dublin
6 pm - 8:30 pm – RSVP: Sue Goelz sue_goelz@yahoo.com
- 7 Monday May 2025 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 13 Sun Sea Scouts meeting 1 pm-3 pm ABC Clubhouse
- 18 Fri GOOD FRIDAY
- 19 Sat Meet Up: Buckeye Lake Museum/Lunch at Buckeye Lake Yacht Club
- 20 Sun EASTER
- 22 Tue Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 26 Sat ABC Class – ABC Clubhouse – 8am-5pm

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Glen Kubinski, AP



It is a pleasure to serve as your new Commander.

I want to report the other squadrons in our District have all completed their Change of Watch. Saturday the 1st was Sandusky's COW. Ruthie and I attended and they held a fantastic event at the Sandusky Yacht Club. It was a pleasure to represent our squadron during their COW. Hopefully, some of the Sandusky and Toledo members will make it down to our COW.

I want to put a little mouse in your pocket to



remind you if you have not signed up for our COW on the 22nd of February time is running out. Please come out and support our squadrons new bridge. We will be having a DJ so bring your dancing shoes and dance off the calories from dinner. Dancing is a great way to get your 2025 boating body in shape.

One last thing that I would like to review is that Spring is on its way and before long we will be back in our boats enjoying the water. Until then I hope to see you at the COW and as always on the water.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Jason Mack



Ahoy! I am humbled and honored to become the squadron's future XO! I hope to bring to the group an infectious enthusiasm and fresh perspective of ideas that will propel the group forward.

I am originally from Toledo, Ohio, and moved to Columbus in late 1998, where I met Sheryl shortly thereafter. We married in 2000. Our son, Daniel, is a Junior at BGSU. He is studying to be a school-teacher with an emphasis in early childhood education. I have been working for JPMorgan Chase for almost 17 years as a Home Lending Advisor.

I joined the squadron in October 2023 after going to a potluck held at Alum Creek and invited to take the boat handling course. Fun fact, the first official Power Squadron course I took was in Toledo, in 1993.



It sounds like 2025 is shaping up to be a stellar year already, with Coastie making waves at the RV and Boat show—how awesome was that?

I am so excited with the fact our squadron is already set up with so many great opportunities for education, safety checks, and rendezvous for 2025, which really shows the solid foundation we are building. With what we have planned already for the year I hope to keep the momentum going. I am sure this year will be filled with even more great adventures, good friends, and a ton of fun on the water! Anchors Away!



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FIRST HORIZON

Remi Lane Resta

Proud Grandparents are Glen & Ruthie Kubinski

LAST HORIZON

Harold Biedel
Bill Lehner

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Sue Goelz, S



As we begin the year with a new leadership team let me introduce myself and the entire administrative committee. I am Sue Goelz, and I have been a member-at-large and the squadron membership chairman for most of the past ten years. Janet Hern has been a squadron member for five years, serves as a member-at-large and is the new *Galley Gossip* editor. Sheryl Mack has also been a member for several years and serves on the board as a member-at-large.

All three of us hope to add some fresh new



monthly dinners along with additional activities that we hope all members will enjoy. Most dates and locations have already been chosen through the end of this year. Watch *Galley Gossip* for updates and mark your calendars

We look forward to seeing you March 6 for dinner at Cap City at Dublin's Bridge Park. Details on page one.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN



The Club's winter education program continues with a change and additions. The first **ABC Class** was re-scheduled to **February 15, 2025**, to allow members to attend the funeral of our Past Commander Harold Biedel. Harold's ceremony was well attended and conducted by Dave Fannon.



There are two other **ABC Classes** scheduled for **March 15th** and **April 26th**. If you know a new or future boater that would be interested in attending to build understanding and develop some of the skills needed to be comfortable on the water, please encourage them to register on the web site. Our course materials are a valuable resource to be used throughout the boating season. Club instructors work hard to ensure that people passing the test will build skills and knowledge for adventures

on the water.

Members and interested boaters may choose to take the **Boat Handling Class** which starts on **May 7th**. Boat Handling goes beyond basic boating information and provides fundamentals for slow speed maneuvering, anchoring, handling waves, and emergencies on the water. A great course for those preparing for the coming boating season.

The club is offering a **Marine Navigation Class** on **March 24th**. While this class contains some information from the older Piloting Class, it includes electronic navigation. This class is a great way to build your understanding of chart plotters, both paper and electronic nautical charts as well as navigating on the water whether on a large lake or local rivers. Join the class to build your comfort level for longer trips.

It's time to think of spring and boat projects. Stay warm and begin planning for days on the boat.

Coastie at the RV and Boat Show

Coastie attended the Columbus RV and Boat Show on Saturday and Sunday, Jan 11th and 12th and again on Saturday, Jan 18th. Coastie talked with kids about water safety and always wearing a life jacket when boating. Coastie was accompanied by Michael T. Hughes and Bob and Janet Hern. ABC members who greeted Coastie at the show were, Vivian Duff, David and Melanie Stacy, Jason and Sheryl Mack, David Keller and Maggie, and Debbie Stohl.





Earning Merit Marks



This article is meant to be a guide for earning and recording Merit Marks for your contributions to the United States Power Squadron (USPS), also known as, America's Boating Club of Central Ohio.

It is only possible to earn one Merit Mark per year, no matter the number of hours you log as a volunteer. Merit Marks are awarded by National via email paper Certificates and can be printed as needed. Merit Marks can also be purchased as a Gold Bar for uniforms from national Yacht Club suppliers.

To earn Merit Marks, one must be a current dues paying member of the USPS. Members must submit their volunteer hours and activity functions.

Submissions are made via:

- The sign in book at the Club Headquarters.
- Emails to the Merit Mark Committee Chair, @ rvanderw@columbus.rr.com.
- The *Galley Gossip* Executive Committee members list
- Personal phone calls to the Commander or other members who can vouch for and enter your earned Merit Mark hours

Activities that DO qualify for Merit Marks:

- Teaching a class
- Proctoring or grading papers at classes or Seminars
- Any additional help assisting with classes.
- Working at Boat Shows, whether working the booth or assisting in set up/take down or working with Coastie
- Conducting Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) or help with set up and signage at VSC and Safe Boating Week activities
- Assistance with Squadron, District or National events
- Attending meetings as a Member of the Executive Committee and Bridge
- Serving on a Committee and helping with its functions and responsibilities
- Organizing and preparing for rendezvous either by boat or on land

- Remember to include any hours spent driving to and from activities that qualify for Merit Marks as well as time spent on phone calls or emails.

Activities that do NOT qualify for Merit Marks

- Being a student in a class or Seminar
- Attending a Dinner meeting, when not part of the organizing etc.
- Attending any Rendezvous as a participant when not having been involved in the planning or organizing of the event

If any questions, please call Bob Van der Wissel at 614-570-0055 or email him at

rvanderw@columbus.rr.com.

The club's submissions on behalf of our Commander are reported annually on November 1st by Bob Van der Wissel and have a requirement of at least twenty-five volunteer hours per year. In 2024, forty-one of our squadron members logged 2,844 hours.

To avoid a last-minute rush for Bob to report the submissions to the Area Monitor, please email a monthly report of your volunteer hours. All that is required is the date, total activity hours, and a breakdown of the activity to include travel time, phone calls, and emails. For volunteer hours from November 2nd to the end of the year, please include those with submissions for the following year.

As a Final Tribute to **Harold Beidel**, PC/, P/D/C/PR/CDR, National SN. Our District had a final USPS tribute on January 25th, 2025. Harold was ninety-four years of age, sixty years as a USPS member, and logged 59 Merit Marks. I do not think anyone in USPS, nationally will surpass that Merit Mark achievement. God Bless Harold and his wife Martha, and daughter Terrie Lynn.

Also, we honor the memory of **William, (Bill), Lehner**, P/C/, P/D Cdr, SN. Bill and his wife, Kay, have contributed more than 100-200 hours to the squadron each year. We pay tribute to Bill, Kay, and their daughters and son.

Written by P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP
Chair of the Merit Mark Committee



Become A Vessel Safety Examiner for Summer 2025

A Vessel Safety Examiner (VSE) is a trained volunteer who inspects boats for safety equipment and issues a decal to those boats/boat owners that pass. A VSE checks the condition and presence of required safety equipment, such as life jackets and navigation lights and discusses with the boat operator, any safety issues and then makes appropriate recommendations. The VSE also clarifies state and federal boating regulations.

It is easy to become an examiner! Download, or print, the VSC Manual and read it. Familiarize yourself with the VSC forms - one for boats and Personal Watercraft (PWCs), one for paddle craft. Take the open book exam online and receive your results as soon as you complete the exam. You can retake this exam as many times as you need if you do not pass the first time around. Once you pass the exam, reach out to our VSE Chair, John Pruitt, with your score and E#. You will then need to complete five (5) supervised Vessel Safety checks under the watchful eye of a qualified Vessel Examiner. This can easily be accomplished during Safe Boating Week, May 17-25, 2025, or during one of our other scheduled events this summer.

Once you have completed the trainee checks, you are on your way to completing exams throughout the year. To keep an active certification as VE, you must conduct at least five VSC per year. Failure to do exams means you must conduct two supervised VSC in a year or certification will lapse after five years. You can conduct a Vessel Exam in any of our fifty states! Know the local laws if you conduct them outside of Ohio.

We hold a 2-hour VSE briefing in April/May at HQ to reacquaint ourselves with the rules, forms, discuss changes, etc. If you would like to become an examiner, or renew your certification, please reach out to Jason Mack, our incoming Executive Officer @ jasonsheryl@gmail.com or John Pruitt, VSE Chairman @ jmepruitt@prodigy.net

Find the manual, practice tests, forms, and testing material at <https://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=become-a-ve> or search How to Become a Vessel Examiner.

Written by Tracy Garrett, S
Member-at-Large

SHIP'S STORE

Lt Sue Goelz has worked with Lands End to create items for ABC of Central Ohio. The QR Code which takes you to the site is below. Once there you will be prompted to create a username and password to view the items available for ordering.



- * No minimum order
- * Pricing will include sales prices where applicable
- * Addition of logo - \$5.99 per item

<https://business.landsend.com/store/abccentralohio>

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plus shipping and handling

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plus shipping and handling

Email the name you want on your nametag along with your address and phone number to

janethern@icloud.com

Payment due upon receipt of nametag.



Harold Biedel, Valued Member



Harold Biedel's funeral, held on January 25th, was attended by Power Squadron members and Past Commanders. Pastor David Fannon officiated, and the eulogy was delivered by Michael Hughes.

Harold joined the United States Power Squadron in 1961. He became the Squadron Commander in 1978. During his time with the squadron, he also held the offices of Squadron Budget Committee, assistant District Education Officer, District Administrative Officer, District Executive Officer, District Commander, National Staff Commander, National Rear Commander, Port Captain, Governing Board Member for 28 years, and Flag Officer as recently as 2010.

Harold was 94 years of age and leaves to cherish his memory his wife Martha, daughter Terrie Lynn, and a grateful Central Ohio Squadron. Harold and Martha's boats were all named *Terrie Lynn*, in honor of their daughter.



Many Past Commanders attended Harold's funeral.

SAVE THE DATES:

MAY

- 1** Thu ABC Happy Hour/Dinner @ El Vaquero - 3230 Olentangy River Road
- 7** Wed Boat Handling Class - Clubhouse (Seven Wed. evenings)
- 11** Sun Mother's Day
- 17** Sat Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Hollenback ramp
- 18** Sun Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Hollenback ramp
- 26** Mon MEMORIAL DAY
- 27** Tue Executive Committee Meeting - ABC Clubhouse - 7pm
- 31** Sat Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Cheshire Ramp

JUNE

- 1** Sun Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Galena Ramp
- 5** Thu Picnic at New Galena Ramp at Alum Creek
- 15** Sun Father's Day
- 20-22** Fri-Sat-Sun Cruise at Elk Rapids/Torch Lake - Hosts Brian & Lisa Crabbe

JULY

- 4-5-6** Fri-Sat-Sun Summer Council Huron Boat Basin
- 12** Sat Poker Run at Buckeye Lake & Picnic at Barbara Hupman's home

AUGUST

- 8** Fri Ohio River Cruise - Hosts Phil Osborne & Ruth Wilcox
- TBD** Dale Hollow Rendezvous

SEPTEMBER

- 23** Tue Executive Committee Meeting - ABC Clubhouse 7 pm
- TBD** Hayride and Bonfire
- TBD** Lake Cumberland - Hosts Joe & Linda Huffman

OCTOBER

- 2** Thu Happy Hour/Dinner - Schmidt's Sausage Haus
- 28** Tue Executive Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 6** Thu Happy Hour/Dinner - Old Bag of Nails - Westerville
- 25** Tue Executive Committee Meeting - Clubhouse - 7 pm

DECEMBER

- 12** Fri ABC Christmas Party - Morgan House - Dublin

ABC/Central Ohio Member Spotlight

The Crothers' Journey with *New Moon*

If boats could talk, *New Moon* would surely have some captivating stories to tell. Owned by David and Debbie Crothers, this vintage vessel might just be the oldest boat owned by a member of America's Boating Club of Central Ohio.

New Moon is a 1960 Glass Magic Ranger Fiesta, built in Fort Worth, Texas. Glass Magic, once known as the Marine Plastics Company, was one of the pioneers in using fiberglass to craft boats, a shift away from wood and metal construction. The Ranger Fiesta model featured a cuddy cabin, a head, and a hand-pump sink, with fiberglass walls ranging from ¼" to ½" in thickness.

David Crothers began his boating journey in 1980. He and a friend set off in a canoe, making the trek from the Mohican River to the Ohio River. They packed their own food, and at one point, walked several miles to find a store to restock their supplies. Growing up with five brothers, all avid boaters, and living near the Alum Creek boat ramp, David was immersed in the boating world early on. He joined the Power Squadron, where he quickly learned the importance of boating rules—especially when it came to the environmental impact of his boat's head and sink, which originally discharged directly into the water. After some major renovations, *New Moon* became environmentally friendly.

David and Debbie married in 1982 and had a son, Christopher. Every Tuesday, they would camp at Alum Creek Campground, cooking meat on a smoker while enjoying the water and boating. In 1984, they witnessed Christopher take his first step on the deck of *New Moon*. One memorable night at Alum Creek, the couple anchored near the beach, only to wake up the next morning and find

themselves at the start of the Wendy's Triathlon! David and Debbie, along with *New Moon* have also explored the Ohio River, navigated all the locks on the Muskingum River, and even returned to Lake Lavon in Texas near the original manufacturing facility for Glass Magic boats.

The Crothers' boating story included other boats. After retiring, David found a 1987 Carver and poured his heart into rebuilding the mechanicals. One day, while cruising Lake Erie, he got lost, prompting him to sign up for as many boating and navigation courses as possible. However, his boating journey took a tragic turn when a fire at his West Harbor marina consumed not just the boat next to his, but David's

Carver as well, burning it down to the waterline. Unfortunately, the insurance didn't fully cover such extensive repairs.

Another story shared by Debbie: In 1998, after 16 years of marriage, David and Debbie divorced. They spent the next 20 plus years apart—until three years ago when Debbie showed up on David's boat and never left. When you meet them and listen to their stories, it is as if they've known each other and loved boating forever. And son, Christopher now grown, has two daughters aged 12 and 10 who also share a love for boating.

Last summer, at an ABC of Central Ohio picnic at the New Galena Ramp, the Crothers rejoined the squadron and every Wednesday evening this winter, they're enjoying the *Cruising under Sail and Power* course together. They are making new squadron friends at classes, dinners, and outings.

David and Debbie advice to fellow boaters: "Everyone should be required to take a safe boating course, just the same as driver's education is required to drive a car."



The Crothers' boat, "New Moon", could tell some tales!

Preview of Buckeye Lake Museum Meet Up April 19

Buckeye Lake Museum holds thousands of memories of the "old days" at Buckeye Lake Amusement Park. There you will see a complete layout of the Park, the original taffy puller, plus hundreds of photos, tickets, bathing suits, and shoe skates. The Museum features special displays of the Polo field, the Yacht Club, our veteran's memoriam of uniforms and guns, an original 1918 automobile that was used in Hebron and Buckeye Lake Parades and the completely restored Rocket Ship ride from the park. Watch the *Galley Gossip* for more information on a special tour on April 19th for our club members and friends.



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