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13 September, 2012 Scioto Boat Club

3232 Indian Village Rd, Columbus, OH 43221

Grab your partner and come on out to the Educational Round-up for an evening of Western fun. The CSPS educational department is evolving and has new courses, updated material and exciting new teaching formats. Come talk first hand to the instructors and hear about the new boating education opportunities in the Squadron; from the basic ABC course, to electives, to advanced courses to our new seminar series.

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Social Hour
7:30 pm – Dinner and our “Educational Round” CSPS style
8:30 pm – Award for the Best Dressed Western Contest

Price: \$17 per person (kids 12 and under are 1/2 price)

Menu: Chuckwagon Style by SlabaDabaDo - Western Beef Brisket, Pulled Chicken, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, and Macaroni and Cheese, with a dessert.

Drinks: BYOD (bring your own drinks). SBC is inside a city park area where alcohol is prohibited. You can bring your own and drink it in a plastic cup. We will have no drinks available of any kind (alcohol or nonalcoholic).

Dress: Western Style, so polish up those boots and bring out the Stetsons!

RSVP (By Sept 10) to Bill Mohrman at 614-203-8817
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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

September

- 4-8 Tues.-Sat. USPS National Meeting - Detroit
- 13 Thursday Dinner Meeting
- 13-16 Thurs.-Sun. Boat Show @ Cedar Point
- 21-23 Fri.-Sun. Put-In-Bay Trip - Ron Lavelly
- 25 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ
- 27-30 Thurs.-Sun. Cumberland Lake Trip - Bill & Julie Mohrman

October

- 4 Thursday Dinner Meeting
- 8 Monday November *GG* articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
- 23 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ
- 26 Friday Sea Gals Chili & Bingo Night @ HQ

November

- 1 Thursday Dinner Meeting
- 2-4 Fri.-Sun. D29 Fall Conference in Perrysburg
- 5 Monday December *GG* articles due
- 6 Tuesday Merit Marks due
- 16 Friday Sea Gals Craft Night @ HQ
- 20 Tuesday Central OH Safe Boating Council Meeting 6pm
- 27 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas E. Norman, P



Summer is half over - are we having fun? The squadron participated in the Memorial Day Parade in Grandview Heights with the Army Corp of Engineers, US Coast Guard Auxiliary and ODNR Watercraft Division. There was a cookout at the Oakland Avenue Yacht Club and all had some great BBQ and other foods. In May the XO and AO appeared on 92.3 WCOL radio to promote Safe Boating Week while wearing PDF's and promoting CSPS and USPS. We went on several rendezvous, in June the Kanawha River Trip Blues Brews & BBQ in Charleston; the XO and your Commander went with the Toledo squadron up the Maumee River. In July we had a rendezvous at Buckeye Lake for a Poker Run with a BBQ dinner afterward and later in the month paired up with the Lima squadron to go down the Ohio River to Louisville, another



great trip. Several Squadron members painted the Delaware Dam with the largest orange life jacket with the slogan "GIT-R-ON!" We are heading down the Muskingum River in August with 20 boats signed up for this trip. We have scheduled the Huron Boat Basin and Kelley's Island also in August. September is the year end Put-In-Bay shopping trip and then we have planned a Lake Cumberland Houseboat rendezvous. Read AO Bill and Julie Mohrman's message in this GG.

I attended the summer District 29 meeting in Sandusky in late July. P/C Larry Lowe, SN conducted the 'On The Water' Inland Navigation course. We were informed that Cabela Outfitters are planning to build a store in Columbus. The closest store is in Wheeling, WV. There may be an opportunity for us to promote education with some participation from Cabelas. We have been contacted by ODNR Watercraft to submit another Education Grant for 2013. I am looking to a squadron member to take over this project. USPS National Governing Board - Marriott Renaissance Center - Detroit, MI is coming up September 5th through the 9th.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C David Canale, P



This year my wife and I have had the pleasure of participating in a number of cruises and squadron events. Our summer started off by marching in the Grandview parade and attending a gathering at Past Commander Hughes home. The squadron passed out a lot of pamphlets, candy and coloring books. The parade was well attended and the kids loved the coloring books! Thanks to Commander Norman for towing his boat through the city, and for all who participated. This is an annual event that the Tracy and Mike host and it was a lot of fun. We enjoyed a cookout after the parade.

As the summer started to heat up (and that is no understatement), Lynne and I went on our first official river cruise up the Kanawha River along with Commander Norman and his guest, Pat. We launched at Gallipolis (and I annoyed some of the locals by pronouncing it as "Ga-lip-o-liss", and then cruised up river all the way to Charleston, West Virginia. Wow, what a beautiful river. Imagine the striking mountains of West Virginia, blue skies, and green foliage around a smooth and shimmering river. Some people call it "God's country" and I can see why! Anyways, the cruise was fantastic and if this cruise is ever offered again, I strongly recommend that our members attend.

Then in July, it was the first (in a long time, at least), fireworks display at Alum Creek State Park. The day began with leisurely boating, capped off by a lighted boat parade, and followed by a fireworks show which may have been second to none. Some people decided to watch the fireworks from their boats (which is a nice idea), but my wife, friends and family sat on the bank of a hill by the marina and watched as the local fireworks went off. To our surprise, we also saw nine (yes, I said nine) other fireworks shows being shot off simultaneously



at the same time! This is because, from the bank, we could see in the distance, across Alum Creek, various municipalities shooting off fireworks which you could make out just above the tree line. It looked like candles on top of a birthday cake. What a sight.

Lastly Lynne and I just returned from the Muskingum River trip. On this trip we launched in McConnelsville (just south of Zanesville) and cruised with 12 other boats down the river to Marietta where we stayed at the ornate and historic Lafayette Hotel. Wow! We got off to a bit of a rocky start due to some heavy rain, but we all pressed on, drenched and determined that we would make it to our destination. Five locks later, we arrived all safe and sound. On this trip, we travelled through locks which were initially constructed in the 1840's and continue to be operated by hand. After a while, Lynne and I (and my daughter and her friend, Abby) got the hang of grabbing onto the metal cables upon which we tied off to when going "up and down" in the lock.

Well, I hope you are having a great summer. Lynne & I sure are enjoying ours with the squadron. Please jump in and have some fun with us.



Wow! It cannot be September already, can it? This summer has proven to be hot, fast and furious. On the squadron front, we have had a great summer of rendezvous; starting with Larry's Lunch Hook on Lake Erie, the Blues Brews and BBQ on the Kanawha River, the Buckeye Lake Poker Run (we all learned a new weather term this summer; Derecho – or windstorms.) the Rivers, Trails and Ales on the Muskingum River, the Sea Gals Rendezvous at Middle Bass Island, and Ron Lavelly's upcoming Huron Basin gathering over Labor Day weekend. Whew, that was a mouthful! But wait, we are not done yet. There is Ron Lavelly's No Agenda weekend at Put-In-Bay and the Southern Hospitality weekend at Lake Cumberland both coming up mid to late September. Look for the details later in this edition of the Galley Gossip.

The other item that is coming up is the renewal of the seminar series for the squadron. Larry Lowe and I will be teaching one seminar each month until Christmas. The squadron members are discovering the tremendous value of these seminars. They are a quick and cost effective way



to brush up on your boating knowledge. Stay tuned to the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron website for the schedule. These seminars (as well as our classes) are open to the public, so spread the word to your neighbors and dock mates.

Our next dinner meeting will kick off the fall with an Educational Roundup at the beautiful Scioto Boat Club on September 13. We are planning a western hoedown with all the fixins' for you hungry boaters. Dinner will be catered by the award winning SlabaDabaDo complete with Beef Brisket, Pulled Chicken, Beans, Slaw and Mac and Cheese. If you haven't tried SlabaDabaDo's cooking, you are missing a great treat. Our Commander highly recommends them. This shindig will be a western theme with our very own educational department presenting the squadron's planned courses for the year. There has been quite a bit of improvement in the courses and materias since you and I have taken them, so come check out the offerings. Did I mention this is a western theme dinner? So shine up those boots, put on your hat, grab your first mate and come on out for a beautiful evening on the banks of the Scioto River.

Please be safe and enjoy the rest of your summer boating time.



USPS Boarman Poster Contest

Kids - get your minds thinking about this year's USPS poster contest. The Boarman Youth Poster contest is open to all children ages 6-14. This year's theme is **"Let's Boat Safe and Clean"**. The entry must be on 15 x 20 or 14 x 22-inch poster paper. Participants may sketch the design lightly with a pencil, but the end result must be a color poster. There is not a limit to the type of media that can be used; however, professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted material or computer generated art may not be used. The contest entry form must be completed and adhered to the back of the poster. Judging at the Squadron level will be at the October dinner meeting. Winners from each age group will go to the District Conference in November for judging. Those winning posters will be sent to the National Conference in January 2013 for final judging. Cash awards are available to all winners from each age group at the 3 levels.

For more information on this contest, visit www.USPS.org. Under the index tab search Boarman Poster contest for the entry form and guidelines of the contest. Still have more questions, contact P/D/C Phil Osborne at 740-625-5612 or posborne2@aol.com.

CEDAR POINT BOAT SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2012 North American DEMO Boat Show will be held Sept 13-16 at Cedar Point. Since the event was first held 40 years ago, it has grown into one of the largest in-water shows on the Great Lakes. The boat show layout has been completely revamped to maximize the time spent with show goers. The big tent has been moved in the front entrance so visitors will be funneled to the booths upon both arrival and departure. To volunteer at the District 29 booth, visit www.signupgenius.com Choose 'find a sign up' and enter my email address - mtbuckets@aol.com Each shift will have 4 people so sign up today. District 29 has been given booth #75. Visit http://www.cedarpointboatshow.com/docs/CPBS12_Brochure_LoRez.pdf to see the layout of the show and find our booth. If you have any questions, please contact me at 614.595.3530.

Yours In Boating
Tracy Garrett



Well it is hard to believe that we are getting to the end of summer and another boating season. I hope everyone had as good a boating season as I did. Although we did not get out as much as we would have like it has been a very "trouble free" season which is all anyone can ask for!



Summer is the slow time of the year for the education department, but the learning never stops. This is the time when everyone gets to apply all the new wisdom that has been obtained during the off-season.

Since my last article we did have students finish both the JN and N courses. Congratulations to all the students who completed these classes and many thanks to Ralph Newman and Roger Hankle for their leadership and dedication.

I will be setting up a Educational Staff Meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss a few topics so please be on the look out for an e-mail to coordinate a time and date. The topics will include:

- Confirm the instructors for the 2012 – 2013 calendar year
- Develop the 2012 – 2013 class schedule
- Discuss holding 2 ABC courses in the spring of 2013

In order to offer two ABC courses in the spring next year and we need more instructors. If you are a certified instructor and interested in helping to teach the ABC3 course, please send an e-mail to me and Mari Seaver. Brian O'Rourke – borourke13@att.net Mari Seaver – mseaver87@gmail.com If you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, we are always looking for members with a passion for boating to help with teaching the courses and seminars. Becoming an instructor is easy – and we need you! Educating people on boating makes it both safe and more enjoyable for all.

The next courses scheduled for this year are **Piloting** and **Engine Maintenance** starting on September 10th and 11th respectively. A more detailed schedule will be coming out shortly, so be sure to check the website for an updated class schedule.

If you haven't already taken a class or seminar or would like to take another we have a course for you! The courses offered by the CSPS are numerous and cover a wide variety of areas and knowledge. All the way from basic Seamanship to Celestial Navigation, we are sure to have something that covers your interests and skill set. Register now at www.columbussailandpower.org.

Fall Classes

Piloting	Monday, Sept 10	11 weeks	7:00 p.m. HQ	Don Delewese & Mike Cohee	\$70 members/ \$95 non-members
Engine Maintenance	Tues., Sept 11	11 weeks	7:00 p.m. HQ	Michael Hughes	\$55 members/ \$75 non-members

Register for these classes at www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab. If you have any questions, call us at 614.384-0245 or toll free at 1-855-CSPS-SAFE

Radio Watch Keeping Regulations

In general, any vessel equipped with a VHF marine radiotelephone (whether voluntarily or required to) must maintain a watch on channel 16 (156.800 MHz) whenever the radiotelephone is not being used to communicate.

P/C Larry Lowe, SN
Squadron Radio Technical Officer (SRTO)



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In Your Address?**

PLEASE TAKE US WITH YOU!
If you move, change your email address or phone number, please take us with you!
Contact Tracy Garrett at 614-488-4758 or safeboatingclass@aol.com to update your info!



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
22 May 2012**

(These minutes will be approved at the August Executive Committee meeting)

Lt Cdr David Canale called the meeting to order at 1900 due to the delayed arrival of Cdr Norman at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

Executive Officer Lt/C David Canale gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by sight and the secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr Tom Norman, Executive Officer David Canale, Administrative Officer Bill Mohrman, Education Officer Brian O'Rourke, Secretary Ron Hupman, Lt Michael T. Hughes, Lt Ruthie Kubinski, Lt Mary Lauer, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, P/D/C Philip Osborne, Lt John Seaver

Others present were: P/C Larry Lowe, P/C Michael Hughes, Lt Tracy Garrett

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments, Cdr Tom Norman

No Report

Reports of Officers

Executive Officer, Lt/C David Canale

The vessel safety examinations at Alum Creek were a big success. A total of 74 VSE's were conducted over the weekend. David Canale and Bill Mohrman did the WCOL radio show and have been invited back at any time to promote CSPS.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Bill Mohrman

Dinner Meetings: 12 May – Nor'Easter Club Ice Breaker: Great time had for 63 attendees. We had excellent food with lots of re-connecting going on to start the summer boating season. We also received one new member application from a Nor'Easter member who couldn't help but want to be part of our organization.

7 June – "Getting Ship Shape" Dinner Meeting at the Alum Creek Sailing Association pavilion. We will have Vessel Safety Examinations, Boat Care Techniques and products, as well as the Orange Township Fire Department on hand to teach fire extinguisher safety. Our theme is Getting Ship Shape for the boating season. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. We will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs with sides and dessert. Refreshments will be available.

Rendezvous: If you haven't planned on attending at least one of the summer's rendezvous, you really should. There is truly something for everyone; Lake Erie to Lake Cumberland and rivers in-between, single afternoons, to weekend getaways. See the complete list and contacts in this copy of the GG.

Seminars: We had a standing room only turnout for the BRLL (Boating on Rivers Locks and Lakes). Larry Lowe did

a wonderful job of training everyone for the upcoming river rendezvous. If you haven't thought about a seminar, it is a great way to brush up on a topic prior to you needing the information. Our next Anchoring Seminar is coming up Wednesday June 13 at 7 PM at HQ. Larry will demonstrate proper selection, use and tips on anchoring. He will demonstrate the miniature anchors in different types of bottoms you might encounter; sand, mud, gravel. It's only \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members for two hours of fun learning.

Have a safe boating summer and see you at a rendezvous.

Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke

Eight students passed the AP exam with one scoring 100%. Engine Maintenance & Navigation will start on September 10 & 11, respectively.

We are looking at options to support 2 ABC courses in the spring. Additional instructors would be needed to support this and we will be using emails and GG articles to recruit instructors.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting were approved. Thanks to those who have emailed reports. Reports should be emailed to hupmanI@att.net.

Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay

Absent — Financial reports were distributed by email.

Members at Large Reports

Lt Michael T. Hughes – It was nice to have the food at the VSE's.

Lt Ruth Kubinski – The VSE's were good.

Lt Mary Lauer – The Sea Gals Change-of-Watch was attended by 30 members. Reported on the Central Ohio Safe Boating Council meeting. \$10,000 has been raised for fireworks at Alum Creek by residents, businesses and others. There will also be a boat parade organized by Jim Klein.

P/D/C Philip Osborne – I had fun at the VSE's. A letter has been written to National regarding a gold border for the CSPS burgee. Members' approval will be sought at the dinner meeting on 6/7 and then the Governing Board will put it on the agenda.

Lt John Seaver – Suggested a partnership with ODNR to instruct users on use of ramps and proper etiquette. X/O Canale commented that the new ramps at Alum Creek are very nice, wider and with grooved concrete.

General Committees

No reports.

Standing Committees

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes – Entry door was dragging and has been fixed.

Sea Gals – See Lt Lauer's report above.



Special Committees

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett – A new supply of Coastie trading cards is needed. Lt Garrett will research cost and bring to next meeting. We need to repair microphones or purchase new ones. Boats are needed to participate in the Grandview Heights Memorial Day Parade. VSE's are scheduled for the Galena ramp on 6/30. Do we want to conduct a trailering seminar again? Scan and send all VSE reports to John Pruitt.

Boating Activities: Lt David Canale – Refer to the May *Galley Gossip* for details.

Old Business

None

New Business

None presented

Comments from Guests

Larry Lowe – The dam painting is scheduled for Thursday, 6/28 at 9:00AM. D29 Summer Council Meeting is July 27-29 at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Inland navigation certification will be available at D29. Let Larry know if you are interested.

Announcements

Monthly Dinner Meeting June 7 at Alum Creek Sailing Association Pavilion

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 28 August
Memorial Day Grandview Parade 0900 May 26 Cook Out
Following

Articles for the September *Galley Gossip* due August 6.

Reregister for Kroger Rewards in May

The first rendezvous for the summer is the Kanawha River trip June 22-24

Meeting Adjourned at 2035

HELPING YOUR SQUADRON GROW

What a great time of year this is! The grass and trees have greened up, the days are getting sunnier, warmer and longer. This all means that boating season, at long last, has arrived.

While it is only natural that we should be fixing our eyes on the months of on-the-water enjoyment ahead, it is also a good time to be thinking about what we might be able to contribute to help our squadron create a safe and enjoyable boating experience for our membership. Perhaps in your own experiences you have identified someone in the squadron that has unique abilities who might lend their skills to our ongoing mission. Below are just some of the areas where people can serve:

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

- COMMUNICATIONS
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- TEACHING & TRAINING
- BOAT INSPECTIONS
- MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL SKILLS
- PROPERTY MANAGEMENT / REAL ESTATE
- ADMINISTRATION
- HOSPITALITY
- EVENT PLANNING
- RENDEVOUS PLANNING
- ENTERTAINMENT
- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- FINANCE & ACCOUNTING
- PUBLIC RELATIONS
- MARKETING
- BOAT SHOWS
- BOAT REPAIR
- LEGAL

The list names but a few. There are many more. What is your particular area of interest? Might the squadron benefit from it?

In the corporate world, a company is managed by its 'Board of Directors' and many churches by a 'Governing Board.' The governing body of the CSPS is its 'Executive Committee' headed by the Commander. There are six specific, named positions on the Executive Committee and nine who serve as a 'Member-at-Large.' The Member-at-Large has no specific duties but is free to serve in an arena where they might have particular interest and expertise. Further, they are to serve as a liaison between the membership and the Executive Committee.

Those who profit most, serve best. With that in mind, might there be an existing committee which appeals to you or that you might be interested in forming? Can you recommend a squadron member(s) you believe would be an asset and can pitch in to help lead the squadron? If you have any interest in serving on a committee or becoming a Member-at-Large, your Nominating Committee would welcome your inquiry. Your squadron is always looking for new talent and future leaders. Let us hear from you.

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Another Great Weekend on the Ohio River VeVay Indiana to Louisville Kentucky

by P/D/C Philip R. Osborne, JN

Members from both the Columbus and Findlay Sail and Power Squadrons accompanied Lima PS on a historic river trip from VeVay Indiana to Louisville Kentucky.

We left central Ohio on the bright and sunny afternoon of Thursday, July 12th and made good time until we hit the Cincinnati rush-hour traffic. We eventually arrived safely at VeVay where some members stayed at the Ogle House Inn, and some of us stayed at the Belterra Casino and Resort, just seven miles away. The rooms were large and the bathroom was larger than some of the hotel rooms we have stayed at in the past! Obviously there was no smoking in the hotel, or for several feet near it, however you needed a machete to get through the smoke in the casino (same building). After a great breakfast in the restaurant Friday morning, we all headed to the launch ramp at VeVay. By launching at the Paul Ogle boat ramp, all of our parked vehicles were patrolled by the local police and we were off to Louisville. The river was flat with very little boat or barge traffic. We stopped a couple times to just swim and eat lunch, then onto the docks at Louisville.

We docked at the River Park Marina where we were met by a shuttle bus that transported us to the Galt House in Louisville. Once again, the rooms were very nice, and after showers we all went to Patrick O'Shea's Irish Pub for a very nice dinner.

Saturday some of the ladies went by trolley to various malls for shopping and the rest of us went boating on the river. Several storms came up, but we were lucky enough to get tied up somewhere or rafted off under a loading terminal where we stayed dry, enjoying the rain, swimming, talking, enjoying refreshments and munchies. In spite of the rain, we all agreed "what a great afternoon that was".

That evening, we met with members of District 24 (Louisville Sail and Power Squadron) for dinner in the Magnolia Room, then drinks and conversation on the 24th floor of the hotel. WOW, what a view looking down onto the city and onto the river watching a tow with barges going down river. Sunday we forged back up stream on a smooth river and again with very little boat or barge traffic.

On our way back to VeVay, we stopped at the Rivercrest Marina in Madison, Indiana. When the person working at the fuel dock saw my "Columbus Sail and Power Squadron" T-shirt, he said "hey, do you know Dick". While pondering what I was going to say next from that question he said "you know, Dick Sorensen". He began looking around for him and I told him Dick was not on this trip.

It appears Dick Sorensen is a celebrity of sorts, due partly to problems last summer with his boat, Water Dog. Apparently due to assistance from the marina above and beyond, Dick wrote a very nice letter to the Chamber of Commerce praising the marina's service that he received. As a result, the marina was given an award and received a nice letter which is framed on their wall. I would like to say "Thank You Dick Sorensen for leaving the citizens of Madison Indiana with a warm feeling toward the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron". I did not see it, but I do believe your name is inscribed on the walls of the Markland Dam as well!

2012 CSPA Cruise, Rendezvous & Events List

Aug 31-Sept 03 (Fri-Mon) **Labor Day Huron Boat Basin**
Another great weekend event is planned and will include the famous Prime Rib Cookout. Come enjoy this grand historical location and outstanding dockage. Ron Lavelly ronlavelly@yahoo.com 614-879-7388

Sept 21-23 (Fri-Sun) **Put-In-Bay** The renowned trip is a "no agenda" weekend. Watch OSU football, bargain shop those end of season sales, visits to the local winery; enjoy the Reunion Road Race featuring old cars that raced at PIB years ago. Dockage at Miller's Marina. Ron Lavelly (ronlavelly@yahoo.com) 614-879-7388

Sept 27-30 (Thur-Sun) **Lake Cumberland Southern Hospitality** Come on down to the lake where we guarantee warm water, fall colors, and at over 55 miles long with 1500 miles of shoreline to explore. Grider Hill Marina www.griderhillmarina.com, our home base, is a full service marina offering houseboats, cabins, and rooms to rent. While work is being finished on the dam, we is still over 100' of water below our houseboat at the marina! The houseboats come in four sizes and sleep anywhere from 6 to 12 people and come with all the amenities of home. You can go on-line and view the houseboats and the marina. Please reserve through us so we can pass along the discount to you since we dock at Grider Hill Marina. Contact Bill & Julie Mohrman wjmohrman@mindspring.com 614-203-8817

Lake Cumberland Rendezvous 2012

3 Days/3 Nights at the Lake down South

Arrival: Thursday Evening Sept 27th

Departure: Sunday Sept 30th

Port of Call: Grider Hill Marina, Albany, KY

Distance from Columbus: 6 hours by car/truck

Come on down and let us show you some southern hospitality in southern Kentucky's finest waters. Grider Hill Marina is our home marina and is a full service marina offering houseboats, cabins, and rooms to rent:

www.griderhillmarina.com 1-866-387-5501

Lake Cumberland has plenty of water even though they are working on the dam. There is still over 100' of water below our houseboat at the marina! Lake Cumberland is over 55 miles long and has 1255 miles of shoreline to explore.

The houseboats come in six sizes and sleep anywhere from 6 to 16 people. From the 50'x16' Family to the 93'x18' Tyme to Play, you will find a houseboat with all the amenities of home. You can go on-line and view the houseboats and the marina.

Agenda:

Sept 27, Thursday

Evening – Welcome party – Wine and cheese and light sandwich

Sept 28, Friday

Morning – Fishing Guide Service (optional)

Noon – Lunch cruise up the lake

Afternoon – Tie out for the evening (Coving Out)

Wooden Boat Show @ State Dock

Dinner – Fish Dinner @ State Park Lodge Bluff Restaurant

Sept 29, Saturday

Cruise down the lake to Cemetery Point & Tie Up

Noon – Lunch

Dinner – Pot Luck, Hamburgers and Brats provided

Sept 30 Sunday

Cruise back to Grider and check in houseboats

The houseboats can be rented for 2 extra days and you are certainly welcome to extend the Rendezvous into a mini-vacation. Lake Cumberland is located in dry counties, so please plan ahead to bring your own alcohol.

Other things to bring: linens, sheets, pillow cases, bath towels, washcloths, dishcloths, potholders, flashlights, camera, ski vests, beverages (dry county!), groceries, paper towels, garbage bags, games, fishing gear, cell phones. Bring food for the weekend except for Friday dinner.

Make your houseboat reservations directly with Grider Hill Marina and indicate you are with Julie and Bill Mohrman Slip #618 and will be picking up on Thursday afternoon/evening Sept 27th. 1-866-387-5501. www.griderhillmarina.com

Houseboat Rentals: (for 4 nights)

50 foot *Family*, Sleeps 8 - \$695

65 foot *Majestic*, Sleeps 10 - \$999

70 foot *Flagship*, Sleeps 12 - \$1295

73 foot *Magnificent*, Sleeps 12 - \$1995

88 foot *Big Momma*, Sleeps 14 - \$3375

93 foot *Tyme to Play*, Sleeps 16 - \$3375

All houseboat rentals require a \$600 deposit at the time of booking and must be paid in full 30 days ahead of rental date.

For those of you who will be bringing your own boat to sleep aboard, there are overnight covered slips available in the marina with electric and water. Please call Grider Hill Marina for reservations 1-866-387-5501. If you are interested in fishing, please let us know as we can arrange an outing with one of the guide services that can help you catch the big one. If you need more information or are planning on attending, contact Bill & Julie Mohrman at 614-203-8817 or email wjmohrman@mindspring.com

2012 Merit Marks

It is now the time of year to again turn our attention to the subject of Merit Marks.

We must submit our recommendations for merit marks by 15 Nov each year. Therefore, I should have merit mark information, in the form of an e-mail or written note, from each member who feels they qualify, by about 15 Oct. Although unwritten, the guideline followed by USPS, nationally, is that a member should have spent between 14 and 20 hours working on squadron projects, over the year, to have earned a merit mark. Attendance at regular membership meetings does not qualify, but helping to "set up" before or "take down" after such meetings does. Attendance at Executive Committee meetings does qualify, as would such activities as helping with cooking or food preparation at various events, or decorating before a party. Teaching courses would naturally qualify, and so would the preparation time. Other events would include working at boat shows, including driving time. In fact, any amount of time members have spent working on squadron projects - either ours or another squadron's- should count.

In addition, credit is allowed for attendance at district meetings, but only as a delegate or if participating in presenting a workshop or seminar, or exhibiting a teaching aid. Attendance at a Governing Board also qualifies, but only if as a surrogate for the Commander, or engaging in the above activities. These are only examples, and many other types of work in support of the squadron could well count toward a merit mark.

Each member should, upon submitting merit mark information, specifically describe each qualifying activity, and set forth the amount of time spent on same. We want to do everything possible to avoid the situation wherein a deserving member has failed to receive a merit mark simply because of inadequate supporting information. So, get your info to one of us, on paper or by email, by October 15 (sooner is better) at:

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“Old Salt asks about my School Flag”

By Dick Sorensen, JN

As I eased the ‘Water Dog,’ up to the wharf an older fellow ambled out to the edge of the dock. My God, he looks like Lionel Barrymore I thought, playing the role of Captain in the movie ‘Captains Courageous,’.....burly, weather harden, the bluest eyes framed with wrinkled skin from squinting over the water all his life, the type of guy you know has been in some tough situations and dealt with it. I inquired about gas, and he pauses for a minute to look me and the boat over pretty good, then nodded....”yup, I could get some.” I idled in to the wharf, he grabbed my lines with hands that had spend more time pulling a fishing line they had working on a laptop. Without a word he grabbed the hose and handed it across, then shambled off to turn on the pump. He headed into what looked like the shipyard office, general store, diner and bar. “Jeez, I wonder if they accept American Express?” was all I could think about.

I had been spent the day exploring the Tangier Islands, at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay and felt I had enough gas to get back home, but after a overdue glance at the gauge...Crap! Pulled back the throttle and did some quick math. With what the fuel the gauge showed (and it never had been the model of accuracy) I’d never make it back to the Rhodes River. I needed to get some gas and then I remembered a rambling discussion with Kevin, my waterman son-in-law, who was practically born in the waters of the Chesapeake! Taylor’s Island on Slaughter Creek was two miles off my starboard bow. Over went the helm as I sent ‘The Dog’ sniffing for gas - at dead slow.

I eased up Slaughters Creek I didn’t ‘know’ these waters; I knew ‘of them.’ Slowly, with seagulls whirling, hovering and fishing in my wake Taylor came into view. The only dock that was open was at the local shipyard. It really wasn’t a marina at all. It didn’t have any pretty finger docks with power and water and internet/cable tv at each slip. It was perched on rough pilings, decked with heavy 4 x 12 oak planks that were stained dirty gray, cleats that could hold an 80 foot trawler in a late summer hurricane, and fishing boats. All kinds of boats; the types of boats that men who fish to support their families use every day. A beat-up sign indicated that they sold gas, bait, beer and ice. Whew! Once again I had escaped death on the high seas.

After giving ‘The Dog’ exactly what she needed; a big 42 gallons gulp on a 44 gallon stomach I headed for the shack to settle my tab. My dock helper was also the chief cook and bartender and helped me get a cold beer working its magic on the back of my throat. I thanked him for helping with the lines and he kinda looked at me in a strange sort way as if to say; wouldn’t everybody do that?

He was puttering around on this old six burner stove and we started talking food; I’m a foodie and his eyes lit up. Skillet fried fish, crab cakes, fried chicken made from the famous eastern shore chickens, corncakes, red sauce...that sort of thing. Nothing fancy yet he knew who Jacque Pepin is! One thing led to another cold beer and I asked if I could buy him one. Never said a word, just reached in the cooler and pulled one out.

We talked about the Bay, boats and women....what else to do sailors talk about? Seems he had been fishing, crabbing and oystering these waters for over 55 years...started with his grandfather, then he did his duty in Nam on a Coast Guard 42 footer running down VC infiltrators in the Mekong, and now he was teaching his grandson, the ways of the water.

He asked about my USPS ensign flying from my stern. Wanted to know what outfit that was from? I told him “that was my school flag...just like the University of Maryland or the Navy’s canoe school up at Annapolis...it was my alma mater...” He said, “Never heard of anybody flying a school flag in place of the national ensign.” It was said in a tone and in such a way ‘you- knew-that-he-knew’ that a school flag shouldn’t be on the stern pole. I replied “Well, it’s a pretty special school. You ever read the book ‘Chapman, Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling?’” “Yea, I have.” He states. “I just gave my copy to my grandson.”

“Well, it was written by the founder of our College and is really our source document for all things in the school. We’ve got a current student body of over 1,000 currently enrolled and a historical membership in the tens of thousands.” “Wow” says the salt. “What’d you get your degree in?”

“Seamanship.” I respond. Now he does look at my in a queer sort of way....”Seamanship?” I reply. “Yeah...At my school I learned such things how to set an anchor cable with a scope of 7 to 1 when a big blow is coming and how to rig a spring line and how to tie a bowline, clove hitch, square knot and two half hitches. How to watch the weather and to keep my knees slightly bend while at the wheel and never take a big sea head on....always at an angle....and never drive a boat so hard you ‘submarine’ the next wave....just adjust the throttles....and don’t put your hat on a bunk or depart on a big cruise on a Friday.”

“Holy smokes,” he says....”it took me years to learn all that stuff and a lot of hard knocks along the way.” “Not me” was my reply. “My school taught me....How to plot a course and allow for current, or set a jib or shoot a celestial site without any Duracell batteries....how to watch how the birds fly and if they are walking to stay tied up to the dock. How to listen to the sound of an engine....with a lot more attention than I listen to my wife. How to know when to hold them and when to fold them....all taught to me at my school!”

I can see I’ve impressed him. “As you know” sensing a potential convert, I continued “On the water you may only get one chance. Small boat knowledge can bring you and your passengers home. But where does the average Joe, who doesn’t have a father who sailed with John Paul Jones, learn of the sea? At my school! The Columbus Sail & Power Squadron; a local chapter of The United States Power Squadron.”

Classes are about to begin and you’re guaranteed a seat! But a word to the wise - always check your fuel gauge before leaving the dock!

Dick Sorensen, JN, has the unique honor of being the only member of the Columbus Sail & Power Squadron to ever be awarded both awards given for being the worst sailor in the same season! He is appealing these awards to higher powers.

LAST HORIZON

Gustav Schell, age 99, of Columbus, Tuesday, August 28, 2012. Through our Lord's grace Gustav "Gus" Schell received rest from a full life of service to his family, the community, state, and nation. An original member of Christ the King Catholic Church, He passed peacefully at Mount Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. On Sunday, December 15, 1912 "Gus" was born the son of Flora Trautman Schell, (a Columbus native) and his father, Gustav G. Schell (a Lutheran German immigrant), in his parents' home at 780 Jaeger Street in Columbus. At the age of eight, Gus started his lifelong work in the theatrical industry cleaning paint brushes, for the company his father founded in 1904-Schell Scenic Studio. An "All Ohio Athlete" in football (quarterback) and baseball player. He also was the Class President of the graduation class from Central High School in 1931 in Columbus. Following High School he worked in the family theatrical equipment business. He joined the Stagehands' Union IATSE local #12 in Columbus, 1939 and received the 50-Year Life Member service award in 1989. While his career was in the theatre industry, he loved celebrating his German heritage by singing, with The Columbus Maennerchor, Men's Chorus and received emeritus member status. His love for music and song also included being part of a S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Barbershop Chapter, The "Singing Buckeyes", for many years. Gus also encouraged good sportsmanship to young central Ohio athletes and was Past President (1972) of The Agonis Club of Columbus. He also served on the board of directors for the Ernie Godfrey Chapter of the National College Football Hall of Fame, and supporter of OSU Buckeye Athletics' at The Ohio State University. Also was a Life Member of The Central Ohio Home-Plate Club. A Veteran Life Member of Charity Newsies for many years and served on the James and Livingston corner team. He was a Member of the Whitehall-Bexley of Rotary



International and obtained a "Paul Harris Fellow" in Rotary -- The Original Social Network-that volunteers to provide "Service Above Self". In 1951, "Gussie" was Commodore of Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, of which he had been a member since 1946, and from which he received The Heber Award Trophy, based upon seamanship, sportsmanship, and character, in 1963. He was an active member in the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron of the United States Power Squadrons and received his 50 year Merit Award in 2008 along with Governing Board Emeritus Status. His love of Boating both Power and Sail allowed him to also serve his country as a member of the local flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the Navy League of the United States, and enjoyed membership in many other Boating organizations' and clubs. He was most proud to serve as Commodore of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association in 1975, and also sailed in the regatta to become the K-Class winner of the "Ghost Trophy" in the same year, at Put-In-Bay, Ohio. In later years he was Trustee Emeritus of its Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund, and advisory board of I-LYA. Gustav Schell is survived by his son, Philip Gustav Schell, and daughter-in-law, Sandy (Stricker) Schell, and his two grandchildren, Molly and Matthew, of Johnstown, Ohio, who he loved so much. He was preceded in death by his wife Martha (Kessler) Schell in October 2005. Friends may call Tuesday, September 4, 2012 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., EVANS FUNERAL HOME, 4171 E. Livingston Ave., where funeral service will be held Wednesday, September 5, 2012 10 a.m. Pastor Dan McLaughlin officiating. Followed by a processional thru German Village, to interment at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Charity Newsies, www.charitynewsies.com or The I-LYA Yachtsmen's Fund www.I-LYA.org or the Faith Fellowship Church, of Johnstown www.real-faith.us

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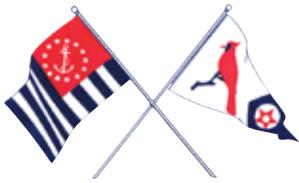
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