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## Change of Watch

Saturday, February 2

Dublin Crowne Plaza Hotel (formerly the Clarion), 600 Metro Place North  
(Dublin Exit off 270, South on Franz Road, west on Metro Place N)

### Theme: "Making Headway"

Today, if you say, "you are making headway," you are referring to forward progress of a general nature.

The origins of this phrase are definitely salty. At sea, "headway" is the ship's forward movement through the water. Sometimes considerable effort was involved to achieve this, as when a ship attempted to tack in a very light breeze. The maneuver might have to be repeated several times before the sails filled and the cry was heard, "She's making headway." Of course, power boats have a bit less difficulty "making headway." The 2008 Squadron Bridge plans to make significant headway with new member recruitment, member involvement, vessel safety checks, and course enrollments.

Please join us to show our appreciation to the 2007 officers and welcome the new Bridge.

Cash Bar: 1800  
Dinner: 1930

Menu:

- 1) **Roast Prime Rib** of Beef Au Jus, Horseradish Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley or
- 2) **Pan Seared Grouper** with Compound Ginger Butter, Wilted Spinach, Roasted Redskins

Meal includes Garden Salad, Rolls and Butter and Chef's Choice of Dessert

Meal Price: \$28.00

Dress: Uniform A or Business Attire



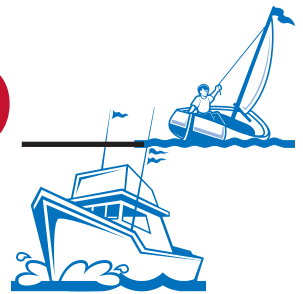
Please RSVP by 28 January to Steve/Debbie Smith at 614-890-5864 or e-mail [boatmansteve@stbglobal.net](mailto:boatmansteve@stbglobal.net), and please indicate your menu choices



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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

2	Saturday	Change of Watch - Crown Plaza, Dublin
8	Friday	D-29 Winter Council - Ada, OH
7-10	Thurs.-Sun.	Sports, Vacation & Boat Show - Fairgrounds
9	Saturday	Fostoria PS Change of Watch
16	Saturday	Marion PS Change of Watch
19-24	Tues.-Sun.	National Annual Meeting - Dallas, TX
26	Thursday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ

### MARCH

6	Thursday	Monthly Dinner Meeting - Villa Milano
25	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ
29-30	Fri.-Sun.	D/29 Spring Conference - Oregon, OH

### APRIL

12	Saturday	Commanders Ball - Crown Plaza, Dublin
22	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ

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When I began my watch, I thought about the perspective of the world we as boaters experience when we are on the water. As I finish my watch I am thinking about an extraordinary organization that you entrusted with me for the past year. The Columbus Sail & Power Squadron is a family with all the joys and sorrows, triumphs and disappointments, challenges and expectations that are experienced within a family.

We were saddened by the deaths of two members, Judy Lowe and Don Kiser, as well as loved ones of other members. We were thrilled to share the joy of members when children were born into their families. We bid farewell to members who retired from Squadron jobs that had done so well for so many years. You left big shoes we are still trying to fill. Most notably these include Connie Kauffman and our website, Ken Moon and our roster and all things computer, Joe Hetzel and our boating skills class, and Joe Clay our Treasurer. Thank you for your service!

Winning the Prince Henry the Navigator award reflects the commitment of all our instructors from Seamanship thru Navigation and our member students who are advancing thru the courses. The inability to begin remote education classes is one of the biggest disappointments this year. No one ever thought it would be difficult to find class locations with enough band width where we could plug into the internet to offer remote classes. Likewise the inability to reverse the issue of declining membership is the other major disappointment. Hopefully some of the seeds planted this year will bear fruit in the upcoming years.

We tried different venues, costs and themes for our monthly meetings to increase attendance, and discovered that different members came to different events and everyone felt at home. The challenge of maintaining institutional knowledge is a continuing issue. Thank you, Debbie, for your three years of service as a Member at Large, your council will be missed.



Wade's service spans many years and he was instrumental in bringing back the River Rat Award. As I discovered when I interviewed both fifty year members, Michael and Don, the CSPS has done a lot of different things over the years many of which we are no longer doing. Please share your knowledge of our organization with the upcoming Executive Committee so we can meet your expectations and better remember our Heritage.

As Rob Ault said at the Christmas Party, "I had to come to get my CSPS fix". Find out what he meant as Larry Whiting assumes command at our Change of Watch on 2 February. Thank you everyone for your contributions to create, sustain and carryout the programs of CSPS. God Bless this Family!

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## CSPS 2008 Rendezvous

The summer cruising season is just around the corner. The first event we have on the rendezvous calendar is the "Ice Breaker". This event will be held on **Saturday, 3 May**. It will again be held at the Nor Eastern Club on Catawba Island. Contact Sherry or Dave Ehrbar for reservations dre1353@yahoo.com

We will have all of our regular summer cruises which include Bob-Lo Island for Fourth of July, Sea Gals at Gem Beach in August, an Anchor Out in August will replace the June Raft-up, Leamington for Labor Day, and Put-in-Bay in late September. See a complete listing of events on the Squadron's web site.

A couple of other exciting events are also planned for the summer. The first cruise of the season is a new one for trailer boaters. It is a river cruise **20-22 June** from the Ohio River at Gallipolis up the **Kanawha River** to Charleston WV. We will be staying at the newly remodeled Charleston House on the rivers edge in the heart of the downtown. Charleston will be celebrating their river "FesivALL" while we are there. This annual week long arts events features jazz and bluegrass with dance, theater and street fairs. The Kanawha River Power Squadron along with the Akron Power Squadron will be joining us for a Saturday river run and evening get-together. This event was planned after the Muskingum River Trailer Boat Cruise was such a big success last

summer. We are looking forward to a big turn out for this event. Mike Hughes and Jeff Mirgon are hosting this event. Mike Hughes, mtbuckets@aol.com.

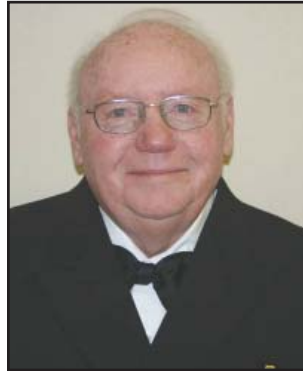
Coming right after the Kanawha River cruise is the **Bob-Lo Island** cruise up the Detroit River over the **Fourth of July** weekend. This was so successful last year that the same format will be basically followed with a few new kinks added by the host Ramonda DeCapio. For more information contact Ramonda at Ramonda20@sbcglobal.net

Another big event for trailer boaters will be a trip to the famous **North Channel, Georgian Bay** area of Ontario, Canada. We will trailer our boats to select towns and villages that will act as bases for day trips. After a few days at each location we will move on to the next stop. This area is known for its unsurpassed beauty and crystal clear water. We will be viewing shipwrecks in the Tobermory area. Wildlife, maybe even including bears in the Little Current area. And Perry Sound has hundreds of miles of cruising in protected wildness bays. This is an event that anyone with a boat that can be moved by trailer should not miss. This event will be hosted by Phil Osborne and Ron Lavelly. Contact Phil at Posborne2@aol.com.

Anyone wanting more information on these cruises should contact Ron Lavelly at rlavelly@columbus.rr.com or 614-879-7388.



A piano has 88 keys. Put two of them together and you have 176. The nationally famous dueling piano team "176 Keys" will be performing at our Commanders Ball, Saturday April 12. The Commanders Ball is our biggest party of the year, so please plan now to attend. Originally from Cleveland but now based in San Diego, "176 Keys" offers a hilarious evening of good music with a dosage of fun and ribald audience participation.



The team will play the fun songs we request with loads of comedy and audience interaction that will be tailor-made for us. That night you'd better grab a place up front.

I thank the 40-plus volunteers who "manned" the educational booth we had at the Columbus Boat and RV Show early last month. We had the booth staffed during all 63 hours of the event. Tracy Garrett, our Public Relations Officer, did an excellent job producing materials and setting up the display. The hypothermia demonstration was very effective in drawing people to our location. A number of youngsters predicated in

the coloring contest for which the winner will be given a \$25 gift certificate. Those who successfully survived the hypothermia demo were given Columbus Sail and Power Squadron water bottles.

The Columbus Sports, Vacation, And Boat Show February 7-10 is at the State Fair Grounds Feb. 7-10. We need volunteers for this one, too. Please contact me (614-761-2064) if interested.

The Commander's Ball is two months away but please get the date on your calendar. It's our biggest party of the year and we have some rollicking entertainment planned. The main event is "176 Keys," a dueling piano act from San Diego that has had rave reviews from across the country. It will be top-notch professional entertainment with what probably will be some "unprofessional" audience participation! It should be a great evening of fun good times. Check them out.



*Larry Lowe engages a young lady about the coloring contest*

## Boat Show Highlights



*Larry Lowe and two attendees discuss our classes*



*Young man asking Larry Lowe about the \$25 gift certificate*



*Larry Lowe, Mary Mirgon and John Mattis explain the dangers of hypothermia*



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Robert L. Prior, S



Last February, I was staying at a hotel on Catawba Island in a room which looked west out on to the lake and the state dock. For some reason, I woke up around 5:00 AM. Not being able to get back to sleep, I peered out of my window onto the frozen lake. In the dark, I couldn't find my glasses and thought to myself, "either the window is terribly dirty or my eyes are really getting bad." I saw black dots well out on the horizon, some of which appeared to be moving. I went back to bed, muttering. After the sun came up, I was relieved about my eye sight; the black dots were a real phenomenon....dozens of ice fishing shanties.

I was reminded of the above when reading an article in the current edition of "Great Lakes Boating." On Pg. 42 is a fascinating article on ice fishing, clearly written with the boater in mind. It is structured to inform the uninitiated, like me, on the "how to" of ice fishing. Exactly like boating, there are essentials to ice fishing that must be observed to have a successful and safe outing. It goes into great detail. Consider the following check list: Proper dress (water proof, use layers etc.), water proof boots, ice cleats, augers,, transport, buckets, sled for the shelter, the shelter itself (from bare shanties to ice tents or full blown clubhouses) four wheeler or snow mobile, TVs/DVD players, electronics (communication radios, fish



finders, underwater fish camera, GPS), lantern/flashlight, heater, and closes with the sound advice of leaving a "float plan" ashore with a trusted friend or relative. As you can see, the above is structured the same as a check list would be for a boating trip on any river or lake. The similarities don't end there.

After breakfast, I made it a point to try to learn more about ice fishing and spent time speaking with the concession-

aire who was renting the shanties and regulars who owned their own gear. It was a very interesting morning....there are some real fanatics when it comes to ice fishing. I asked an elderly man who has been ice fishing all of his life, "why?" His reply was very straight forward and one I could easily identify with. He said, "Son, I live in Ohio. In Ohio, one can't boat in the winter. The only way I can be out on the water is to go ice fishing." Enough said.

## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Dave Clark, AP



Squadron courses are beginning. Junior Navigation is the first, beginning January 9 with the rest of the courses beginning during the first full week of February. Past Commander Larry Lowe discussed with Tom Wehrung the possibility of a cooperative U.S. Sailing, USPS Sail course. Tom is a certified U.S. Sailing instructor affiliated with the Alum Creek Sailing Association. Our Sail Course is an in-depth, classroom-only course that runs for about 15 weeks. In contrast, the U.S. Sailing ([www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)) Basic Course has only 2 - 3 classroom hours but 14 -16 hours of on-the-water instruction. USPS National office supports this kind of cooperation between USPS and U.S. Sailing. Individuals outside of the squadron including members of the Alum Creek Sailing Association can sign up and take USPS courses. They benefit from the high quality classroom instruction and may be offered membership in the squadron. A limitation is that



National will not issue a course exam without a membership number.

Don't forget the Squadron Boating Course beginning Monday, February 25 through April 21. Jeff Mirgon is chairing this effort again this year. Classes are held from 7:30 - 9:30 pm in the Grandview Heights High School Library located at 1587 W. 3rd Avenue. The Power Squadron is all about

education. Do your part, show up on one or more of the Monday nights and support our Squadron Boating Course.

## CS&PS Winter & Spring Classes 2008

Course	First Class	Length	Instructor	Cost
Marine Electronics	Wed Feb 5	16 wks	Larry Lowe	\$40.00
Sail	Tue Feb 5	15 wks	Ken Spilke & Doug Jackson	\$40.00
Weather	Tue Feb 5	16 wks	Walker Lowman & Skip Woodruff	\$65.00
Advanced Piloting	Mon Feb 11	13 wks	Bob Rayburn & Larry Lowe	\$50.00
Squadron Boating Course	Mon Feb 25	9 wks	Jeff Mirgon & Staff	\$40.00
Seamanship	Mon May 5	9 wks	Staff	\$30.00

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For registration call Dave Clark 614-891-4120 or email [clark.32@osu.edu](mailto:clark.32@osu.edu)



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron  
Minutes of the Executive Committee  
18 December 2007**

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

Cdr David Michael, P, called the meeting to order at 1930 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

Lt Debbie Smith, AP, gave the invocation.

Lt/Cdr Larry Whiting, P, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr David Michael, P; Executive Officer Lt/C Larry Whiting, P; Administrative Officer Lt/C Bob Prior, S; Education Officer Lt/C David Clark, AP; Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN, P/C Ron DeCapio, AP, Lt Kevin Baron, AP, Lt Wade Grosz, AP, Lt Michael Hughes, JN, Lt Ron Lavelly, JN, Lt Jeff Mirgon, S, Lt Debbie Smith, AP.

Also, present were Tracy Garrett, S, P/C Larry Lowe, SN, and Sue Nadolson, P.

With no objection, the order of business was varied to expedite the meeting.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

**Commander's Comments:**

Cdr Michael welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and guests.

I want to thank everyone who helped to create a very successful Christmas Party. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

I was honored to represent our Squadron at the Change-of-Watch for the Alum Creek Sailing Association. At that meeting John Wargo told me that the "Get R On" dam painting that P/C Larry Lowe, SN headed up this past year, is up for Regional and National recognition within the Army Corps of Engineers.

Please get your February Galley Gossip articles to me by the last week of December. The Fannon's daughter is getting married the third week of January.

In the spirit of the season, everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Report of Officers:**

**Executive Officer Lt/C Larry Whiting, P:**

I am pleased to report that our Squadron served 17 hours at the Fantasy of Lights at Alum Creek Marina. My thanks go to Bob Prior, Phil Osborne, Ruth Wilcox, Ron and Barbara Hupman, Tracy Garrett, Michael Hughes, Linda Whiting and Debbie and Steve Smith.

The first of two boat shows, the Columbus Boat and RV Show, runs from Saturday 5 Jan through Sunday, 13 Jan. I am in the process of scheduling volunteers for that event. I especially want to thank Tracy Garrett for her work in readying the booth and preparing the materials for the booth. I am sure she will have more details in her Public



Relations report.

I had plans to attend all of the Change of Watches in our District over the next two or three months. However, Port Clinton and Fort Wayne are on the same night and Fostoria and Lima are also on the same evening.

- Sandusky, Friday, 11 Jan
- Toledo, Saturday, 12 Jan
- Port Clinton, Saturday, 19 Jan
- Fort Wayne, Saturday,

19 Jan

- Fostoria, Saturday, 9 Feb
- Lima, Saturday, 9 Feb
- Marion, Saturday, 16 Feb

I welcome help from the Bridge to help me cover these activities.

My other activities have involved arrangements associated with our Change-of-Watch and Commander's Ball.

**Administrative Officer Lt/C Bob Prior, S:**

I would like to add my robust welcome to John Mattis as he rejoins the Executive Committee.

Sincerest gratitude to everyone who helped out with the Holiday Party, especially Sea Gals Debbie Smith and Mary Mirgon.

Upcoming meeting schedule is as follows:

- 3 Jan (Thursday) – Annual meeting and election night – Scioto Country Club
- 2 Feb (Saturday) – Change-of-Watch – Crown Plaza, Dublin
- 6 Mar (Thursday) – Monthly Dinner Meeting – Speaker: Marine Surveyor, Dan Libby
- 12 Apr (Saturday) – Commander's Ball – Crown Plaza, Dublin

New member application – Tom Norman (Sponsored by Bob Prior).

The A/O's staff has the office of "email committee." The Secretary's staff has the office of "Roster Chairman." It is my feeling that the two positions are interrelated. I would like to suggest that both offices be placed under the purview of the Secretary. Because they are so interrelated, it would be more efficient to have one officer control and coordinate both functions to facilitate the critical function of communication with our membership. I would urge that at this or a future meeting that the Executive Committee consider the matter.

**Educational Officer Lt/C David Clark, AP:**

I received notice this week that National is making available copies of the beta version of Navigation, known as the "Nav 08 beta." The order must be placed by 15 Jan 2008. The final version of Navigation should be ready by mid-October 2008. The student kit includes the full version of Maptech's CAPN software, including charts. The CAPN



software normally retails for \$449.95. The course will include an open-book exam and sight folder. The sight folder will be submitted to national for grading. The sight folder does not need to be completed before taking the exam. Students are required to have access to a Windows-based personal computer. The student and instructor kit is priced at \$120.00. Roger Hankle will not be available to begin toe course until October 2008. Based on Roger's recommendation we have elected to wait for the final version before beginning our fall Navigation course.

The educational department has been honored by the donation of 12 Weems and Plath dividers. The list price of these is \$19.99. These will be made available for sale at a discounted price to students in the Squadron Boating Course that begins in February. I move that the secretary send a letter thank Past Commander Harold Beidel for his donation.

**Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN:**

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting (November) were distributed.

I also wanted to mention that Debbie and I enjoyed working an evening at the Festival of Lights. The staff there was friendly and helpful. We received many positive comments from people as they were leaving. Many of them said they come every year.

Request the interim Treasurer verify/reconcile all account balances in CSPS accounts and report back by the next meeting.

**Treasurer Lt/C John Mattis, S:**

Copies of the Treasurer's report for October were distributed.

Motion made, seconded and passed to allow \$750 to purchase a new computer for the Treasurer's use.

**Immediate Past Commander Ronald DeCapio, AP:**

Happy holidays to the Executive Committee.

**Rules Committee Chair P/C Donald Delewese, AP:**

The Rules Committee will meet after the first of the year, the SOPs need updated. If you have any updates you feel are needed, send me email with the suggested updates.

**Members-at-Large reports:**

**Lt Kevin Baron, AP:**

I feel we need to consider updating the SOPs to allow for an electronic emergency meeting of the Executive Committee.

**Lt Wade Grosz, AP:**

We had a great Christmas Party. Thanks to the Sea Gals and CSPS. Jim Beall, AP, was gracious concerning the Bungle Jug.

**Lt Michael Hughes, JN:**

I have obtained a free three year magazine subscription to Heartland Boating Magazine. It is a good magazine with many relevant articles for members.

**Lt Ron Lavelly, JN:**

Work on next season's cruises is still coming along. This information is now posted on the Squadron web site <http://www.usps.org/localusps/columbus/>.

**Lt Jeff Mirgon, S:**

Happy holidays to everyone. Thanks to John Mattis for volunteering to return as our Treasurer.

We will have a meeting on 14 Jan at 1930 at Tracy & Michael's house to review the public boating material and divide up the sections of the Public Boating Course that was previously taught by Joe Hetzel.

**Lt Debbie Smith, AP:**

Welcome back John Mattis. We appreciate your help and dedication to the Squadron.

Feedback from those attending the Christmas Party has been great. Everyone had a great time. Concerning the upcoming elections, in the past we have had more candidates for Members-at-large than there were openings. I am concerned that those good candidates that are not elected as members-at-large feel disappointed and we should encourage them to fill a position on a committee. Since some members-at-large have multiple jobs this would provide a way for the person(s) to fill an important position instead of nothing at all.

As a Sea Gal, I would like to say that the Sea Gals were supposed to have cabinet room in the new HQ. All of the cabinets are filled with Squadron items. At this point P/C Don Delewese, AP, said he had two cabinets to donate and Michael Hughes should coordinate with Colette regarding delivery to the HQ.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**MARKETING: Tracy Garrett**

If you want to remain in the Galley Gossip Sponsor's Club, get your money in now.

We had a training meeting this evening before the Executive Committee meeting, for those working at the upcoming boat shows. We are planning a demonstration on hypothermia to illustrate the effects on boaters who find themselves in the water. We have our new flyer that will be distributed at each boat show along with the water bottle promotional items.

Recessed at 2030 and reconvened at 2045.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on 22 January 2008 at 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035. The meeting adjourned at 2130.

## FROM THE CSPS LIBRARY

February...The Month of Romance  
OFF THE SHELF

From *Count Luckner—the Sea Devil* by Lowell Thomas, I share with you the following, as it had been said that the Count was as romantic a figure on the Seas of Water as Lawrence of Arabia was on the Seas of Sands.

“We sighted an island somewhere off the African coast...What a joy it must be to walk and breath on the green island. I was sure that living there must be a fairy princess. I was very much a boy and had been raised on German stories. I was wretched and yonder was a land so fair. It must be the haunt of a fairy princess. I stood with my elbows on the rail and my chin on my hands and dreamed of her.

Singular, that I should have thought of a fairy princess. As a few years later I visited the same isle. By then I had become a naval officer. This time, I did indeed find a fairy princess there and promptly lost my heart to her. We became engaged, and a little later she become the guardian angel of the raider in which I sailed the seas. ....her name was Irma.”

Also in the book...an Interrupted Honeymoon:

After capturing the H. M. S. PERCY .... “the skipper’s bride turned out to be the best fellow you could want... a sunny temperament that simply spread mirth and good cheer everywhere. She had a smile for everyone and in every circumstance. She took her stay aboard the SEEADLER (SEA EAGLE) as an unexpected, exciting and appropriate phase of her honeymoon, and resolved to get the greatest fun of it. We did everything to make her comfortable and gave her presents, and got up her amusements. Her husband (the Prize Officer Preiss)...when he saw what a reigning queen aboard she was...became very proud of her and seldom left her side.”

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY AND DID YOU SIGN UP FOR A COURSE?!!

Sue Nadolson, AP

### From the Commander:

Thank you for the opportunity to work on the *Galley Gossip* this past year. I have tried to do the best job I could, and I hope that everyone enjoyed their newsletter. I am sorry for the mistakes I have made and I hope that no one has taken offense by my errors. If you have suggestions for next year’s *Galley Gossip*, please let our Commander elect, Larry Whiting, P know of them. Better yet let him know how you can help him improve next year’s *Galley Gossip*.

Cdr David Michael, P

## Member of the Year



Member of the Year P/C Larry Lowe, SN  
accepting award from Dave Ehrbar, AP

## 2008 ICE BREAKER

Mark your calendar for this event to be held on Saturday, 3 May at the Nor Easter Club on Catawba Island. More information will be available for you next month.

Dave & Sherry Ehrbar

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# January Membership Meeting & Member of the Year

On the first night of the 2008 US Presidential Primary elections, we held our annual meeting and officer elections for 2008/09. The highlights included the election of the following to our 2008/09 Executive Committee: Commander Larry Whiting, P; Executive Officer Bob Prior, S; Administrative Officer Michael Hughes, JN; Squadron Education Officer David Clark, AP; Secretary Steve Smith, JN; Treasurer John Mattis, S, and Members at large Pam Carr-Jackson, P; Tracy

Garrett, S; Wade Grosz, AP; Ron Hupman; Jim Igo, S; Doug Jackson, AP; Ron Lively, JN; Jeff Mirgon, S; Sue Nadolson, P. Thank you to everyone who ran and congratulations to everyone who was elected.

The member of the year award was given to P/C Larry Lowe, SN. (see photo at left) Larry has given so much to CSPS by his service on the Bridge, in the Educational Department and volunteering for jobs that need to be done.



Ron Lively, Rob Ault and Harold Beidel discuss candidates



Patricia Prior and Debbie Smith check members in



Linda Bukky and Barb Hupman enjoy a glass of cheer



Balloting in progress



P/C Don Delewese, AP and Joe Hetzel, AP



Sudie and D/C Skip Woodruff, AP visit with P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN



Ron & Sally Stewart visit with David Wells



# 2008 District 29 Spring Conference

The Marion Power Squadron invites everyone to the D29 Spring Conference which will be held from 28-30 March, 2008, at Maumee Bay State Park Lodge. As

Marion will be celebrating its Golden Anniversary since its founding as a Squadron, the theme for the meeting will from the 1950's. Come with poodle skirts, saddle shoes or as your favorite character from 'Grease'. Maumee Bay Lodge is a beautiful lodge on Lake Erie east of Toledo. They have great hiking trails on premises, and bird watching areas nearby. At this time the program has not been completed, however, a number of great seminars are being finalized. Come for the boating information, enjoy the nature, and renew friendships from across the District.

Hotel rooms at Maumee Bay Lodge are \$99 a night plus tax. Reservations need to be made by February 15, 2008 by calling the Lodge at 419-836-1466. The costs for meals on Saturday are \$17 for lunch and \$25 for dinner.

## USPS D/29 Spring Conference Registration 28, 29, 30 March 2008 Maumee Bay Resort, Oregon, Ohio

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Delegate ?</u> (fee paid by Squadron)
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron Name \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your 1st District Conf.?  Yes  No

Saturday lunch: \$17.00/person	Total lunches: _____
Saturday dinner: \$25.00/person	Total dinners: _____
Weekend package: \$42.00/person	Total amount enclosed: _____

### Conference Reservation Deadline : 12 March 2008

A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for reservations received after the deadline.

**No refunds on cancellations received after 24 March!!!**

### Hotel Reservations

Rooms are \$99.00 plus tax, single or double occupancy.

Make your reservations directly with the Hotel.

Reservations made after 15 February, 2008 will be at the same rate; however availability is not guaranteed.

Please mention you are with the USPS District 29 Conference.

**Maumee Bay Resort    1750 Park Road #2    Oregon, OH    419-836-1466**  
**www.maumeebayresort.com**

# SEA GALS AUXILIARY

Lt Debbie Smith, AP, Co-Commander

## *Happy New Year to all !!!*

Sea Gals will start off the New Year with a party at Roosters on the 15th. We are looking forward to a Valentine Party at the home of Michael Hughes and Tracy Garrett on February 19th. More detail will follow so be sure to

watch for your e-mails. We are currently beginning work to update our constitution and by-laws. If anyone is interested in helping with endeavor, please call Debbie at 890-5864, any and all help is welcome.

*You are Invited to a  
Valentine's get together for The Sea Gals*

*Hosed by:  
Michael Hughes and Tracy Garrett*

*Please join us for a "Sweet Time"!*

*Friday, February 22, 2008 · 1800 until ???*

*Cost: \$5.00 per person*

*Bring Beverage of choice and an appetizer to share*

*Also Bring a Valentine for Your Sweetheart*

*1263 Oakland Avenue, Grandview Heights 43212*

*Home of Michael & Tracy*

*RSVP by 14 February 2008  
Debbie Smith 614-890-5864  
Mary Mirgon 614-402-0890*

HEY SEA GALS & SEA STUDS,

Do you have a friend who would enjoy becoming one of the above ????. If so, bring he or she or both to the Annual St. Patrick's Day party on March 18th at Dave and Sherry Ehrbars. Sea Gals is having a membership drive and many have expressed interest in joining. You DO NOT have to be a member of the squadron to join, we have opened it up to anyone who enjoys boating, whether or not they have a boat, and also enjoys getting together and having fun with other boaters. As an auxiliary, we do encourage joining the squadron, but that is not mandatory.

The dues are \$12 per person a year, to be paid no later than July. We would also like to encourage those members who enjoy getting together with us, to join if you haven't already.

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