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Dinner Meeting Thursday, Sept 8th

The Soine Vinyards
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Rt 23 North to westbound Home Road. North on Liberty Road. West on Clark Shaw Rd. to address #3510.

Enjoy a cozy warm atmosphere at an operating Winery! See wine fermenting in the Wine Making room. Our host Eric, the master wine maker, has arranged for us to be in the wine tasting room as well as accommodations in the wine making room.

TIMES:

6-700 PM: Wine Tasting: Admission includes 10-1oz pours (or if you find which wine you like then just pour the balance of that wine into your glass).

7-745 PM: Dinner provided by Buca Di Beppo: (Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls)-served up by your favorite CSPS members. Cold soft drinks will be available.

745-830PM: Presentation: by Hank Kauffman of the most recent Trent Severn trip (with photos).

Cost: \$17.50 per person (includes the Wine Tasting). Additional Wine may be purchased as desired.

Non-drink dinner and kids \$10

Dress: Casual or Football Themed (as Football Season is right around the corner!)

Deadline for RSVP: Tuesday, September 6, 2011

RSVP: davidcanale4u@yahoo.com; or by calling Dave at 614-323-6040 (cell)





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

2-5	Fri.-Mon.	Leamington CA Cruise
6	Tuesday	October <i>Galley Gossip</i> Articles Due
8	Thursday	Dinner Meeting
12-18	Mon.-Sun.	Governing Board - Greensboro NC
23-25	Fri.-Sun.	Put-N-Bay End of Summer Cruise
27	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ HQ 1900

October

3	Monday	November <i>Galley Gossip</i> Articles Due
6	Thursday	Dinner Meeting
7, 8, &/or 9	Fri.-Sun.	Alum Creek Palooza Boating - Ruthie Kubinski
21-23	Fri.-Sun.	D29 Fall Conference - Perrysburg OH
25	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ HQ 1900
29	Saturday	All Merit Marks for 2011 due

November

3	Thursday	Dinner Meeting
7	Monday	December <i>Galley Gossip</i> Articles Due
15	Tuesday	Central Ohio Safe Boating Council 6pm
22	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting @ HQ 1900

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Matthew Murphy, P



As I look at the calendar I cannot help but groan about the date. It seems so recently that I presided over the Ice Breaker. The summer has been wonderful. Hot! But it has been wonderful. Due to the need to get this article in to the editors before the Trent-Severn Waterway trip I can still only say how anxious Nate and I are to go. This last weekend Nate and I worked on how we were going to get all our belongings we need for the week and our loads of fishing gear, safety gear, and the rest on a 19.6 ft bass boat. We have no canvas overhead so this will be interesting. New charts - check, new VHF hand-held - check, rain suits - check, bearings greased - check. I also found that my bilge pump output fitting is broken. That's why we perform pre-checks. Hopefully all will go well. I will report more in the October issue.



So far this season I have fished Lake Erie several times and Nate and I took our week-long trip to Campbellford, Ontario. Campbellford is on the Trent-Severn Waterway as well but further east. The weather rendered record-setting heat but we caught scores of fish. I even lucked into a walleye which I have never done before up there. No mishaps either and all went well. We did need to leave a day early.

The early departure was to allow my attendance to the D29 Summer Council. I won't lie and say I wanted to be there instead of Campbellford. I will say however that the food was great and I thoroughly enjoyed the Maritime museum across the street from the Sandusky Yacht Club. P/D/C Robert Runner was a great host at both locations and it made the trip worth the commitment. Along with PIB I have added Sandusky to the list of places to spend more time.

While in Campbellford I learned a few things that really disturbed me. My source was the owner of the cottages at which we stay. The first weekend we were there the news reported that eight (8) people had drowned while boating that very weekend in the surrounding areas. Some were on Lake Ontario, some on the river and nearby lakes. Three of the victims were young girls who jumped out of their dingy to go swimming. I don't know much more of the details except that some were children and some were young adults all of who could swim. Guess how many were donning life jackets out of the eight. Not a tough answer (0). According to my source I also learned that children are not required to wear lifejackets at any age in Ontario. They must be on board but not worn. What! Admittedly Nate and I were the only two wearing lifejackets on the water. Even my close friends don't require their kids to wear them anymore since they are older than 10. I learned last year that a 12 year old died in the water in front

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Norman, P



It is with great pleasure to announce that The Kroger Community Rewards for February through April for the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron are Lt Tammy Cohee, Ramonda Decapio, P/C Donald Delewese, Linda Dufresne-Lavely, P/C Roger Hankle, P/C Michael Hughes, P/C David Michael, Norma Murphy, Steven Newton, P/D/C Phillip Osborne, P/C (Bob) Patricia Prior, Edie Voisard, P/C (Larry) Linda Whiting and Ruth Wilcox. We received over \$200 during this period. I registered my new card May 1st have you re-registered yours? If you have problems registering or would like assistance please call Tracy Garrett or myself.

In July a special meeting was held to discuss what we want to do technically with our education program, Squadron Headquarters and our web site. Lt John Seaver ran the meeting with Treasurer Theresa Nadolson, P/C Michael Hughes, Lt Jeff Mirgon, P/C Larry Lowe, Lt Brian O'Roarke, Lt Tracy Garrett and Lt/C Tom Norman. The committee offered several solutions and upgrades to our systems. With these proposed changes we are requesting a change in our Grant funding to acquire the necessary hardware and software upgrades to our systems.

Several of your officers went to the D29 Summer Conference in Sandusky. In between dodging the rain we had an informative meeting and renewed old friendships.

Algae the Blue Green, the kind that threaten Ohio's lakes, ponds and streams started early this year according to David



Culver, Director of Ohio State University's Limnology Laboratory. This is due to the heavy rains in April washing the phosphorus-rich top soil into the lakes and ponds. Last year the state posted warnings in 20 lakes around the state and there may be more this year. Grand Lake St. Marys has been posted for the last three years causing great economic disaster to the region. "The number of warnings also could be affected by changes that state

officials plan to make in their system to assess health threats. Currently there are no safety standards for three of the four toxins the algae can manufacture." *Columbus Dispatch* May 30, 2011.

There have been several articles during June on some of the lakes of Ohio with Grand Lake St Marys being a total disaster at the start of May, to Buckeye Lake with swim warnings posted by the EPA. But boating and fishing are OK! Fish are dying as well as pets that ingest the water from these lakes.

To all Squadron members use caution when planning use of many of our lakes through Ohio.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C David Canale, P



As the summer slowly begins to wind down I sometimes sit and reflect on all the things that were accomplished over the boating season, and about how those experiences have had such a positive impact on me and my family. This year was a "different" year for me, my family and friends. For the first time in years I relocated our seasonal dock from Lake Erie to the Alum Creek State Park. Initially I had reservations about doing this, but when my name was picked out of a lottery for a dock-that is only a few minutes from my home- I jumped at the opportunity to see what "local" boating might be like. I knew that I would miss all the options that Lake Erie had to offer, but knew that I might spend even more time on "Seadated" and that my son and daughter might be enticed to join Lynne and I more often (especially since, as of now, my youngest, Ellen, has left to attend the University of Kentucky). I was



right. This year was a wonderful year filled with regular family excursions and gatherings. This year my family met on weekends and even during the week to boat in the mornings, afternoons and even late into the evenings. And because our dock was so close to home, my children were able to bring friends and we were able to take out neighbors and other relatives who would not normally make the trek up to Lake Erie. And, as we would begin and then end a day of boating, both Lynne and I felt a sense of fulfillment and joy at being able to spend so much time with our family and friends - time that we would not normally have spent with them due to the demands of work and other obligations. And so, with the fondest of regards, I reflect upon a wonderful season of boating and hope and wish that everyone has had a wonderful season as well.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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of the cabins in front of his father who also couldn't swim. The father left the site in the boat to go get help. OPP finally found the victim the next day about twenty yards from where he went overboard. The water in that area is very weedy and only about 8ft deep. None of this makes any sense to me. Then as I griped to my neighbors in the next cabin about the

8 senseless deaths he tops it off by telling me that the boat he was fishing in all week was left to him from his dad when he fell out and drowned in Dillon Lake. No, they didn't get the idea either. Really? What does it take?

I will report some positive news that some people are starting to be more safety minded. The VSE teams actually had people approach us for VSCs. Last year we performed 99. This year with additional VSEs certified and the veterans on the team enduring the heat we have 161 reported in as of 7 August. It's been a good year for spreading the word about safe boating, course offerings, and our fun times on and off the water. Concentrating on Lake Erie and Alum Creek, many of us noticed that boaters are becoming more informed and even ask questions. That helped to reinforce that we are making a difference.

I look forward to seeing you at the September Dinner Meeting. Be safe out there!

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

2 Joyce Rogers	18 Michael Hughes
3 Elias Murphy	18 Albert Swalley
4 Phil Osborne	19 David Calane
4 David Michael	19 Angie Delewese
11 Bob Ehrbar	19 Debbie Smith
13 Martha Beidel	20 Ron Steward
13 Charles Delay	21 Michelle Forgach
13 Ruth Wilcox	23 Jim Meyers
14 Joyce Mattis	26 Bob Abell
14 Tom Morehouse	26 Clark Sheerens
17 Larry Lowe	27 Doug Jackson
17 Arlene May	27 Linda Whiting
17 Bob Van Der Wissel	

Merit Mark Submissions

Have you volunteered any of your time to the squadron over the summer? Did you work on a committee in the spring/summer? Ask your committee chair if your hours have been submitted for Merit Marks. Submissions should be sent to Don Delewese at hl19don@earthlink.net or Bob Van der Wissel at rvanderw@columbus.rr.com Your personal efforts in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of our squadron is worth recognizing. Thank you for supporting our Squadron!



WOW!!! Where has this summer gone? I hope everyone has had a great summer and gotten in lots of boating.

With the end of summer comes fall and with fall comes Classes!!! We have several really good ones set to start in September. So take a look and if you don't see what you want, call and we will see what we can do. 614.890.5864



First up is **Instructor Development and Certification**.

This is to renew Instructors Certification and also we are going to offer the class to those first timers who would like to be instructors. The class will be taught by our own Skip Woodruff and promises to be full of fun and adventure. So call if interested. The class will be on Monday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Headquarters. The recertification will be 2 hours and the Instructor Development will be a couple of weeks. We will sort everyone into the appropriate group that evening and get the ball rolling. 614.890.5864

Have you just finished Seamanship and wonder what you might do next? Or have you been away from the boating for awhile and want a refresher? Then you just might want to check out our wonderful **Piloting** class. This class is taught by the dynamic duo of Delewese and Cohee and is well worth the time. This class will be on Mondays beginning on Sept. 26, at HQ. The first evening will begin at 7 p.m. so we can get everyone registered. 614.890.5864

You say you have already completed Piloting? Well, we have just what you need! **Advanced Piloting** will begin on either Tuesday or Wednesday evening the 27th or 28th of September. You have the unique opportunity to help choose what evening it will be taught. Just let us know what evening is the best for you, and majority wins. So get your call in fast so you can help set the date. 614.890.5864

We are also trying to get a **Junior Navigation** class set. The instructor would like at a minimum, 2-3 students. So if interested, please call me a.s.a.p. 614.890.5864

Did you know we are holding 5 of our great seminars at the Westerville Program Center in Oct and Nov? Bill Mohrman and Larry Lowe, working with Tracy have worked hard on this project and we are happy to see this new venue for educating the public. To see the program brochure, visit www.westerville.org and click City Departments, then Parks & Recreation. Those wanting to sign up for the first time will need to contact Westerville P&R by calling (614) 901-6500 or complete an Online Registration Form. But we can also offer some of the seminars at HQ if you are interested. Just let us know and we will be glad to get the ones you want. 614.890.5864.

This past spring saw several classes finish up with great success. From the **Sail** class, we had Richard Caw, Don Delewese, Bob Prior and Marcin Swiderski breeze through all testing successfully. Our **Weather** class saw Dick Sorenson blowing right through his exam. The **Communications Systems**, part of the **Marine Electronics** class, consisting of Nahum Burt, Michael T. Hughes, Brian O'Rourke and John Seaver, passed with flying colors. Michael Cohee and Bill Lehner passed their **Instructor Development** class, with both scoring perfect 100's. Way to go guys !!!

Last, but certainly not least we had a super **Seamanship** class. John Seaver passed and received his S after it getting messed up and not credited to him from a couple of years ago. Sorry for the computer mix ups, it happens sometimes and someone gets lost in the system. But you are in there now !!!! Also having successfully earned their "S" grade, are the following: Robert Eastway, Michelle Forgach, Mike Guthrie, Susan Hall, Eldon Hall, Michael T. Hughes, Fred Kaufman, Eric Langille, Kristine Langille, Connie Miller, Marcin Swiderski, Eric Voisard and Nahum Burt. Congratulations to all and hope to see you in future classes.

That is all the news for now. Have a safe end to the boating season and see you in CLASS !!!!!

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Fall Classes

Instructor Development and Recertification - Monday 9-19 6:30 p.m. \$30(for full class)

Piloting - Monday 9-26 7:00 p.m. \$70 member/\$95 non-member

Advanced Piloting - Tues or Wed, 9- 27 OR 28 7:00 p.m. \$70 member/\$95 non member. Call and let us know which date is best- majority wins so call now

Jr Navigation – need at least 2-3 students. Call if interested \$80 member/\$105 non- member

Seminars ????? call and let us know what you would like. Prices vary

RSVP to Debbie at debralee@sbcglobal.net or call 614-890-5864



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
24 May 2011**

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

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

Lt/C Debbie Smith gave the invocation. Executive Officer Tom Norman 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. Matt Murphy, Executive Officer Tom Norman, Administrative Officer David Canale, Secretary Ron Hupman, P/C Michael Hughes, Lt. Tammy Cohee, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, Lt. Michael Cohee, Lt. Brian O'Rourke, Lt. Richard Sorensen, Lt John Seaver.

Others present were: P/D/C Phil Osborne, P/C Larry Lowe, Lt. Tracy Garrett, P/C Harold Beidel, Lt. Jeff Mirgon, Mary Mirgon, Lt John Pruitt

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments, Cdr. Matthew Murphy

I attended the Ice Breaker monthly dinner meeting 14 May, 2011. Not only was it an excellent meal with great friends, I am happy to report our single and family dues structure was approved. Also approved by the membership was the new dues rate. A single membership will be \$95. A family unit consisting of those within the same household will be \$135 plus \$1 for each member for the National Education Fund. Over 24 voting members attended. A motion was made by P/C Delewese and seconded by Sanford Flack. There was no discussion and the motion passed 31/1. The new structure will be passed along to National for their implementation. Earlier that day I performed a few Vessel Safety Checks at Catawba Moorings.

17 May I attended the Central Ohio Safe Boating Council (COSBC) meeting. It was well-attended by CSPS members. I will defer to others to report.

19 May a wonderful opportunity was scheduled by our Public Relations Officer Tracy Garrett. Thursday morning I enjoyed being on WCOL radio to promote the start of National Safe Boating week. Woody and the gang were wonderful to talk to on the radio and did a great service to help us promote the VSE sessions 21 and 22 May. PR Officer Tracy was there to coach me and share in the fun as we promoted the weekend activities.

Speaking of the weekend VSE sessions I couldn't be more proud of our people involved in the event that made it a great success. Among our successes were 4 new certified Vessel Examiners PC Michael Hughes, Lt Brian O'Rourke, Lt John Seaver, Lt Dick Sorensen and one re-certified examiner, PC Bob Van der Wissel. Each had to pass a difficult test and then perform 5 supervised VSCs each. We also gave

away all but one child's life vest and some of our newly printed brochures. Several plans came together to make this a success. Catering services by Dick Sorensen and his donors, tent, signage and grill provided by Michael and Tracy. The hard work performing the VSCs and certifying the new VSEs by James Meyers, Phil Osborne, John Pruitt, Larry Harris and me is also noteworthy. Lt John Pruitt coordinated the VSEs. Saturday was a little busier than Sunday and at times we had all our certified examiners busy at once but caused no boaters to wait. During slower times at the ramp, VSEs worked the docks with great success. I truly was impressed by all involved including Lt/C David Canale and Lt/C Tom Norman who with the work of their people pulled together an event that is an example for others to follow. Thanks very much for your hard work. You made your Commander very proud. I will defer to others to report on their experiences, opinions and the numbers for the weekend.

20 May I attended the memorial service for Mary Lou and Donald Himes. It was evident that their children were very proud of their parents. It was also evident that they were loved by the Squadron members and loved boating. Even more important was their love for each other. Mary Lou and Don in every sense of the words could not live without the other. Lt/C Debbie Smith officiated wonderfully. Several members shared their comments.

Reports of Officers

Executive Officer, Lt/C Tom Norman

There were many Squadron members present for the Safe Boating week Vessel Safety Check. Dick Sorenson got the food donated and Tracy cooked. Commander Matt advertised the event this year on WCOL FM radio and WBNS channel 10 news promoted the event as well. The vessel safety inspectors inspected more boats than they have in the past. This was an exceptional event for CSPS. John Pruitt has a full report for the Squadron.

Lt John Seaver, our computer and communications expert, is working with Jeff Mirgon, Larry Lowe, and our Commander to update our hardware and systems. Some of these updates can be paid from our ODNR Grant monies.

I have been working with Jim Igo and the Ship's Store. This activity needs a shot in the arm to stimulate sales. We are investigating putting the Ships Store on line. Suggestions are welcome.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C David Canale

46 people attended the Ice Breaker at the Noreaster Club on May 14. The Alum Creek picnic will be June 2 with food from Hoggy's.

Education Officer D/Lt Debbie Smith

Classes finishing up. Have received word that we have one person passing Weather, four persons passing Communications systems which is part of the new Marine Electronics course and four persons passing the Piloting exam.



Congratulations to all the students and instructors for a job well done.

We are working on our fall classes and we will once again offer Piloting as the current Seamanship class will hopefully want to continue on while they have the 6 month membership.

I want to thank all of those who taught, assisted in teaching, and those that took the classes this year. That is the main premise for our group and the better educated we all are, the safer boaters we will be and hopefully we can lead by example and help the boating community to be a better, safer one for all.

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 hupman1@att.net.

Treasurer Lt/C Theresa Nadolson

Absent - Financial reports were distributed by email.

Past Commander – P/C Michael Hughes

No Report

Members at Large Reports

P/Lt/C Jim Meyers – I was impressed by the interest in the vessel safety checks.

Lt. Brian O'Rourke – The VSE's were very professional

Lt. John Seaver – Recommends that we acquire 2 laptops, Office 2010, 1 backup hard drive, 1 projector & screen. Jeff Mirgon reported on what was approved under the ODNR grant. See New Business below.

SPECIAL ITEMS

John Pruitt reported that 47 vessel safety exams were conducted in 2 days. The Coast Guard is stopping more boats and the VSE's need to check numbering. He is very proud of what we have accomplished.

Cdr. Murphy commented that we are making an impact. Many boaters were stopping first for the VSE. He suggests that there should be food both days. D/C Phil Osborne suggested that we should offer VSE's monthly.

Cdr. Murphy presented the Boating Safety Award to Jeff Mirgon in recognition of the outstanding job he has done with the boating courses and declared today Jeff Mirgon Day.

General Committees

Standing Committees

Housing Committee – Lt. Tammy Cohee – reported that from her investigation of signage for HQ, a window stick-on sign would be best. This is OK with the condo association. A 2' x 4' sign would be at reasonable cost.

Law Officer – Lt. David Canale - Property tax abatement application has been in process for 2 years now. Latest input is that Olentangy Schools feel the squadron is

not non-profit. He will press the issue after receiving a final decision.

Special Committees

Web Master: Lt/C Theresa Nadolson – Is working with Lt Michael Cohee looking into possibilities for changes and getting information.

Marketing: Lt. Tracy Garrett – The scheduled time for the VSE's 11a-4p was good. Radio spots were a real benefit and we need to do more of that. Working on seminars for Westerville Parks & Recreation. Cdr. Murphy commented on the excellent Classes & Seminars brochure.

Boating Activities: Lt David Canale – See Galley Gossip

Vessel Safety Check: Lt. John Pruitt – See above.

Old Business

- 1) Easy to Recruit Packets – Nothing new.
- 2) Network and Phone Service: M. Cohee & T. Nadolson – Lt. Cohee reported that new internet service is in place. New, more economical, phone service is being finalized.
- 3) Squadron HQ Exterior Signage Committee – See Housing Committee above

New Business

- 1) Safety Award – See above.
- 2) New Members – Cyber member notification received from National for Michelle Forgach. She is in the seamanship class. Motion for approval by Michael Hughes, 2nd Debbie Smith. Approved.
- 3) Mike Cohee – Phone and Internet- See above under Old Business
- 4) Ship's Store – Supply Officer needed- Jim Igo is interested in relinquishing this responsibility. Cdr. Murphy would like to see new marketing concepts explored.
- 5) Computer Committee – Tom Norman proposed a computer committee to be headed by John Seaver to coordinate actions and be sure instructors have what they need. Cdr Murphy appointed Lt. Seaver to head a technology committee reporting to the commander. Continuity is needed in software and procedures as well as having the right equipment. It is also very important that data retention practices be developed. A motion was approved to allocate a not-to-exceed amount for computer equipment from the ODNR grant. A proposal will be developed and submitted to the commander.

Announcements

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 23 August
Articles for the September Galley Gossip due Monday, August 8.

28 May Grandview Parade and cookout

Meeting Adjourned at 2128

GREENSBORO USPS NATIONAL MEETING

Did you know that policies and procedures are largely established at our Governing Board Meetings. All of the committee people are also squadron members. You cannot influence what happens in USPS by staying home. You can make new ideas happen by being part of the process. Everyone has the opportunity to contribute! Governing Board Meetings are not just for the bridge officers. Open meetings provide an opportunity to input discussion of new ideas and meaningful suggestions. They also offer an opportunity to join the committees. Ideas like providing six month memberships to graduates of the ABC 3 and their families are bottom up ideas that reached the decision level. On-the-water-training and Boat Operator Certification are programs that really got their start in squadrons and the ideas moved up the chain and were discussed and developed in meetings at our GB. These programs still have room for input from you! Point is, you have to be here to help make it happen. I might suggest a positive approach. Talking to the various committee chiefs, R/C, Stf/c, and HQ Staffers in a social environment also go a long way. There are several social events that happen at the meeting that offer a great opportunity to talk with the National Bridge. All are open to good ideas. How could the new Master Insurance Policy offering hull coverage and liability have happened without a bottom up suggestion that there was a need? Come to the GB and be a part of what's new. Please let Cdr Matt know if you are attending. We like to have a squadron get-together at the National events.

REGISTER TODAY. More information at www.usps.org and search National Meeting.

WHEN: Sept 12-17, 2011

WHERE: Greensboro, NC

WHO WILL YOU KNOW THERE? Matt & Debbie Murphy, Michael Hughes & Tracy Garrett, Phil Osborne & Ruth Wilcox, Larry Lowe & Sue Nadolson, and lots of other people yet to meet!

Engaged!



Congratulations goes out to Larry Lowe and Sue Nadolson on their recent engagement.



Thank you to the Rayburn Family for their generous donation to the CSPS library of nautical books. All members are welcome to check out books from the library.

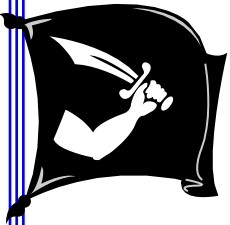
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RETREAT...



DISTRICT 29 FALL CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY TOLEDO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

OCTOBER 21-23, 2011

PERRYSBURG, OHIO
HOLIDAY INN FRENCH QUARTER

Open bar & hors' d'uvres Friday, Saturday
educational opportunities
with lunch, dinner and live entertainment.

Welcome New Members

Michelle Forgach



CSPS has a Facebook page.
"Like" us to see all the pictures
and posts from boaters.

LAST HORIZON

Charlene Beidel
David G Hauck

Cincinnati OH to Madison IN

June 10-11, 2011 • by Phil Osborne



Thursday, June 9, 2011, several boaters left Columbus for the Ohio River Rendezvous from Cincinnati to Madison, Indiana. With a total of 11 boats, 29 people covered a total of 280 miles.

Once we arrived at the Cincinnati hotel and got refreshed, we had a great dinner and got together at the Longhorn Steakhouse. After the meal, we completed some VSE's on the boats who were not yet examined. Then we met to discuss the mornings launch plans.

Friday morning we launched by 10:30 AM and were downbound on the Ohio River. As one might imagine, not everything goes well in the boating world and as we passed under the I-75 Bridge, one of the boats struck something underwater and sheared a blade off the prop. Ron had another prop in his tow vehicle, but that would have required them to go back up river a couple miles to their vehicle (a possible Bungle Jug award?). But out of the glimmering sunshine, our "shining knight", Tom Norman, appeared with an extra prop that would fit the boat of the "damsel in distress". After a quick pit stop on a sandy beach, the prop was changed and we all continued down river just as happy as if we were right.



Prior to arriving at the only lock, we stopped at Turtle Creek Marina, Florence, Indiana for fuel, ice, a lunch and a restroom break. Someone asked the owner if he had any cold drinks for sale, and his response as he pointed towards the cooler was "I have pop, water and ice cream, everything is one dollar and if you don't have a dollar, help yourself".

Due to the amount of barge traffic on the Ohio, we had a long wait at the Markland Lock, MM 531.5. We tied up to each other, drifted around and even cooled off in the river while waiting our turn to enter the lock. The temperature was hot but after descending through the lock, an hour and a half later we arrived at Rivercrest Marina, Madison, IN.

To our surprise, as we arrived at the marina we had 50 foot covered slips waiting for us. Due to the size of the docks, most of us put two boats to a slip. We had called the hotel for transportation as we approached the marina and they had a trolley waiting for us. Later, when we went to pay our docking fee for the weekend, the owner advised he knew we had agreed on a certain price for dockage, but due to us putting two boats to a dock, he charged us \$5.00 less per boat. What a deal!

On Saturday, some of us went down river to Louisville, Kentucky by boat and enjoyed a great lunch at the Captain Quarters on the river. The



remaining boaters enjoyed the marvels of historic Madison as this is an old river town with great sites and attractions. The

hotel provided us with a 1957 Nash Manhattan that had been restored, a couple Segway Scooters and some golf carts to use.

Some members toured the town's antique shops, farmer's market and picked up lunch at KFC for Sunday. That evening, the hotel provided us with some great entertainment. Boy, you should hear Jason Doyle and Ed O'Hanahan sing!



On Sunday morning, we used an I-Pad to track the river barges and as a result were able to get to, and lock through before the

first barge arrived. Once we entered the lock, the radio came alive with the voice of Dick Sorensen informing the lock master that he could no longer move *Water Dog* as his engine had lost shifting capabilities (Bungle Jug #2?). Michael & Tracy raced up to capture him and towed him safely to the nearest marina. Jeff & Mary Mirgon and Jeff & Becky Blankenbeckler waited for *Summer Breeze* to get the crippled vessel to safety. Dick and his boating buddy caught a ride back to their tow vehicle so they could retrieve the *Water Dog*. As a result of the treatment received from Turtle Creek Marina on Friday, the others found it necessary to stop there on our way back home for a bite of lunch and an ice cream sandwich.

This was a great rendezvous and those of you who did not go, really missed out. Madison, Indiana is a really neat place to go either by boat or car. Cincinnati OH to Madison IN



Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning

Mario Vittone has nineteen years of military service in the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard. His writing on maritime safety has appeared in *Yachting*, *Salt Water Sportsman*, *On Scene*, *Lifelines*, and at the Naval Safety Center's Online Resource Site. This article is taken from his blog and it describes what is called *The Instinctive Drowning Response*.

The new captain jumped from the deck, fully dressed, and sprinted through the water. A former lifeguard, he kept his eyes on his victim as he headed straight for the couple swimming between their anchored sportfisher and the beach. "I think he thinks you're drowning," the husband said to his wife. They had been splashing each other and she had screamed but now they were just standing, neck-deep on the sand bar. "We're fine, what is he doing?" she asked, a little annoyed. "We're fine!" the husband yelled, waving him off, but his captain kept swimming hard. "Move!" he barked as he sprinted between the stunned owners. Directly behind them, not ten feet away, their nine-year-old daughter was drowning. Safely above the surface in the arms of the captain, she burst into tears, "Daddy!"

How did this captain know – from fifty feet away – what the father couldn't recognize from just ten? Drowning is not the violent, splashing, call for help that most people expect. The captain was trained to recognize drowning by experts and years of experience. The father, on the other hand, had learned what drowning looks like by watching television. If you spend time on or near the water (hint: that's all of us) then you should make sure that you and your crew knows what to look for whenever people enter the water. Until she cried a tearful, "Daddy," she hadn't made a sound. As a former Coast Guard rescue swimmer, I wasn't surprised at all by this story. Drowning is almost always a deceptively quiet event. The waving, splashing, and yelling that television's dramatic conditioning prepares us to look for, is rarely seen in real life.

The Instinctive Drowning Response – so named by Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water. And it does not look like most people expect. There is very little splashing, no waving, and no yelling or calls for help of any kind. To get an idea of just how quiet and undramatic from the surface drowning can be, consider this: It is the number two cause of accidental death in children, age 15 and under (just behind vehicle accidents) – of the approximately 750 children who will drown next year, about 375 of them will do so within 25 yards of a parent or other adult. In 10% of those drownings, the adult will actually watch them do it, having no idea it is happening. Drowning does not look like drowning illustrates Dr. Pia. In an article in the Coast Guard's *On Scene Magazine*, she described the instinctive drowning response like this:

1. Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is the secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled, before speech occurs.

2. Drowning people's mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water. The mouths of drowning people are not above the surface of the water long enough for them to exhale, inhale, and call out for help. When the drowning people's mouths are above the surface, they exhale and inhale quickly as their mouths start to sink below the surface of the water.

3. Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water, permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.

4. Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer, or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment.

5. From beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response people's bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs.

This doesn't mean that a person that is yelling for help and thrashing isn't in real trouble – they are experiencing aquatic distress. Not always present before the instinctive drowning response, aquatic distress doesn't last long – but unlike true drowning, these victims can still assist in their own rescue. They can grab lifelines, throw rings, etc.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs – Vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back
- Appear to be climbing an invisible ladder.

So if a crew member falls overboard and everything looks OK – don't be too sure. Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don't look like they're drowning. They may just look like they are treading water and looking up at the deck. One way to be sure? Ask them, "Are you alright?" If they can answer at all – they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents – children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you get to them and find out why.

Is Your VHF Radio Connected?

The USCG Rescue 21 program is now in effect in the Western basin of Lake Erie, including the Marblehead Peninsula area. Later this summer it will extend all of the way to Buffalo, NY.

This is just another good reason to get your MMSI (Maritime Mobile Services Identity) number and plug it into your VHF DSC radio. While you are doing this, connect your GPS to your VHF DSC radio so that your latitude and longitude are displayed when you press the red button for a mayday call. This takes the search out of search and rescue.

You can obtain your MMSI # by going to www.usps.org and it is listed under "locate things".

If you have questions or would like assistance in doing any of these functions, seek assistance from a qualified marine electronics technician.

The Coast Guard estimates that it may be as high as 90% of recreational boaters with VHF DSC radios do not have them interfaced with their GPS. Are you one of these?

If you have any questions about rescue 21 or your VHF/DSC radio please contact :

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



Get Involved With Your Squadron

The nominating committee is looking for a few good people. Some positions change yearly, others are a 2-3 year commitment. This is a great way to get involved in your squadron, meet more members and give your squadron your expertise. Positions now or soon available are:

Treasurer: (immediate need) keep records, present financials at Executive Meetings, pay bills in a timely manner; submit IRS forms as required;

Asst Treasurer: Assist the treasurer in any capacity needed; work on budget committee

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Asst SEO (ASEO): Assist the SEO in any capacity needed. maintain library and videos; compile information for all educational contests, awards, etc.

Chair of Local Board of Boating (ChLLB): Work with the SEO in preparing the Public Boating Course taught yearly

Still some "summer fun" left!

The Sept. 2-5 Leamington Labor Day weekend cruise has been replaced with the Huron Boat Basin Cruise. To attend or get more info, contact Ron Lavelly at Lavelly@yahoo.com or call 614-879-7388.

Sept.23- 25 (Fri-Sun) PUT-N-BAY-No Agenda Cruise – Come pick up the end-of-year bargains on the island. Contact Ron Lavelly at (ronlavelly@yahoo.com) 614-879-7388, or Larry Lowe (lhowe7298@wowway.com) 614-885-3601.

October 1 OR 8 (Sat) Date not conclusively set yet.
Alum Creek End of Season Party - Hosted by Ruthie and Glen Kubinski 614-899-2942 (ruthkubinski@yahoo.com)

NOTICE:

ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 1900 (7PM) BEGINNING WITH THE SEPTEMBER 27 MEETING. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Feb-April. Order materials, meet with all instructors, ODNR notification; testing materials, etc.

Ships Store Officer: assisting with the NEW web site store, selling items we currently have in stock, bringing some items to dinner meetings and outings, assisting with the District Conference when it comes to Columbus in 2014

Member At Large: This is a 1 year elected term. Be the liaison between the membership and the Executive Committee (ECOM). Attend all monthly ECOM meetings; work with squadron committees where needed.

If any of these positions are of interest of you, please contact a member of the nominating committee today. We will be happy to discuss any position or answer your questions. All positions are elected in January and become effective at the February Change of Watch.

John Mattis 614.761.8819

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CSPS JUNE 2 DINNER MEETING

ALUM CREEK SAIL ASSOCIATION PAVILLION



Laura Williams gets on that fire!



Smoke, Smoke, Smoke - it's a flare demonstration.



How's this Dad? asks Nate Murphy.



Experiencing an inflatable life jacket is very cool. Really!



Gillian O'Rourke practices putting out a fire.

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Hope everyone had a great summer of boating. It's been a busy three months it's September and I think we have a interesting and fun calendar of events. So be watching the announcement's that will be coming out in the Oct. G.G. those of you that missed the Sea Gal Rendezvous at Kelly's island, missed a good time.

Sea Gals Change of Watch May 19



*Outgoing Co-Commanders
Joyce Mattis and Mary Lauer
with Martha Beidel*

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SICK BAY

CSPS would like to wish Ruth Igo a speedy recovery and let her know she and Jim were missed on the long anticipated Trent Severn trip. Due to a tumble that caused a broken ankle, surgery was required. Ruth we hope you recover quickly.



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