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Thursday, Nov. 5th ~ Harry Buffalo -

6150 Sunbury Road, Westerville (just N of 161 on East side)

6p-645p Social time 645p-730p Dinner time 730-830p Bungle Jug & Family Feud FUN

Pretzel Bites with cheese, chips and salsa, mixed garden salad, pulled pork bar, chicken tenders, pizza and cinnamon pretzel sticks with icing for dessert. \$20 per person. Checks, cash or visa accepted. Cash bar.

RSVP to John by Nov 2 to cspa-rsvp@outlook.com or call 614-832-6779.





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday Merit Mark Hours due to Don Delewese or Bob Van der Wissel
- 1 Sunday Daylight Savings Begins - Fall Back!
- 2 Monday USPS Operations Training @ HQ - FREE SEMINAR FOR ALL!
- 5 Thursday CSPS Dinner Meeting
- 6-8 Fri-Sun District 29 Conference - Ohio Northern University
- 9 Monday December *Galley Gossip* articles due
- 17 Tuesday Central OH Safe Boating Council Meeting @ HQ 6pm
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting @ Headquarters 7pm

DECEMBER

- 4 Friday CSPS Christmas Party - Barley's Smokehouse - Dublin Rd.
- 5 Saturday Toledo Christmas Party
- 6 Sunday Ft Wayne Christmas Party
- 8 Tuesday January *Galley Gossip* articles due
- 11 Friday SeaGals Christmas Party at Williams' home
- 12 Saturday Lima/Findlay combined Christmas Party
- 13 Sunday Sandusky/Pt Clinton combined Christmas Party
- 15 Tuesday CSPS Executive Committee Meeting

JANUARY 2016

- 7 Thursday Set up for Boat Show
- 7 Thursday Dinner Meeting and Elections
- 8-17 Fri.-Sun. Columbus Boat & RV Show (closed M-T)
- 9 Saturday Ft Wayne Change of Watch
- 10 Sunday Toledo Change of Watch

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr John Seaver, JN



What a bummer of a boating season, for us at least! Weddings and other family plans caused me to miss two awesome outings to PA and my beloved Finger Lakes. It seemed every good weather weekend – had a conflict and the open weekends had crappy weather. I was able to spend almost as much time on other boats as I was my own this year –ferry rides to Mackinac Island and the Soo Locks Cruise were at the top of the list. Riding part of the Erie Canal on a horse-drawn barge was another cool trip outing. I was looking forward to our District Commander's cruise, but that was also canceled due to terrible weather. A large number of boating friends have lamented the low number of boating opportunities this year, so I have some company in my misery. The weather dudes are still calling this an above-average temperature for winter which would be good. Perhaps we can get out earlier in the spring.

There is certainly no shortage of indoor boating activities planned for the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron this fall. The Sea Gals have a number of great gatherings planned, our dinner meetings have good activities scheduled and the fall



District 29 conference in Ada is nearby and free (other than food) to attend. Come along, bring a friend if you'd like. Be sure to register with the form found in the October Galley Gossip. The winter boat show is also coming in January. This will be a great opportunity to volunteer with booth set up and/or tear down and to staff the booth during the show.

If you have any ideas for the show or want to be part of the planning team watch the calendar and emails for a pending meeting. If you have attended other boat shows somewhere in the US and saw a cool booth, please give me a call and tell me about it. We are always looking for something different to draw people to our booth.



Come for the Education . . .

Stay for the FriendsSM

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

L/C Julie Mohrman, AP



As summer draws to an end, most of us have our boats tucked away for the upcoming winter months. I look back and lament to myself, the summer flew by and I resolve to do more boating next year. Well if you are with me in spirit, then there is never enough time for boating. As the leaves are turning, I sat down with the calendar and found out that "Wow, I do not have much free time coming up this winter due to boating activities!"



What on earth am I talking about? We have in the next three months - classes and seminars going on at headquarters; the Columbus Boat and RV show is only 9 weeks away; Executive Committee and dinner meetings; the Christmas party; the D-29 fall conference in Ada; and a Central Ohio Safe Boating Council meeting to attend. All this leading up to the January – February when we start the America's Boating Class,

attend the United States Power Squadron Annual Meeting in Florida, hold elections, have our Change of Watch, and attend the District 29 spring conference. Before you know it, it will be spring - Yes!!!

Speaking of boat shows, it is not too early to start thinking about volunteering to man our booth this year. We need your help to come out and spread the word on what a great value we provide to the boating community. The January boat show runs two weekends starting on Friday, January 8th through Sunday January 17th (closed on Mon & Tues). I tend to think of a great day boating as "priceless". I watch others struggle with taking the family out because of the lack of knowledge and skills. That is what we do; educate, either through classes and seminars, our own on the water experiences and at our dinner meetings in our discussions with boating mates. Help Columbus Sail and Power Squadron bring others into the fold and offer to them the experience of a perfect day on the water, by volunteering to help us out at the boat show.

Both Bill and I look forward to seeing you all at one of our upcoming meetings or activities and we can discuss our perfect day.

United States Power Squadron Member Benefit Mail Offerings

If you are receiving mail from Member Benefit partners via the U.S. Postal Service, please know that United States Power Squadrons does not sell your personal information. Your privacy is paramount to us. We provide mailing lists for approved mailings only. After use, the mailing lists are destroyed. Our partners provide a stipend to USPS for any member that makes a purchase using our special code, which is a small way you can help the organization financially. If you prefer to opt out of these mailings, please go to our online opt out page and choose "No."

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BSVT Receives 2015 NASBLA Innovations Award

United States Power Squadrons received the 2015 National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Innovations Award for its development of the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer program. The NASBLA Innovations Award, sponsored by Boat Ed, is presented annually to the program or initiative that demonstrates the highest level of innovation leading to advances in boating safety. The Innovations initiative was established to bring greater visibility to exemplary state, corporate or public-private partnership programs, and to encourage the sharing of these initiatives with other agencies and recreational boating safety stakeholders. This year's award was presented at the 2015 NASBLA Conference in Wichita, Kansas.

Calling All Boaters:

As we put our boats to bed and get our places ready for winter, start thinking about all the great places you would like to travel next summer as a squadron. These could be day trips, weekend trips or longer trips. Are there any festivals happening in the area you would like to see? Contact the Visitors Center in the area for more information or browse their website. Then watch for the CSPA Summer Cruise planning meeting to happen in the next few months and bring your ideas. This is where the fun begins!!

Looking for Local Winter Storage?

Franklin County Agricultural Society offers indoor storage at the Franklin County Fairgrounds buildings (4100 Columbia St, Hilliard OH 43026) for boats, cars, trucks, motorcycles, RV's, campers and more. Drop off day is Saturday, November 7th between 8am-3:30pm. Pick up day is Saturday March 26, 2016. The fee is \$10 per linear foot (from ball to farthest rear point) or \$150 minimum. This fee is for the entire season, not a monthly fee. There is no in/out privileges throughout the season. Come with unit, ownership papers and payment (cash or check only). Contact 614-876-7235 for more information or to make arrangements for a different drop off date.

Pauls Marine offers winterizing, shrink wrap, haul-outs and indoor or outdoor storage. Drive through services are by appointment only so call today to schedule. Have your boat running in tip-top shape for next season. 6140 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center OH 43035. 740-549-1999. Open Tues-Sat 8am-5pm.

Buckeye Boat & Outboard, located at 701 Kintner Parkway, Sunbury OH 43074 offers winterizations, winter repairs and storage. Call 614-481-1912 to schedule your appointment or drop off.



2015-2016 course registration and descriptions are now updated on our website at www.columbussailandpower.org – under both the Education tab and Squadron Calendar. All classes will take place at CSPS Headquarters unless otherwise noted.

Seminars coming soon:**Rules Committee Seminar-Thursday, October 22, 2015 from 6:30 pm - 9:00pm**

Robert's Rules of Order is a NO COST seminar focusing on how to run (or participate) in our monthly Executive Committee Meetings or any other group meeting. This is the seminar to take if you are interested in presenting new ideas to the squadron, or participating as a Member at Large or on the Command Bridge.

USPS Operations Seminar - Monday, November 2, 2015 from 6:30 pm - 9:00pm

A great seminar to take to learn the workings of the Columbus Sail & Power Squadron!

Operations Training is a NO COST seminar focusing on the United States Power Squadron history and structure, squadron committee work, squadron bridge officer roles and navigating the USPS website. This is the course to take if you are interested in our many volunteering opportunities, including serving as a Member at Large or on the Command Bridge.



District 29 has some great seminars and informational speakers planned for the conference at Ohio Northern University in Ada. You do not have to spend the night to attend these presentations. Saturday November 7th you could learn more about electronic charting with Rick Vandermark; Jim Wilson will discuss Lake Erie shipwrecks and his diving

experiences there; Phil Osborne will provide information to consider as a senior boater. Hear from Dr Justin Chaffin with his unique perspective on the Lake Erie algal bloom. To attend these free seminars, you must mail your registration form via US Mail before October 31. The registration form can be found in the October issue of the Galley Gossip or on the District 29 web site. You could stay for lunch and/or dinner also before driving back home. Lunch is \$14, dinner is \$21, or purchase both for \$30. Send payment with your registration form. AGAIN, these seminars are FREE and Ada is only about 1.5 hours (80 miles) NW of Columbus.

2015-16 Educational Courses

The following classes are planned for the education season beginning in September. Please watch the web site (www.columbussailandpower.org) for the updates and register early and often. We have a great line up for the coming year. Weekday classes and seminars begin at 7pm at the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron located at 8492 Cotter St. Lewis Center OH 43035. Weekend classes and seminars will have times listed. Please arrive 15 minutes early on your first night to complete the registration process.

CLASS LINE UP

Piloting (Delewese/Hudson)	Mondays 9/14 - 12/7	member \$70/non-member \$100
Junior Navigation (Newman)	Wednesdays 9/23 - 1/16	member \$175/non-member \$205
Engine Maintenance (Hughes)	Wednesdays 9/23 - 11/25	member \$55/non-member \$85
Marine Communications (Lowe)	Wednesdays 1/20 - 3/9	member \$65/non-member \$95
America's Boating Course (various)	Saturdays 1/30 - 2/13	\$50; includes lunch; location/hours TBD
Advanced Piloting (Rayburn/Lowe)	Mondays 2/1 - 4/4	member \$70/non-member \$100
Sail (Spilke/Jackson)	Tuesdays 2/2 - 5/3	member \$60/non-member \$90
Cruise Planning (Carr-Jackson)	Mondays 3/7 - 5/9	member \$50/non-member \$80
Navigation (Hankle)	Wednesdays 3/16 - 6/1	member \$175/non-member \$205
Seamanship (Hudson/various)	Tuesdays 3/22 - 5/17	member \$55/non-member \$85
Electronics Navig. (Lowe/Mohrman)	Wednesdays 3/23 - 5/11	member \$65/non-member \$95

SEMINAR LINE UP

Roberts Rules of Order (Hankle)	Thursday 10/22	FREE- how to survive as an officer or member of an organization
Operations Training (Rayburn)	Thursday 11/2	FREE – learn all about the squadron and more
Instructor Recertification (Rayburn)	Thursday 1/21	FREE – valid for a 4-year period
Emergencies Onboard (Lowe)	Thursday 2/4	\$20 per person
Charting (Rayburn/Jackson)	Saturday 2/20	\$50 – FREE to all registered ABC students location/hours TBD
Crossing Borders (Lowe)	Thursday 3/10	\$20 per person
Trailer and trailer tune-up (Hughes & Mohrman)	Saturday 5/14	\$50 per couple/\$30 individual; lunch included; time/location TBD



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
22 September 2015**

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

Cdr. John Seaver, JN called the meeting to order at 1900 at the squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH. The invocation was given by Lt Mary Rayburn, S; Pledge of Allegiance was led by X/O Julie Mohrman, AP. Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary, Lt/C. Ron Hupman, S confirmed a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr. John Seaver, JN; Executive Officer Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP; Administrative Officer Lt/C John McCarty, AP; Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, N; Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P; P/C Larry Lowe, SN; Lt Mary Rayburn, S; Lt Jana Mack, S; Lt Bob Goelz, S

Also present: P/C William Mohrman, AP; P/C David Canale, P; P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN; P/C Phil Osborne, JN; P/C Bob Rayburn, SN; D/C Bill Lehner, SN; Lt Tracy Garrett, S; Asst. AO John Daulton, P.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Commander John Seaver, JN:

- Web Page Training – Calendar & events are getting updated, front page redesign pending
- Member Dues – National \$5, Regional \$5 – Local – hold the line?
- ABC Class – Switch advertising to 18 months for the price of a year (National's recommendation) Pros and cons discussed. Motion by Mari Seaver to keep as is; 2nd by John McCarty; motion passed.
- District Survey Results – distributed and discussed as new business
- Focus on Social Media – Need appointment of an SM Officer – Twitter, Meetup, Instagram & FB

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver:

We have received our Adopt-A-Highway area. Our two-mile stretch will be along State Route 23 between Coover Road and Willey Road (Mile markers 15-17). This stretch of road covers the section of 23 where we do the "Git'r on" Delaware Dam painting twice a year.

Next steps:

- Highway signage made (will take a few weeks) and placed
- Select our first date/time to begin our commitment of cleaning this area 4 times a year
- Watch our web site and Galley Gossip for opportunities to sign up for highway cleanup – complete with the lovely and stylish orange vests.

2015-2016 course registration and descriptions are now updated on our website at www.columbussailandpower.org – under both the Education tab and Squadron Calendar.



All classes will take place at CSPA Headquarters unless otherwise noted.

We are all very proud of our CSPA website, but it takes many great volunteers to help sustain it. Thanks to all who attended the CSPA website training and volunteered to assist with site maintenance this year.

The class schedule is in the GG. Operations Training is changed to

1 1/2.

ABC3 will be held again at the Scioto Boat Club beginning after the January boat show.

Executive Officer Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP:

A boat show planning meeting will be scheduled for mid-October to mid-November.

Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, N:

Financial reports were distributed and reviewed. Investments were down last month.

Administrative Officer Lt/C John McCarty, AP:

The dinner meeting will be October 1 at Schmidt's in German Village. The program will be river cruises in Europe.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S:

All officers are asked to send reports to hupman1@att.net.

Immed. Past Commander, P/C William Mohrman, AP:

Saw a number of people from the Lima Squadron at Lake Cumberland.

Members at Large Reports:

Lt Eldon Hall Jr., AP – Absent

Lt Michael Hudson, AP – Absent

Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P – No report

P/C Larry Lowe, SN – There needs to be confirmation for online class registrations. There will be a new survey of geodetic markers. There is the question of how we will participate.

Lt. Jana Mack, S – No report

Lt. Theresa McCarty, P – Absent

Lt Mary Rayburn, S – No report

Lt Scott Shaw – Absent

Lt Bob Goelz - Dale and Barb Kezer were proposed for membership. Motion to approve by Bob Goelz; 2nd Ron Hupman; motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Committees:

Nominating Committee: P/C Bill Mohrman, AP; P/C Tom Norman, P; P/C David Canale, P – No report



Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; P/C Robert Prior, P; P/C Tom Norman, P – No report

Rules Committee: P/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Bob Van Der Wissel, JN, AP; Michael T. Hughes, AP – No report

Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman – An email requesting budget inputs will be sent late Oct./early Nov.

Housing Committee: Vacant – Need to prepare job description and operating procedures; meanwhile David Canale will handle cleaning.

Planning Committee: P/C David Canale, P; D/C Bill Lehner, SN – Tackling bylaws updates and document retention policy. David also provided an update on the grant application: ODNr's priority is to grant to newest nonprofits. We will push for marketing and youth programs.\ (including Coastie). Application will be finished this week. Need data from Ed Mack to finish year-end report.

Law Officer: P/C David Canale, P: No report

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN or P/C Bob Van Der Wissel, JN - No report. Send information as it becomes available.

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN- The Orange Township fire inspector was here this morning. Will call him to make an appointment to meet.

Supply Officer: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – District wants the ship's store for the November conference in Ada.

Outreach: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – No report

Sea Gals: Cdr. Martha Beidel – No report. There will be a tailgate party 11/14 at HQ.

Special Committees:

Technical Committee: Lt/C John McCarty, Lt Michael Hudson, P, Cdr John Seaver, JN- Cdr. Seaver will have a mock up of a new web page.

Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack, N; See treasurer's report

Boat Shows: P/C William Mohrman, AP – see XO report.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett, S – The October GG is out today. Fruit sales will be 10/19-11/4. Delivery 12/9.

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent - Doug knows we need an update.

Boating Activities: Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP: See X/O report.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP: Absent. Inspectors should return unused stickers.

Old Business:

The *Galley Gossip* update – emails sent to National for guidance have not been answered.

New Business:

District survey - copies were passed out. Let John know your comments. Results were discussed briefly. Increased emphasis on paddle boating was noted. Important to look at power boaters living with paddle boaters.

Comments from Guests:

D/C Lehner noted the D29 conference in Ada November 6-8. There will be presentations on numerous topics.

Announcements

Next ECOM meeting is October 27
November GG articles are due 10/12

The meeting was adjourned at 2106.



Thinking About Orlando in February?

Reservations for the 2016 Annual Meeting, 15–21 Feb., in Orlando are now open! Act now to take advantage of the \$139/night room rate at the Rosen Centre Hotel and get good airline rates! Extra days at the Rosen Centre are also available at the same \$139 rate, so book early. Rumor has it that the dress code for Friday, 19 Feb., will be uniform “T for tropical”—bring your tropical shirt or dress for a fun-filled day and Pina Colada Party in the evening! A draft agenda and meeting details are available at the National Meetings Committee website.

My approach to finding the Perfect Shipmate (Subtitled "Eat your eHarmony Heart out Dr. Neil Clark")

By Dick Sorensen, JN

I was perched on my favorite stool at The Dock on the city pier in Naples arguing with Jersey Boy. We were playing that one-upmanship game of 'let me tell you about the worst crewman I ever sailed with and he'd come back with I got a story better than that!' You know that game men play "...my boat's better than, bigger than, faster than....your boat."

If you've ever been in a situation with a fellow homosapian that makes you (1) uncomfortable, (2) annoyed, (3) really aggravated, or just (4) ready to commit a homicide then you know being 'cooped up' with one of these characters on your 36 foot sailboat for 12 days could be beyond acceptable. This is the story that got me thinking about developing a 'system of tells' to use when considering a guy for a crew position.

It was spring and I was in a hurry. For no real reason, except the celestial clock that had told the earth's northern hemisphere to get closer to the sun after it had spent the last six months warming the bottom half of our orb, I wanted to get to the sea. I was loaded down with last minute supplies when he approached me as I left the Budget Marine chandlery in St. Thomas. Nice enough looking fella who stuck out his hand and said, "I heard you were looking for crew?" Fumbling with the bags I maneuvered to shake his hand in the manner my southern mother would have been proud of "Why yes," I said. I had spent the winter hiding out in the islands in WaterDog II and was now heading north to my summer base in Naples. I needed another hand for this leg around Puerto Rico and up the Florida Straits. My usual crew of snowbirds was all frozen in. We walked and talked along the wharf. The talk of two strangers trying to feel each other out; one a guy looking for a ride, the other a captain that needed a crew but didn't want to take on someone who was going to cut his throat in the dead of night and toss his body into the Gulf Stream.

On land we can walk away from an annoying fellow, not so on a boat. We've all been in those situations where another person's philosophy, breath, idiosyncrasies, voice, behavior, cleanliness, etc. have just driven us to the point of wanting to grab their throat and crush their larynx. How can one find the right shipmate? Well, if we were searching for romance we might fill out Neil Clark's 14 page eHarmony questionnaire, but that won't work at sea. Here's my approach and it won't cost you a dime!

Men have a closet full of different personalities they use. Some of these facades are competent, compliant, husband, father, aggressive, passive, etc. Many of them share some of the same traits yet each personality has its own unique skill set. Guys looking to crew a sailboat are no different. Your challenge is seeing thru the 'act' to the real human. All of us display little 'clues' about our core values and approaches to life and those 'tells', to use a gamblers term, are what I look for in a potential shipmate.

- **Number 1.** Is the 'shipmate-candidate' generally on time to the first meeting? No, it doesn't have to be with the accuracy of space shuttle launch but it should be close or even better, early. Sailors that are habitually late tell us that they are the most important and everyone else can wait for them... not on my boat, mister.

- **Number 2.** Does Mr. Sailor bring an 'open and obvious' attitude with him regarding his superior sailing experience, war stories, navigational skills, equipment, etc. On my boat I am the ultimate authority and while I am always open to ones opinion and input, ultimately it's my call.

- **Number 3.** Casually check out his clothes. Does he wear the right gear? Or is he outfitted in the latest from this year's Ralph Lauren Shore Collection. A seagoing sailor has the right shoes, worn Dockers, takes great care of his personal life-jacket, foul weather gear, etc.

- **Number 4.** If he has one, check out his car. Yeah his car. If it's a piece of dog doo-doo, both on the outside and inside, then he's not worth a damn. Well, he might be ok to scrape the hull and unload the cargo of banana leaves.

- **Number 5.** While you're at it check to see if he has any bumper stickers. You know the ones.

- "Keeping honking, I'm reloading"
- "Politicians and Diapers need to be changed...for the same reason"
- "Coexist"
- "I'd rather be driving my Boston Whaler"
- "Hillary"
- "Why can't we just love each other?" or my favorite
- "I love cross dressing"

You get my drift. Americans seem to want to 'spill their guts' of their inner most desires and attitudes with the world so you should reflect on what these stickers tell you about your potential crew member.



Dick Sorensen, the squadron's newest N, is extremely proud to finally join the elite fraternity of Navigators. He considers this accomplishment a living example of the kindness of his fellow man and not due to his intellectual mastery of the subject.



New Members

Dale & Barb Kezer of Westerville

GET YOUR MERIT MARKS!

Did you volunteer for a squadron event? Did you plan a cruise? Teach or assist a class? Promote CSPS and USPS? THEN you deserve a Merit Mark! SUBmit your name, the dates you helped/volunteered, a description of what you did and how many hours you did it. Submissions should be sent to P/C Don Delewese at HLI9DON@EARTHLINK.NET and P/C Bob Van der Wissel at RVANDERW@COLUMBUS.RR.COM before November 1. If you promoted safe boating, then you deserve a merit mark!

Nominating Committee Updates

Your nominating committee is in the early stages of putting together the slate of officers, staff and department leaders for the upcoming year. If you personally are interested in serving, or have someone in mind that would make a great leader for the squadron, please let us know. Your input is always welcomed.

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Perfect Shipmate

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• **Number 6.** If you can get him to drive you around awhile and fiddle with the radio. What channels does he have programmed in? Heavy Metal? Contemporary Christian? NPR, Oldies, Smoooooth Jazz, The Catholic Channel. Right-wing talk platter?

Now, I don't guarantee positive results if you follow my guidelines, but if you find a sailor that shows up generally on time with a soft sided duffel, has a smile on his face, keeps a relatively clean car with bumper stickers that is in alignment with your thinking and a radio that has your stations on it... then I think you might have found a good match. You'll know after about 12 hours at sea!

Back to my 'dockside' find. This guy turned out to be a great sailor and companion. He anticipated what needed to be done, he didn't complain, talk religion or politics with me, he did tell great sea stories and, while not a great cook, did make nice scrambled eggs. He was a very pleasant surprise. The potential horror of this guy murdering me in my sleep, tying the spare anchor around my ankles or feet, and throwing my body into the gulf stream?! Didn't happen. And, my system, unlike Dr. Neil Clark's, doesn't require a 14 page questionnaire with your accompanying check...it only demands you use your eyes and brain! Incredible.

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Seeing Stars, Again: Naval Academy Reinstates Celestial Navigation

(By Tim Prudente / Capital Gazette)

You can't hack a sextant: Navy thwarts hackers by going old school

The same techniques guided ancient Polynesians in the open Pacific and led Sir Ernest Shackleton to remote Antarctica, then oriented astronauts when the Apollo 12 was disabled by lightning, the techniques of celestial navigation. A glimmer of the old lore has returned to the Naval Academy. Officials reinstated brief lessons in celestial navigation this year, nearly two decades after the full class was determined outdated and cut from the curriculum. That decision, in the late 1990s, made national news and caused a stir among the old guard of navigators.

Maritime nostalgia, however, isn't behind the return. Rather, it's the escalating threat of cyber-attacks that has led the Navy to dust off its tools to measure the angles of stars. After all, you can't hack a sextant.

Midshipmen were tested on celestial navigation for more than a century before the required class was cut in the late 1990s.

"We went away from celestial navigation because computers are great," said Lt. Cmdr. Ryan Rogers, the deputy chairman of the academy's Department of Seamanship and Navigation. "The problem is," he added, "there's no backup."

Among the fleet, the Navy ended all training in celestial navigation in 2006, said Lt. Cmdr. Kate Meadows, a Navy spokeswoman. Then officers' training returned in 2011 for ship navigators, she said. And officials are now rebuilding the program for enlisted ranks; it's expected to begin next fall. "There's about ten years when the Navy didn't teach to celestial," said Rogers, the Naval Academy instructor. "New lieutenants, they don't have that instruction." The Navy also began pilot programs this fall in celestial navigation for ROTC students at colleges in Philadelphia, Rochester and Auburn.

In Annapolis, midshipmen studied celestial navigation more than a century, until 1998. So what happened? The Air Force. In the 1990s, airmen launched two dozen satellites nearly 13,000 miles above Earth. By 1995, this network, the Global Positioning System, could pinpoint your location within feet. Since then, GPS has never been shut off, according to the government's website gps.gov. Today, 31 satellites circle the Earth, each twice a day, costing taxpayers about \$1 billion a year.

"The perceived need for sextants was taken away," said Peter Trogdon, president of Weems & Plath in Eastport. The company has sold sextants, and other nautical instruments, since it was founded in 1928 by Naval Academy navigation instructor Capt. Phillip Van Horn Weems. He taught Charles Lindbergh navigation during the pioneer days of aviation. The current president, Trogdon, said sales of sextants plunged after GPS. "There's only a few thousand sold a year," he said. A lightning strike to a ship's mast could disable GPS receivers. "Most of those are sold to yachtsmen that want to have a backup." Still, GPS has transformed humanitarian and rescue efforts around the world. Celestial navigation, by comparison, isn't exact. A skilled celestial navigator may calculate locations to within 1.5 miles, Rogers said. Using GPS "you're within feet. You're not even in the same ballpark. If you can use GPS, it's just so much more accurate,"

Rogers said, adding, "We know there are cyber vulnerabilities." In 2004, he spent two weeks at Naval Station Norfolk studying stars - Betelgeuse, Capella, Pollux - before navigating aboard the cruiser *Thomas S. Gates*. He didn't once need a sextant.

Still, a world without GPS isn't too remote a possibility for retired Navy Capt. Terry Carraway, of Silver Spring. He formed the nonprofit Navigation Foundation in the early 1980s to sustain proficiencies in celestial navigation. That organization peaked with more than 500 navigators, he said. "In the event that we had to go into a national emergency, we would probably have to shut the GPS down because it can be used by potential enemies," he said. "It would be pretty hard to train a lot of people in celestial navigation, so we wanted to keep contact with all the people who taught it." The foundation disbanded in 2002. "The old celestial navigators all passed away," said Carraway, 88.

Cadets at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, used to have a course devoted entirely to celestial navigation. It ended about ten years ago, said David Santos, the academy spokesman. Some classroom instruction remains in theories of celestial navigation, Santos said. Also, cadets use a sextant aboard the tall ship *Eagle*.

Instructors at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, in Kings Point, New York, have continuously taught celestial navigation, said Benjamin Benson, the academy spokesman. In fact, instructor Capt. Timothy Tisch shared materials to help the Naval Academy rebuild its program. Benson provided a statement from Tisch: "Knowledge of celestial navigation in the GPS era provides a solid back-up form of navigation in the event GPS becomes unreliable for whatever reason," Tisch said in the statement. "It is also good professional practice to use one navigational system to verify the accuracy of another."

In Annapolis, celestial navigation instruction ended loudly. The Capital reported in June 1998: "First came the old salts, who fear the military school will no longer produce 'real' sailors. Knowing how to navigate by the stars, they say, is the mark of a mariner. Then came the profit-seekers, who asked if they could inherit the academy's \$1,500 sextants. Such devices, inquirers said, would be a nice addition to their museum, a nice mantle piece, or of some use out on the yacht." (The academy still has its sextants, Rogers said.)

The decision to cut the academy's long-standing class on celestial navigation was even raised in a New York Times editorial calling the move "a melancholy surprise." Still, that decision came after months of discussion that began with a 1996 curriculum review. That review came partly in response to a cheating scandal in the early 1990s that ended with 24 midshipmen expelled. The review committee decided the required sophomore course on navigating by stars was outdated. Then-Superintendent Adm. Charles Larson, after consulting with commanders of Navy ships, cut the course and added extra lessons on computer navigation. Midshipmen were relieved. Celestial calculations were painfully difficult, requiring a nautical almanac and volumes of tables. Still, the news caused more than a dozen letters to the editor in *Proceedings*, the magazine devoted to naval service. "It fired people up," Fred Rainbow, the magazine's editor then, told *The Capital*.

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Some lessons continued, but instruction in celestial navigation ended entirely within years. The 2010 curriculum manual didn't even mention celestial navigation. Five years later, the Navy reinstated the subject in the manual issued two months ago.

The first midshipmen to receive training were juniors during this past summer school. Future classes will learn theories of celestial navigation during an advanced navigation course. And the Class of 2017 will be the first to graduate with the reinstated instruction. But it's only three hours of celestial navigation — so students won't be skilled with sextants. "This is the first semester we added it in, so we're just baby-stepping it," said Lt. Christine Hirsch, who teaches navigation at the academy. "We just added the theory, but we really do have the capabilities to expand." Still, it's welcome news to maritime enthusiasts.

"Fantastic," said Trogdon, the president of Weems & Plath. "How cool is it to go back to the ancestral technique?" Rogers at the Naval Academy said, "That's a victory. I agree with them. I think, if you're out at sea, you should be able to navigate without GPS — things happen." In the 1990s, midshipmen were tested on the sextant. They took celestial measurements, then entered data, sometimes 20 figures, for each star, time, distance, angle. This year, Midshipman Phillip Lowry, of North Ogden City, Utah, learned the general theory of celestial navigation. He considered those past mids. "I don't envy them."

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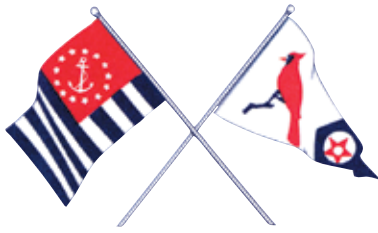
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