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CSPS Dinner Meeting & Program

Thursday, May 7th

Customs & Border Protection I-68 forms and presentation

Buckeye Lake Yacht Club — 5109 North Bank Road - Buckeye Lake OH 43008

6-7:15pm Social time & I-68 apps taken
7:30pm Dinner & presentation

MEAL CHOICE: 10 oz. Grilled Sirloin w/ Red Wine Demi-glaze or Herb Seared Supreme Chicken Breast w/ Natural Jus. Each entree also includes BLYC's signature 55 North Bank Salad, vegetable and potato or rice. ****Entrée selections required at time of RSVP**** Rolls, coffee, tea and water included. Children's meal available for purchase from the menu at location. Cash bar available. No Shows Will Be Billed

UNIFORM: Business Casual

COST: \$28 per person

RSVP: to John McCarty including entree choices by Monday, May 4th at CSPS-RSVP@outlook.com or (614) 832-6779

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Agent Jim Wray will be available during social time for those who wish to obtain an I-68 which allows certain applicants entering the United States by small boat to telephonically report their arrival to CBP. If you travel on the Great Lakes to/from Canada, this is for you.

Applications will only be taken during social time.

ITEMS TO BRING TO APPLY FOR AN I-68:

1. US passport or US passport card (a driver's license or other photo ID's will not suffice). Previous I-68s are helpful but not a necessity. If you have a NEXUS Card or GLOBAL ENTRY card, you do not need an I-68.
2. Three passport-style photos which can be obtained from most CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, AAA, Costco, photo stores, etc.
3. \$16 for a single person or \$32 for a family. Please bring correct change-only cash accepted.

Agent Wray will present a brief program regarding entering the United States from your trip into Canadian Waters.





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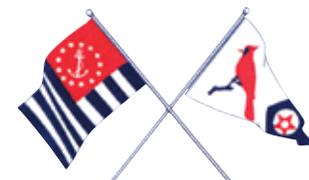
CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

MAY

7	Thursday	Dinner Meeting
10	Sunday	Mother's Day
11	Monday	June <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due
14	Thursday	Practical Marine Engine Maintenance Seminar
15	Friday	Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day
16-22	Sat.-Fri.	SAFE BOATING WEEK
16-17	Sat.-Sun.	Vessel Safety Exams - Hoolenback Ramp 8am-1pm
16	Saturday	Ready Set Wear It Photo @ Hollenback Ramp 10am - ALL INVITED - BRING LIFEJACKETS
19	Tuesday	Central Ohio Safe Boating Council Meeting 6PM @ HQ
23	Saturday	Grandview Heights Memorial Day Parade & Cookout 9am-???
26	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ
28	Thursday	Shooting & Fishing in Marion

JUNE

1	Monday	Dock 29 Articles Due
4	Thursday	CSPS Dinner Meeting
20	Saturday	Larry Lowe's Lunch Hook on Lake Erie
21	Sunday	District 29 On the Water Training @ Lake Erie
26-28	Fri.-Sun.	Pittsburgh River Trip (See cruise listing)
30	Tuesday	Delaware Dam Paint Job (rain date July 1)



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr John Seaver, JN



Spring has sprung, the grass has grown – I wonder where the water is? A friend with a house at Buckeye Lake sent me some sobering pictures of the canals around their house and it is clearly no longer a waterway. This is a tragic loss of a water resource to boaters and more. As for the surrounding businesses and community, CSPA will be bringing some business to the area by holding our May 'Ice Breaker' meeting at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club instead of Lake Erie as we have in the past. Here's hoping the repairs to the dam go more quickly than anticipated and that they can also take advantage of the lower water to dredge a bit more for improved boating experiences and runoff handling so the area will recover better than ever!

This past weekend some members of our Bridge hosted a welcome potluck dinner for the Marion Squadron Members at headquarters. The Marion turnout was great and I hope everyone had as good a time as I did. Thanks to Tracy Garrett for the idea, Sue & Bob Goetz for planning, and the rest of the cooks/hosts that participated to make it a great evening including: DC Lehner, XO Julie and PC Bill Mohrman, The Hughes/Garrett/Mohr clan - Michael, Tracy, Charlotte, Gaige & Perry; PC David Canale, and PC Tom Norman.

150 Years Ago – the deadliest maritime disaster in American history took place. If you're thinking to yourself – "self, I didn't think the Titanic was that long ago" – you'd be right about that, but wrong to assume more lives were lost on the Titanic than a relatively unknown Side-wheeled, steam powered paddler named Sultana. Built at the John Litherbury Boatyard in Cincinnati Ohio, the SS Sultana excelled at hauling both passengers and cargo. The maximum passenger volume is estimated to be around 400; estimated because they did not



rate ships for capacity like they do today. America's Civil War had just ended and many Soldiers and former POWs were ready to go home when 2400 of them boarded Sultana in New Orleans. In addition to the human cargo the ship was carrying real cargo as well and the Captain made a judgement call to make the trip with an improperly jury-rigged boiler. The vessel had just exchanged cargo

in Memphis TN and was firing up to get underway before the over-loaded and under-maintained boiler exploded, setting off a chain reaction in two of the three remaining boilers. Most were believed to have perished instantly or soon after in the Mississippi River. Of the 700 passengers and crew who survived the night, 200 died shortly thereafter from their burns bringing the death toll to a few hundred more souls than what perished on the Titanic. Sadly, this tragedy is was lost to the news of a war ending and a presidential assassination.

While we are not going to save a single boatload of people of this magnitude, May is OUR month – Boating Safety month. Our inspections provide in-person education that can prevent explosions, improper loading and lack of safety equipment, including knowledge. Check the calendar and join us to get your boat inspected or to participate in the inspections if you can. We have a great time and you don't need to be a certified safety inspector to help out and share your knowledge and passion for the water. And if the weather is good, we typically head out for some on-the-water fun ourselves right afterward!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

L/C Julie Mohrman, AP



After a particularly long winter, boating season is finally upon us! By now you have pulled your boat from storage and started on the task of buffing and cleaning your vessel. After you are done, it may look great, but is it safe for the season or is there some issue lurking to detract from your day on the water? Don't forget to get a complementary **Vessel Safety Check** to ensure you are ready for the coming boating season.

What is it?

The courtesy Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is performed at your boat - whether in a slip, at the launch ramp, or in your driveway – by a certified Vessel Examiner at a mutually-convenient time and usually takes 30 to 45 minutes depending upon the size of your boat.

What's in it For Me?

Boats that pass the examination are awarded a distinctive VSC Decal that alerts the Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, and other law-enforcement agencies that your boat was found to be in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws. Frequently, such agencies will not detain or board boats displaying a current-year decal that are otherwise operating safely.



What If I Don't Pass?

If your boat does not pass, no report is filed. Instead, you are provided a written report that aids you in correcting any discrepancies noted. Often, a quick trip to the local marine store is all that is necessary to obtain missing safety items and easily pass a re-inspection.

Why Do This?

In a word – safety. You are left with the peace of mind that your boat meets minimum safety standards and that in an emergency; you will have the necessary equipment to save lives and summon help. Additionally, you will avoid substantial fines should you ever be boarded by law enforcement and found to be in violation. Finally, your insurance rates may be lowered – check with your agent.

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HOME, HOME ON THE RANGE

Once again the option for target shooting and fishing is here.
The cost is \$5.00 per person to be on the shooting range or to fish.

Date: **Thursday, May 28, 2015**

Location: **Marion Fish & Game Club** 1215 Marseilles Galion Road E, Marion, Ohio

Activity: 6:00 PM range time for pistol / revolver practice

Dinner: 7:00 PM in the club house



Lemonade and Ice Tea will be served or bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. Alcohol is not permitted in the club house or on the shooting range. Sandwiches, munchies and dessert, plus condiments and table service will be provided. If you wish to bring something feel free, but we should have plenty.

Directions: Take SR 23 north to SR 4 and exit north to Bucyrus. The range is approximately .6 miles north of SR 23 on SR 4. The range will be on the right (east side) of SR 4 and the club house will be about .1 mile further north on the right side.

If you need ammunition or any other shooting or fishing supplies, please contact Rod Cooper at Guns & More 740-382-4998. He will let you know the cost and he will bring your order to the range.

Everyone is welcome and this is a great place for kids to fish. Please RSVP Ruth Wilcox at 614-425-8577 before May 25th.

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How do I find out more information?

That's Easy. Go to www.columbussailandpower.org and click on the VSC logo at the bottom of the page.

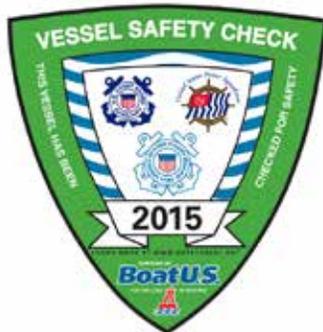
Safe Boating Week – May 16 to May 22.

CSPS will be kicking off the 2015 National Safe Boating Week with VS examinations at the Alum Creek Hollenback Ramp on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 from 8:00AM-1:00PM. We will have a host of examiners available to check your vessel that day. Come out for a soft drink or bottle of water and have your boat checked.

Also on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 AM we will be trying to set yet another world record with "Ready, Set, Wear It!" Photo in conjunction with the U.S. Corp of Army Engineers at the Alum Creek Hollenback Ramp. Bring your life vest with you that morning and participate in the group picture. Pictures will be taken simultaneously around the United States that day to combined for a new world's record for wearing life vests.

Last of all - remember Friday, May 15 is "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day". So put on your life jacket and wear it with pride!

Be safe and help spread the word about the good things Columbus Sail and Power Squadron does on the water!



Renewing Your Membership

The flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, the smell of freshly cut grass is in the air, and the boats are starting to talk to us. But - before you hit the water this month, be sure to renew your membership to the United States Power Squadrons. It is as EASY as 1 - 2 - 3 !

1. Go to www.usps.org/dues
2. Enter your squadron E# and your credit card number for immediate payment.
3. Or call the United States Power Squadrons at 1-888-367-8777 to renew over the phone.

By renewing your membership, you help keep our waters full of skilled boaters. Thank you!

We Love a Parade!

Join the fun as we promote boating skills at the Grandview Heights Memorial Day Parade, Saturday May 23rd. Walk or ride a boat down 1st Avenue from Cambridge Blvd to Northwest Blvd (a nice 1.3 mile trek), or sit on the sidelines and wave as we come by. After the parade, return to the Oakland Avenue Yacht Club for a cookout. Everyone is invited to attend! Please bring a bag of candy to toss, a side dish to share, a lawn chair to sit in and your life jacket if you plan to be in the parade. Drinks, main dish and table service will be provided. Be at the Hughes/Garrett/Mohr home (1263 Oakland Ave) at 9am to line up for the parade which begins at 10am. Lunch will be served around 11:15am. Contact us at 614-488-4758 if you are coming!



Congratulations to the following students who recently passed the winter courses:

Jr. Navigation

- ✓ Ed Mack

Instructor Certification

- ✓ Julie Mohrman
- ✓ Ed Mack
- ✓ Sherwin Ritchie
- ✓ Michael T Hughes
- ✓ Mari Seaver

Marine Electrical Systems

- ✓ John Daulton

Weather

- ✓ Bruce Quatman
- ✓ Ralph Newman
- ✓ Penny Newman
- ✓ Patricia Carpenter



Number of students currently enrolled in the following courses:

- Seamanship** – 11
- Navigation** – 1
- Electronic Navigation** – 7

Thanks to all of our instructors who volunteer their time to teach these great course offerings!

Instructors need to keep a look out in your inbox for a meeting invite to review course offerings for the 2015-2016 year. WE are looking forward to the Marion instructors joining the education team and sharing their knowledge.

Springtime Boating

3 tips for starting the season safely

The familiar growl of boat motors waking up from a long winter's nap heralds the start of the boating season at boat launch ramps. But what makes boating, fishing or sailing different at this time of year for many of us?

Beware of cold water. Even though you're in a T-shirt and can feel the sun's warmth on your face, the water beneath your boat's keel could make breathing difficult or disable you in minutes after an accidental fall overboard. Wear a comfortable life jacket, and if going solo, rig a self-boarding ladder that you can deploy from the water.

Make backup plans. Having an on-water towing plan can help during a routine breakdown underway. However, you should leave a note or a float plan with friends or family

members advising them of your expected return. That's because early in the season there are few boaters available to provide aid if something unexpected happens, and if no one knows where you are, you could be in a heap of trouble. A sample float plan can be found at boat.us.com/floatplan.

Take your time. The number one reason why boats sink in the springtime is boaters being in a hurry to get in the water. Check every engine hose and clamp. Remove leaves in scuppers and clear clogged cockpit drains. Check to see that freezing water didn't crack the sea strainer or seacock/valves. Go to boat.us.com/springchecklist for a fitting out checklist.

–BoatUS

Knots 3D - Great App for remembering those knots for setting sail. In 3D for the ones who learn from seeing and doing.
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/knots-3d/id453571750?mt=8>

2015 Educational Courses

Register for all these courses and read a complete description on our website found at www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab. All classes will be held at CSPA Headquarters unless otherwise noted. Weekday classes and seminars begin at 7pm. Please arrive 15 minutes early on your first night to complete the registration process.

Seamanship (Hudson/various)
Electronic Navigation (Lowe)

Tuesdays 3/24 – 5/19
Wednesdays 3/25 – 5/13

member \$55/non-member \$85
member \$65/non-member \$85

SEMINARS:

Practical Marine Engine Maintenance

Thursday 5/14

\$20 per person @ HQ



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
24 March 2015**

(These minutes will be approved at the April 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 and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP.

Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary, Lt/C. Ron Hupman 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; Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver; S Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, AP; Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P; P/C Larry Lowe, SN; Lt Theresa McCarty, P

Also present: P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN; D/C William Lehner, SN; P/C Phil Osborne, JN; Lt/C Michael T Hughes, AP; Lt, Tracy Garrett, S; Lt Tom Doyle, P; P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Commander John Seaver, JN:

Cdr. Seaver spoke with Wade Grosz about the proposed remuneration to the Scioto Boat Club for use of their facility for the ABC class and he was supportive. The District 29 Spring Conference was well executed and our membership should be very proud of the meeting and party that we hosted. There were too many volunteers to mention. The Sea Gals' St. Patrick's Day party was fun at the Ehrbar's. From the Members-at-Large calls, we need feedback. Roby Schottke is back as a member and should be added to the call list. Also need to add the Seamanship and current ABC lists.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver:

4,447 postcards were sent via the ODNR grant announcing the Seamanship class. This resulted in 5 additional people in the class. We will do this for other classes. Electronic Navigation starts tomorrow. Trying conference calls for meetings.

Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack, JN:

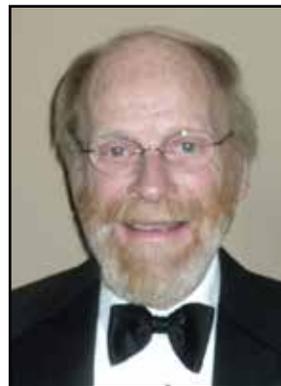
Financial reports were distributed and reviewed. Ed reported on donations received from AT&T and changes he has made to the monthly financial reports

Executive Officer Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP:

D-29 Spring Conference - Great Spring Conference earlier this month. From what I witnessed fun was had by all.

CSPS Commander's Ball - Again a great evening hosted by Cdr John Seaver, JN and Lt/C Mari Seaver. Wonderful food, very nice venue and great entertainment.

Reminders - April 19 - 5:30 PM - Vessel Safety Examiners



meeting - CSPS headquarters
Safe Boating Week Plans - 16
May - 22 May
· 15 May - Wear your life
jacket to work day
· 16 May & 17 May - 8:00
AM - 1:00 PM - Vessel Safety -
Alum Creek Reservoir - Hollenback
Ramp
· 16 May - 10:00 AM -
Ready, Set, Wear It! Photo - Bring
your life vest and participate!

Administrative Officer Lt/C John McCarty, AP:

The April 2 dinner meeting will be at the Winking Lizard at Crosswoods. It will showcase this year's cruises.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S:

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

Imm. Past Commander, P/C William Mohrman, AP -

The district meeting went well thanks to all who helped. KUDOS to Cdr. Seaver for the Commander's Ball.

Members at Large Reports:

Lt Bob Goelz- Excused-taking Seamanship
Lt Eldon Hall Jr., AP - Absent
Lt Michael Hudson, AP - Excused-teaching Seamanship
Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P - Would like to see us advertise in the store at Alum Creek. Include copies of the GG.
P/C Larry Lowe, SN - Calls could include questions about dinner meetings, preferred time, etc.
Lt. Jana Mack, S - Excused-ill
Lt. Theresa McCarty, P - Working with a reporter on a Dispatch article about CSPS. Suggested inviting him to the April Dinner.
Lt Mary Rayburn, S - Absent - ill
Lt Scott Shaw - Excused

Committee Reports

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee: P/C Tom Norman, P; P/C David Canale, P; P/C Bill Mohrman - No report
Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; P/C Robert Prior, P; P/C Tom Norman, P - No report
Rules Committee: P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Bob Van der Wissel, SN; Lt Michael T Hughes, AP - No report

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman - No report
Housing Committee: Vacant
Planning Committee: P/C David Canale, P; D/C Bill Lehner, SN - Tackling bylaws updates and document retention policy.
Law Officer: P/C David Canale, P: Absent
Merit Marks Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN or P/C



Bob Van Der Wissel, JN - Absent

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN- Looking for new voice synthesizer for Coastie.

Supply Officer: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – The new USPS Branding standards have been evaluated and we will sell the inventory we have. Will bring ship's Store to a dinner meeting.

Outreach: Lt. Julie Mohrman, AP – No report

Sea Gals: Cdr. Martha Beidel – Harold Beidel reported that the St. Patrick's Day party at the Ehrbar's was a good time.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Technical Committee: Lt/C John McCarty, Lt Michael Hudson, P, Cdr John Seaver, JN – A web page meeting occurred at the district conference. John McCarty is working with Jason Snook of Toledo on content management options. John set up a class reservation address.

Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack, JN; No changes except monthly fluctuations in value.

Boat Shows: P/C William Mohrman, AP – No report

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett, S – The grant money was spent on postcards for Seamanship class. The site has been changed for fireworks at Alum Creek. There may be no boat parade. May 23 is the Grandview Heights parade and picnic at Michael & Tracy's.

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent. Updated roster is available.

Boating Activities: Lt/C Julie Mohrman, AP: List of rendezvous is in April GG.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP: Absent- A meeting for examiners is scheduled.

Old Business:

Document retention has been moved to the Planning Committee.

Remuneration to Scioto Boat Club – See commander's report.

New Business:

A welcome potluck for the new members from Marion will be at HQ April 12 at 5:00 PM.

Comments from Guests:

Bill Lehner called attention to the 100 year flag on display that will be passed to other squadrons. Suggests a presentation on customs regulations at a dinner meeting. Phil Osborne noted that the last Marion Power Squadron meeting is tomorrow.

Last Horizon:

P/C David Canale's father.

Sick Bay:

Fred Card – Being treated for a brain tumor
Kay Lehner-Hip replacement
Jane Clark

Announcements:

Next ECOM meeting is April 28

The meeting was adjourned at 2013

Thank You from Bill Lehner for help with conference

Thank you, thank you and thank you. I have always been proud to belong to the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron, We have an ability to join together and pull off a project. Many of the projects have been monumental and some are just our everyday standard operating procedures. But I have never been more humbled and appreciative of the way we pulled off the Spring Conference 2015.

At the risk of missing a few names (please realize it's not you efforts but rather my memory) I need to thank: **Don and Angie** – excellent job as always. I don't know how many Change of Watches / District Conferences they have planned but they were in control and had great follow through. **Commanders John and Bill** always responded to my strange requests and went above and beyond. The entire **Bridge and Executive Committee's** support was unwavering with both time and treasures. The **Sea Gals**, despite a very late entry (my tardiness not theirs) for banding together under very difficult time restraints and pulled off another decorating homerun. The registration committee – P/C **Van Der Wissel** and D/1st/Lt **Ed Mack**. You know a committee is doing a good job when there is no need for me to be involved and things run smoothly. Jana also was in charge of the spouse activities, although the weather didn't produce many participants Jana had done her homework and had everything ready. P/Lt/C **Ruth Wilcox** for her always popular Scuba Adventure.

Two very close friends were instrumental in the success of the event, both of whom worked without any prodding, worked in the background and kept me out of trouble (at least alot of trouble).

P/D/C **Phil Osborne** - Aid to the D/C, I've heard a lot of comment on which is the best job in USPS, frequently P/C and P/D/C are mentioned, I don't think there is any question that the toughest Job is Aid to a Commander. No glory and you have to solve the problems of the guy that gets all the Glory. I knew I was in good hands when Phil accepted the job for me (and trust me that is a job) and no one can do it better.

P/V/C **Joe and Karen Mesenburg** - it is not an over statement to say that Joe was the reason we had Louie and Dot at our conference. For months we sought Joe & Karen's council on everything from who pays for what during the Chief's Rep visit; to ideas for an appropriate gift to them to commemorate their visit. Any of my screw-ups on the script (like skipping over the part where I get my Flag) were in spite of Joe's help not because of it. Joe, it will always be special to me to have had you swear me in.

Thanks again to one and all Columbus, another great Job! — D/C **Bill Lehner, SN**

"Would Someone Please Explain to Me...?"

By Dick Sorensen, JN

Getting older allows one to be more direct. At least that is the excuse I am using to speak my mind on numerous subjects; none of which is an earth-shattering cause célèbre'

- Why is the United States foreign policy so unsuccessful? When will our 'leaders' learn that foreign countries don't have to 'like' us to respect us. When you give somebody something for nothing they do not appreciate it. The last successful international policy we had was the Marshall Plan; and that was in 1946!
- Can you figure out your latest doctor/hospital/insurance bill? No wonder our kids do so poorly in math!
- How is it possible that the Roman's Appian roadway, built 2,000 years ago, is still in use today and the bridges that were built last year are already starting to crumble?
- When did we become a nation of whiners?
- Why are there smoking areas outside of health centers?
- Every human life is sacred. That said, would any of the recent killings of black men have happened if they had just stopped and followed the police officers instructions?
- How is it possible that the 'Baby Boomers' of the World War II generation turned out 'ok' when our mothers smoked and drank during pregnancy?
- It was not child abuse when the delivering doctor turned me upside down and slapped some life into me. It sure would be now!
- Don't even discuss our travelling across country in a car with no seat belts....let alone a without car seat. Now my grandkids get out of my car if I don't have a car seat for them.
- Why do people, after ordering a Big Mac meal, then specify a Diet Coke?
- Why are wooden cutting boards un-safe when countless millions of meals were prepared on one?
- Why are parents being arrested for allowing their children to walk to school?
- With women changing their outfits many times before going out, for girls who call each other before school to find out what the other one is wearing, for the Imelda Marcos of the world with 500 pairs of shoes.... How is it possible for a women to pick ONE subject to be permanently tattooed on her skin AND if the subject is so important why don't they get it done upside down so that THEY can lovingly gaze at it?

These are just some of the many mysteries that confound me on a daily basis. I didn't even mention the 10-count wiener and 8-pack hot dog bun dilemma that has been perplexing me. If you can help me understand some of these, please write me *in cursive*.



Dick Sorensen contemplates these life mysteries and more on a daily basis. One of the mysteries he is still trying to unravel is the concepts of Marine Navigation. To read more on his take on life visit www.DickSorensen.net

Vessel Exam Days

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The time is here to get the Vessel Examined!

Come to Alum Creek's Hollenback Ramp on **Saturday, May 16th or Sunday, May 17th** between 8am-1pm for your FREE vessel safety exam. The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron will be in full force both days so you can take advantage of this life saving program.

Why get an exam? Safety! The peace of mind that your boat meets federal safety standards and that in an emergency you will have the necessary equipment to save lives and summon help. Finally, your insurance rates could often be discounted for vessels which undergo a Vessel Safety Check every year.

Boats that pass the examination are awarded a distinctive VSC Decal that alerts the Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, and

other law-enforcement agencies that your boat was found to be in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws. Plus - such agencies will not detain or board boats displaying a current decal that are otherwise operating safely.

If your boat does not pass, no report is filed. Instead, you are provided a written report that aids you in correcting any discrepancies noted. Often, a quick trip to the local marine chandlery is all that is necessary to obtain missing safety items and easily pass a re-inspection. And if you show your examiner-signed VSC report, you may receive a discount on your missing or discrepant items.

Cannot make it to this event or your boat is located somewhere else? Send an email to John Pruitt at jmpruitt@prodigy.net or call him at 614.216.5203

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TO JOIN THE REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Have your Kroger Plus card handy
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- Register your Kroger Plus card online at the www.kroger.com/communityrewards
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- Enter our NPO number: 81790 or Columbus Sail & Power Squadron and click on confirm.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count. Do you use your phone number at the register? Call **877-576-7587** to get your Kroger Plus Card number. If you do not have internet access, please call **1-800-621-7042** and a letter will be mailed to you with a barcode you can use at the store.

MARION TRANSFERS: Please verify that your Kroger card designates Columbus Sail and Power Squadron if you recently renewed.



New and Returning Members:

Brian Lehner (Bill's brother)
Roby Schottke (returning member)

FIRST HORIZON

First Horizons: Congratulations to P/C Matthew Murphy and wife Debbie, the proud grandparents of Titus Matthew Murphy, born 4-15 to Elias & Ariel Murphy. Big brother Kenny, is excited to have a playmate.



Are you friends with Columbus Sail and Power Squadron on Facebook? If not, come check us out! You may find pictures of you or your friends from one of our many events posted. You can also post on our page, talk about upcoming events and cruises and more! Come join us!

may birthdays

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Ron DeCario
Don Delewese
Kyle Dopp
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Sue Goelz
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Katerine Johnston
Ricky Matter
Shirley Parker
Jack Price
Pam Price
Bruce Quatman
Sherwin Ritchie
Jim Ruth
Jerry Spears
Frank Swiatek

Did we miss your birthday? If so, go to www.usps.org Click on "Site Index" at the very top; click "Information Center" in the list; then on "Manage Your Profile". You can update your entire record here (email, boat, spouse, phone numbers). This also helps up keep our roster current. NOTE: Your DOB will not be listed on the roster.

A-1 Trailer & Hitch, located at 5812 Columbus Pike (US Rt 23N) in Lewis Center is offering an early spring trailer wheel bearing repack/replace special for \$35. This includes all parts and materials. Contact owner Roger at 614-389-4614 and mention this fishing expo special!

CSPS 2015 Cruise & Rendezvous Listing

MAY 16-17 Sat/Sun – Kickoff Safe Boating Week with **Vessel Safety Inspections** at Hollenback ramp Alum Creek State Park 8am-1pm. Come talk to boaters and help pass out cold drinks.

May 16 Ready, Set, Wear It! Photo Op – Bring the family (including the dog) along with your life jackets and help set the world record at 10am Hollenback ramp.

MAY 23 Grandview Heights Memorial Day & Cookout Come for the parade and stay for the fun. Get involved in safe boating with our 7th year entering this parade. Ride on a boat or walk this 1 ½ mile route. Bring a bag of candy to toss and your life jackets to wear. Parade watchers can walk 5 doors away and wave as we go by. Then stay for the cookout around 11:30am at Oakland Ave Yacht Club. Meat, table service and drinks provided. Please bring a dish to share. 9am-? RSVP so we know how many chairs to get out. Host: Michael Hughes, Tracy Garrett & Charlotte Mohr 614-488-4758 mtbuckets@aol.com

JUNE 20 Larry's Lunch-Hook – Depending on the wind direction the day of, we will meet either at School House Bay or North Bay on Kelley's Island. Bring your lunch, drop the anchor and enjoy the water for the day. Host: Larry & Sue Lowe 614-314-9439 afterglowe15570@gmail.com

JUNE 26-28 Pittsburgh Fun – Drive about 3 ¼ hrs from C'bus to Fredericktown Pa. Launch boats at Greene Cove Marina; plenty of vehicle safety. Stay in Fredericktown area Thursday & Saturday nights. Friday morning head to Pittsburgh through the locks and spend the night. Return to Greene Cove on Saturday for a scheduled night of fun. Sunday boat the area, perhaps travel to Morgantown WV or return to Columbus. Hosts: Joe & Linda Huffman 614-889-9696 joes442@sbcglobal.net

JULY 4th Orange Boom Over Alum Lighted Boat Parade - Columbus SPS along with the Alum Creek Sailing Assoc will coordinate the lighted boat parade before the fireworks begin. Plan how to decorate your boat. We meet outside the break wall of the marina and make our way to the beach area to show our spirit. Watch for fliers at the Marina area. David Canale 614-323-6040 davidcanale4u@yahoo.com

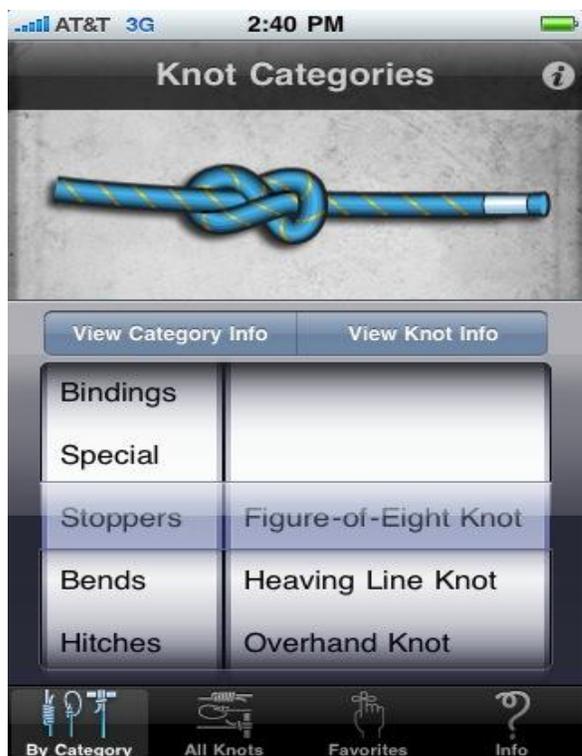
July 18-25 NY Finger Lakes Event - Enjoy a weeklong trip through the scenic waters of the New York Finger Lakes. There are wineries on the water and super fishing charters that can be retained for some spectacular fishing. Be sure to get on the email list for all the stops, hotels, etc. Host: Ron Lavelly 614-595-1762 ronlavelly@yahoo.com

July 30-August 1st Districts 29 Conference –The new location is the Sandusky Yacht Club and SYC has set aside a number of docks for us. Come for the meeting, stay for the friends. Contact the marina at [419-625-6567](tel:419-625-6567) to reserve a dock. Hotels are nearby. Contact Phil Osborne 614-327-4063 Posborne2@aol.com

August 15 The Canale's Summer Fling @ Alum Creek State Park – Come out early, go for a swim, enjoy some tubing and play at the beach. Maybe a Steak Fry? Host: David Canale 614-323-6040 davidcanale4u@yahoo.com

Sept 4-7 Huron Labor Day Land & Sea Cruise – Ron has been hosting this trip for 15 years. But after attending it last year without his boat and staying in a hotel next to the marina, he had so much fun he decided to host it again. If you do not have a Lake Erie boat or don't want to trailer, join the group staying at the hotel. There will be plenty of boats to ride on. Host: Ron Lavelly 614-595-1762 ronlavelly@yahoo.com

JazZoo River Rafting – Friday nights July 10, 17, 31 and Aug 7 - The four-concert series returns to the Water's Edge Events Park at the Columbus Zoo for its 10th season providing a beautiful waterfront setting along the O'Shaughnessy Reservoir. Launch at the boat ramp at Home Road & Riverside Drive on the Scioto River. Fun starts when you get there – concerts start at 8pm. NOTE: Bring a strong light for getting back after the concert as this part of the river is extremely dark! Contact Joe Huffman for additional information or questions 614-889-9696 home; 614-620-9696 cell. Email is joes442@sbcglobal.net



Name: Columbia What Knot To Do

Cost: Free

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A comprehensive animated pocket guide with clear step-by-step instructions to over 70 knots including Hitches, Stoppers, Bends and Loops. Each knot features a written description, suggestive uses and a reference number to The Ashley Book of Knots.

What Knot To Do includes a glossary of cordage and knot terminology as well as a *Favorites* feature that allows users to save frequently used knots to a readily accessible queue.

Similar apps are available for both Apple and Android devices with **Animated Knots by Grog** (\$4.99) is an honorable mention. Go to **Apple App Store** or **Google Play Store** and search for "Knots".

Ready! Set! Wear-It! To Work Friday May 15

Join your colleagues, peers, and friends around the world in demonstrating how easy it is to wear a life jacket – even at work! Just prior to National Safe Boating Week and the sixth-annual "Ready, Set, Wear It!" event being held on May 16, we are asking you to take a photo of yourself wearing your life jacket at work! Don't forget to post your photo on the "Ready, Set, Wear It!" Facebook wall (www.Facebook.com/ReadySetWearIt) or email to outreach@safeboatingcouncil.org for others to see that you "Wear It!" at work.

I've been approached to see if I can find one or two volunteers to get trained to do Life Jacket Wear Rate study work for Alum Creek Lake in 2015. This is a scientific study sanctioned by JSI Research & Training Institute, INC. I am the process of checking with them on the time in will take a volunteer to get trained and to do the 2015 study work. Let me know if you might be interested. I'm hoping this might be a good project for a COSBC member.

Thanks, John Wargo

WHAT: Ready! Set! Wear It! World Record Day & Photo

WHEN: Saturday May 16th at 10am

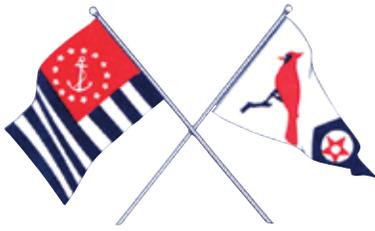
WHERE: Alum Creek State Park – Hollenback Ramp

BRING: Your family, friends, dogs AND your life jackets!

On Saturday May 16, 2015, boating safety educators, marine enforcement officials, politicians, media, and the general public will gather across North America and throughout the world to try to beat the 2014 world record of 6,973 life jackets worn and inflatable life jackets inflated. Ready, Set, Wear It! Life Jacket World Record Day aims to raise public awareness of the importance of life jacket wear and general boating safety practices.

Last year, Japan had the highest number of participants at a single event, with 1,041 participants at an event hosted by the Maris in Odaiba, Tokyo. The largest U.S. event was hosted by Miami Country Park District in Covington, Ohio with 441 participants.





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