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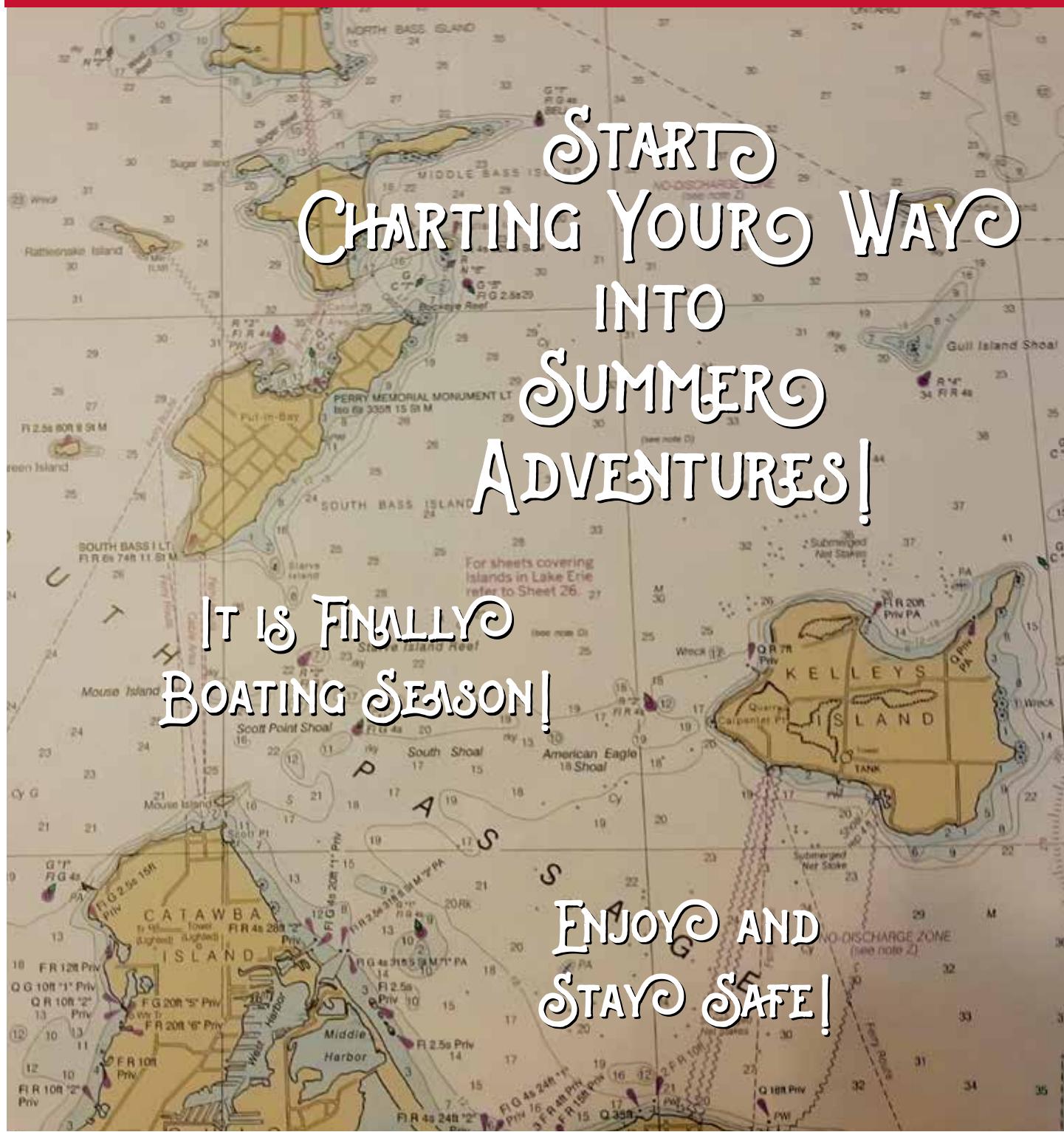
DISTRICT 29

Monthly Newsletter for Sail, Power, and Paddle Boaters

START CHARTING YOUR WAY INTO SUMMER ADVENTURES!

IT IS FINALLY BOATING SEASON!

ENJOY AND STAY SAFE!



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Sherri Haring, P



Welcome to May! I know that I am excited for warmer weather and more boating time. This month we take a week out to promote National Safe Boating Week, May 22-28. Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day is May 21, 2021 and you could win a prize by simply sharing a picture of yourself on social media with the #jacketatwork and tag @boatingcampaign. So be creative! You should also send your picture to our web page to let others know that we are a fun but safe group of boaters. Did you know that, unfortunately, in 2019 Ohio made the top 10 for boating accidents with 128 total accidents including 12 fatal accidents?

This Safe Boating Week we are hoping to have



a Vessel Safety Exam (VSE) station at Alum Creek on May 22. We will have more details as we get closer. As of this writing our area is still on stand-down from the Coast Guard, but the upper part of District 29 is open for VSE. If we become a go for the VSE, a picnic for our club and any other boaters we meet will follow the event. Stay tuned for more information.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Bob Goelz, S



I am sure by now you have all read the article about our Squadron and the Virtual Education we have done so well...it is on page 40 in the Spring 2021 issue of *The Ensign*. If you have not opened that magazine in a while, please get to it. We are blessed with all that goes on around us and what turns out to be the best of ideas that get reported in those pages.



I was on my boat this past weekend after a great Easter with the family only to discover that while she is in good shape, I have a list of things to do. I have a chip in the gel coat that needs repair. By the way, I had to have the bellows replaced on my I/O drive which was completed at Paul's Marine that they did very professionally. While it was at Paul's, I had the boat lifted off the trailer and took lots of pictures of the bottom, transom, and bow. What a view! Little did I know how many scuffs, pit holes, and cosmetic cracks I have. I contacted

a gelcoat expert here in town and will have to wait months to get in for a complete undercoat repair. We did not find any structure problems, but these small cracks can cause real trouble if not repaired.

I am looking into Vessel Exams for May. Hopefully, we will get the approval to move forward in Central Ohio. I know John Pruitt is anxious about this as well. We will just have to adjust if the approval goes beyond Safe Boating Week. It may be tough to hold vessel exams at the marina on Alum Creek as they have begun to revamp the marina and the parking lot is closed to through traffic. Just another small hurdle we will overcome. The other ramps will be open so we will focus on those is what I am thinking at this point.

I hope you join me in feeling just a little better as this spring continues to move forward. Easter was a place and time that our family could get together with each other for the first time in a long time. COVID will be overcome, and it feels good to see the sun coming up again with joy and comfort for all of us. I hope you have a great boating season; I can't wait to splash! Good luck to all of you!

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
For Boaters, By Boaters™





Thank you to all who attended the 1st St. Patrick's Day Zoom party! As you can see, we all had a great time! Since we had over 12 people attend, I was able to award more for prizes! Beside the games and making the Grasshopper Drink, I think one of the



best times was the last hour when we were all able to just laugh and talk. It was so great to visit with everyone on the call! Can't wait will be we can do more of this!!! Until then stay safe and check out Matt's picture!!



Marketing Missives

We are working on going live with a Ship's Store on the website. We will sell some ABC branded merchandise to help drive the logo identification.

The Facebook Page is going well with 275 people following and over 14,000 people reached! Of the 19 posts made there have been 2000 engagements and 89 link clicks. If you're on Facebook, take a look and follow us.

The website is starting to show some steady traffic for March. 102 people entered the site directly, 51 from Facebook, and 58 from Google. 90.06% of the visitors were first-time and average time spent was 3 minutes and 50 seconds. As we add more content and tweak the site this will

increase but is well above where it was.

I could still use some help with Google. Please Google "America's Boating Club Central Ohio". The first screen that comes up will have a column on the far right; this is our Google Business Page. Scroll down to the bottom of this column and leave us a review. Each review will only help us get noticed.

Additionally, on the bottom of our web page is a place to subscribe to the site. By subscribing you will get the latest information I'm sending out as well as Blog posts.

Brian Crabbe
Marketing Chair

TIME TO RENEW!

As we approach the boating season, many of us will find our America's Boating Club renewal notice coming in an email in the next 30-60 days. Below are the top 10 reasons why we should all renew our membership!

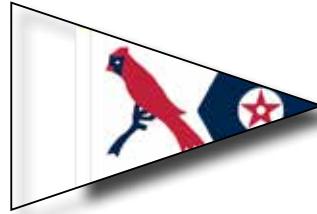
10. Save money with exclusive member benefits from LifeLock, Boat US, Avis/Budget, Wyndham Hotels, Pet Insurance, Vision Care and more - check them all out at www.usps.org
9. Publications Galore: The quarterly USPS *Ensign* with real-life tips, advice and boating adventures; the monthly USPS *Compass* e-newsletter with videos, tricks and articles; District 29's *Pier 29* and *Dock* provide information about our six district squadrons; AND our own *Galley Gossip* delivers valuable content on your Central Ohio dinners, education, meetings, events, boating trips and more.
8. Access to a wide range of classes and seminars at exceptional member rates! Increase your skills to become a better boater; learn about equipment, predicting weather, how to sail, etc.
7. Entertaining dinner meetings (coming again soon) with informative presentations. Currently holding Zoom parties with opportunities to win gift cards, see friends, catch up on news!
6. Being a part of a community of boaters with a common vision: to help create safe boating experiences for others.
5. Using learned skills to travel near and far with club friends on boating adventures! Nashville, Ohio River, Lake Erie, Canada, Norris Lake, Lake Cumberland, Alum Creek, Buckeye Lake and more.
4. Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day (May 21st); Safe Boating Week (May 22-28); Ice Breakers, Parades, Poker Runs and more!!!
3. When traveling by any means, the Port Captain Program will give you another member in that area to talk to about navigation tips as well as local eateries to try and places to visit!
2. No reason to write a check and use a stamp. Visit www.usps.org, log in and pay online!

AND THE #1 REASON TO RENEW YOUR AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB MEMBERSHIP:
Making life-long friends who enjoy boating just as much as you do!



William Edwards, Jr.
Tracy Garrett
Sue Goelz
Katharine Johnson
Jack Price

Pamela Price
Sherwin Ritchie
James Ruth
Jerry Spears III
Frank Swiatek



SICK BAY

Joyce Hankle
Mari Seaver
Ruth Wilcox

America's Boating Club of Central Ohio

2021 Boating Season Cruises

Hello to all and welcome to Central Ohio Cruises for the 2021 boating season. As the executive officer for our club, I have met with my team of Cruise Planners and these are the dates, contacts, and destinations we have planned for fun on the water this year.

We want as many boats as we have interest for each event. If you want to join us and don't have a boat or just prefer to join in, contact the Cruise Planner and we will find a boat on which you can ride. Some of the cruises are over several days and you may not be able to make that much of a commitment. Again, the Cruse Planner is your contact.

- **May 22 - Alum Creek Cruise** (end of Safe Boating Week)
Hot dogs and chips at the Alum Creek New Galena Dock location.
We will cruise the lake and have a celebration of vessel exams (COVID permitting).
Contact: Glen Kubinski glenkubinski@yahoo.com
- **June 20 – June 26 Nashville Trip**
Launch fromon June 20, arriving Nashville on June 22.
Overnight 22,23,24, at Holiday Inn Express (Phone 877-666-3243)
Contact: Phil Osborne posborne2@aol.com
- **July 10 Lake Erie Cruise**
Cruise Sandusky Bay to Fremont down the Sandusky River!
Contact: Phil Osborne posborne2@aol.com
- **July 17 Buckeye Lake Poker Run**
Contact: Ron Hupman hupman1@att.net
- **August 13-15 Ohio River Trip**
Launching from Ripley Ohio, exploring the Ohio River and historic river towns along the way.
Contact: Tom Francis francisjr.t@rpamail.com
- **September 15–21 Lake Cumberland Cruise**
Beaver Creek Marine Botel (houseboat) trip. 3 Botels reserved.
If you are going, RESERVE your Botel now. (You can always cancel.)
6 Queen size rents for 399.50/night.
4 Queen size rents for 366.16/night.
\$500.00 deposit refundable until August.
Call 800-844-8862.
Come and enjoy Lake Cumberland with us!!
Contact Joe Huffman
joes442@sbcglobal.net





**The sun is shining, the sky is blue,
I want to go sailing, how about you?**

"In the spring a young man's fancy turns to" ... getting the boat ready to put in the water ... and you thought I was going to say baseball!

With the thoughts of making the "SPLASH" the prudent young man, or any boater for that matter, would consider getting a Vessel Safety Check. So, before you go, how about you?

In March we completed another successful America's Boating Course. We had 33 people signed up for and start the course. Seven dropped out, two people were auditing the course and 24 completed the course and passed the exams with flying colors. I was asked what the age range of the students was. The average age was 58. The oldest was 72 and the youngest was 35. All but three students were over 50. I will leave this to all the statisticians to contemplate the demographics of these figures.

As with the ABC last Fall, this Spring's America's Boating Course was conducted in the virtual classroom via Zoom. As a result, we were able to



accommodate people from a greater geographic area, Sandusky to Sharp's Chapel (Lake Norris), Tennessee. The success of the Spring 2021 America's Boating Course was due to the dedication and enthusiasm of our instructors and support volunteers. I want to shout a BIG THANK YOU to:

Sherri Haring, Bob and Sue Goelz, John and Mari Seaver, Ralph Newman, Michael T. Hughes, Bob Rayburn, Dick Sorensen and Tom and Diane Doyle. Hopefully, I did not miss anyone.

We are waiting for the return of several more course surveys. When these are in, we will provide the results.

Our Boat Handling (formerly Seamanship) course is underway with Bob Rayburn at the helm. With only three very enthusiastic students it was decided by the group to conduct this course in the traditional classroom wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. We will keep you posted on the progress and results.

As Dick the weatherman would say "Keep your nose into the wind and your eye on the horizon" and be safe.

Until then: "Any way the wind blows...Doesn't really matter."

Calling All Amazon Shoppers!

Did you know your purchases on Amazon can give back to America's Boating Club of Central Ohio? AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite boating organization every time you shop. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to ABC at no extra cost to you!

To support our boating organization through Amazon, follow these steps:

- Go to WWW.SMILE.AMAZON.COM and log into your account.
- Under "your accounts & lists" choose YourAmazon Smile.
- Search for Columbus Sail and Power (located in Lewis Center) and choose this for your charity.
- Bookmark SMILE.AMAZON.COM on your browser so ABC of Central Ohio receives credit for your purchases.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

This simple fundraising program gives to the America's Boating Club of Central Ohio based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

1. Create or log into your digital account at Kroger.com
2. Under My Account, click on Community Rewards
3. Search for and choose **Columbus Sail and Power Squadron (HN067)**
4. Each time you shop at Kroger, look at the bottom of your receipt to verify CSPS is your linked organization. If it is not, please visit the Kroger Customer Service desk in the store.

SECRETARY

Lt/C Ron Hupman, S



America's Boating Club of Central Ohio - Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Minutes of the Executive Committee 23 March 2021

Due to the coronavirus, this meeting was conducted by Zoom teleconference.

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

Cdr Sherri Haring, P, called the meeting to order at 1900. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cdr Sherri Haring, P. Roll call was taken by sight/voice and the Secretary, Lt/C Ron Hupman, S, found that a quorum was not present. The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr Sherri Haring, P; Administrative Officer Lt/C Tiffany Francis; Education Officer Lt/C Paul King, JN-IN; Asst Education Officer P/C John Seaver, SN; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Lt Joe Huffman, P; P/C Larry Lowe, SN-CN; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; Lt Ruth Wilcox, S. Guests present: Brian Crabbe; P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, P; P/C Michael S. Hughes, SN; P/C Matt Murphy, SN; Debbie Murphy. The minutes of the February meeting could not be approved due to lack of a quorum.

Commander Sherri Haring, P

Cdr Haring offered a big thank you to those who helped with the ABC class. She is searching for the squadron's original EIN number certificate. If anyone has thoughts on where to look, please let her know. If no luck, she will contact the IRS.

Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Goelz, S

Absent

Education Officer Lt/C Paul King, JN-IN

Asst E/O P/C John Seaver, SN

America's Boating Course Statistics

- 33 Signed up for the course
- 7 Dropped out due to medical reasons
- 2 Were just auditing the course
- 24 Completed the course for grades
- 20 Have taken the exam
- 4 Exams yet to grade

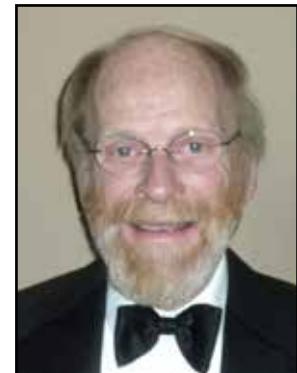
Thanks to all who participated in the successful completion of our Spring 2021 America's Boating

Course. We start the Boat Handling course tomorrow, March 24th. Three people have registered and another two are maybes.

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Tiffany Francis

The Zoom St. Patrick's Day Party went well with ten attendees. It lasted 2.5 hrs. Prizes are being sent out.



Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S

Asst. Sec. – 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P

All officers are asked to prepare written reports and email reports to hupman1@att.net.

Treasurer P/C Dick Sorensen, SN

Absent

Immediate Past Commander P/C Dick Sorensen, SN

Absent

Members at Large Reports:

Lt Sue Goelz, S: Absent

Lt Joe Huffman, P: All is finalized for the Nashville portion of that cruise but no information yet on Lake Barkley.

Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP: He is enjoying teaching in the ABC class.

Lt Glen Kubinski, AP: Absent. Cdr. Haring reported that the Kubinskis will retain their membership for at least another year.

P/C Larry Lowe, SN-CN: Reported that he understands there is a new Coast Guard regulation that requires wearing the lanyard for the kill switch on any boat less than 26 ft. in length.

Lt Ralph Newman, SN: Absent

P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN: No report

Lt Beth Perchuk, P: Absent

Lt Ruth Wilcox, S: No report

General Committees

Nominating Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/C Dick Sorensen, SN: No report

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN: Cdr. Haring reported that the audit has been delayed.

Rules Committee: P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN;



P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP: No report

Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman, S:
No report

Housing Committee: 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P:
Absent

Planning Committee: P/C David Canale, P;
P/C Bill Lehner, SN: Absent

Law Officer: P/C David Canale, P: Absent

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Bob Van der
Wissel, AP: Absent

Property Office: 1st/Lt Thomas Doyle, P:
Absent See Housing

Sea Gals: Cdr Martha Beidel: Absent

Special Committees:

Technical Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN:
No report

Social Media Committee: Lt Beth Perchuk:
Absent

Investments Committee: Lt/C Bob Goelz, S:
Absent

Boat Shows: P/C Dick Sorensen, SN: On hold
until next year.

Marketing: Brian Crabbe: Brian reported that
we have 273 followers on Facebook and his post
for the Boat Handling course has had 29 notices.
Messages to the website go to Wix. Brian is
checking messages at least once per day. He will
type up password instructions. The blog on the
website has 59 subscribers.

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN: Absent
Send updated info to Doug and he will update
roster and National.

Boating Activities: P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN:
No report

ABC Class Committee: Need Chair

Old Business:

No updates

New Business

Matt & Debbie Murphy and Tracy Garrett
& Michael Hughes attended this meeting and
requested the squadron's support for the following:

- **Proposal 1** – P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN,
and P/C Matthew G. Murphy, JN, accompanied by
members P/Lt/C Tracy Garrett, P, and Deborah

Murphy will be taking part in a boating safety
event at Sunset Bay Marina in Sharp's Chapel, TN
01 June 2021. As part of the event the members
would like to instruct and demonstrate safety
equipment to a small audience. This may include
on-the-water near the marina and or land-based
demonstrations of PFDs, rescue buoys, operations
of flares, anchoring, and knot tying. Dependencies
will include availability of equipment and fair
weather. Any vessel used in a demonstration will
have received a passing VSC. Many of the boaters
in Sunset Bay are not seasoned and have received
little to no formal boating education. The outreach
is intended to generate safety practices and future
ABC class participants.

They ask that this activity be sanctioned by
the ECOM to enable liability coverage for their
participation in the event. A motion was made at
the 23 March 2021 ECOM meeting but a quorum
was not present. Please process for voting by the
ECOM.

- **Proposal 2** – ABC of Central Ohio has
a supply of PFDs in storage. They ask that 12
PFDs, 6 of each size, be allowed to be distributed
by P/C Michael S Hughes, JN, Tracy Garrett, P,
P/C Matthew G Murphy, JN, and Debbie Murphy
to those who need them to be compliant for their
vessel. The balance will be raffled off or kept for
spares to attendees at no charge.

Since the meeting did not have a quorum
present, a subsequent online vote was conducted
resulting in approval of the proposal.

First Horizon:

None

Last Horizon:

None

Sick Bay:

Joyce Hankle, Mari Seaver, Ruth Wilcox

Announcements:

Next ECOM meeting is April 27
GG articles due April 5

Meeting Adjourned:

20:23

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Earlier this year, a family of five spent a day on the water. It was much like many of you have done hundreds of times. After about 6 hours of tubing and swimming, the boys were tired and they decided to come in for the day. At the dock, one of the boys named Andy, rolled overboard and drowned. But that was not what killed him.

The link below is to the story about Andy's tragic death published by Fox News. It provides more details about what happened that day and the lessons that followed regarding the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning while boating. Please read it.

<https://www.foxnews.com/health/oklahoma-mom-carbon-monoxide-poisoning-son-death-boating-trip>

His mother, Cassandra Free, posted the following comments on the Fox News site after the story...

Make this go viral. This is the hardest post I will ever have to write, but this information needs to be shared.

Andy died on June 6, 2020. He was only 9 years old. Most people don't really know what happened and we hadn't been fully willing to publicly share until we had autopsy answers. The news outlets said that he fell off the dock and drowned. We did not dispute this without having our own concrete evidence, but we knew that this wasn't what happened. He wasn't on the dock. His brothers were treated that night at St. Francis for Acute Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Andrew has been swimming since he was 2 years old- he was a STRONG swimmer- and yet, he didn't even struggle. Now we know why.

His COHb was 72%. His so-called "drowning" was secondary to the fact that he would have never lived at that level. What does this mean?

It means that Andrew was not going to live regardless of what happened next. He was at the back of our Malibu Skier most of the day. Boats, even moving, create a backdraft of exhaust. That's right. Exactly what I've typed: carbon monoxide exits the rear of the boat and drafts right back into the back of the boat. Backseat riders are especially vulnerable at low speeds and in long no-wake zones like the one we had to cross to return to the docks.

I didn't know this. No one I know knew this. It's called open-air carbon monoxide poisoning. Another friend looked into and found that it can also happen on other recreational vehicles like 4-wheelers. Our little Andy, our Dude, was probably slowly dying that afternoon/evening and we didn't know it. He would've been tired. His head would've started to hurt. Sounds like too much sun after a long, physically draining day of wakeboarding, wake surfing, and tubing.

At 72%, or 720,000 parts per million carbon monoxide, his blood was no longer capable of carrying oxygen. Andrew crawled up onto the back edge of the boat while we were packing up at the dock and became unconscious and unaware of his impending death. We had no idea anything unusual was taking place. Had he not fallen over, had he made it into the car, even if he wouldn't have passed at the lake,

he would've been so severely brain-damaged that he likely would've passed away in his sleep on the way home. Even if he would've gone immediately to the ER at that time, he still would've died. No medicine could've saved him at his levels. There was nothing that could've been done at this point.

So we have a little peace. He did not suffer- he fell asleep. We couldn't have done anything differently with the knowledge we had.

But everyone else can. Online boat forums will say that this risk is minimal. Or an "old wives' tale." It just doesn't happen. You have to search for this information to find it. For sure, used boats do not come with this warning. But do you want to risk that your child falls into this category?

Now you know- at the loss of our precious child, you now know that it can happen and it does happen. It may be a one-in-a-million chance, but it exists. It happens in minutes- sometimes within 60 seconds. Andy was smaller than his brothers. They were moving around on the boat more than he was. They were at slightly less risk than their youngest brother.

But we could've lost all three of our children that night. As hard as it is to swallow, we were fortunate. Fortunate that Andy doesn't have to spend his life on life support. Fortunate that his brothers lived. It still leaves a bad taste in my mouth.

All of this information was confirmed by a doctor friend and by the Tulsa County Medical Examiner's office. I've been assured that my baby was so far gone that he did not cry out for me in his mind as he died. He went to sleep and that was it.

I was always one who hates restrictions enforced by the government- inspections and registrations and mandatory recalls that affected vehicle performance. But there is a purpose. Cars and street motorcycles and airplanes have to follow these regulations. But any boat can be registered and taken onto the lake by unsuspecting boaters. Car and street motorcycle and airplane manufacturers are required to notify registered owners of issues that can impact human life. Boat manufacturers do not. In the past 15 years, we've owned 4 registered boats and 4 registered personal watercraft. We've never received a notice of any dangerous conditions.

But, as of 2010, outside sources began to seriously investigate/test potential issues with watercraft. Many will state that the numbers of the CO deaths on the lake are skewed- skewed because they're reported as heart failure or drowning. If you search online hard enough, you can find this, but who would ever think to research? Now you can think to research. And now I know that boat manufacturers do know of the dangers and they're not being proactive to help people stay safe. They make further modifications on newer models, but do not notify owners of used boats. The CDC researches it, but no one has asked that boats be subject to annual exhaust inspections and be retrofitted for human safety when solutions are available. And it turns out that there are solutions available. A boat repair shop would tell you that there's nothing wrong with my boat, but clearly, there is.

This needs to change.

Don't let Andy's death be in vain. Educate yourself and educate your friends and family. I do not want anyone else to ever experience what I am going through.

I'm begging you- please share this!!

Thanks to Tony Palazzo for sharing the story.

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

You can't see it, taste it or smell it.
It can kill quickly and with no warning.
Knowing the signs could save your life.

SIGNS





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