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Nor' Easter Club on
Catawba

Saturday, May 15th

Ice Breaker at the Nor' Easter Club

2801 Nor' Easter Cove Rd., Port Clinton, OH 43452

NO AGENDA MEETING !

1800-1900: Appetizers. Cheese and Crackers, and Bruschetta. Cash Bar.

1900: Dinner Buffet: Prime Rib, Fried Shrimp, Chicken Marsala, veggies and a tossed salad with roll/butter, dessert, coffee/water/soft drinks.

Cost: \$29 per person

Dress: Casual

RSVP to Pam Carr-Jackson at
614-895-0435 or email
pam@dougandpam.com before May 1

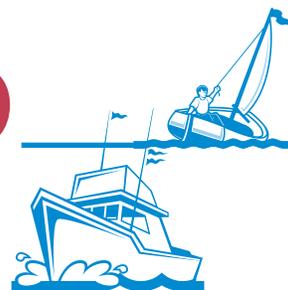




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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 3 Monday June GG Articles Due
- 10 Monday Seamanship Class begins
- 15 Saturday Ice Breaker @ Nor-Easter & Monthly Dinner Meeting (Pam Carr)
- 18 Tuesday Central Ohio Safe Boating Council Meeting
- 22 Saturday VSE at New Galena Ramp, Alum Creek 10am-1pm
- 22-23 Sat.-Sun. Trailing Seminars at Ricart Auto Mall, 10am-noon - Volunteers needed
- 22-28 Sat.-Fri. Safe Boating Week
- 23 Sunday VSE at Hollenback Ramp, Alum Creek 10am-1pm
- 25 Tuesday Exec Meeting 1930 - FINAL BEFORE SUMMER
- 29 Saturday Entry to the Grandview Heights Parade & Cookout 0900

JUNE

- 3 Thursday Dinner Meeting - Alum Cr Sail Assoc Pavilion
- 11-13 Fri.-Sun. PA 3 Rivers Lobster Fest Cruise - contact Jeff Mirgon
- TBD Paint Delaware Dam embankment

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Michael Hughes, JN



I hope everyone found all of their Easter eggs. I am still looking for a few of mine. Maybe I will find them by the end of summer? There are many events and deadlines in the month of May so be sure to read this issue cover-to-cover and highlight everything of interest to you.

I would like to give a big thank you to Don and Angie Delewese for all of their dedication to the D29 Conference and CSPS Commanders Ball. We had 79 in attendance for lunch and 128 for the dinner/dance. Mary Mirgon concocted the best Long Island Iced Teas and Margaritas we have had in a long time. Tracy & I felt like we were on an island in the Caribbean. Joyce Mattis and her crew made some awesome decorations including the winning and losing burgees for the boat competition. This competitive event was a smashing hit with Sandusky as the winners and Toledo picking up last place as their vessel did not even get in the water. Columbus came in second place – way to go Eli and Nate! Findlay's gorilla made a huge splash before the competition began. David Canale compiled the raffle items, sold the tickets and gave away the 2 huge packages of goodies donated by members, businesses and the community. Bonnie Michael did a fantastic job putting together the spouse's event in downtown Worthington. Look in this issue for the proof! Tracy had the hotel staff on overtime keeping the beers cold, the trash emptied and all the rooms ready when we arrived. There are many more of you who donated time, talent and a helping hand, so thank you very much. This conference was such a success because of you.

We brought our boat, *Summer Breeze*, home today and I am looking forward to the spring 'fitting out'. I plan on checking out all of my safety gear such as life jackets, verifying that flares are up to date, anchor line is not frayed, checking



the fire extinguishers for a full charge, radio, lights and horn, etc. I am prepping for my annual vessel safety exam so that I can pass on the first chance available.

We are excited to be attending the Ice Breaker for the first time. It seems that we always missed it in the past as it coincided with Univ. of Dayton's move-out weekend. But this year the Ice Breaker is later in the month; move out is still the first weekend

in May but this will our last move-out from U-of-D. Yeah!!!

We are eagerly awaiting the Pittsburg cruise and Lobsterfest. Tracy & I have made our hotel reservations and ordered the Lobster and Shrimp dinners. If you have not done so, please get on the ball – this will be a great weekend and one not to miss! If you are looking for a crew or wish to be a crew member – contact Jeff Mirgon for the listings. See the GG for all the details. See you on the water!

On May 29th, the CSPS will be represented in the Grandview Heights Memorial Day parade. If you wish to ride, walk, tow your boat while passing out candy, coloring books, stickers etc, please let us know. We will have a few boats for riders or you can walk the parade route. Everyone bring candy to toss; coloring books/stickers are provided. Bring your life jacket to wear in the parade! Cookout immediately following the parade at the Oakland Avenue Yacht Club aka our home. Contact us at 614-488-4758 for more information. Last year we won the Grandview Mayor's Award!!!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P



May begins the boating season! Then we blink and it's September and we wonder where the summer went. Don't let that happen to you. The Squadron and District 29 have several opportunities to have fun this boating season. Rendezvous a plenty, The June Picnic, Sea Gals events, and just plain relaxing on the water are a few. Thanks to all the people that organize these activities you will have plenty of calendar entries for your social schedule. Start planning now and RSVP ASAP to allow for accommodations.



Let's not forget a few civic service items that are also fun. We need your help with a few items. We would like a few more Vessel Safety Examiners. This is an activity I have

enjoyed for years now and it is one of the most important ways we connect with the boating public. An examiner makes their own schedule or just spends time when they happen by other boaters at the dock and offers a free vessel check. It is free to everyone. Contact Lt John Pruitt, VSC Chairman at 614-236-5074 to get certified.

With National Safe Boating week is May 22-28. The Vessel Examiners will be on hand at Alum Creek. But don't wait for your boat. All boaters ESPECIALLY Squadron boaters should lead by example and have their vessel checked. Find an examiner on the CSPS web page <http://www.columbussailandpower.org> and click on the FREE Vessel Safety Check link.

Aside from having a lot of fun at the D29 Change of Watch/Conference and CSPS Commander's Ball, one of the most informative concepts I learned was the renewed importance of "Git R On!" - getting on a life jacket that is. In the seminar

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Norman, S



I am getting better every day. Thanks to many in the squadron who gave of their time and love to assist me. A special thanks to Angie Delewese, Debbie and Matt Murphy for their assistance especially for the dinner at Café Daniella. A great time was had by all. The program was about the America's Cup with some outstanding pictures of these beautiful yachts, thank you Ken Spilke for a wonderful program. And a very special thanks to Past Commander Bob Prior for helping me with meals, clean up, errands and general assistance while I was bed ridden. He brought me water, food, and those darn bills. Also a special thanks to Commander Mike Hughes and Tracy Garrett. Tracy has been cooking a special diet for me for most of my meals for February and March and Mike is the delivery buoy. Mike has been cleaning up after me and along with dinner bringing me water. Best of all Mike has been coming over Sunday mornings and he cooks breakfast for us and we have had a great time. These are some of the many great friends from the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. Many thanks for the cards and phone calls from many of you.

This is some of the outstanding dinner meetings coming up and a chance for us to get together.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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hosted by Ranger John Wargo of the US Army Corps of Engineers he explained how critical wearing a life jacket is when on or near the water. Whether ice fishing, ice boating or boating on open water wearing your survival gear, such as a life jacket, may very well be the determining factor that allows a victim to be a survivor. I think many of us associate a life jacket with prevention of drowning but do not normally factor in the water temperature. Good swimmer or not the life jacket will greatly improve your chances by a magnitude in cold water. Yet another good reason to wear it is the help it provides the wearer when becoming hypothermic. One only has about ten (10) minutes before your muscles become useless in cold water and that assumes you don't panic when the cold hits you in the immersion. Don't be a statistic – GIT-R-ON!

Jules of the Nile

Julie & Bill Mohrman

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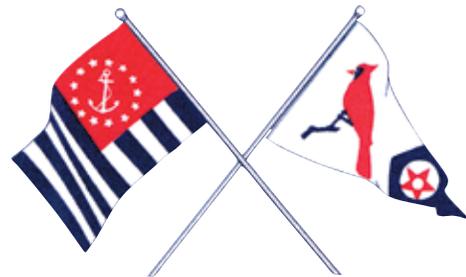


May 15 – Ice Breaker Nor-Easter Club \$29.00 is the fair.

June 3 – Alum Creek Sailing Association Pavilion cook out. Hoggys will cater this event. The Alum Creek Sailing Association will be joining us with demonstrations from the Orange Township Fire Department. There will be plenty of MGD and other Adult beverages.

Boating season is soon and now is the time to get the boat out of storage. Remember to check everything: Engines, change the oil, check the batteries, fire it up; Hoses, pumps, trailers, wheel bearings, tie down straps, Sails, lines, anchors and rode. Be prepared for a great season and great rendezvous' planned by many of your squadron.

I would like to talk about E10 fuel but I still don't have enough facts. This does affect motor boating very much. Watch for a future article about E10 fuel.



CSPS Needs You!!!

We have two events scheduled the weekend of May 22/23 that will need your time and assistance.

First, Bill Mohrman is working with Ricart Automall to give a trailering seminar using boats, PWCs, Ricart vehicles and drivers. If you have experience trailering, backing, launching, etc could you assist with this seminar and talk to potential members about your experiences? This event is scheduled from 10am to noon both days. If you can help one or both days, contact Bill Mohrman at wjmohrman@mindspring.com or 740-965-9779.

Second, Vessel Safety Exams will be happening Sat & Sun morning at Alum Creek State Park. This is an excellent time to talk with the boat owner's crew about our upcoming trips, events and the squadron classes we offer during off season. If you can spare a few hours contact John Pruitt at jmpruitt@prodigy.net or 614-236-5074.

As always, we can count on you as we "Work Together to Stay Afloat".



Hurray !!! The white stuff is gone, at least for now, we hope. And that means it is nearing time to ready the BOATS !!!! We are in the midst of another great session of the public boating class, and everyone is doing well and the enthusiasm is high. Thanks again to Jeff Mirgon and his crew for another fine class. Please come April 26th to help out on test night.



Our next Seamanship class is due to start May 10, so if that is of interest to you, please let us know and we will get you on the list. The cost is \$45 for materials – instruction is free.

Larry Lowe wrote a nice article about getting your boating license. If you found that to be of interest to you, please call Larry or myself, as we want to set up times for seminars and classes to get as many of us certified as we can.

As you get ready to put your boat in, do you find you have questions regarding your engine, or about your electronics, etc? Be sure to give us a call and perhaps we can set up some refresher seminars to assist you before going in the water.

By this time, our D29 spring conference will be an item of the past. We again want to congratulate Phil Osborne on his Commandership. We look forward to an exciting year with changes in our education department and more opportunities to learn and enjoy our boats. Have a great month and enjoy.

Senior Members!

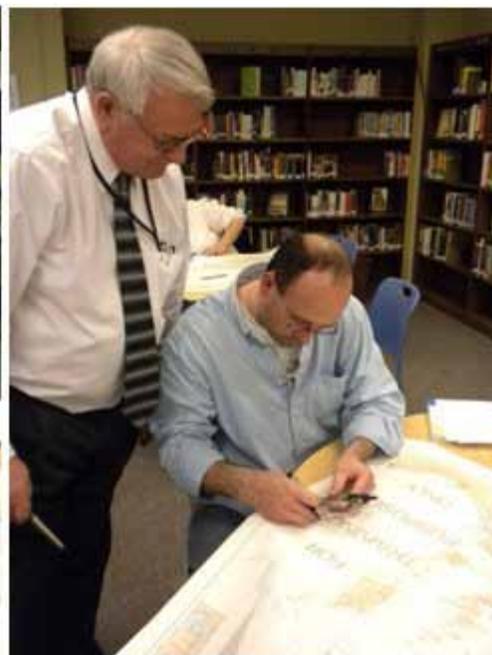
Congratulations to the following 2009 Senior Members (5 merit marks):

Pam Carr-Jackson, P
Cdr Michael Hughes, JN
Lt Jim Igo
Ron Lavelly, JN
Bonnie Michael, P

SPECIAL NOTICE

DUE TO THE TERMINATION OF UNITED STATES LORAN-C, INFORMATION PERTAINING TO LORAN-C HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ELECTRONIC VERSIONS OF THE 2010 LIGHT LIST BOOKS. THE UPDATED VESION IS LOCATED ON USCG NAVIGATION CENTER WEBSITE AT:
<http://navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/LightLists/LightLists.htm>

Charting With The Public Boating Class





**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
23 March 2010**

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

Executive Officer Matthew Murphy called the meeting to order at 17:30 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

P/C Robert Prior gave the invocation.

Executive Officer Murphy led the Pledge of allegiance.

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

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr Michael Hughes, Executive Officer Matthew Murphy, Secretary Ron Hupman, Treasurer Theresa Nadolson, Imm. P/C Robert Prior, Ch. Rules Committee P/C Roger Hankle, Lt Fred Card, Lt Ruth Kubinski, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, Lt Bill Mohrman, Lt Tammy Cohee

Others present were: P/C Larry Lowe, P/C Phil Osborne, P/C David Michael, Lt Tracy Garrett, Legal Officer Lt David Canale.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments, Cdr Michael Hughes

Thank you to everyone who attended the D29 Spring Conference and the CSPA Commanders Ball this last weekend. A big THANK YOU to each and every one of you who assisted with this entire event. All the seminars were well attended, the food was terrific, and the only complaint at the wrap-up session was the cost of the food and hotel. In my opinion, if that is the only complaint – job well done! If you have any receipts for approved expenses, please turn them in to Tracy or myself asap. The financial report for the conference needs to be completed.

The Fall Conference will be a dual-event with District 9 (Michigan) being held in Perrysburg, OH Oct 22-24. Columbus has been assigned the entertainment portion of the event. Committee members are Michael & Tracy, David & Bonnie Michael. Anyone else wishing to volunteer please contact David Michael.

If you are planning to attend the National Conference in Bellevue (Seattle) Washington Sept 1-5 please note that your reservations for the hotel and conference must be in by July 30th.

The Dayton PS Commander, Gary Theile, has been in contact with me recently. They are interested in attending some of our events and us attending theirs. This is a great way to work with another district through a local squadron. Some activities Dayton has planned are a River Boat Cruise in Cincinnati, Catawba Island cruise, and a North Channel cruise, If you wish to attend any of their events, please contact the Dayton PS.

Reports of Officers

Executive Officer, Lt/C Matthew Murphy

I attended the last four Public Boating Classes and watched some of our great trainers at work.

I helped Angie and my wife Debbie get the giveaway bags together and delivered them to the D29 Change of Watch and Our own Commander's Ball. I had a great time. The food was excellent, plenty of icy cold beverages were available and the hospitality room was well-stocked. The pool competition was great fun to watch. Columbus came in second place but not bad considering our youthful boat builders and pilots of Nate Ehrbar and Eli Murphy were just a few seconds behind the winners from Sandusky. The post conference critique meeting rendered several compliments from our National Representative who was impressed by our participation and organization.

Thanks again to the Ehrbar's for the hosting of this year's St. Patrick's Day Sea Gals and Sea Studs event. It was nice to see some people that do not always attend dinner meetings but are great fun in a more relaxed setting. Congratulations to the limerick winners.

I already have one VSC completed this year. One of our boating students scheduled with me last Sunday. I have a personal goal of 15 this year. This is an activity I have participated in for several years and I enjoy very much. I hope we can train and deploy more VSEs that will each do a reasonable 10 VSCs per year. It is a wonderful way to reach out and perform some civic activity.

22 May marks the beginning of National Safe Boating week. The squadron will be manning the Alum Creek boat ramp once again this year for organized Vessel Safety Check sessions. If you have interest in helping to promote boating safety one on one with boaters please contact Lt John Pruitt. Even if you are not a certified vessel examiner there are opportunities to educate the public and encourage their safety while the examiners perform the checks. If you are interested in becoming a VSE, please contact John Pruitt so he may form a class. More information will be circulated soon.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Thomas Norman

Absent due to illness.

Educational Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith

Lt Smith submitted her report before leaving on vacation but due to an email problem it is not available to be included in these minutes.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting were approved. Reminded those submitting reports to email them to me at hupmanI@att.net.

Treasurer Lt/C Theresa Nadolson

No report.



Rules Committee Chair P/C Roger Hankle

Reported that the proposed email only format for the Galley Gossip is a violation of Article 9.6 of the By Laws which requires the mailing of notices of all regular and special meetings to all members entitled to receive such notices. The mailed Galley Gossips served as such notice. There was discussion of various means to address this problem. Cdr Hughes stated that he will review this problem and that a decision will be made at the April meeting.

Members-at-Large Reports

P/Lt/C Jim Meyers - Asked if the squadron is planning any auctions. Cdr Hughes reported that there will be an auction of excess property at the June meeting at Alum Creek. P/Lt/C Meyers suggested that vendors be contacted for donations of auction items.

Lt Fred Card - highlighted recent articles regarding the Asian Carp problem.

Lt Bill Mohrman - The trailering seminar will be held at Ricart Auto Mall on Sat. & Sun. May 22-23. The squadron has also offered to give any one of the seminars for Ricart employees.

Standing Committees

Rules Committee – P/C Roger Hankle

Recommends that Standing Rule 06-06-91-02 Member Approval is not needed. Motion by Cdr Hughes to rescind; 2nd by L/C Murphy. Motion passed.

Executive Officer Murphy passed out other recommended changes to the standing Rules and By Laws. Action was taken as follows:

25-03-92-03 delete “mailed”, replace with “distributed” Motion for approval by LtC Murphy, 2nd Cdr Hughes. Motion passed.

22-04-97-05 Motion by Lt/Cdr Murphy, 2nd Lt/Cdr Hupman. Motion amended to change “minimally” to “as”. Motion passed.

24-11-98-02 Withdrawn

24-11-98-07 Motion to approve by Lt/C Murphy, 2nd P/C Hankle. Amended motion “active” replaced by “use of”. Amended motion passed.

21-12-04-05 Withdrawn

21-12-04-06 Withdrawn

23-01-07-01 Withdrawn

16-12-08-01 (6) Add: “his designated successor or assigns” Motion to approve by Cdr Hughes, 2nd Lt Canale. Motion passed.

16-12-08-01 (11) Motion to approve by Lt/Cdr Murphy, 2nd Lt Mohrman. Motion amended to add “report to administrator and” amended motion passed.

By Laws 5.3 Elected Assistants. Proposed adding Assistant Administrative Officer. Motion by Lt/Cdr Murphy to

approve, 2nd Cdr Hughes. Motion passed.

By Laws 6.5.5 withdrawn.

By Laws 15.1 Tabled

Law Officer – Lt Canale

The noise problem next door to headquarters has been eliminated because the tenant has vacated.

Merit Marks – P/C Delewese

Merit marks are being processed. Please submit when event is over instead of waiting until the end of the year.

Property Officer – Cdr Hughes

Reported the acquisition of a clothes rack.

Special Committees

Web Master: Lt/C Theresa Nadolson

There will be a report on SailAngle next month.

Boat Shows: Lt Fred Card/Lt John Mattis

Lt Card reported no communications from Boat show sponsors

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett -

Motion by Cdr Hughes for blanket approval of membership by boating class members who apply. Motion passed..

Old Business

None

New Business

Audit Committee – The audit will start after April 15.

Announcements

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Next Dinner Meeting: 1 April at Cafe Daniela Meeting Adjourned at 2200.

Merit Marks

OOPS! We missed a few members in the March *Galley Gossip*. Congratulations to the following 2009 Merit Mark recipients:

- David Burge, P
- Karen Mesenburg, P
- Robert Prior, S
- Robert Rayburn, SN
- Alan Satterwhite, AP

This brings our total 2009 Merit Marks to 84.

Recall Alert: **Kidde XL Fire Extinguisher**

Hazard: *The pressurized cylinders in the recalled fire extinguishers could lose pressure and fail to operate. In the event of a fire, this failure could put a consumer and property at risk.*

Description: This recall involves the Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers with model numbers FX340SC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5CT-4, E-340-3 and with manufacture dates between October 2007 and April 2008. "Kidde" and the model number can be found on the label on the front of the extinguisher. The manufacture year is on the bottom of the extinguisher. If your extinguisher is one of the listed model numbers and is marked with the year 07 or 08, visit www.kidde.com. Recall information is under product support tab.



May Birthdays:

1 Jerry Spears	20 Mary Lou Himes
3 Mary Kiser	21 Katharine Johnston
4 Sherwin Ritchie	23 Katharyne Joreski
5 Lynn Kilgore	26 William Edwards
7 Jeff Blankenbeckler	26 Jack Price
9 Catherine Petzel	27 Alan Satterwhite
12 Don Delewese	28 Tracy Garrett
13 Pam Price	30 Ron DeCapio
14 Gil Goodheil	31 Laura Williams
17 Shelley Beall	

SUMMER CRUISING INFORMATION

If you are interested in attending any of these cruises, please get in touch with the contact person asap to get on the mailing lists. Invite your boating buddies to join us for any of these great trips.

May 15 - Ice Breaker @ Nor Easter (see cover)

June 11-13 Pittsburgh 4 Rivers Cruise and Lobster Fest.

Jeff Mirgon jmirgon@yahoo.com or 614 207-2650.
DINNER & HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE MAY 15*

July 30-Aug 1 D29 Summer Council in Lorain.

Contact Phil Osborne posborne2@aol.com

July 30-Aug 1 Vermilion Cruise

Contact Doug Jackson doug@dougandpam.com or 614 895-0435. DOCKAGE SHOULD BE RESERVED ASAP.

Aug 6-8 Sea Gals at Kelley's Island

Mary Lauer at mlauer@orta.org 614-882-8354 or Joyce Mattis at quiltjem@aol.com 614-761-8819.

Aug 14 Lunch Hook

Larry Lowe llo7298@wowway.com, or 614-885-3601.

Aug 20-22 OH River Casino Cruise

Mary Mirgon at mmirgon@yahoo.com or 614-402-0890

Sept 3-6 Leamington Canada Cruise

Ron Lavelly: rlavelly@yahoo.com or 614 879-7388

Sept 18-19 Put-In-Bay

Ron Lavelly at ronlavelly@yahoo.com 614-879-7388 or Larry Lowe at llo7298@wowway.com 614-885-3601.

Congratulations to the newest "N" Graduates:

Penny Newman
Doug Jackson
Don Delewese
Mike Cohee



D/29 Spring Conference and CSPS Commander's Ball



V/C Hinders swearing in D/C Osborne



*Joyce & John Mattis enjoying the
Commander's Ball*



*Your 2009 Bungle Jug winner
P/C Bob Prior for his
'Anchors Away' Day!*



The Lavelly's having a great time.



*Cdr Michael and Tracy enjoying a dance
- At Last.*



Mary & Jeff Mirgon danced the night away.



Ruth & D/C Osborne enjoying the tunes of DJ Steve.



*D29 Conference Spouses Event Fun Shot:
L to R Carmen Mullane (Lima), Karen Ruth (Marion), Martha Beidel
(Columbus), Susie Woodruff (Columbus), Diane Schmersal (Lima),
Bonnie Michael (Columbus), Debbie Fleming (Lima).*



*Tom Doyle wins the 2009 River Rat award
for his adventures on the Muskingum River.*

We would like to thank everyone in the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron who helped and or assisted in making the D-29 Spring Conference and CSPS Commanders Ball a huge success. Without great members willing to assist and work together, we could never stay afloat. Once again, thank you for the great memories!
— D/C Phil Osborne & Cdr Michael Hughes

Kroger Rewards – Action Required

Already? Are you already enrolled in our Kroger Plus Card Community Rewards Program? That's awesome and we thank you but we need your help. 1 April, 2010 begins a new year for the Kroger Community Rewards program. Our organization will remain enrolled BUT WE NEED MEMBERS TO RE-ENROLL according to a notification from Kroger. This will enable The Squadron to continue to receive cash rewards through 2010. Even if you recently enrolled with the program after 1 April 2010 and any date thereafter enrollment is again necessary. It's easy and only takes a few minutes. Visit <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>. Click on Ohio to sign up for a Kroger.com account or click sign in if already enrolled. Go to your profile and follow the steps to select your organization. Search for Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. Select it and save your changes.

Not yet? If you are not already enrolled go to the same link above and follow the instructions to create a new account. Then edit your profile to select the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. We appreciate your participation in the program. It is an excellent way to help fund the Squadron at no extra cost to your Kroger shopping budget.

Thanks go to David Clark, Tammy Cohee, Romanda DeCario, Donald Delewese, Linda Dufresne-Lavelly, Roger Hankle, Michael Hughes, Doug Jackson, David Michael, Jeff Mirgon, William Mohrman, Norma Murphy, Theresa Nadolson, Stephen Newton, Phil Osborne, Patti Prior, Steve Roberts, Annie Stephens and Josette Varney for their support and we look forward to the continued effort. Contact Lt/C Matthew Murphy with questions at murphymg@insight.rr.com or 614-886-6732.

Keep Your Data Safe!

By Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P

How safe is your data? I cannot tell you how many times I have heard people say "I lost that when my hard drive crashed." I have worked in and around large data centers (buildings for computers) for years and we change hard drives almost every day. Personally and professionally I have cooked a few computers and/or just lost the hard drive. I have personally lost data but overall I have been fortunate that at least one of my back up files worked. Many companies spend millions of dollars safeguarding data each year. The Federal Government has even stepped in and requires due diligence in the safeguarding of data. I guess government does not surprise us these days but how sensible would it be if your bank lost your records due to a hard drive failure? Do you run a business and use a computer?

Let's look at this on a personal level. What do you keep on your hard drive that you cannot replace? Financial statements, family photos, emails, addresses might be a few? Tax records, recipes, navigational charts, Galley Gossips or even Squadron Courses or records? How many banks now suggest that you have electronic statements and allow you to download them and save a tree? Great idea. Some will even promise to store them on line for you for several years' worth. What happens if you change banks or just close that account? Did you download those statements? Are they on your one and only hard drive? I assure you that you don't need your own Tier 3 data center but what makes for you? We each must decide that for ourselves but understand a few facts while pondering this.

A computer hard disk drive (aka hard drive) is an electromechanical device. That means it WILL fail. The question is not if - but when. Some people think that a writable compact disk is a good back up. It is--but many do not realize that is not permanent storage. The CD will age or it can be damaged. Tapes are a more permanent storage device but not very popular for personal use. A couple of

options seem to make some sense but again they have some limitations. It is not crazy to back up your back up.

One item is a commonly called a jump drive or a thumb drive. It is basically a memory stick that plugs directly into a USB port on a computer. These are quite useful and the price has dropped on these drastically. One can buy a Kingston 2GB drive at Wal-Mart for about \$7. I can back up just about all my data on it and it fits in my pocket. How convenient it is but I honestly do not know whether or not it is permanent. I will assume that it is not if for no other reason than it could get broken, stepped on, or go through the wash. But at \$7 I could back up my back up and keep one in a small fireproof safe.

Another option I really like is an external hard drive. For less than \$100 one can operate an external hard drive on a USB cable and wall outlet. Although it is another electromechanical device it is fast and will hold a bunch of data as a back up device.

Organize your data so that you can copy items by a few subdirectories. With that one can drag and drop or copy and paste easily to another drive. Organization by year sometimes helps as well. It might be helpful to include the year on your directory and or filenames. I like to use this naming method because the computer automatically indexes it in order. Yyyymmdd for May 1 2010 is 20100501. It is easy to search and it is in order between 2009 and 2011 files.

I do not profess to be an expert and I am absolutely not trolling for side business. I am just sharing a few lessons I have learned and I suggest you think about what and how you safeguard your data. There are several options available to consumers including on-line storage. Whether it is an email, a picture, a recipe or your entire financial history, or a chart file, it might be important enough to you or others to routinely make a back up.



As usual, the Sea Gals stepped up to the plate and supported the District and our Squadron with appetizers at the Friday night Hospitality Room. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Sea Gals and Guys for their contributions. I know that Phil and Michael appreciated your efforts.

In March, Sherry and Dave Ehrbar hosted the Sea Gals Annual St. Patrick's Day Party. We had over 50 people attend this fun evening. Prizes were awarded for green costumes and limericks. Prizes for costumes were given to Martha Beidel, Joyce and John Mattis, Dave Clark, Bonnie Michaels, and Dave and Bonnie Michael's friend who wore a kilt. Prizes were also given to Barb Hupman, Michael Hughes, and Lucy

Grosz for limericks. Our own Mary Lauer made the Irish Doll face pins as prizes. Everyone pitched in with potato toppings, appetizers and desserts. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave and Sherry for another wonderful party event. Also, a special thank you goes to Jan Jacobs for seeing that all of those potatoes were baked to perfection. A special thank you goes out to all of the Sea Gal members who attend our functions and make this auxiliary a special group.

Our Sea Gals Annual Meeting is next on our agenda. In an effort to keep the cost down for this event, we have decided to have our Annual Meeting at the Villa Charmonte (off Wilson Bridge Road in Worthington). Shelley Beall has been kind enough to obtain the club house for this evening. Our dinner will be catered in with a few extras added by our Sea Gal officers.

Date: April 29th (Thursday) Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Menu: Pulled pork, fried and baked chicken, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert.

Cost: \$ 15.00 per person

RSVP: Joyce Mattis 614-761-8819 or Mary Lauer 614-882-8354

Beer, wine and pop will be available at a minimal charge.

We will be honoring the Members of the Year and Installing New Members and Officers. We would like to invite anyone who would like to become a member of the Sea Gals to let us know and we would love to install you as a new member at our Annual Meeting. Phone calls will be made to remind you of this event.

Joyce Mattis & Mary Lauer, Co-Commanders

CSPS Auction Items Needed June 3rd

As we get our boats ready this spring, you may notice things you no longer need or use on your boats. If so, would you please donate these unneeded items to the CSPS June auction?

*Please contact Tom Norman at
614-488-4766 or*

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Dangerous Liaisons

Inspect your shore power connections

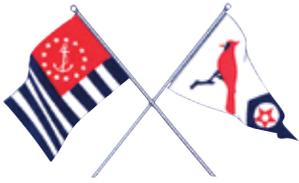
A standard 30-amp yellow rubber shore power plug has a black retaining ring and three prongs on its face. To ensure that the plug is inserted correctly, the ground prong has an appendage that will lock in place when the plug is turned. The other two prongs are the hot and the common (or neutral) leads respectively. If these prongs are loose, discolored or show heat damage, the plug should be replaced. The damage most likely resulted from a loose or poor-fitting marina shore power connection. Poor-fitting connections create resistance, which causes heat. The current is forced to jump across the contacts, burning both your plug and the dock receptacle contacts.

To prevent the problem, always check the connection and do not use loose receptacles. If the receptacle has a threaded fitting for your plug's retaining ring, use it to secure

your plug to the connection. Make one or two wraps around the dock pedestal base with any extra cord to isolate the electrical connection should the cord be moved. Support the connection and keep it tight.

When you disconnect from shore power, always turn off your vessel's primary breaker or shore power selector switch because an open circuit will cause arcing, which could damage your equipment, cause a power failure or even start a fire. If your vessel does not have a single switch, turn off all AC breakers to prevent current flow. As a last resort, turn off or trip the breaker on the dockside power pedestal as well. Remember, arcing affects both the marina receptacle and your shore power cord.

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