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*Honoring Commander Matthew G. Murphy, P
and Debbie*

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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 22 Tuesday Executive Committee meeting @ HQ 1930
- 25-27 Fri.-Sun. D29 Spring Conference, Ft Wayne, IN

APRIL

- 2 Saturday Commander's Ball at J. Liu Restaurant
- 7 Thursday May GG articles Due
- 9 Saturday New Member Reception & Orientation at HQ 6pm
- 10 Sunday Vessel Safety Instructor Training 6pm at HQ
- 11 Monday Seamanship begins
- 21 Thursday VHS DSC Radio Seminar 7pm @ HQ
- 26 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting at HQ 1930

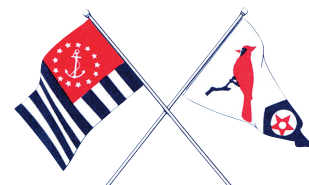
May

- 9 Monday Nor'Easter Club - monthly dinner meeting
- 17 Tuesday Central OH Safe Boating 6pm Cross Creek Campgrounds
- 21 Saturday Vessel Safety Exams at Alum Creek
- 21-27 Sat.-Fri. Safe Boating Week
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting at HQ 1930
- 28 Saturday Grandview Heights Parade and Cookout

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Matthew Murphy, P



"Dad, when are we getting the boat out?" Nate has asked several times already since our first melt. Nate has already caught fish this year in our neighborhood ponds. Ice out is almost here!

As we prepare for the boating season, be sure to request a Vessel Safety Check from one of our many Examiners. The service is free and it's the best way to have an expert in safety gear double check you. When you get yours this year, we will make you part of our wall of fame in the Galley Gossip. The easiest way to find a VSE to check your boat is to go to the national web site <http://www.USPS.org> and click on the button "GET A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK." Or contact XO Lt/C Tom Norman at 614-488-4766. Every boat in our Squadron should be checked. I hope our squadron performs over 120 this year. As you schedule your first boating day, also schedule your VSC day. Put our VSEs to work. We love to do it.



Be sure to re-spool your fishing reels and sharpen your hooks as well. Your fishing license expired 28 February. Remember to renew it.

Lt Elias Murphy, P aka Seaman Murphy of the USCG is headed to Southwest Harbor, Maine to crew on the USCG Cutter Bridle. He graduated boot camp 4 March (which is

why I missed the March Dinner meeting). Deb and I could not be more proud of him. It was an incredible ceremony. His adventures are just beginning. While home he was asked to speak at the USCG Aux meeting 8 March. He donned his USCG uniform and showed some pictures and explained about life at USCG TRACEN CAPE MAY followed by Q and A. It is wonderful that he can represent the USCG and the CSPS and work with our sister organizations.

I am counting down the days until the Commander's Ball. The food will be awesome and the band "The Debits" will be playing some favorite music. Be sure to RSVP and come celebrate with us. Many, including my family, will be getting a room across the street at the Holiday Inn. The room rate is \$79. If you book a room, tell them you are with CSPS.

I am very excited about the upcoming boating season. With so many opportunities to enjoy boating with the squadron, I will need to schedule some time to WORK! I plan to attend the Trent Severn trip and several others. AO Lt/C David Canale and the rendezvous team is hard at work finalizing all the accommodations. Be sure to check the web site for the latest information and contact David if you have any questions. The web site address is on the cover.

I have received a better than average response for the D29 conference. I think it will officially be a party. I hope to see you there. Please contact me with questions or if you plan to attend so we can fill our delegate list. See the March GG for the D29 Registration form. See you soon!

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Norman, S



The following are members that have registered with the Kroger Community Reward program. Thank you all for your support. Tammy Cohee, Ramonda Decapio, Donald Delewese, Linda Lavelly, Michael Hughes, Larry Lowe, David Michaels, Charlotte Mohr, Norma Murphy, Stephen Newton, Philip Osborne, Patricia Prior, Eric Voisard, Linda Whiting, and Ruth Wilcox. This program provides money to the Squadron for all those who register. These Kroger shoppers did so, Thank You.

Blue-Green Toxic Algae "Phosphorus Overload Spawns Algae in Rivers and Lakes" Dispatch, March 6, 2011 - Phosphorus is one of the most abundant elements on Earth. We use it in fertilizers, feed, toothpaste, detergents, cleaners, and food and drinks. The runoff from rain storms for farms crops and the animal waste (manure) due to the feed used in farm animals keeps building and building until we experience a toxic action in our rivers, streams and lakes. Raw and treated sewage from city treatment plants also have a great effect on phosphorus plants in our rivers, streams and lakes. There were 19 lakes contaminated last year alone in Ohio greatly affects recreational boating, water sports and non-commercial fishing with adverse economic situations. Phosphorus, more



so than nitrogen, is the root of our problem. Heidelberg University measured the phosphorus runoff in July 2010 in the Maumee River. It measured the highest level since 1975 at 261 tons of dissolved phosphorus being carried to Lake Erie. "David Culver... Ohio State Limnology Laboratory said it is clear that phosphorus is over used the world over. ... Basically every body of water in China has big blooms of toxic algae."

In Ohio we are going to try to reduce the phosphorus effect chemically in Grand Lake St Marys. Last year the EPS tested Grand Lake St Marys and found it to be toxic. The EPA tried several test areas treating them with chemicals to reduce the phosphorous. The results were dismal and most of the test areas failed to eliminate the phosphorus.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C David Canale, P



It has been a very busy couple of months for our squadron! First of all, the Change of Watch in February was a huge success. Everyone gathered at LaScala and were treated to a great meal and a well orchestrated event. Thanks to everyone involved! A special thank you to the daughters of John Seaver and Brian O'Rourke who helped to sell 50/50 tickets, and to Joyce Mattis for the gift basket/drawing. The handmade blanket was gorgeous. I'm just upset that I didn't win. The funniest part of the evening was Commander Hughes presentation of a huge stuffed Asian Carp to P/C Prior. If you know the P/C then you understand what's going on. Congratulations to now P/C Michael Hughes on a job well done. During his watch, the squadron went green (with the Galley Gossip) which resulted in significant savings, obtained various grants, erected new safe boating signage, and notched up activities in almost every aspect. He was also successful in encouraging people like me to become more involved in our organization. Congratulations also go to our new Commander, Matt Murphy. We all wish him well during his tenure. Matt has already set an aggressive agenda of new member recruitment, participation and education. Best wishes also to our new executive officer, Tom Norman.



U.S. Coast Guard. Best wishes to the Commander, his family, and Elias. Not to worry though as Executive Officer Tom Norman conducted the evenings events like a pro. Attendees at El Vaquero were treated to traditional Mexican cuisine. The fajitas, chips and salsas were all good-even though I did spill some of that cheese sauce on my new officers jacket. Of course, the margaritas were equally delicious. But the most exciting part of the evening was our own Phil Osborne whose presentation on his Alaskan Cruise was unbelievable. The pictures and narration were unforgettable. Alaska is truly a wild and wonderful place. And, as an added surprise, several members

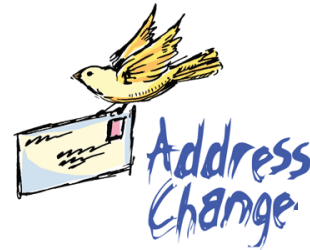
from the Lima Squadron, who also went on the cruise with the Osborne's, showed up to ensure that the details of the cruise were accurately conveyed. If anyone has any special requests for future dinner meeting locations or speakers, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Our next main social function is the Commander's Ball. It will be on April 2, 2011. Don't forget to R.S.V.P. as soon as possible. Call Angie or Don Delewese if you can lend a hand!

Finally, as the new ABC Boating class is in session, the squadron is moving towards member recruitment and retention. A new member orientation will also be held on April 9, 2011 at squadron headquarters. Please let me know if you would like to help or maybe even drop off a dessert

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Time is moving quickly and as the weather gets a little nicer, our thoughts turn toward the upcoming boating season. Are you planning already? Well, how about planning to take a course or a seminar to help brush the cobwebs away and get a good start on the season? Please note that Marine Communications Systems has a starting date change from March 16 to March 23.



We have a terrific seminar coming in April that has gotten a lot of response so far. The date is April 21 at 7 p.m. at Headquarters. The topic is VHF Radio. See the ad in the next couple of pages for all the details. It is a terrific way to help you plan a safe season.

Also on the agenda for April is our Seamanship class. This presents an opportunity for reviewing a lot of boating skills that may have become dusty. This class will begin on

Monday, April 11 at Headquarters. Class begins at 7pm the first night to accommodate registration. This class is a must for all Captains and their crew, both young and not so young. So come join us for a fun class.

As we move into our boating season, we are open to new ideas for your education. If you see a seminar that interests you, let us know and we can set one up. The national website lists all that are available at this time. We will keep you posted on them as we set them up, so keep your eyes peeled.

So here it comes!!! Boating season is approaching and so are our classes,,,,, ready.... Set.... Go.... and have a great time!!!! To register or for more information, contact me at 614.890-5864.

Can You Hear Me Now?

Come to the VHF DSC radio seminar and learn how to use all of the buttons and knobs on your radio. Also, find out about the newest features on the latest radios on the shelf this spring.

\$25 (member) \$40 (non-member) you will receive the 2 hour seminar, a student text book and a waterproof quick guide on using your VHF radio. This will all happen at 1900 (7:00 PM) on 21 April at our headquarters located at 8492 Cotter St, Lewis Center, OH. 43035. Contact Debbie Smith at 614-890-5864 or debralee@sbcglobal.net so that we can have the materials for you.

A Big Thank You to Harold Beidel and Don Delewese for their contributions to the ABC3 course. Harold assisted the class with the purchase of 50 8" cleats needed to practice tying knots. Don donated the lumber the cleats were attached to. What a great new teaching tool created by working together - because - Its What We Do!

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Do you see something of interest? Contact Debbie Smith at 614.890.5864

Anchoring	Basic Coastal Navigation	Boat Handling Under Power
How to use a Chart	Boating on Rivers, Lakes & Locks	Hurricanes and Boats
Knots, Bends & Hitches	Marine Radio	Mariners Compass
Rules of the Road	Onboard Weather Forecasting	Paddle Smart
Partner in Command	Sail Trim & Rig Tuning	Trailer your Boat
Using GPS	Using VHF & DSC Radio	<i>what looks good to you?</i>

Spring Classes

Marine Electronics – Communications Systems (MCS)

MCS	(9 wks)	Wed Mar 23	7pm	members \$50	non-members \$75
Seamanship	(8 wks)	Mon Apr 11	7pm	members \$45	non-members \$65
VHF DSC Radio Seminar	(2 hrs.)	Thurs Apr 21	7pm	members \$25	non-members \$40



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee**

22 February 2011

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

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

D/Lt/C Debbie Smith, AP, gave the invocation.

Lt/C David Canale, P led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by sight and the acting Secretary P/Lt/C Steve Smith confirmed a quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments - Cdr Matt Murphy:

I attended the National Governing Board Meeting 31 Jan – 5 Feb. Columbus had excellent representation not only as a squadron but we have people serving or chairing committees at several levels. Michael, Tracy, Debbie and I represented Columbus. D/C Phil Osborne and D/Lt Wilcox represented D29 for the national poster contest and D29 had a hospitality room this year. P/D/C Skip Woodruff chairs the National Environmental Committee. P/V/C Joe and Karen Mesenburg attended and Joe continues to serve on the National level. D/1st/Lt Larry Lowe was also present and works with the BOC committee. Many more member benefits have been expanded. Another round of rule changes were made to more clearly define family unit dues and what non-adult members can do. Michael and I attended a special meeting on Sea Scouts. My goal is to better understand how CSPS and Sea Scouts can work together. I plan to write more on that topic in my article and I commented about it at COW.

After the NGB, Lynda Leque from the Akron area contacted me and expressed her wishes to have events with Columbus and has invited us to their COW. We had conflicts but the important part is we have reached out beyond our Squadron and have paved the way for more fellowship in the future. They are Lake Erie boaters and members of the Crew's Nest.

I attended the D29 District Council and the Lima COW. I attended the Central Ohio Safe Boating Council meeting. Many positive words were provided from Jim Wargo about the June 2010 dinner meeting and he urges another this summer. I will defer to Liaison Committee member P/C Hughes for a further report from COSBC.

During a lengthy COW speech I called to action our Executive Committee for some key initiatives. Among them are: A) Improved communication between our bridge and members via MALs; B) Improved publications for educational offerings; C) Ease of membership rates and processing; D) Partnering with other boating organizations such as Sea Scouts; and E) A scholarship fund to increase teenage and parent involvement and reward. As we progress through this next year these topics will be a focus. I hope to that the teams called to action form and work as a committee at best speed to present solutions.

Many thanks go to all those who attended the Change of Watch. It was a wonderful event. Thanks go especially to Angie and Don Delewese for assembling a wonderful evening. As Commander I get copied on all correspondence. I can attest that scores of hours were spent personally by them in preparation for the event. They did this while they also chair the committee for the Commander's Ball. Thanks go to Tom Norman for handling reservations and the check-in table. Thanks also go to D/C Phil Osborne for representing D29 and all the members that made me and my friends feel welcome. Thanks to our veteran Secretary Steve Smith for coverage for the COW and tonight.

I took part in the instructor's team last night for the Boating Class. I will defer further report to the Education Dept.

I look forward to a great year working with a great Bridge and Membership.

Report of Officers:

Executive Officer Lt/C Tom Norman, S:

I have used many wonderful adjectives to describe our dinner meetings but the Change of Watch tops them all. Angie and Don outdid themselves. The decorative basket by Joyce Mattis was beautiful, the dinner superb and the company was the best. To say nothing about the giant Asian Carp P/C Prior received for his efforts in the Great Lakes. Everyone had a great time at this party as we all did this past year under Commander Mike Hughes and will have this coming year with our new Commander Matt Murphy. How are those in charge for the Commanders Ball going to be able to top this dinner. There were many guests from several squadrons and the USCG Aux. You all made this COW very memorable for Mike and Matt.

Those of us who served under Commander Mike's watch had a great time and those of us who are fortunate to serve under Commander Matt's watch are looking forward this year. We have a great Commander to lead us.

E10 just won't go away. And this year we are going to have E15. There is an additive that will stabilize this gas/alcohol mixture but the EPA Government warning says the mixture is unsafe for cars and trucks older than year 2007. Congress has voted to not fund the EPA for its E15 campaign. This may postpone the Ethanol additive but we will still have a problem.

Administrative Officer Lt/C David Canale, P:

Winter time is a good time to get caught up on things and with that in mind I wanted to report on recent activities and projects which have occurred or are underway. The biggest activity recently is the COW. This year's event was held at La Scala and was a huge success. Congratulations to everyone who helped to make this event special. Thanks especially to Angie Delewese for her planning and execution; to the daughters of Brian O'Rourke and John Seaver who helped to sell 50/50 tickets and greet guests upon their arrival; and to Joyce Mattis for her beautiful handmade throw and



raffle basket. Thank you God for those little pig and chicken tickets-they really simplify the process of serving and thank you to P/C Michael Hughes for a stellar year as Commander and better yet for "reeling" in P/C Prior with his Asian Carp fish story complete with a stuffed life sized fish. And thank you Commander Murphy for your gracious words and vision for the squadron in the coming year. To all involved in the process, job well done. But that is to be expected because after all, "it's what we do".

Spring is in the air-even though it was still freezing cold when I wrote this report. At least that is how I positively think of things. Yes, Sunday March 13, is the first day of Daylight Saving Time.

After the March meeting comes the Commanders Ball on 4-2-2011 and then to the Nor'Easter on May 14.

One responsibility of the AO is also membership and the Commander has asked me to help ramp up our membership efforts. In this regard I am first pulling together all of the squadron pamphlets and information regarding membership and plan to either draft or revise existing materials in order to streamline the act of becoming a member; to coordinate orientation functions for new members such as the April 9 New Members Meet and Greet; and to plan activities for existing members for member retention and development. On Feb. 21, for example, I helped greet and check in students who are our future members at the first class of the Public Boating Course-ABC3. The turnout was great, by the way, despite an ice storm that same day. These people seemed very excited and eager to be taking the class. Our goal should be to do whatever needs to be done to retain these people as members upon completion of their classes. Firmer details as they come into being.

Educational Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith, AP:

We are off to a good start for the year, even though there have been a few glitches. We have several non members taking classes especially sail. Our new ABC class began last night; I will let Jeff speak to that.

Tracy and I will be working on a brochure to hand out at events telling about all our classes and seminars. I will defer to her for discussion on this project.

I attended the D29 Winter council and hopefully learned more about my job. The COW went well and was lots of fun.

We will be starting our Seamanship class in April and I would encourage you to take the class to refresh your memory as well as enrolling friends and family also.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S:

absent

Treasurer, Lt/C Theresa Nadolson, S:

A copy of the Treasurer's report was emailed to ECOM members.

Past Commander P/C Michael Hughes, JN:

On Feb 15th, several CSPA members attended the

COSBC meeting at Cross Creek Campgrounds. Below is some information regarding Alum Creek and Delaware Dam construction. The next COSBC meeting is May 17th at 6pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Victor Ricks and Loren Hart (from ODNR) reported there will be a lot of boating facility changes at Alum Creek Lake in 2011 - 2012.

1. Howard Ramp is presently getting a boarding dock installed on the north side of the ramp - Cost \$90,000.

2. New Galena & Hollenback Ramp will be rebuilt - Cost \$2.5 million *Ramps will close from Oct 1, 2011 - July 1, 2012 for construction; *Ramps lanes will be made 15' wide; *Ramp road hump on top will be eliminated.

3. Lake draw down period will be from Sept 15, 2011 - Jan 15, 2012 - *Lake will be drawn down 2" per day to a draw down of 11 feet; *Cheshire Ramp will stay open; *Howard Ramp will stay open until the lake drawdown prevents its use.

4. Alum Creek Power Boat Club public powerboat marina is moving forward - *140 dock facility with 24' & 28' docks; *Some of the dock spaces will have electric; *The park staff will relocate 18 mooring balls for the 2012 boating season.

5. Delaware State Park marina ramp will be rebuilt in 2013 and the traffic pattern will be reversed.

At the USPS National meeting in Orlando, we were given the phone numbers to Homeland Security to report any terrorist activities you may see. It was suggested that everyone enter these numbers into their cell phones. Any suspicious activities should be reported to the Anti Terrorist Hotline at 1-877-249-2824 or 1-800-424-8802.

At the COW on Saturday, D/C Phil Osborne presented Columbus with 3 awards that I have here this evening. The Distinction in Journalism Award for our monthly newsletter, the Distinction in Journalism Award for our web page, and our 34th Education Fund Contribution Award.

Member at Large Reports:

Lt Karen Snyder, P: I am new to this job and I am here to represent the membership.

Lt Tammy Cohee, AP: No report.

Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P: The City of Huron had a scheduling problem so we moved our Huron Rendezvous from 15-17 July 2011 to 29-31 July 2011. Motion for change of dates approved.

P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, SN: Coming home from the ABC course at Orange H.S., a deer jumped over my car. There appear to be a significant number of deer in the area and everyone should use caution when traveling to and from the ABC course.

Lt Michael Cohee, N: no report.

Lt William Mohrman, AP:

Seminars: Seminars at the boat shows continue to be the best venue to meet the boating public. At the Travel and Vacation Show we made contact with Delaware Marine Management who is interested in our seminars for their customers at their facility. They plan to rejuvenate their business by offering more to the boating public. Our



seminars fit well into their plans and they would like to further explore this with us.

CSPS Promotion: We need to continue to look for every opportunity to promote the squadron. Every one of our members should be versed in what we do; Education, Public Service and Fellowship. There are many opportunities in our everyday lives to expound upon the virtues of CSPS.

Lt Brian O'Rourke, S: Absent.

Lt Richard Sorensen, JN: Absent.

Lt John Seaver, S: I have been in discussions with the Columbus Police Dept concerning boating training we can provide their personnel. I propose a one day course for those personnel who operate on the water. P/C Phil Osborne recommended the dive team and the fire dept have boats used for rescue and recovery.

BREAK

RECONVENE

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL COMMITTEES:

Audit Committee Chair: P/C Don Delewese: absent

Nominating Committee Chair: P/C Larry Lowe, SN: We still need an assistant secretary and an assistant treasurer. If anyone is interested in these positions contact me or Cdr. Murphy.

Rules Committee Chair: P/C Robert Van der Wissel, AP: Per our squadron SOPs, the executive committee meeting after the COW should vote on accepting the present SOPs. However, national has not approved our changes. This requires action by national so we can vote to approve our SOPs.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman: absent

Housing Committee: Lt Tammie Cohee, AP: We need to schedule for a spring cleaning of our HQ. (after some discussion 10 March @ 1800 was decided upon.)

Law Officer: Lt David Canale: no report.

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Bob Van Der Wissel: Just a reminder that 15 or more hours qualifies a member for a merit mark. If someone has volunteered any amount of time, please send it to me or P/C Don Delewese so we can compile it with other submissions during the year.

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN: The HQ fire extinguishers are up to date on their inspections.

Supply Officer: Lt Jim Igo: absent

SEA GALLS: Mary Lauer, P: absent Per Tracy Garrett, the St. Patrick's Day party will be held on Thursday, 17 March at the Ehrbar's at 1800. Cost is \$5.

Special Committees:

Web Master: Lt/C Theresa Nadolson: absent

Investments: P/C Joe Messenburg: absent

Boat Show: Lt Fred Card: January Show (Boat & RV) Number of Squadron members participating 29 @ 177 hours over 7 days. # of seminars scheduled was 12 with seminar participants 40 – 50 (est). Coastie continues to be a big hit with the kids with several searching her out from previous years visit. While our location at the back of the building was not good for traffic, we did find that the location was not totally without merit. We were located next to the fishing pond that attracted quite a bit of attention. Our TV video activity, seminars and Coastie did bring some visitors to our booth. We found that every shift had interested visitors taking literature along with coloring books for the kids (our best handout). This show anecdotally appears to be more valuable in recruiting boaters to our Public Boating Course and perhaps membership in squadron because it was dedicated to boats and RVs with the visitors being either one or the other.

February RV and Vacation Show. Number of Squadron members participating 11 @ 61 hours over 4 days. # of seminars scheduled was 6. # of seminar participants 10 – 15 (est). Due to the higher traffic from this show, the narrower aisles and schedule issues (and lack of participation from Hart Productions) Coastie was not used at this show. This show is much better attended as it offers a much wider range of activities and recreational opportunities. That said the anecdotal evidence with this show reveals actually few contacts and less interest in our Public Boating Course. Clearly this show has reduced the number of participants and vendors as they didn't fill the entire hall as previous shows used both buildings.

Looking forward, we really need feedback to support or refute the attendance conclusions from the two shows. Please ask students at the Public Boating Course where they found out about our course and if it was the shows, specifically which show.

Recommendations:

Review cost vs. return from the Hart Productions show (Feb show)

The back drop from the booth needs to be refurbished with new flannel covering and the interior boards need to be re-drilled with new interconnecting dowels for support.

We need new signs to mount on the back drop that can be supported on their own with Velcro. The current signs are shop worn and in many cases had to be tossed out. The signs that we were able to use were the heavy plastic that had to be supported with duct tape and looked like it! Not a very professional appearance. (This might be the place to spend the Hart Productions money for next year.)

The boat show allowed the co-chairman to contact and visit with a lot of the membership when soliciting help. That



makes this a golden opportunity for relatively new members to assume this assignment, get to know the membership and the workings of the squadron board. We recommend this involvement.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett We could use new backdrops for our signs at the boat shows, including lights, that are easy to set up and light weight for ease of transport.

A new boating brochure is being worked on at this time. Also, the most recent squadron calendar is online.

Commander made a comment that he would like the XO along with his staff to work on a plan to improve our booth.

Roster: Lt Doug Jackson, JN: absent

Boating Activities: Lt/C Dave Canale: No report.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruit, AP: absent

OLD BUSINESS

Rules Changes updates – National has a new approach to member & family unit membership fees. Commander wishes the AO & finance committee to get together and set guidelines for pricing that are inline with the new National standards.

New Member Orientation Night – committee chair requested. Dave Canale and Bill Mohrman volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS

VSE supplies are needed. The costs were discussed and a motion was approved for spending the money.

New members. Mike Guthrie, David Green and John Norton. Motion to accept as new members passed.

Calendar changes. An ECOM calendar was emailed to everyone on the committee. There is a date that needs changed; it is to change the Commander's Ball for 2012 from 1 March to 3 March. Motion passed.

USPS...Who Are We?

Do you ever have people ask "what is the United States Power Squadron?" Here is some help for you to answer them...

"The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron is a non-profit organization consisting of approximately 250 volunteers located here in Central Ohio that educate the public on boating safety. We work closely with other boating organizations, such as ODNR, Central Ohio Safe Boating Council and the Coast Guard Auxiliary in our efforts to make boating safer and more fun. We are part of a much larger national organization of about 45,000 people strong; the United States Power Squadron. While we are best known for our "Public Boating Course" we also have well over 30 advanced courses and seminars on Seamanship, Piloting and just about every aspect of general nautical knowledge. Being boating enthusiasts ourselves we have many on and off the water activities such as rendezvous, dinner meetings and social activities. It is a great opportunity for those who have a passion for boating to further their boating knowledge, improve public safety and enjoy fellowship with other boaters."

Coastie MOU with COSBC. A memorandum of understanding on Coastie to be sent out by email and request feedback and vote.

Mile Post: none

Sick Bay: Terry Wooten

Last Horizon: Joe Hetzel

First Horizon: Theresa Nadolson – new baby boy, Jeremiah.

Announcements:

Marion COW is 26 February

Ft. Wayne D29 – delegates and RSVPs needed send checks to Theresa. Invoice is due. Please be sure to book your hotel directly. If you are attending please let me know so I can fill the delegate spots. We are charged either way for 8.

Next ECOM meeting – 22 March at HQ.

The meeting adjourned at 2144.

2011 CSPS Rendezvous (tentative schedule)

- May 14 - Icebreaker Meeting @ the Nor'Easter Club
- June 10-12 Madison, Indiana Trailer Cruise
- June 18 Alum Creek Day/Night Party on the water
- June 25 Lunch Hook @ Lake Erie
- July 22-24 D29 Summer Conference @ Sandusky
- July 29-31 Huron Expedition
- Aug 5-7 Sea Gals Kelleys Island Adventure
- Aug 13-21 Fabulous Trent Severn Waterway Trip
- Sep 2-5 Leamington Canada Cruise
- Sep 16-18 Lake Cumberland Houseboat trip with D24
- Sep 23-25 Put-N-Bay No Agenda Cruise
- Oct 1 or 8 Alum Creek Day/Night Party on the water (weather dependent)

Change of Watch Photos



Cdr Murphy displays his new flag.



John & Mari Seaver with Jerrie & Brian O'Rourke. John & Brian both received the Commanders Award for their dedication to CSPA.



Cdr Hughes presents P/C Prior with a big thank you for his work fighting the Asian Carp.



Judy Hollander, Sally Stewart & Mary Lauer enjoy a chat.



Last minute notes on the script.



XO Tom Norman & Lew Phlaum enjoy the evening.



Mary, Bob, Sue and Larry are all smiles.



Who could resist buying 50/50 tickets from these two cuties?



P/C Bill Lehner in conversation.



Jeff Mirgon wins the beautiful basket made by Joyce Mattis.



Lt/C Karen Snyder taking her Oath of office.



SeaGals Cdr Mary Lauer, Cdr Matt and Debbie Murphy, and Lt Kevin Baron.



P/C Bob Vanderwessel presents the colors.

Marine Spider Control

By Michael D. Cohee, N

Most of us have experienced the yearly onslaught of the spider on our vessels. If your vessel remains in the water or in a commercial storage facility during the season, you have no doubt battled the little arachnids on a continual basis. Some years are worse than others, as 2010 will attest. Whereby 2009 was cooler and wetter, 2010, with its hot, dry, humid environment provided an excellent breeding ground for the unwanted little creature. Webs that you just got rid of by washing and cleaning, reappeared in a matter of hours!

Tips for do-it-yourself spider control:

- Always apply pesticides according to label directions. All pesticides that are labeled for spiders also contain a strong warning statement concerning environmental hazards that reads in part "This pesticide is extremely toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates".

- Apply the pesticide at the first sign of spiders. Once they have established themselves, they are much harder to control. Apply continual treatments throughout the season. No pesticide, regardless of the manufacturer's claims, can stand up to the marine environment for an extended period of time.

- Treat both the dock and the vessel. On the dock, treat utility lines and connections, cleats, between boards, and any crack, crevice or opening which might provide harborage. On the vessel exterior, treat underneath the swim platform, handrail stanchions, vents, anchor lockers, cleats which are used to secure vessel to the dock, and around canvas zippers, flaps, and overhangs. Make sure you treat the exterior

electronics, including VHF antenna, radar array, GPS, inside the horn, etc. On sailboats, treat the pulleys along with the other rigging components! If the vessel exterior is properly treated, very little should be needed on the interior. However, if the spiders already have a foothold, interior treatment may be necessary.

Tips on hiring a professional:

- Make sure the company is licensed through The Department of Agriculture and carries sufficient liability insurance.
- Ask about the company's experience in the marine environment. What is their guarantee? Check references!
- Make sure the technician who will be treating your vessel knows their way around boats. Do they wear the appropriate shoes? Do they know how to properly handle canvas? Will they leave your vessel just like they found it?

A reputable and licensed company that provides spider control services generally has access to more effective and more target specific control products than the general public. However, there are not many companies who provide marine spider control, partly because of the environmental liability factor and partly because of the difficulty of control in the marine environment. Make sure that the company and the individual technician you hire has experience in applying pesticides in this difficult environment! If you have any questions regarding spider control, please call Mike Cohee toll free at (888) 827-4459 or (614) 207-0445.

Marine Communications is coming to a classroom near YOU!!

The new Marine Communications class will begin on 23 March at 7:00 pm (1900). This is a new edition of the Marine Electronics 102 and has been completely rewritten as well as updated.

We will be covering the VHF DSC marine radio on how to use it, not only for emergency situations, but for everyday communications with our boating friends. Learn how to obtain an MMSI number and then program it into your radio. If you haven't done this, your radio will not send out an emergency alert when you push the red button.

Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB), Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) and Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) will be covered also. Will you be required to own one of these?

Cell and Satellite phones are just a few of the other forms of marine communications that we will be discussing in the nine week course.

So come on out and join your friends at 8492 Cotter St. (Hdqs) on Wednesday, 23 March and get ready for another great boating season. Please contact Debbie Smith at debralee@sbcglobal.net or 614-890-5864

I'll see you on 23 March! NOTE CHANGE IN DATE FROM *GALLEY GOSSIP!*

- Larry Lowe

Trepidation! Blue Water Boating in Maine

By Karen Snyder

It's only from my local power squadron members that I hear the term "blue water boater." They introduce me that way because I boat (with caution) along the coast of Maine, particularly in Muscongus Bay. Once in Maine, I'm just a plain ol' boater, as almost all boating is "blue water," where the estuaries, bays and Atlantic Ocean are lively with lobster boats, trawlers, waves, tides, and fishermen who know the waters, rocks, islands, and changeable weather like the backs of their hands. These fishing professionals are a hardy, crusty lot who venture out in all seasons. Compared to them, I'm a "chicken" boater who sometimes, when I'm alone, hires one of them for an afternoon to accompany me across the bay for fuel or up the river at season end to dry dock the boat until the following year.

Lobster Buoys - we call them "potties" and they float in rivers, harbors and bays by the thousands, everywhere boaters want to be. Why do they put them there, I asked? Because that's where the lobsters are, I was told. Attached to each pottie is a thick, sturdy line holding onto 12 lobster traps. A non-exploding mine field! Yes, I wrapped a pottie once in a crowded harbor with cliffs and the captain went overboard immediately to cut it off the propeller.

So, it's August 2010; a day of "blue water" boating with Peter, my significant other, and two friends from Columbus to see the puffins on Eastern Egg Rock and the fairy houses on Harbor Island. Peter and I do the preliminary charting on paper the night before and plan to follow our charted course using my auto-marine Garmin GPS.

We rendezvous on the wharf, Peter and I launch the dinghy from the upper dock and row to the Adena, my 23-foot Seaway (not SeaRay) with a competent coastal design and semi-displacement hull, powered by a 90hp Suzuki outboard. We cleat the dinghy to the side of the Adena, take her off her mooring and proceed to the dock to load lunch, supplies and our two friends. He's a retired Columbus firefighter and paramedic and his wife is a personal friend of mine. Neither is a boater. And Peter is new to boating, though a very fast study.

Before the Adena departs I give instructions to crew about safety, duties, where to sit, etc.; check systems again; get the dinghy ready; then leave the dock and weave around lobster and pleasure boats, lobster buoys, proceeding out of the harbor to the St. George River and Muscongus Bay. Peter takes the helm when we pass the "no wake" buoy. I cleat the dinghy onto its bridle, letting out enough line so that it rides two waves behind the Adena. The GPS in marine mode makes following our course easy.

We motor around Gay Island, cut into Gay Cove (a sightseeing diversion to show guests the oceanfront ledges on the land I own on the island), then proceed out of the cove to green can C3 and set our course for 248m for about 5nm. Just pass Franklin Light we are to alter course to 202m for 2nm to come along the western side of Eastern Egg Rock. As we head down bay, Peter holds the course and watches for rocks (we call them "hard water" in Maine) and other obstructions,

like the thousands of potties already mentioned, while I check instruments, verify aids to navigation, watch the dinghy, and make sure potties don't go under the boat. The boat lurches a bit at higher speeds so we slow down to keep things more comfortable. (Later investigation told me that I didn't have the engine all the way down, hence the lurching.)

We pass Franklin Light and a host of other small islands, which all look about the same from water level, but the GPS identifies most of them. Finally, Eastern Egg Rock looms on our port side and we steer as close to shore as we dare to catch a glimpse, if possible, of the puffins in the successful colony established there by Audubon. Landing on the rock is forbidden as puffins are endangered, but it is late enough in the season that we hope to catch a glimpse of the birds, adults and young ones, as they take flight for fishing expeditions.

For those who are unfamiliar with puffins, they are short, stout, black and white, clownish-looking birds with orange feet and colorfully striped "parrot" beaks. They return to the same nesting site year after year and, otherwise, live alone at sea. They bob around in the mid Atlantic all winter, diving and fishing as needed. They return to shore only to mate and raise a solitary chick, somehow finding their life partner amid the squalor of thousands of other birds, puffins and other species alike. They dig an underground burrow, hence are not all that visible except for when they fly off to fish in the ocean. They can return with up to 30 fish at a time in their beaks.

I take the helm as we circle Eastern Egg Rock, as the head waves and currents are tricky where the Atlantic tumbles over itself and crashes into the undefined boundaries of the bay and the shelf of the little island. I remember my instructions from power squadron classes: take these waves at 45 degrees; don't get caught broadside. All goes well and we circle Eastern Egg Rock three times. On the eastern side, I spot a puffin taking off from the water and shout to the others. But it's like seeing a shooting star. By the time you tell someone, it's gone. No one else sees it and they settle for spotting a few dolphins and telling me I saw an imaginary puffin. (Could it be jealousy among the surly crew!)

We follow our pre-plotted course back up the bay to the cove of Harbor Island, anchor to enjoy a leisurely late lunch, then row ashore. We hike around to find the fairy houses, many of which have been destroyed by winter storms. Last time I was there, there were well over a hundred. This time, we only find twenty or so. Still, they are engaging. No, I can't tell you about them. It's one of the secrets of Maine - you must go there and discover them for yourself.

Back on the Adena, we haul anchor and motor out of the cove. We get in open water when IT HAPPENS! The GPS stops functioning! The boat bobs around, changing directions, while we try to solve the GPS problem, but we get no results. And there is not an aid to navigation in sight.

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Boating in Maine...continued

The islands are low-lying green lumps just above the water, fairly indistinguishable to all but the seasoned lobstermen. We have the boat's compass, of course, charts and binoculars. But where are we? Our iPhones can't pick up a signal this far from shore. If they could, we'd know our exact longitude and latitude quickly.

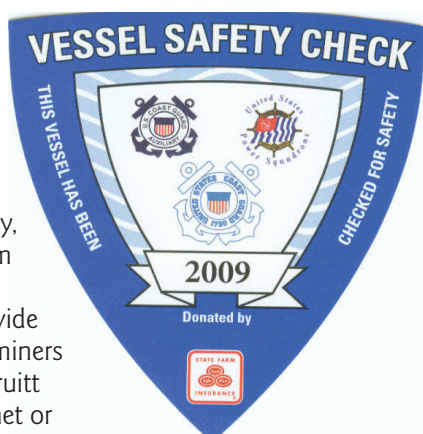
As captain, I pull out the chart and start giving instructions. My fireman's job is to use the binoculars to scan the horizon and find an aid to navigation, any aid to navigation. My helmsman's job is to make sure we don't hit any other boats, any rocks, land, potties or anything else while we find out where we are. My friend's job is to be calm and supportive and scout the horizon through a weaker pair of binoculars. My job also is not to look too worried. I've been in worse situations than this as a first mate, but this time, I'm the captain. Hope I'm up to the job! I assure myself that there's always the dinghy, the VHF radio and distress calls to boaters and the Coast Guard, but I hope never to use them in a situation like this.

It seems like forever, but we finally sight what appears to be a "can" in the distance and head for it to read the number up close. My fireman finally gets a good reading; I refer to the chart, and bingo! We know where we are. I chart a course back to Gay Island and Pleasant Point Gut. We follow our chart, compass, cans and nuns home to the dock to drop off our friends, then to the mooring. One final row brings Peter and me to the dock, tired, safe and happy. We haul the dinghy to the upper dock, secure it, and head off for dinner with wine, grateful for knowing alternative ways to navigate. Thanks, CSPS and the wonderful instructors.

P.S. What caused the GPS to fail? A corroded electrical contact; hence little recharging of the GPS from the boat's power. We hadn't noticed, but we'd been running on battery power most of the day. We tried to clean contacts, with no luck, on the water. A thorough cleaning of contacts back at the dock solved the problem. A salt water environment is very corrosive.

Boating Is FunWe'll Show You How!

Have you wanted to become a Vessel Safety Examiner? Here is your chance. Sunday, April 10 from 6-8:30pm at HQ to go over the fundamentals and provide you with a Vessel Examiners Manual. Email John Pruitt at jmpruitt@prodigy.net or call 614.236.5074 to register. Materials need to be ordered.



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Place these phone numbers for the anti-terrorist hotline in your cell phones. If you see anything suspicious, call either 800-424-8802 or 877-249-2824.



Welcome New Members!

New Member Reception and Orientation will be held on April 9th at 6pm at our Squadron Headquarters (8492 Cotter St, Lewis Center, OH 43035). Bring the family and come meet the Executive Committee, learn more about your squadron and ask the Bridge all those questions you have. Pizza, baked goods and beverages will be served. RSVP to L/C David Canale at davidcanale4u@yahoo.com or call 614.323.6040. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our longtime squadron friend, Bill Perfect, lost his father, John Perfect, on February 27th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and his family.

LAST HORIZON

P/D/Lt Mary Lou Himes, P passed away March 11th. Mary Lou enjoyed her time in CSPS by earning 16 Merit Marks. She was also a member of the Sea Gals. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.



A HISTORY LESSON

In case you did not know, the Columbus Sea Gals Auxiliary was chartered in 1947*. At that time, The Columbus Power Squadron, did “knot” allow women to be members.

After several years of the Sea Gals sharing their talents on “how to socialize,” with boating being the common thread, it was clear that they would also be a vital part of the power squadron. To the chagrin of a few male CPS members, women were allowed to officially join the National and Local Power Squadrons in 1954*. Also, in the 50’s, Sea Gals solely piloted the family boat in Lake Erie from Island to Island no men allowed!

The rumor is true: attendance at Sea Gals events has been strong because “they are always fun” and the food is great!

For the past two years, Joyce and I hope you can agree with that statement. We’ve done everything from Soup to Nuts (aka Buckeye Fans): Movie Nite, Toys for Tots, a Golf Cart Poker Run on K.I. to a Soup Cook-off. Don’t forget the annual St. Patty’s Day Party at the Ehrbar’s.

April will be a busy month starting off with recuperating from the Commander’s Ball, getting boats ready for the “Splash Day” and enjoying the Easter (& Passover) holiday, therefore the Sea Gals will not meet. But get ready for May; the Change of Watch agenda will include a BIG historical surprise! Date/details TBD later.

Helping you to find your “Happy Place,”
Joyce and Mary

**Dates may not be accurate.*

COMING HOME

Lt/C Dick Sorensen, JN

For the last forty years life had pulled me away from the water. But when the opportunity came to get back on it I realized I had never lost the attraction to it.

When I was a teenager in Chicago warm weather meant one thing - Lake Michigan. The waves, winds, sky were an obsession with me. I had joined the Sea Scouts so that I could finally get out, onto and into the water. Initially every week and then every day I spend as much time as I could on a boat on the water.

But we all grow up. I got married, started a family and a career and occasionally thought about the water. At least once a year we would travel to a family reunion and it always revolved around water. I told myself that one day I’d return.

Over the years I had cruised with good friends, taken the power squadron courses, gotten my hands on a couple of day sailers and canoes but it just wasn’t the same. Perhaps it was because they where too slow. Perhaps I didn’t get to explore enough or the water was too small. It just wasn’t the same.

While checking Craigslist Columbus I discovered a frustrated housewife with a boat that needed to go! So I purchased a 21 foot cuddy that needed some (a lot) TLC, which brings me to last Saturday.

My day began at dawn with the wipers going as I headed east on Interstate 70. I drove sipping my coffee and thought about the day ahead. I was going to explore this river I had driven over at 70 miles per hour for years! It had been over 40 years since I spent a day on a body of water by myself. I quickly re-learned the lessons long forgotten. Plan ahead, anticipate trouble and prepare for it, be willing to ask questions, question everything, keep your head swiveling, watch the weather, watch your gauges, watch for deadheads, watch for boat traffic, and more. I remember how I used to think being 4 miles off of Chicago was so beautiful....in its own unique way that day on the Muskingum rivaled that. What a great experience....on a river that most mariners don’t think much of but I sure did.

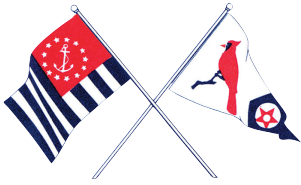
After 40 years away, I was back!



David & Allyson Green
John Norton
Michael & Judy Guthrie

April Birthdays

1 Ellen Hogue	17 David Morrow
4 Chad Brown	23 Roger Holstein
6 Faye Flack	23 Bonnie May
7 Dave Clark	24 Michael Henestofel
13 Toby Cohen	24 Connie Kauffman
14 Dale Pancoast	27 Colette Cramer
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