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Neptune's Classroom

By C.R.C. Dye

**Who designed that certificate you proudly clutch to your breast?
Who gave you the right to wear those stars upon your chest?
With Merit Marks and Tridents I'm not finding fault,
But stop once and consider are they seasoned yet with salt?**

**Come out to my great classroom, where the blackboard is deep blue,
The chalk marks upon it, are wave and wake to you,
I'm not concerned with golden braid or all your yachty looks,
But I'll teach you things you gotta know that don't come out of books.**

**You cannot pick the time nor place to take your major task,
But on your answers hangs your life, not stars upon your chest.
Study hard and long in classroom and know your theory well,
For when I come to test you the course will lay through Hell.**

**It's not the flag you fly at all, that interests me,
But your hidden flag of courage and knowledge of the sea,
When you're a Senior Member of Neptune's sea and tide,
The seamanship you learn from me will show upon your hide.**

**The emblem gold upon your cap I'll then adorn with green,
With salt and spray I'll etch it so that it can be seen.
I'll make of you a sailor, but a humble one you'll be
Before you come to graduate from the college of the sea.**

Neptune's Classroom was penned by member C.R.C. Dye in 1968 to celebrate the 30th birthday of the Neptune Power Squadron in Connecticut. Its theme then was just as relevant 50 years later during their 125th Anniversary year! (2018)

Mosaic of Neptune (Regional Archeological Museum Antonio Salinas, Palermo)



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 5 Monday November 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 5&12 Monday ABC of Central Ohio Virtual ABC Classes Held
- 17 Saturday District 29 Virtual Fall Conference – 10 am
- 29 Tuesday Virtual Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday Merit Mark Information due to P/C Bob Van der Wissel
- 2 Monday December 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 5 Thursday ABC of Central Ohio Dinner Event – Location / Time TBD
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm – Location TBD
- 26 Thursday Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

- 5 Saturday ABC Toledo Christmas Party – Location / Time TBD
- 6 Sunday ABC Fort Wayne Christmas Party – Location / Time TBD
- 7 Monday January 2021 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 11 Friday Happy Hanukkah!
- 12 Saturday ABC of Central Ohio Christmas Party – Location / Time TBD
- 13 Sunday ABC Sandusky / Port Clinton Christmas Party – Location / Time TBD
- 22 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm – Location TBD
- 25 Friday Merry Christmas!



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Sherri Haring, P



The Fall boating education line up is starting strong. We are currently offering a virtual America's Boating Course (ABC) course. As of the time of this report, we already have 20 students signed up! Our Education team, Paul King, Mari and John Seaver, deserve a great big thank you for all the preparation and making this possible.



On another positive note of accolade, I have received notice that three of our members have reached a milestone of 25 merit marks. They are Martha Beidel, Lt. John Pruitt, AP, and Robert Wenger, P. This is an extraordinary accomplishment and I hope you will join me in congratulating and thanking them for all their years of dedicated service.

And finally, it is that time of year and I need your submissions for the prestigious River Rat and Bungle Jug awards. Just to show that self-incrimination is encouraged and to get things started, I will confess (otherwise, I'm sure Lee would be more than happy to spill this anyway). Lee and I were out boating in a channel we had explored before. However, this time we rounded the corner and promptly were grounded. I had to move Lee and the dogs to the front of the boat, but still no luck. Then I had no other choice but to get in the water and lift/push the boat to get us off a pile of weeds my feet were getting stuck in that the weed cutter had left behind. And to make things worse, I had just bought a new outfit which I was wearing the first time that was mostly white. The great news is we had no damage to the boat and we were all safe (and Lee would add that the best part was that she did not have to get in the water).



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Bob Goelz, S



Good Mooring and Happy Boating to us! Some of you will be on the Cumberland trip and others are enjoying the end of another good boating season. It was not great this year as the virus cut us off a good bit. Some of us with immune issues are being extra careful as we should.

Hopefully, we will have a vaccine soon and can get back to normal (what ever that turns out to be). In the meantime, it is never too early to think of what we need to do to winterize, clean, wax, and cover our boats for the winter. So where do you go to find out how to do all the jobs that need completing and how do you know that you are doing those jobs correctly?

Go to the *Boat US* September/October issue and turn to page 86. That will lead you to www.boatus.com/winterization where you will find expert advice, checklists and the how-to video links that you need to ensure that your boat is tucked away safe and sound during the colder months.

Of course, if you are a nut for boating like most



of us, I highly recommend our "Engine Maintenance" class through our squadron. Not only will you learn what an engine looks like and how it works, you will learn why a carbureted engine has a flame arrester, as well as how to winterize the engine in your boat! In fact, when I took the course, we used my boat as the example to show all of us in the class how to winterize, cover, sanitize, and protect your boat from moisture and mold. Really good stuff!

There are also great boat repair, storage, and sales operations in our area that will gladly help you winterize your boat for a fee. Even if you go this route, you still need to have a checklist and oversee all the chores yourself...it is your boat. See you on the water soon.



**America's Boating Club of Central Ohio -
Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
25 August 2020**

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

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

Cdr Sherri Haring, P, called the meeting to order at 19:00. The prayer and pledge of allegiance were omitted. Roll call was taken by voice and Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S, found that after a few minutes into the meeting a quorum was present. The following Executive Committee members were present: Commander Sherri Haring, P; Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Goelz, S; Administrative Officer, Lt/C Tiffany Francis, S; Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Paul King JN-IN; Asst Squadron Education Officer P/C John Seaver, SN (late); Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Asst Sec 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P; Treasurer P/C Dick Sorensen, SN; Lt Sue Goelz, S; Lt Joe Huffman, P; Lt Beth Perchuk, P. Guests present: Mari Seaver, S. The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Commander Sherri Haring, P

Announced 25-year member awards for John Pruitt and Martha Beidel. The squadron currently has 116 members.

Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Goelz, S:

He has all investment statements for the year. Treasurer Dick Sorensen has prepared a current balance sheet. He is planning to meet with Joe Mesenburg in September to discuss the investments. The gain on the investments this year has been about 5.5%.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Paul King, JN-IN

Asst. S/E/O P/C John Seaver, SN

A Virtual ABC class is scheduled to begin September 21 for 4 weeks, 7-9 PM. Ten students are currently registered. Paul is working with John Seaver on this. If this doesn't work out, National's online class will be offered. Boat Handling will be offered online.

**Administrative Officer Lt/C Tiffany Francis, S
Asst. A/O -1st/Lt Ruth Kubinski, P**

A virtual happy hour will be held on Zoom at 7:00 PM on September 3.

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 -

Discussed by XO.

Members at Large Reports:

Lt Sue Goelz, S - No Report

Lt Joe Huffman, P - The Lake Cumberland trip is on. There will be two full boats with 11 couples.

Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP - Absent

Lt Glen Kubinski, AP - Absent

P/C Larry Lowe, SN-CN - Absent

Lt Ralph Newman, SN - Absent

P/C Phil Osborne, JN - Absent

Lt Beth Perchuk, P - No report

Lt Ruth Wilcox, S - Absent

General Committees

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

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN - Complete - Absent

Rules Committee: P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP - Absent

Standing Committees:

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

Housing Committee: 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P - He is looking at his responsibilities in this position. Plans to get welcome mat for entry and some filters.

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 Officer: 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P, acting - 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 – No report

Investments Committee: Lt/C Bob Goelz, S – See X/O report

Boat Shows: P/C Dick Sorensen, SN – No report

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 – Absent

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP – Absent

ABC Class Committee: Need Chair

New Business:

It was decided to change the September ECOM meeting date from September 22nd to 29th.

Sick Bay:

Joyce Hankle, Martha Beidel is doing well, Scott Shaw

Announcements:

Next ECOM meeting is **September 29. (This is a change)**

GG articles are due September 7

Meeting Adjourned: 19:45

MERIT MARKS

Have you volunteered some time to assist with America's Boating Club of Central Ohio activities this year? Any time you put in on behalf of the club from November 1, 2019 to October 15, 2020 can be included in your Merit Mark total hours. Please send your name with a list of the activities with which you assisted and the time spent on each to P/C Bob Van der Wissel at rvanderw@columbus.rr.com. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2020. Don't be shy! USPS is pleased to recognize your dedication. Get your list to Bob soon before you forget.

We are looking for great boating stories from you for upcoming issues of the *Galley Gossip*. Please write a few paragraphs about your trip, include some photos, and email it to humblemh@yahoo.com. All submissions will run in an issue of the *Galley Gossip* and also be sent to USPS for inclusion in *The Ensign* magazine.



SICK BAY

Joyce Hankle
Scott Shaw
Special Update – Martha Beidel is doing well.

Special Request from Treasurer Dick Sorensen

Can You Add a Column of Numbers Using 'Old School' Methods?

Our lives are controlled by algorithms. Our children learn mathematics using some complicated gobbledy-gook. It's way too complicated for this simple sailor! Could you help out? The Squadron needs someone who can put up with me once a month to review the Squadron's books, etc. We use an outside bookkeeping firm and have a tax accountant, but more than one person should be reviewing the monthly statements. About an hour or so. Nothing complicated. If you'd like to help please email me at zeke0711@yahoo.com. Thanks for helping to row the Squadron into the future!

Quarantine Discovery

By Dick Sorensen, SN

This quarantine stuff has me locked up. And my community library also. So, I find myself digging thru my nautical library collection. Mostly fiction with a lot of biographies. I found a very interesting book back behind sailors' classic Will Smith's *The Art of a Sailor*. The title: *The Practical Mariner's Book of Knowledge* by John Vigor. Now that title does strike me as a little presumptuous. I mean a book of maritime knowledge? Maritime knowledge! All of it?

But I was desperate. I grabbed at anything new. Let me share with you some of the more interesting of Vigor's observations.

Binoculars, Basic Rule. Every boat should carry two pairs of binoculars: a good pair for your use only, and another very cheap pair for the idiot visitors who keep changing the focus and won't put the strap around their necks.

Fear, Experience of. At sea, it's better to feel fear early than late. Seasoned sailors are subject to anxiety before danger arrives. By anticipating it, they are better placed to meet it or even avoid it. Inexperienced sailors may wander blindly into danger and then become paralyzed with fear when it's too late.

Figureheads, Derivation of. Figureheads represent a sacrifice to the ancient gods of wind and the sea. They should always be representatives of human beings, never creatures of the sea. In the beginning, real human heads were placed on the bowsprit of a vessel starting her first voyage, and, more often than not, the heads were those of beautiful maidens—hence, perhaps, the term maiden voyage. *I can imagine that the wife and daughters of the guy who ordered the ship to be built took off for the hills until the new ship was gone over the horizon.*

Friday, Sailing on. It is widely believed throughout the world that to sail on a Friday is to invite disaster. This old rule may have originated with the crucifixion of Christ, which occurred on a Friday, but the belief is common among sailors of other religions as well. Yet we know full well that countless vessels set sail every Friday and complete their passages safely. How can this be? It simply means that their skippers have earned enough points in their **Black Boxes*** to overcome the bad luck of sailing on a Friday.

***Black Box Theory.** The basis of the theory is that there is no such thing as fortuitous luck at sea.

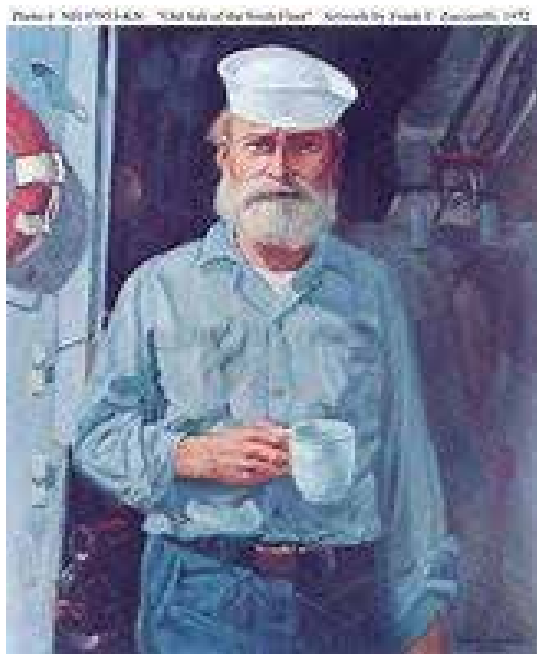
The reason why some boaters survive storms or have fewer accidents than others is that they earn their "luck" by diligent and constant acts of seamanship. Aboard every boat there's an invisible **Black Box**. Every time a skipper takes the trouble to consult the chart, inspect the fuel filters, go forward on a rainy night to check the running lights, or take any proper seamanlike precaution, he or she earns a point that goes in the **Black Box**. In times of stress, in heavy weather or other threatening circumstances where human skill and effort can accomplish no more, the points are cashed in as protection. 'Earning luck' was well known to sailors in square-riggers.

Name, Attracting Bad Luck with. A vessel with a name that is too presumptuous has long been held to attract bad luck. By presumptuous, I mean a name that challenges the sea or wind or boasts that it can better the elements or survive their meanest blows. To call a boat *Sea Conqueror* or *Wind Tamer* is simply to tempt the Fates. The gods like boat names to be humble. That's why I named my last boat 'WaterDog'.

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Dick Sorensen has enjoyed cruising and navigating the waters around the Islands of Lake Erie this summer. He hopes other boaters remain ignorant of its beauty.



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Name, Changing of. It's not unlucky to change the name of a boat, provided certain rules are followed. First, remove the old name from everything on or in the boat: logbook, dinghy transom, charts, etc. Next hold a simple ceremony asking the wind (Aeolus), sea (Neptune), and any other gods you want to strike the old name from their records. Then, without further words, pour champagne. Not rot gut but really good stuff. Now you're good to go with the new name.

Right of Way. Despite your having the right of way under International or Inland Collision Regulations, you are required by law to give way if the other vessel fails to do so. Remember this old epitaph:

*Here lies the body of Michael O'Day
Who died maintaining his right of way
He was right, dead right, as he sailed along
But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong*

Whistling and Bad Weather. The old rule was that a sailor never whistled on watch for fear of bringing bad weather. He could whistle during his off watch. There is a saying that only fools and bosun's mates whistle on deck. Bosun's mates could whistle with impunity because they were believed to be agents of the devil, particularly when they were wielding a cat-o'-nine-tails.

Surprisingly, I learned a lot from Mr. Vigor. I will place his book in the Squadron's library. Grab it. You might enjoy reading it or any of the hundreds of others. In the meantime, you can find me in Mrs. Sorensen's pantry reading the ingredients on an oatmeal box.

USPS Annual Meeting

As of press time, the USPS 106th Annual Meeting scheduled for February 9-16, 2021 in Ponte Vedra, Florida is still a go. Further details will be provided as they become available.



Dave Ehrbar
Stephen Eichhorn
Jack Kuhn II
Douglas McCray
Mary Rayburn

D/29 FALL CONFERENCE

As with many events, the District 29 Fall Conference scheduled for October 3rd has been reimagined due to COVID-19. Instead of the planned in-person event, a virtual conference will be held from 10:00 a.m. to approximately Noon on Saturday, October 17th. The ZOOM link for the conference is below. Commander Jason Snook and his Bridge hope you will be able to join them! Despite these crazy times, D29 is still moving forward!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89452096424?pwd=ak9raHY0RWNmOW1qOWZ2WEVCcGNxUT09>

Meeting ID: **894 5209 6424**
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