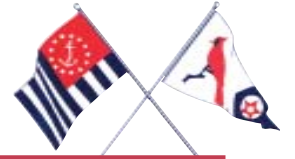


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## Gilligan's Island "Three Hour Tour" Rendezvous Dinner Meeting

**8 March, 2012**

**Scioto Boat Club, 3232 Indian Village Rd, Columbus, OH 43221**

Come sail away with us on a "Three Hour Tour" of our upcoming 2012 Rendezvous Destinations. We will be giving prizes for the "best dressed" island hopper. So pull out all the stops and come dressed as your favorite Gilligan's Island character!

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Social Hour  
7:30 pm – Dinner and our "Three Hour Tour" CSPA style

**Price:** \$15 per person

**Menu:** Galena Diner's own world famous Broasted Chicken, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad, Baked Beans, Rolls and Dessert tray.

**Drinks:** BYOD (bring your own drinks). This is an uncharted island inside a city park area where alcohol is prohibited. You can bring your own and drink it in a plastic cup. We will have no drinks of any kind available (alcohol or nonalcoholic).

**Dress:** Island style, so be creative!

We will have each of the rendezvous chairmen set up with their own Island for you to visit and experience their planned rendezvous.

RSVP (By March 4) to Bill Mohrman at 614-203-8817  
[wjmohrman@mindspring.com](mailto:wjmohrman@mindspring.com) or  
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## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

### March

- 3 Saturday ABC3 Boating Class 8am-noon Scioto Boat Club session 2
- 5 Monday April *Galley Gossip* articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
- 8 Thursday Dinner meeting - Three Hour Tour Theme
- 10 Saturday ABC3 Boating Class 8am-noon Scioto Boat Club session 3 test day
- 17 Saturday ABC3 Charting and Plotting 8am - noon Scioto Boat Club
- 23-25 Fri.-Sun. District 29 Spring Conference and Change Of Watch - hosted by Sandusky PS
- 27 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM @ HQ 1900

### April

- 1 Sunday Vessel Safety Examiner Course and Refresher
- 5 Thursday Dinner Meeting
- 9 Monday May *Galley Gossip* articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting at 1900 (7pm) at HQ

### May

- 7 Monday June *Galley Gossip* articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
- 12 Saturday Dinner Meeting - Nor'Easter Club @ Lake Erie
- 15 Tuesday Central OH Safe Boating Council 6pm @ Cross Creek Campgrounds office
- 19 Saturday Vessel Safety Exams @ Alum Creek State Park
- 19-25 Sat.-Fri. Safe Boating Week 2012
- 22 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting 1900 @ HQ
- 26 Saturday Grandview Parade and Cookout - Hughes home

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas E. Norman, P



The Ohio State University Extension has been studying the "Harmful Algal Blooms in Ohio Waters" specifically in the Maumee Bay near Toledo. The Harmful algal blooms (HAB's) can cause illness or irritation even death because they produce poisons or toxins and are harmful to pets, livestock and humans. An algal bloom is an abundant growth of algae. Most HAB's are caused by planktonic bacteria, which are suspended in the water. The organisms that normally make up HAB's are actually cyanobacteria which are normally called "blue green algae" and are not true algae.



Cyanobacteria (HAB'S) can be distributed throughout the water or they can float to form scums on or near the surface. Cyanobacteria gather together to grow into colonies. Blooms can look like slicks of opaque, bright green paint but under closer inspection they appear to have a grainy appearance of individual colonies.

Cyanobacteria are formed by excess nutrients, phosphorus or nitrogen, sunlight (all cyanobacteria photosynthesize to create sugars for energy), low or reduced flow water (calm water), and warmer temperatures contribute to their formations. Lake Erie's zebra/quagga mussels avoid cyanobacteria and do not cause the break-up of colonies. The overabundance of phosphorus and nitrogen in Ohio is due to farming, lawn fertilizers, wastewater treatment plants,

sewer overflows, leaking septic systems and rain. Forests and wetlands are natural filtering and buffering zones cleaning these extra nutrients from our lakes, rivers and streams. These systems have become full of pollutants and wetlands and forests are being depleted making filtering impossible. Pollutants and excessive nutrients are entering our waters sometimes unabated, feeding HAB's. Low oxygen and biological activities aid in recycling nutrients stored by these systems of forests and wetlands and fuel HAB's. There are more than 40 types of HAB's that produce toxins. The three main toxins are: nerve toxins, liver toxins, skin toxins.

Lake Erie's algal growth is due mostly to phosphorous and not nitrogen. Phosphorous is found in everything, fertilizers, toothpaste, laundry detergent, food supply and so on. Our waste water is channeled into streams, rivers and lakes so much so that natural filtering systems (forests and wetlands) can no longer function effectively. We reduce our filtering areas and generate greater amounts of wastewater including nutrients from farming so much so that all of North America has an abundance of phosphorous. (World Health Organization)

What can we do to reduce HAB's and make our water supply safer: Use lawn fertilizers sparingly, checking and maintaining septic systems, preventing runoff from farms and livestock, increase the wetlands areas and plant along the shoreline to increase filtering and reduce our wastewater runoff. Compiled from information provided by The Ohio State University Extension, NOAA, Sea Grant, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio EPA, ODNR

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C David Canale, P



I want to thank everyone for electing me as the new Executive Officer of the squadron, and congratulate newly elected Tom Norman as Commander, Bill Mohrman as Administrative Officer, and Brian O'Rourke as Education Officer. Congratulations and a big thank you to all other squadron officers, spouses and volunteers for your time and commitment. It's you who make the squadron function and it's to you that we all say "thank you!". Together, we all hope to make 2012 a wonderful and exciting.

2012 has started off with a "flurry" of activities. Tom Norman and I had the honor of attending the Sandusky squadron's Change of Watch (COW) on 2 February at the Sandusky Yacht club. About 80 people participated in the celebration highlighted by a fabulous brunch and the observance of Sandusky's 75th anniversary. Congratulations!

Then, it was off to District 29's Winter Council in Ada on 12 February. This meeting was attended by nearly all of the bridge officers of the 8 squadrons comprising District 29, and was also well attended by Columbus dignitaries who included Past Commanders Michael Hughes, Matt Murphy,



Phil Osborne, Harold Beidel, Bob Rayburn and Larry Lowe, as well as our own national representative Joe Mesenburg. This meeting is the Districts' annual educational/training meeting for new officers. Initially, each grouping of officers broke off into separate meeting rooms to discuss their respective duties and responsibilities. I had the pleasure of meeting with all the Executive Officers in the district. Chaired by Executive Officer, D/Lt/C Anne V. Gilcher, our group

discussed the role of the Executive Officer—which is the public face of the squadron for activities such as vessel safety inspections, boat shows and co-op charting. Following this, all the squadrons convened at a general meeting to calendar and coordinate a listing of significant events for 2012. There are

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## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Mohrman, AP



Thank you for electing me to be the next Administrative Officer for the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. I am honored by the trust you have put in me as I start up the chain of command.

This office is planning a VERY EXCITING year for the squadron. The combination of the hard work of the previous leadership, the new leadership and some very hard working assistants, the slate of Rendezvous, dinner meetings and speakers is outstanding. We will inform, entertain and generally provide a good time for our membership.

New to the squadron this year is the Assistant AO position that was created but left unfilled for the past two years. My assistant, Dick Sorenson is a very hardworking and creative person that is proving to be worth his weight in gold. Being in the catering and entertainment business himself, Dick is bringing his considerable knowledge and talent to the AO staff.

Our first dinner meeting is coming up March 8th at the Scioto Boat Club on the shores of the Scioto River on Griggs reservoir. This will be a rather unique theme meeting; "Gilligan's Island; Three Hour Tour". It was inspired by the 1964 sitcom where a group of unlikely people went on a three hour boat tour and fell prey to a vicious storm, dumping them on an uncharted island. If this is not a study in preparedness, I don't know what is. They certainly could have done with a boating course or two. So it was as small step from there to tie our dinner meeting theme with our upcoming rendezvous schedule.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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numerous educational and recreational activities planned for 2012—too numerous to list in this article.

I therefore encourage everyone to periodically review our own calendar as well as that of District 29. I also encourage our members to interact with our sister squadrons. During 2012, plan on attending or at least visiting one of the other squadrons in our District—they will be happy to see you! Also, I encourage anyone with questions to consult our national website for information and guidance. Finally, at the Winter Council, I was also appointed as the Legal Officer for District 29. In closing, I wish everyone a happy and safe year of boating.

## MERIT MARKS

Have you volunteered at a boat show? Have you worked on the upcoming boating class? Attended a meeting for the squadron? Contributed to the good of the squadron in any capacity? If so, please sent an email to Don Delewese hl19don@earthlink.net and Bob Van der Wissel rvanderw@columbus.rr.com with your Name, E#, date and time of volunteerism, and a brief description of your action. This will assure everyone gets credit for the hours they serve the squadron.



### "Three Hour Tour" – CSPA Style:

Our lighthearted dinner meeting will be in the traditional "Island Style" complete with our own rendezvous destinations to discover. Throughout the evening, you will be able to travel to each "island" and learn about our destinations through table top displays, photos, descriptions and discussions.

In addition we will be hosting a look-a-like contest for the best dressed Island hopper. Who will be the best look-alike for Gilligan, the Skipper, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, Ginger, Mary Ann, and the Professor? I have ideas in my head already, but let's have some fun with this!

Thanks to our group of very competent rendezvous chair people, we have a full summer of rendezvous planned that has something for everyone. We have everything from a one day poker run on Buckeye Lake, to a Lunch Hook at Kelly's Island, to multi day trip to the Georgian Bay. If the river is more to your liking, choose the Kanawha River Trip coordinated with a Blues and BBQ festival or perhaps a Jazz and Rib Fest on the Ohio River. Travel down south to Lake Cumberland for a long weekend of Southern Hospitality on the big lake. Lake Erie will be busy with the Sea Gals Kelly's Island weekend, the City of Huron over Labor Day and a weekend trip to Put-in-Bay in September. There is a lot to choose from so come to the March 8th dinner meeting to find out the details.

So in closing a bit of Gilligan's Island trivia: Who was originally cast as Gilligan and turned the role down before Bob Denver was given the part? (The answer is hidden in this GG somewhere. See if you can find it!)

## Sail Away With USPS Photo Contest

Take a picture of your favorite gunk hole, vacation retreat or cruising destination and enter our "Sail Away with USPS" photo contest! Email no more than 4 high-resolution photos that you think best capture your time spent during a treasured trip or vacation to [uspsphotocontest@gmail.com](mailto:uspsphotocontest@gmail.com). Include your name, certificate number, and a brief caption. The contest is open to all amateur and professional photographers who are USPS members or subscribers of *The Ensign* magazine. Your entry constitutes an agreement to allow your photos and name to be used in any USPS publication or website. All photos used by USPS will carry a photographer's credit. Photos should be at least 3 x 5 inches at 300 dpi. The larger the better! Photographs should not be digitally altered except for cropping, color or contrast adjustment, and dust removal. Photographers must hold rights to the photos submitted and must obtain permission before submitting photos of identifiable people. Deadline for submission is 31 Dec 2012. Winners will be featured in the Spring 2013 issue of *The Ensign*.



Well here we are in the middle of winter 2012 and the CSPS education staff is busy, busy, busy. As the new incoming SEO, I can see there is a lot for me to get up to speed on but we have a great group of folks (I'll call them volunteers for now) willing to help. Please take a look at the Educational Staff roster in this issue of the Galley Gossip to see a list of our instructors and chairs.



One of the biggest updates we have made is our new website, please stop buy our new web page and take a look at the Educational section. From there you can view what courses and seminars are currently being offered and register for them right on the web page. For those of you who have not been there for a while please check it out at <http://www.columbussailandpower.org>

Coming up we have the ABC course being offered at the Scioto River Boat Club starting on 2/25, check the web page for details. If you are interested in helping out we can always use "volunteers" to help with grading papers, marlinspike, and sharing squadron experiences with future members.

We recently kicked off Advanced Piloting, Weather and Sail with Navigation starting in March. We are also offering a Charting seminar in March and a GPS seminar later in the spring.

I look forward to seeing you in a class, at a dinner meeting, or hopefully very shortly on the water shortly!

## **"BUT OFFICER, WE DIDN'T KNOW WE NEEDED THAT STUFF TO BE SAFE !!!"**

Members, you can help eliminate this conversation on the water by becoming active in the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron's Vessel Safety Check Program. We had a record year in 2011 with 13 examiners and 179 Vessel Safety Checks performed. Being an examiner is fun and rewarding. It offers an outstanding opportunity to help people be safer on the water, and also promote the benefits of classes we offer and membership in our Squadron. We have found that every year more people seek us out to have their Vessel Safety Check!

Becoming an Examiner is simple- we are holding a Class at 1700 on Sunday 1 April at our Headquarters, 8942 Cotter St Lewis Center, OH 43035-7139. This class will last approximately 2 1/2 Hours and all course material will be provided at no cost to you. It is a very informal, yet an informative overview of the Vessel Safety Check procedure. After taking the class, you take an online open book exam to become a Vessel Safety Examiner.

Please accept this invitation to become part of this valuable program which complements the Coast Guard Auxiliary and State Watercraft safety awareness efforts.

Please e-mail John Pruitt, Vessel Safety Check Chairman, at [jmep Pruitt@prodigy.net](mailto:jmep Pruitt@prodigy.net) or call his cell phone 614-216-5203 by March 15, 2012 to register.

## **USCG Bill Defeated**

The USCG 2011 authorization bill that I talked about in the November 2011 *Galley Gossip* has been defeated after review from the USCG legal staff.

This means that anyone traveling more than three miles offshore, including the Great Lakes, WILL NOT BE REQUIRED to carry an EPIRB or PLB. Connecting your GPS to your VHF-DSC radio and registering your MMSI# is still HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

P/C Larry Lowe, SN  
SRTO (Squadron Radio Technical Officer)



## **Schedule of Winter Classes**

Navigation	Tues 3-6-12	7 pm	\$175 members/\$200 non-members
Marine Communications	March 14	7pm	\$50 members/\$75 non-members
America's Boating Course	Saturdays - 8 am-noon	- Scioto Boat Club, 3232 Indian Village Rd. Columbus 43221	\$40
Charting & Plotting Supplemental Class	- Sat 3-17-12	8am-noon - Scioto Boat Club	- FREE to all registered ABC students

Register for these classes at [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org) under the education tab. If you have any questions, call us at 614.384-0245 or toll free at 1-855-CSPS-SAFE



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron**

**Minutes of the Executive Committee**

**17 January 2012**

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

Cdr Matt Murphy called the meeting to order at 1900 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

Lt/C Debbie Smith gave the invocation. Executive Officer Tom Norman 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 Matt Murphy, Executive Officer Tom Norman, Administrative Officer David Canale, Education Officer Debbie Smith, Secretary Ron Hupman, Lt Tammy Cohee, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, Lt Michael Cohee., Lt William Mohrman, Lt Richard Sorensen Lt John Seaver, P/C Michael Hughes.

Others present were: P/C Larry Lowe, Lt Tracy Garrett Joe Clay  
The minutes of the November ECOM meeting were approved.

**Commander's Comments**

**Cdr Matthew Murphy**

The most important thing I can say to the Executive Committee is "thank you." It has been a productive year, a year of great fun, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. To date I am the youngest male Commander at age 46 and I appreciate that you treated me with respect as if I had earned it.

Following PC Michael Hughes and having Tracy on speed dial through the year was a significant advantage as was having a supportive Flag Lt that is married to PC Delewese. Things were set in motion that we only needed to complete. Others were invented by us and still others we passed along from National. These people among others helped this Bridge through some key changes that should help drive membership and set in motion some increased education participation. Ultimately the credit for our accomplishments goes to us all including the members who shared our vision and support. ECOM members deliberated appropriately on any motions brought forth. We acted in good faith on behalf of our membership, were good stewards of our resources, and we were well balanced. Some of the key accomplishments for ECOM this year are as follows. A MOU was enacted with COSBC as it relates to Coastie. That in itself is not huge but we have a pattern to follow should other agreements be needed. New Member orientation was re-born which resulted in an upward trend in new members continuing on to Seamanship and other advanced grades. Old equipment was disposed and new equipment was purchased that further supports our educational operations. What once seemed like work became fun as the National Safe Boating week kicked off at Alum Creek with a cookout and great community outreach to children receiving new PFDs while a "red shirt" checked their vessel. New VSEs were trained and certified and we ended the year with a record 176 vessels being checked by CSPS. The ABC3 class format and six months free membership was kicked off. A family unit dues structure was adopted to make more sense and encourage a larger number of members per family. This should increase the number of students in classes as well. Relationships with ODNR, USACE, USCGAux, and COSBC have never been stronger. The boat show booth equipment was replaced. New brochures were produced to better support our mission to get members to class and to recruit new members. A Technical Committee was formed and produced a new website that better supports all members and departments. Our phone system was changed and saved considerable expense while increasing functionality. ECOM, their chairpersons, and members logged an incredible 5400 hours of volunteer time. The Ship's Store was greatly rehabilitated with new stewardship and even on-line ordering. And good,

bad or indifferent, the Trent- Severn fleet was led for the final segments by a bass boat with a 12 year old at the controls while the Pilot was using paper charts and a portable GPS with no electronic charts installed. Why did we do this? "It's what we do!"

It was a fast twelve months and I offer a few items of unfinished business to the next ECOM. One is the continuation and formalizing the TechCom within the Standing Rules. Along with that comes the need to formalize record keeping, file sharing, and electronic storage. Another is formal adaptation and passage of our squadron By-laws that coincide with the National model By-laws. The next year should be a busy one for the Rules Committee. This may have been sparked already but I encourage the formation of a Women's Seamanship Course that should also be taught by a female instructor. Other squadrons have had success with this and I think it could be a fun, social and supportive way to learn.

In closing my last address to the 2011-2012 Executive Committee as Squadron Commander, I hope you feel a sense of accomplishment and a willingness to continue to serve in various capacities, take a class, attend rendezvous, attend a District and a National event. Any or all of these activities will expose you to a collection of the finest people in the world who share a love for safe boating and doing it right.

**Reports of Officers**

**Executive Officer, Lt/C Tom Norman**

We are starting off a new year with new resolutions and some old ones as well. The year-end report for the ODNR grant has been submitted and all is in agreement with our books as supported by our treasurer. We are now waiting for approval from ODNR for the movement of funds so we may purchase new equipment. We do have funds for software upgrades and they are being reviewed.

There was a larger turnout of people at the boat show than in past several years with people purchasing Wave Runners and Pontoon boats. As of Saturday very few boats were sold.

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

**Administrative Officer Lt/C David Canale**

Lt/C Canale expressed his thanks for a pleasurable year. The year included a variety of dinner meetings that were well received. The recent election meeting went well.

**Education Officer D/Lt Debbie Smith**

WOW!!! It doesn't seem possible that I have been submitting these articles for three years and that this is the last one I will write. When you read this we will have already started Marine Electronics, Weather and Advanced Piloting. Sail will begin February 7 and Navigation will begin on March 6. Hopefully you got into the class you wanted or will get into one soon. I recently received the results for the Piloting exam. Congratulations to Robert Eastway, Michelle Forgach, Mike Guthrie, Susan Hall, Eldon Hall, Michael T Hughes, Brian O'Rourke, John Seaver and Howard Pritz on a job well done.

I want to thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as the SEO this term. It has been a challenge but I tried my best. I want to take this opportunity to give a thank you to all of you who served as instructors, paper graders and assistants in the classes. You are the heart and soul of our group, for without you we couldn't offer our classes and have them be so successful. Our super instructors include Don Delewese, Michael Cohee, Bill Lehner, Bob Rayburn, Ralph Newman, Roger Hankle, Larry Lowe, Michael S Hughes, Skip Woodruff, Ken Spilke, Doug Jackson and Tom Morehouse. (I pray that I have not missed anyone!!) Two special guys that took seminars out in a big way are Larry Lowe and Bill Mohrman. Thank you both for really putting these seminars out in the public eye. Jeff Mirgon has served as assistant SEO



and has taken charge of the Public Boating class which has been outstanding the past few years. He has put in tons of hours and lots of hard work. Jeff, you did an amazing job and I thank you so very much. A huge thank you to David Clark and PC William Lehner, the Chairs for elective courses and advanced grade courses. They have put in many hours and have helped keep things moving smoothly. I hope I didn't miss a name but I can assure you that I probably have!!! So many help and you are so appreciated for all of the assistance each of you give, no matter how large or small.

I owe so many thanks to others for helping me make it through these three years, but perhaps the most thanks goes to my predecessor, David Clark, and to Tracy Garrett. Without their assistance and advice I would have been truly lost. Words cannot express how much I appreciate the advice and assistance with the job, especially Tracy's help with computer stuff. I owe you big time!!

I am truly excited with the new SEO and ASEO. Brian and John are so great at electronics and will really push the squadron education department forward. I know you will all assist them as they need it. Thank you again for all your support in the past and may you each have a great New Year and safe boating.

### Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting were approved. Thanks to those who have emailed reports. Reports should be emailed to hupman1@att.net.

### Treasurer Lt/C Theresa Nadolson

Absent - Financial reports were distributed by email.

### Members at Large Reports

**Lt Bill Mohrman** – There was increased interest in the seminars at the boat show this year. The Saturday seminar was attended by 40 people. The knots and anchoring were very popular.

**Lt John Seaver** – Many files and training materials have been reviewed and indexed. One person has signed up on the website for the ABC3 class as a result of the boat show.

After the break, the new officers took their seats and were welcomed by Cdr Thomas Norman.

### General Committees

**Rules Committee Chair: P/C Robert Van der Wissel** – A proposed revision to SOP 16-12-08-01 was circulated. This pertains to the Judith Lowe Fund and Larry Lowe related the history of the fund. The change would not apply until 2013 because the boating class would need to be advertised as free. There was agreement that the chair of the technical committee will be on the commander's staff.

### Standing Committees

**Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman** – reported that the 2012 budget had been approved at the 1/5 membership meeting.

**Merit Marks: P/C Don Delewese, P/C Bob Van der Wissel** – P/C Van der Wissel reminded everyone to turn in merit marks early as events happen. Individuals should send their own reports of participation rather than relying on the committee chair. Duplicate reporting will be sorted out by the merit marks committee.

**Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes** – reported that he replaced the emergency exit sign batteries. Coastie is losing power after about 2.5 hrs. The internal battery needs to be replaced as well as the eyelash motors. P/C Hughes made a motion to allocate the funds for these repairs, 2nd by Debbie Smith. Approved unanimously.

**Supply Officer: Lt Julie Mohrman** – Bill Mohrman reported that

there were strong sales at the January 5 dinner meeting. They are now accepting credit cards. New items are coming this spring. The first online order has been received.

**Sea Gals: Lt Martha Beidel** – A luncheon will be held on February 14 and a Presidents Day Party on February 21. Info is forthcoming on these events. The movie and dinner was well attended.

### Special Committees

**Technical Committee: Lt John Seaver** - reported that Theresa Nadolson will continue as webmaster. Michael Cohee explained the new greetings on the phone system. There will be changes to the website's security to handle problems from Eastern Europe and Asia. The tech committee will recommend security features for public vs. member-only access to the website.

**Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett** – applied for a grant from Boat US for 20 Garmin handheld GPS units for education purposes. If our application is selected this spring 2012, public voting online will be the way to win the grant. The boat show was well attended by the public on the weekends. Not much traffic during the week. We passed out all the coloring books, and gave away some of the free Watersmart books. The Scioto Boat Club has the boating information on our class and is promoting it to their members. We are proud to announce our squadron has again received the Distinctive Communicator Awards for both our website and Galley Gossip publication. A big thank you to Melissa Fannon, and John Seaver and the team for the web updating.

**Roster: Lt Doug Jackson** - Absent – The new roster has been distributed. Send comments to Doug Jackson.

**Boating Activities: Lt David Canale** – An email has been sent to cruise captains asking them to prepare for presentations at the March dinner meeting.

### New Business

New Members – Proposed for membership were Michelle Hudson, Rene Hudson, Alaina Hudson and Erin Hudson. Unanimously approved. Gage Green had previously been accepted for membership by electronic voting.

Michael Cohee and Michael S Hughes proposed that the squadron participate with a table at the Hoover Fishing Expo to be held at the Walnut Springs Middle School on February 18. Unanimous approval to participate.

### Sick Bay

David Ehrbar – recovering from shoulder surgery

Debbie Murphy – Hip surgery on December 27

P/C Ron DiCapio – Received new pacemaker.

### Announcements

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 28 February.

Articles for the March Galley Gossip due Monday, February 9.

Change of Watch and Commanders Ball 18 February at La Scala

Central Ohio Safe Boating Council 21 February at 1800 Cross Creek Campgrounds Office

Meeting Adjourned at 2110



# "Automatic Dock Cleat Hooker"

By Dick Sorensen, JN

There are a bunch of conveniences for the boat that I'd like to have, except some of them haven't been invented yet. I've been making a list:

It certainly would be convenient and less embarrassing if, when I get close to the dock I'd like to be able to press a button, have an arm reach out and grab the cleat I'm aiming for and then attach the mooring line. Then move to the stern and repeat. I can take care of the springs and breast lines.

When I'm ready to take off the boat cover I'd like to release the snaps and then just clap my hands and the cover would fold itself up and rest quietly on the stern so that I could put it away. They can do it for light fixtures, why not boat covers.

It would be wonderful to have a set of automatic fender 'extenders and retractors.' Upon approaching a pier, dock or lock wall you'd just hit a button and two, or more depending upon how many times you pressed the button, fenders would pop out and then drape themselves in the proper position, at the correct height, to protect the hull. Upon getting underway you'd just have to reverse the process. Sure would make docking a little less frantic for our wives.

I think that there should be a beverage dispenser someplace close to the helmsman's station. Featuring icy cold water,

Gatorade, coke, maybe even sunscreen. You know how hard it is to reach the cooler while keeping one hand on the wheel while tearing down the lake at 25 miles an hour? They got the fuel system down pat; just adapt the technology to a multi-tap dispenser. And it would make the first mate happy so that she/he doesn't have to put down the book they've been reading to get you a drink.

Speaking of the helmsman's station I'd like a dashboard organizer that actually worked. I've tried everything short of putting Velcro on every piece of gear that goes up there; sunglasses, binoculars, sunscreen, charts, cell phone, hat, etc. etc. Every time we hit a wave or take a sharp turn I go into this wild arm gyration dance trying to catch everything before it tumbles down the companionway. Tried the Velcro idea but do you know the pain it causes when you put the binoculars to your eyes and the Velcro catches your eyebrows?

Every trailer boat should come equipped with a bilge plug fail-safe system that locks the brakes of the trailer if it's not installed within 15 feet of any body of water. Like they have on the cars, you can't get them in gear if your foot isn't on the brake! Same concept. They could call it "Is the plug in the hole or you don't go!"

I can't talk anymore. I've got to call LegalZoom to get my patents going!

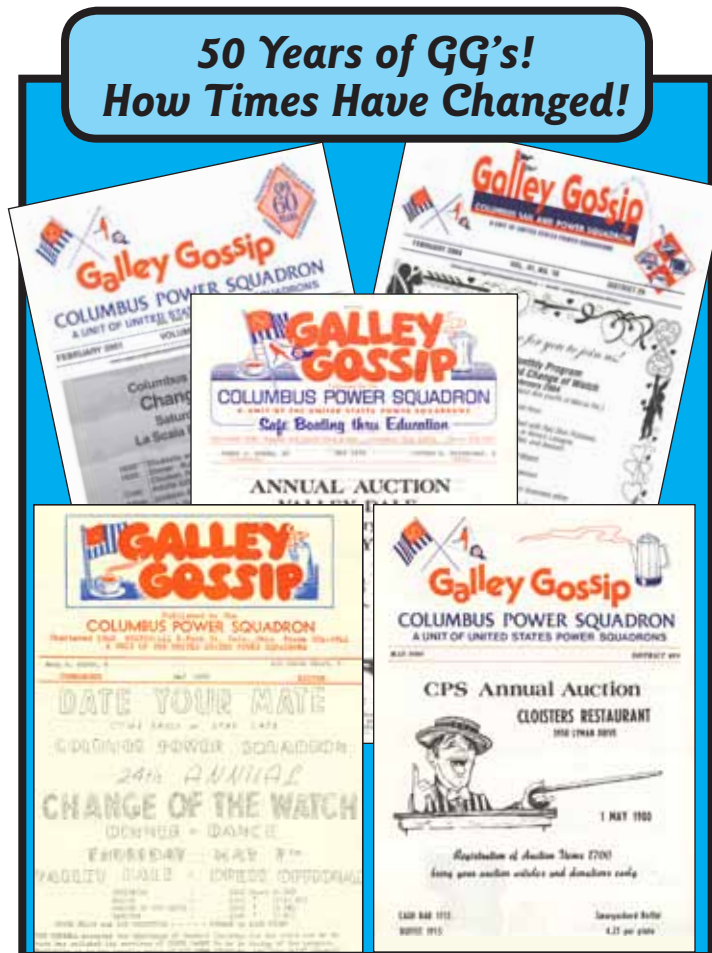
## There is a Marine Communications Class coming to a classroom near YOU!!

The new Marine Communications class will begin on Wednesday, 14 March, 2012 at 7:00 pm (1900). 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. What VHF antenna are you using on your boat? Is it giving you the best coverage? Single Sideband radios are another form of marine communications that we will be discussing.

Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB), Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) and Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) will be covered also. Cell and Satellite phones are just a few of the other forms of marine communications that we will be discussing.

These are just some of the topics that will be covered, so come on out and join your friends at 8492 Cotter St. (Hdqrs) on Wednesday, 14 March and get ready for another great boating season.

Register for this class at [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org) (<http://www.columbussailandpower.org/>) under the education tab. If you have questions, please call us at 614.384.0245.





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Commander Martha is on a roll with her Crew for a very active spring program. We've been to a night of dinner and the movies with Mary & Fred Card and are now now are headed into more fun with the Sea Gals and Sea Studs

MARDI GRAS is in full swing in the French Quarter of New Orleans, so come celebrate MARDI GRAS with the Sea Gals on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Join the PARADE, as we'll be having dinner together (hosted by Jane & Dave Clark) at BRAVO'S Restaurant at Crosswoods (7470 Vantage Drive, Worthington, Ohio). Cocktails can be ordered from a cash bar @ 1830 (6:30 pm) with dinner starting at 1900.

Speaking of dinner, here's what's on the menu: Dela Casa Salad, Order an entree from the menu: Pasta Bravo Chicken, Voose Chicken Pasta (Alfredo), or Pasta Bolognese (Fettuccine) with Marinara Sauce. Includes rolls & butter and coffee, tea, or a soft drink. Price is \$25.00 per person. Dress in your

favorite Mardi Gras outfit as Jane promises great prizes for participants with the best outfits. "Beads" will be provided to all in attendance ..... don't know where this will lead us....Call Sherry @ 614/746-5811 or respond to this e-mail dre1353@yahoo.com with your reservations prior to 2/17/12, as we must have a "head count" for this event. No shows will be billed. See 'ya there - The Crew

From there we'll be looking forward to the annual St. Patrick's Day party at the Ehrbar's home. This event will be held on Saturday, March 17th (the actual St. Pat's day) and start at 1800. Bring a dish to share and we'll have prizes, limericks, and just a blarney good time.

Future events include a Casino night with Lucy and Wade Grosz in April.....look for a full hand of a good time here. The Sea Gals are gearing up for a great summer rendezvous at Middle Bass in August.



## NEW MEMBERS

John (Jack) & Teresa (Tess) Spencer & children John & Kathleen

Matt & Lisa Mills & children Chase & Alexis Fetherolf

## Ship Store News

CSPS Name Badges available now! Do you need to update your name badge or maybe need a spare? We have name badges available with both magnetic back or pin back through the ship store at \$12.95 ea. Contact Lt Julie Mohrman, AP to place your order jemohrman@mindspring.com. The Ship Store will be at the March Dinner Meeting. We continue to add new items to the store, so stop by and see us. We still have CSPS T-shirts and Hooded Sweatshirts on sale. Contact Lt Julie Mohrman, AP to order jemohrman@mindspring.com

Look for the Ship Store on our new CSPS Website in the Members Only area.



**Gilligan trivia answer:  
"Jerry Van Dyke"**

## MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

by Ruthie Kubinski

Each month learn about squadron members through this new *Galley Gossip* item. You may be in the spotlight next month.

### HAROLD & MARTHA BEIDEL, Hilliard, OH

*How many years have you been a member?* 51 years (1961)

*The make of your boat/ Length/ Name ?*

- Chris Kraft / 45' / Terrie Lynn
- Lyman / 25' / Terrie

*Have you taken part in a CSPS boat rendezvous? If so, which was your favorite trip and why?*

• Sea Gals Kelley's Island Trips because we enjoy the island, the marina is very nice and there are always things to do.

### RON & SALLY STEWART, Pickerington, OH

*How many years have you been a member?* 10 years (2001)

*The make of your boat/ Length/ Name ?*

- Carver / 36' / Summer Star

*Have you taken part in a CSPS boat rendezvous? If so, which was your favorite trip and why?*

• Boat Basin - Huron Trip (2011)  
• Great members, very nice & pleasant local marina and great activities by the trip leader.



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