

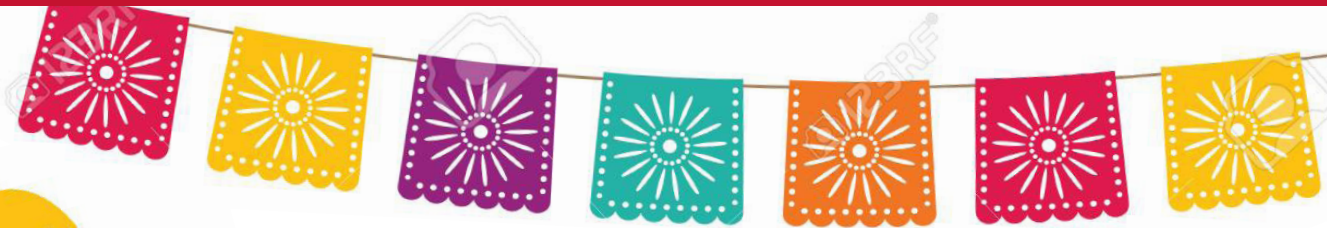
# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB of Central Ohio Galley Gossip

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## May 1<sup>st</sup> Happy Hour/Dinner Meeting Cinco de Mayo! Mexican Buffet

### El Vaquero Restaurant

3230 Olentangy River Road 6 pm-8:30 pm

Reservations to Sue Goelz

614 598-6709 or [sue\\_goelz@yahoo.com](mailto:sue_goelz@yahoo.com)

\$25 per person



Dave and Melanie Stacy will recount their recent boating experience from Everglades City to Key West, Florida. In addition, there will be information available for the Rendezvous and Trips for Summer Boating Season 2025. Also, look for samples of Logo apparel from our Land's End Ship Store (see below).

## Ship's Store

Purchase high quality America's Boating Club of Central Ohio logo apparel from Land's End. To view a catalog of items, go to <https://business.landsend.com/store/abccentralohio> or to speak with a customer service representative about size, color, or logo appearance, call 800 338-2000.

To view items, in person, see samples of apparel items on display at the May 1 club meeting.



## Summer Boating Trip Information

You will not want to miss the May meeting at El Vaquero for valuable information about boating season 2025 trips and rendezvous. Get the details from the trip hosts and sign up to participate.



# Galley Gossip



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## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

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### APRIL

- 22 Tue Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse 7 pm
- 26 Sat ABC Class – ABC Clubhouse 8 am - 5 pm
- 27 Sun Vessel Safety Examiner Briefing Clubhouse 5 pm Host is John Pruitt

### MAY

- 1 Thu ABC Happy Hour/Dinner Cinco de Mayo @ El Vaquero 3230 Olentangy River Rd. 6-8:30 pm Reservations Required: RSVP by Tuesday, April 29 to Sue Goelz at [Sue\\_Goelz@yahoo.com](mailto:Sue_Goelz@yahoo.com) or 614 598-6709  
Galley Gossip articles due for June issue
- 5 Mon Boat Handling Class – Clubhouse (Seven Wednesday evenings)
- 7 Wed MOTHER'S DAY
- 11 Sun Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Hollenback ramp
- 17 Sat Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Hollenback ramp
- 18 Sun MEMORIAL DAY
- 26 Mon Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse 7 pm
- 27 Tue Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Cheshire Ramp
- 31 Sat

### JUNE

- 1 Sun Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Galena Ramp
- 5 Thu Picnic at New Galena Ramp at Alum Creek 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Frisbee Golf Demo compliments of Chris Crothers  
Alum Creek Boat Excursions compliments of Goelz, Hern, and Macks
- 14 Sat TACKLE BOX 2 Meet at Dempsey Boat Launch (Host is Phil Osborne 614 327-4063) or Shelby Boat Launch (Host is David Keller 614 900-8790) Meeting time is 10 am at either ramp. Cruising time is approx. 2 hours. Lunch is at THE TACKLE BOX 2
- 15 Sun FATHER'S DAY
- 20-22 Fri-Sat- Cruise at Elk Rapids/Torch Lake  
Sun Hosts are Brian Crabbe and Lisa Hefflinger

## 2025-2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF CENTRAL OHIO

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Michael Hughes, JN-IN



Due to unforeseen circumstances, CDR Glenn Kubinski has resigned his post. I have been elected as your new commander for the duration of the term. We are going to 'Chart a New Course' for our squadron. I would like to thank the executive board for their confidence and faith in me. I ask for support from all squadron members as we will make the best of it. I wish Glenn and Ruthie the best of luck and hope to see them at our events and on the water.



We have open positions on the auditing committee and rules committee that need to be filled. These elected positions will require the vote of the membership. This is a wonderful way to get more involved in squadron duties. If you would like to nominate someone, or yourself, reach out to P/C Bob Goelz, the nominating chairperson. Please volunteer your time.

I would personally like to thank David Keller for stepping into the Membership Chairperson position. David has been a member for close to four years and has never missed a board meeting. Thank you, David, for your commitment. This is the energy we need to move the squadron in a positive, unified direction.

I have several goals for this administrative year. First, I would like to update our club furniture and flooring. These items are almost 20 years old and showing their age. This will allow us to utilize the club for varied events, outings, and classroom configurations, parties, etc. We are transforming the Port classroom into a smart-video room. This will allow us to teach virtual classes much easier and efficiently.

In mid-March, we held a five-hour marketing leadership retreat presented by Solstice Marketing. We discussed member engagement and brand identification. We discussed our current member demographics, marketing opportunities, and new member attainment. One important item from this day, ALL CURRENT MEMBERS of our squadron are on the membership committee. YES! We are all responsible for recruiting new members. You can do this by sharing your excitement about trips, vessel safety checks, happy hour and dinner meetings, or a class you are taking. Share a story, share an experience (good or bad); let them know we are out here to help.

We have a full slate of rendezvous planned from May through September. There is something for everyone. These fun and exciting trips will help you with your boating skills and learn new ones. Camaraderie by the bucket full!

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Jason Mack, S



Ahoy! A big shoutout to our newly elected Commander Michael S. Hughes. I am confident that he will chart the course of the squadron which will lead us into a future full of adventure.

What an amazing time at the District 29 Conference in Sandusky, Ohio. We went to the Merry Go Round Museum where we mingled with several other squadrons, we rode the Merry Go Round and made new friends. The following day, we gathered for workshops focusing on important skills to ensure our boats sailed safely. We learned fishing techniques and trends in updated equipment to help catch the elusive big fish.

After the workshops, we participated in the District 29 Change of Watch ceremony, where the new leaders took their oaths to steer the squads into a bright future.

The special workshop put on by Beagle Bay Knot Works, was about knot tying. We made a beautiful nautical themed key chain.



As the day turned into evening, there was a nice pre-party where everyone dressed to impress. Finally, we went to a formal dinner party where we celebrated with the new officers and there was even a guest speaker, who shared the inspiration behind writing his historical fiction novels. If you have not been to a district conference before, I highly recommend the experience. At this conference there were ten first timers, which was the most they have had in at least 20 years. This is a great sign that our group is growing, and the future of the squadron is brighter than ever for the next upcoming generation of boaters!

To keep the Columbus squadron growing and thriving, we met for a five-hour strategy session

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earlier this month to go over marketing ideas. We collaborated with Solstice Marketing. With their help, I believe that there were a lot of great ideas shared that should help promote our membership. As we learned, we are ALL on the Membership team and should be doing our best to talk about the group and invite more fellow boaters to participate in our meetings, dinners, and rendezvous whenever possible.

Getting ready for a great 2025 boating season? Make sure batteries are charged, boat plugs are in, lines are stowed and everything else in between to keep your boat safe as we have a lot to do this season. I am confident that we are going to have a wonderful year with what we have planned. I genuinely believe the best is yet to come! I hope to see you all on the water soon! Anchors Away!



If you have missed the last two dinner meetings, you have missed a whole lot of fun!

It is finally "boating season" and we want you to want to consider coming to dinner on May 1 as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo at El Vaquero on Olentangy River Road.

Along with great Mexican food, I will bet they make a good margarita. Hope to see you there.

We are going to hear from the CSPS members who are planning remarkably interesting boating adventures this summer. There will also be examples of the products you can order from our new "Ship's Store." Information about LandsEnd.com is available in this *Galley Gossip*.



## SAVE THE DATES:

### JULY

- 3-6** Summer Council District 29  
Fr-Sa-Su Huron Boat Basin
- 4 Fri** Orange Twp 4th of July Parade  
*Secondwind* (Goelz boat) and *Coastie* will participate. Volunteer marchers eagerly accepted and encouraged  
Contact Sue Goelz 614 598-6709
- 12 Sat** Poker Run at Buckeye Lake and Picnic at Barbara Hupman's home  
Details at the May meeting and in the June *Galley Gossip*
- 25-27** Cincinnati to Louisville River Trip  
Fr-Sa-Su Host is David Keller

### AUGUST

- 9-17** New York Rendezvous  
Sat-Sun Hosts are Phil Osborne and Ruth Wilcox
- 11 Mon** *Galley Gossip* articles due
- 22-24** Ohio River Trip Kanawha River to Charleston, WV. Host is David Keller.
- 26 Tues** Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Thu** Happy Hour/Hayride/Bonfire/Dinner Meeting Hidden Creek Farms Sunbury 5:30-9 pm
- 8 Mon** *Galley Gossip* articles due
- 10-17** Lake Cumberland  
Wed-Wed Hosts are Joe and Linda Huffman
- 23 Tue** Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm

### OCTOBER

- 2 Thu** Happy Hour/Dinner Oktoberfest at Schmidt's Sausage Haus
- 6 Mon** *Galley Gossip* articles due
- 28 Tue** Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Thu** Happy Hour/Dinner Old Bag of Nails Downtown Westerville
- 10 Mon** *Galley Gossip* articles due
- 18 Tue** Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm
- 27 Thu** THANKSGIVING

### DECEMBER

- 12 Fri** ABC Christmas Party Morgan House Dublin
- 15 Mon** *Galley Gossip* articles due
- 16 Tue** Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm
- 25 Thu** CHRISTMAS DAY

### JANUARY 2026

- 1 Thu** NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 8 Thu** Happy Hour/Dinner Meeting/Election Night ABC Clubhouse 6 pm
- 24 Sat** Change of Watch Boat House at Confluence Park 679 W Spring St. Columbus
- 27 Tue** Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm

# NAUTICAL DECK QUERY

from Paul King

Originally appeared in the U.S. Coast Guard's *Proceedings* journal.

1. INLAND ONLY: You sight a vessel displaying an alternating red and yellow light. What does this light indicate?
- A. A vessel in distress.
  - B. A vessel engaged in public safety activities.
  - C. A law enforcement vessel.
  - D. A vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver.

Fun to know facts.

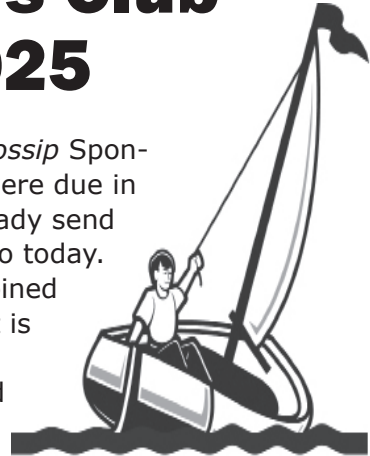
2. The term displacement refers to which of the following?
- A. The cubic capacity of a vessel.
  - B. The deadweight carrying capacity of a vessel.
  - C. The number of long tons of water displaced by a vessel.
  - D. The gross tonnage of a vessel.

Fun for Navigators

3. When determining compass error by an azimuth of Polaris, you enter the Nautical Almanac with which information?
- A. GHA of Aries
  - B. LHA of Aries
  - C. LHA of Polaris
  - D. GHA of Polaris

# Galley Gossip Sponsors Club for 2025

Will you be a *Galley Gossip* Sponsor this year? Renewals were due in March. If you did not already send your renewal, please do so today. If you have not already joined the sponsor club, the cost is only \$20. for the full year. A picture of your boat and its name are part of the sponsorship. Show off your pride and joy and support the club's newsletter! See page 8 for details and application form.

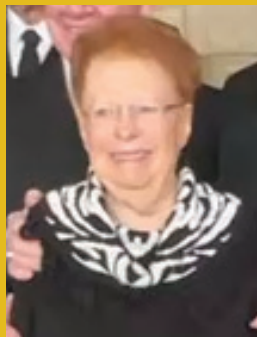


**May 1  
Dinner  
Meeting**  
Don't  
Miss it!



## CSPS Historian!

**Martha Beidel** was appointed the historian of America's Boating Club of Central Ohio at the April meeting. Martha has been a member of the club since joining as a Sea Gal in April 1996.



## Did you Know?

Alum Creek Marina hosts weekly concerts from Memorial Day to Labor Day. To learn more about the bands and the schedules, visit their website at [www.alumcreekmarina.net](http://www.alumcreekmarina.net) Click on events. Hope to see you there!

## LAST HORIZON

**Mark DerBing**  
Brother of Merry Pruitt

## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN



ABC Classes were held on 2-15 and 3-15-2025. While the participant turnout was low, the instructors were outstanding. Their knowledge and energy ensured that the people attending were prepared to make good decisions on the water as well as choosing safety equipment for their boating activities. If you talk to an instructor, please let them know you appreciate their efforts to build a stronger and safer boating community.

Please consider helping with the next ABC class on April 26th. This could be a considerable size class because more people are interested in getting out on the water. There are various ways to support the class. Instructing, grading tests, helping with the facility are just some of the ways to support creating a safer boating community.

A Boat Handling Class is scheduled for May 6 to provide an opportunity for new boaters that have taken one of the recent ABC Classes. If you know of someone that might wish to build their boating knowledge and boating comfort level, please encourage them to join the class.

Cruising Under Power and Sail, CUPS, class is complete, but want to take the test to receive education recognition. The test review and test took place on April 9th. This group of students enjoyed the discussions and presenting their planned cruises. Mel and Dave put their learning into operation



by cruising from Everglades City to Key West. Nice plan to avoid the "hard water" in Ohio! Brian used the class to plan to bring his new boat home from Michigan. This was a great class with everyone involved.

Matt Murphy and Ralph Newman have just started teaching the new Marine

Navigation Course. They are excited to be teaching the new material, and the students were ready to jump into the course and build their plotting and charting skills for seven Mondays beginning March 24.

Zoom Room. The SEO and ASEO are working to establish a classroom that will make it easier to teach students in a virtual learning environment. A longtime member, Bill Biegler, is helping with the project and sharing his knowledge and experience from running a video production company for years. Of course, our resident techie, John Seaver, is helping a great deal as well. After looking at different equipment set up options, we are close to a decision on the layout of the room and the equipment to use. More updates soon!

## SICK BAY

Tom Doyle  
David Keller  
Mary Rayburn



David Crothers  
Tracy Garrett  
Bob Hern  
Matthew Kinney

Jason Mack  
Sheryl Mack  
James Ruth

## NAUTICAL DECK QUERY

Correct answers:

1. B. "Vessels engaged in government-sanctioned public safety activities, and commercial vessels performing similar functions, may display an alternately flashing red and yellow signal." Reference: Inland Rules Annex V – Pilot Rules

2. C. "Displacement: The weight of water displaced by a floating object. Displacement is equal to the weight of the floating object. Reference: Stability and Trim for the Ship's Officer, George, 4th Ed, pages 68 and 492

3. B. The table is entered with LHA of Aries to determine the column to be used; The final table gives the azimuth of Polaris. Reference: The Nautical Almanac (198) page 274, Polaris (Pole Star) Tables



# ABC/Central Ohio Member Spotlight

## Meet David and Melanie Stacy

Spend just a few minutes with David and Melanie Stacy, and you'll quickly catch their infectious energy and passion for adventure. Always up for a new journey, the couple purchased a 24.5-foot 2007 Rosborough RF246 in October 2022. Soon after, they connected with the ABC Central Ohio group and enrolled in the Boat Handling Course.

Armed with their new skills, they took their Rosborough — affectionately named *Big Door Prize* — on their first major voyage in February 2023, cruising 250 miles from Astor to Ponce Inlet, Florida. In early 2024, they were at it again, this time navigating a 500-mile route from Stuart, through Lake Okeechobee, to Punta Gorda, Florida.

While their recent boating adventures are impressive, the Stacys are no strangers to life on the water. David fondly recalls his parents' ambitious 9-10-day journey in 1978 down the Kentucky River on a brand-new Viking deck boat. With no marinas along the route, the trip required months of planning, fuel deliveries by truck, and camping along the banks. Inspired by that memory, David and Melanie later recreated a portion of that trip, cruising 67 miles to Frankfort, Kentucky through four of the original locks still in operation today.

In addition to *Big Door Prize*, the couple owns the original 1978 Viking and two personal watercraft they've piloted on Lake Erie between Put-in-Bay and Kelleys Island, and in the intercoastal



waters of Charleston, South Carolina.

Boating may be a major part of their lives now, but their

adrenaline-fueled adventures started long before hitting the water. David raced in NASCAR and even served as a crew chief, while Melanie competed in Quarter Midget cars at Columbus Motor Speedway in Obetz, Ohio. David, a skilled fabricator, has also built race cars, developed a wedding venue, and is currently constructing a new home for the couple

in Springfield, Ohio. For a glimpse into his resilience, David encourages you to check out the "David Stacy Daytona Crash" video on YouTube—a powerful reminder that he's truly a survivor.

David and Melanie officially joined ABC Central Ohio after attending the 2023 Oktoberfest Club Dinner at Schmidt's. Since then, they've completed the Cruising Under Sail and Power

course and are currently enrolled in the Navigation class. They love the friendships and community the club offers and are always surprised more boaters haven't discovered it.

Be sure to join us at our May Dinner Meeting at El Vaquero, where David and Melanie will share highlights from their recent March 2025 trip to Key West. They'll also give us a sneak peek at their exciting plans to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Erie Canal, cruising from Seneca Falls to Rochester, New York.

You definitely want to get to know the Stacys!



***The Stacy's boat, "Big Door Prize"***



***1978 Viking Deck Boat***



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Hern — *Last Hurrah*

**Bob Van der Wissel — *Sojourner***  
**Hughes-Garrett-Mohr Clan — *At Last***  
**Bob & Sue Goelz — *Secondwind***  
**Bob & Mary Rayburn — *Tool-n-Around***  
**Martha Beidel — *Terrie Lynn***

**David & Melissa Fannon — *Aquatron***  
**Barbara Hupman — *The Boat***  
**Michael T. Hughes — *Singularity***  
**Bob & Janet Hern — *Last Hurrah***

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