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PICNIC AT THE GALENA RAMP AT ALUM CREEK 4550 AFRICA RD. GALENA, OHIO THURSDAY, JUNE 5 5:30-8:30 PM

This is a NO CHARGE event for both members and friends.
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns, and soft drinks will be provided by the club.
Please RSVP by June 2nd to Sue Goelz at sue_goelz@yahoo.com or 614 598-6709.
Please bring a lawn chair and your favorite side dish or dessert to share.
Chris Crothers will share with us a demonstration of Disc Golf.
After Dinner cruises will be offered compliments of The Goelz, Mack, and Hern boats.



America's Boating Club of Central Ohio/Columbus Sail and Power Squadron website is under construction. Watch for exciting improvements that are already underway. Thanks to Mari Seaver for spearheading this much-needed development. We are all excited to share information with the public about our club. Our new improved website will demonstrate for the boating community that our mission is boater education and safety, while making new friends at our frequently scheduled events and outings.

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Meeting Recap

The May dinner meeting at El Vaquero was well attended. Thanks to David and Mel Stacy for the slide presentation and lively discussion about their Key West adventures in March. We look forward to hearing about their next adventure as they cruise later this summer from Seneca Falls to Rochester for the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal.

David Keller presented the Summer 2025 Boating Trips/Cruises, which are highlighted later in this *Galley Gossip* issue.



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

See page 4 for **SAVE THE DATES!**

MAY

- 17 Sat Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Hollenback ramp
- 18 Sun Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Hollenback ramp
- 22 Thu Instructor Recertification class ABC Clubhouse 7 pm
- 26 Mon MEMORIAL DAY
- 27 Tue Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse 7 pm
- 31 Sat Vessel Safety Checks at Alum Creek Cheshire Ramp

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK IS MAY 17-23

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
- 14 Sat TACKLE BOX 2 Cruise & Lunch
- 15 Sun FATHER'S DAY
- 20-22 Fri-Sun Cruise at Elk Rapids/Torch Lake

JULY

- 3-6 Fri-Sun Summer Council - District 29 Huron Boat Basin
- 4 Fri Orange Twp (Lewis Center) July 4th Parade
- 12 Sat Poker Run and Barbeque at Buckeye Lake
- 18-20 Fri-Sun Kanawha River to Charleston, WV

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Michael Hughes, JN-IN



As you read this, I hope you have your boat in or near the water and preparing for a fabulous summer filled with warm water and cool evenings. We hope to get At Last out of storage this summer and to the water several times. We have many exciting week- and week-end trips planned this year.

We are looking for members' suggestions on flooring installers or companies you have done business with that you recommend. At the ABC clubhouse, we have budgeted for the replacement of the old worn carpet with Luxury Vinyl Tile



planks. In addition, we will be replacing the executive table with something that can be moved and reconfigured, as appropriate for different types of events. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please reach out to me. We will be keeping the red leather chairs and replacing the wheels with better rollers.

Our squadron will participate in the Orange Township July 4th parade. The parade starts at 10 am with a line-up at the Olentangy Orange Middle School entrance. Coastie will lead us down the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile route followed by a boat or two. If you would like to walk or pull your boat in the parade, please contact Sue Goelz. We have items to pass out along the route. Hope to see many of you there!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Jason Mack, S



Ahoy! The time is fast approaching for our annual Vessel Safety Examination weekends. I couldn't be more excited! As highlighted in the Galley Gossip, we've been spreading the word far and wide — from Facebook to local news and radio stations — making sure our community knows we're here to support safe boating.

This year, we're enhancing our visibility with 10-foot-tall feather flags, complementing our existing signage to catch the eye of every passing boater as they trailer in to ready their boat for launching. It's all part of our ongoing efforts to grow awareness of both this important event and our organization.

We'll be firing up our brand-new portable gas grill to serve a few hot dogs while chatting with fellow boaters about the many benefits of becoming a member. We'll also be handing out information



bags loaded with resources and a membership application — making it easier than ever for participants to get involved.

A big thank you goes out to all our Vessel Safety Examiners for attending the refresher class led by John Pruitt and for staying up to date on inspection standards. Your commitment ensures that we continue to uphold the highest standards of safety on

the water.

This event is not only impactful — it will be a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing all of us on the water soon, rafting up and talking about the adventures ahead. I truly believe this is just the beginning of an exciting boating season. Anchors Away!

New Members



Welcome aboard to our new members! Looking forward to meeting you!

Eric and Marla Hoeft





IT'S HERE IT'S HERE
Finally, the long-awaited and anticipated SUMMER is here. And on Thursday, June 5, we intend to celebrate. Please see the details of the event on page one of this issue of Galley Gossip.

We are meeting at the New Galena boat ramp for an evening of great food, great friends and lots of fun: cornhole, disc golf lessons and boat tours of Alum



Creek Lake, courtesy of your CSPS Administrative Officer committee, the Herns, the Macks and the Goelz family, who will all have their boats docked nearby and ready to go.

Be sure to see the articles in this Galley Gossip that give you the details of the great activities that are planned for the next few months. Cruises, Poker Run, and don't forget the July 4th Lewis Center/Orange Township parade. The boat club will be represented by one or two boats on trailers, our sweet mascot "Coastie" and lots of "give aways".

Come join us as we celebrate SUMMER!

SAVE THE DATES:

JULY

18-20 Ohio River Trip Kanawha River to
Fri-Sun Charleston, WV.

AUGUST

1-3 Cincinnati to Louisville River Trip

Fri-Sun

9-17 New York Rendezvous

Sat-Sun

11 Mon *Galley Gossip* articles due

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

10-15 Lake Cumberland

Wed-Mon

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



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ABC/Central Ohio Member Spotlight

Martha Beidel, ABC Historian

There's a compelling reason Martha Beidel was recently named Historian of America's Boating Club of Central Ohio, also known as the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. Martha hasn't just studied the club's history—she's lived it. With a remarkable memory and a treasure trove of vivid boating stories, she's a natural storyteller and a beloved link to the club's past.

Martha's boating journey began in the late 1940s when she met Harold, the man who would become her husband and partner for over 70 years. At the time, she was new to boating, but Harold, an avid fisherman, introduced her to the water on their early dates at Buckeye Lake, renting small fishing boats.

While Harold fished, Martha enjoyed simply being out on the water with him.

Their shared love for boating quickly evolved. Their first boat, a 16-footer, helped them learn to water ski on the Scioto River. That was soon replaced by an 18-foot boat they ordered after attending the Cleveland Boat Show—cutting-edge at the time with its inboard/outboard engine. The Beidels drove to Pennsylvania in their red-and-white Chrysler to pick up the red-and-white boat, drawing smiles and compliments for the perfect color coordination.

They spent nearly seven years boating on Lake Erie before upgrading again—this time to a 28-foot Owens cabin cruiser, which they docked at Bar Harbor after being inspired by yet another boat show. Then came Martha's dream boat: a 36-foot Chris-Craft with two bedrooms and two heads, docked at the Catawba Island Club. It had belonged to Judge Tom Herbert of Columbus and was in pristine condition. Harold, seeing Martha's joy, turned to her and asked, "Did you bring the checkbook?"—ready to make a down payment on the spot.

Tragically, in 1991, their beloved boat and five others were lost in a devastating fire at the Bar Harbor docks. Heartbroken, Harold declared, "No

more boats." But as every true boater knows, the call of the water never fades. Eventually, friends persuaded them to "just look" at boats in winter storage. It was their daughter, Terrie Lynn, who spotted the 45-foot Chris-Craft they would eventually purchase and completely restore—new engines, furniture, and even a redesigned galley. That boat, like every Beidel boat before it, was named Terrie Lynn and proudly made of wood. It remained on Lake Erie until August 2022, marking three decades of cherished memories.

Martha and Harold's boating life was deeply tied to the Power Squadron. When they bought their first boat, they took a boating class of-

fered at The Ohio State University. There, they not only learned the essentials—navigation, engines, weather, and seamanship—but also built lifelong friendships. One such couple, Dean and Sally Pape, ran the *Galley Gossip* newsletter, and Martha fondly recalls helping them assemble issues on their living room floor.

Back then, women were not permitted to be club members. So, they formed the Sea Gals, a vibrant support group that organized fundraisers, created decorations for events like the Change of Watch, and even purchased the conference table and chairs still in use at headquarters. The Sea Gals grew from the original Anchor One—where members hosted events in their homes—to Anchor Two's restaurant nights out, and later, Anchor Three.

Martha remembers some of their more playful escapades: decorating boats and cruising the Sandusky River, dressing as pirates to "capture" other boats and "steal" their treasure, and even dinghy races around Bar Harbor. Today, though the Sea Gals have dwindled to about a dozen members, they still meet monthly for lunch, sharing stories



The three-decade boat, the 45' "Terrie Lynn".

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SUMMER 2025 Boating Trips

Tackle Box 2

Saturday, June 14

Meet Phil Osborne (614 327-4063) at 9 am for a 10 am departure at the Dempsey Boat Ramp 2452-2498 Cook Dock Lakeside, Marblehead, Ohio 43440

OR Meet David Keller (614 900-8790) at 9:00 am for a 10 am departure at Shelby Boat Launch, 101 Shelby Street Sandusky, Ohio

Travel on the Sandusky Bay and River for approximately 2 hours. Arrive at Tackle Box II at noon 419-334-4643 420 Sandusky Avenue, Fremont Ohio. Docks are available or parking if traveling via automobile. After lunch, an additional leg of the trip will take you to Johnson Island with a scenic tour of the Quarry Marina. Overnight boaters have the option of staying in Battery Park for an extra Lake Erie day.

Torch Lake, Michigan

Friday-Sunday, June 20-22

with a possible side trip to Mackinac Island

This cruise is hosted by Brian Crabbe (bcrabbe01@yahoo.com or 614 206-9651) in conjunction with the Toledo Squadron or David Keller (david@romerecording.com or 614 900-8790) in conjunction with the Central Ohio Squadron.

Expect a 6-8 hour drive/tow depending on your location and start time. For Marina Reservations, contact 231 264-8174 prior to May 15th. Slip rates are \$40-\$56, dependent on boat length. For Hotel reservations, consider Sleep Inn & Suites Bay View at Traverse City. This is approx. 15 minutes to the Elk Grove Marina. Phone 231 943-6224 Rates vary by day from \$203-\$300. AARP and AAA discounts may be available.

D29 Meeting - Huron Boat Basin

Thursday-Sunday, July 3-6

Contact Lorianne C. at 419 509-6790 for information about docks and to RSVP for the steak dinner.

POKER RUN at Buckeye Lake

Saturday, July 12

11am-4pm Check in at the home of Barbara Hupman at 2966 Dupler Pl. Millersport, OH with \$15 Cash buy-in for your Poker Hand and a chance to win half the pot. Launch your boat at the Liebs Island ramp adjacent to Barbara's home or catch a ride with another boater. Poker Run and lake activities will be followed by a barbecue from 4-7pm on Barbara's lakeside lawn. Meat, buns, condiments, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This event is limited to 40 participants. Please RSVP by July 2nd via email to janethern@icloud.com or by phone or text to 614 530-0695. Please advise if you will be launching your own boat or hitching a ride with another boater.

Kanawha River to Charleston

Friday-Sunday, July -18-20

David Keller is the host and can be reached at david@romerecording.com or 614 900-8790

Launch at Gallipolis Friday am, travel the Kanawha River to Charleston, WV. The trip is approximately 60 miles and goes through one lock, or about a 3-5 hour

trip. Arriving at Charleston, dock locally and go for a group dinner at a local restaurant. Saturday, feel free to explore the city or boat up the river through the remaining two locks, finding a good place to swim. Saturday evening, meet up with the group; again, for dinner at a Charleston restaurant, then start the trip back to Gallipolis on Sunday.

Louisville River Trip

Friday-Sunday, August 1-3

David Keller is the host and can be reached at david@romerecording.com or 614 900-8790

Expect a 100-mile excursion through several locks. Refueling and grabbing a quick lunch are expected, but it might be prudent to pack a lunch or snacks for the trip. Complete details are still being finalized, with hints that there may be visits to the Drift Bar in Prospect, a Kentucky Bourbon distillery, and the Smuggler's Cove Marina and Campground before going through the lock at Markland.

New York Rendezvous

Saturday-Sunday, August 9-17

Phil Osborne is the host and can be reached at 614-327-4063

Get your passport and REAL ID ready! This trip puts you in Canadian waters and on Canadian soil. Tow your boat approximately 550 miles or 8 ½ hours to Clayton, NY, on Alexandria Bay. During the trip's first three days, you will see scenic views, castles, and a maritime museum. A house has been rented. There are also several motels in the area.

The next leg of the journey has us towing to the Adirondack Mountains and Tupper Lake, NY. This is a 125-mile tow to our next VRBO and a 70-foot dock.

On Friday, August 15th, we will tow our boats again to the Finger Lakes region of NY, a mere 235 miles. We will stay at the Best Western, Palmyra, for two nights. During our stay, we will enjoy the water at Skaneateles Lake or Canandaigua Lake. A whole lot of planning and details went into this trip. If interested, contact Phil for questions and to make arrangements to join in the fun.

Lake Cumberland Trip

Wednesday-Monday, September 10-15

Joe Huffman is the host and can be reached at 614-620-9696.

Whether you plan to play and sleep on your boat, or just spend your days on the water and your nights in a hotel, there is a place for you on this trip. Make your arrangements with the following information:

Hotel and Slip

Lure Lodge (State Park) 270 343-3111

State Dock 270 344-5253 (\$3. Per foot) Shuttle up and downhill from the State Lodge

State Dock Houseboat

4 BR \$2535 with Senior Discount for Thurs-Sun 11th-14th

Marina at Rowena

Have an open bow boat? This dock is covered and has showers, food storage, and grills.

Phone the main office at 606 206-7488 or Dave Dyson cell phone 614 296-5861
\$45. Per night



A Boat Handling Class originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th, will begin on Tuesday, May 12th, and continue the next two Wednesdays. There will be some adjustments to the schedule based on the needs of the participants. This class is especially for people who have taken the basic boating course.

On May 22nd, club-certified Instructors may participate in an Instructor Recertification Class. The class is designed to introduce and share teaching techniques. Often, our instructors try a new approach or modify a strategy that can be more effective in helping boating students learn. New information is also available from research sources. Neuroscience has made discoveries about memory that help with building teaching knowledge.

We are winding down educational activities for the summer. Let's enjoy the summer boating



season and new adventures on the water. Please think about what you learned and would like to share with fellow boaters during the "cold months". Your experiences on the water may also give you a thought about topics you and your boating friends would like to learn about while your boat is "on the hard".

Enjoy the summer season.

Spotlight

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and memories, even if most are no longer active boaters.

Through it all, Martha has remained a steadfast believer in boating education. "There's more to boating than turning a key," she says. Knowledge of motors, weather, navigation, and safety is essential. Her life stands as proof that boating isn't just a hobby—it's a way of life, and boating people form a community like no other.

Outside of boating, Martha held several full-time careers, always making new friends and sharing her creative talents—especially through ceramic gifts. She continues to attend the club's monthly dinners and serves as its unofficial storyteller, ready to recount the adventures, people, and vessels that



A carousel horse by Martha. Harold built the wood pole to make it complete.

shaped the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron.

If you haven't had the pleasure of hearing one of Martha's tales from the club's early days, you're missing out on a living history lesson that's as entertaining as it is enlightening.



June Birthdays

Linda Huffman
Michael T. Hughes
Dick Sorensen
Kenneth Spilke
Bruce Truka

July Birthdays

Debbie Crothers
David Fannon
Bob Goelz
Chad Headlee
Joe Huffman
Ruthie Kubinski
Joe Mesenburg

August Birthdays

Sandra Biegler
David Burge
Joseph Cohagen
Tiffany Francis
David Jennings

Matthew Murphy
Penny Newman
Ralph Newman
Perry Mohr

March On!

The America's Boating Club of Central Ohio will be marching in The Orange Township Parade (Lewis Center) on July 4th. The Goelz boat, Second Wind will be decorated and towed in the parade. Coastie will be on hand to greet the kids on the parade route. Can you march with Coastie and assist in representing the club? Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Plan to arrive at the Olentangy Orange Middle School prior to the 10 am start time. Questions? Contact is Sue Goelz at 614 598-6709 or sue_goelz@yahoo.com



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Beidel — *Terrie Lynn*



Hughes — *Singularity*



Goelz — *Secondwind*



Rayburn — *Tool-n-Around*



Fannon — *Aquatron*



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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