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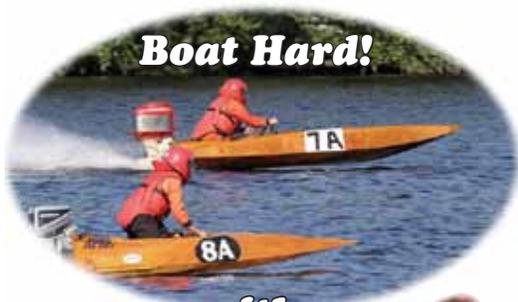
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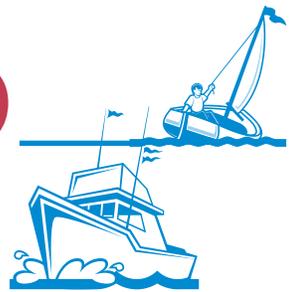
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February

- 2 Thursday USPS Founders Day
- 4 Saturday Findlay Change of Watch
- 5 Sunday Sandusky Change of Watch (75th Anniversary)
- 6 Monday March *Galley Gossip* articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
- 7 Tuesday Sail Class begins 7pm
- 9-12 Thurs.-Sun. Sports, Vacation and Boat Show @ Fairgrounds
- 11 Saturday Lima Change of Watch
- 12 Sunday D29 Winter Council in Ada
- 18 Saturday Columbus Change of Watch & Commander's Ball
- 21 Tuesday Central OH Safe Boating Council 6pm at Cross Creek Campgrounds
- 25 Saturday Marion Change of Watch
- 25 Saturday ABC3 Boating Class 8am-noon Scioto Boat Club session 1
- 28 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting 7 PM @ HQ 1900

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

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Matthew Murphy, P



It has been quite a year. Admittedly this is not a well-written article because I have so much to say and I cannot organize my thoughts. Let me first thank all of you for the privilege of representing our squadron as the Commander for 2011. Being Commander is pretty cool. The extra insignia on the uniform, presiding at meetings, setting the direction, and promoting the squadron is very enjoyable and rewarding. One the greatest Commander's Balls ever was held in my honor earlier this year and I am so glad I could share the evening with such great friends. I thank you for that.



I am very proud of the Executive Committee who pushed us forward as a Squadron and shared the vision to accomplish some of the key initiatives for the year. I set some lofty goals for my year and I leave this office feeling some significant accomplishments were made. As much as I set the direction and preside, the reality is that our Bridge Officers, committee chairs, my advisors, and the critical roles played by those who supported the squadron made 2011 a great year for which any Commander would have been proud. Here are a few to call our own.

Our mission to provide increased value to our membership and enable ourselves to be easier to do "business" with took major steps forward. Membership fees were made more sensible. National continues to add benefits to membership. Our brochure was a major accomplishment that enables us all to understand education offerings, the prices for the class, membership costs, and the order in which classes are

suggested. It was a fantastic tool and hand out for Vessel Checks, the Boat Show and for talking to your friends at the docks. We had a record year for VSEs. I got to be on the radio with Woody from WCOL 92.3. I appointed a Technical Committee and provided the draft for its formal inclusion into our Standing Rules. The Technical Committee produced one heck of a website that supports all of the goals I set and will make all our lives easier. We updated much of our educational equipment including our booth for shows, projectors, and printed materials. We reinstated new member orientation. We kept our instructors busy as well. Education emphasis is on the upswing and members and non-members alike are seeing the value in the education we provide. I am back in class too. AP here I come.

There is so much more to say but as I directed my officers I will follow suit, I intend to make this my article and not my report. My plans for the years ahead are to ramp up my education and continue to support the squadron. I will serve on the ECOM for a year and some other committees. I will continue to instruct where asked. I plan to fish and take trips with all y'all too.

If I named every person that helped me as Commander and the greater good of our Squadron this past year it would sound like one of those boring speeches at the Grammys. I do need to thank some people that took my calls, called me, kept me straight, etc. at all times of the day or night and even kicked me when I needed it. These same people help the Squadron and do so many things throughout the year, sometimes invisibly; I cannot help but include them here. My sincere appreciation goes to Lt Tracy Garrett our PRO, GG Editor and so much more, P/C Michael Hughes, P/C Donald Delewese,

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Norman, P



The holiday season is over and we all have thrown those new year's resolutions in the trash. Some of those resolutions I have not thrown in the trash will soon be there. In fact, a good friend says don't make resolutions that we just break — develop strategic plans with a plan of execution. As we embark of this new year with hopes that 2012 will be better than 2011...why not? We had a great year under Commander Matt's administration and you all have elected a great slate of officers and support staff for the new year. You honor me with these outstanding and capable officers.

We have a great year planned with a new venue for the ABC Safe Boating course to be held at the Scioto Boat Club facilities; a new and improved CSPS web site thanks to the Technical Committee headed up by John Seaver; a new refreshing CSPS Ships Store running by Julie Mohrman (check it out in March!); several educational courses have been completely rewritten; and some great rendezvous planned for the warmer months.

Lt/C Bill Mohrman will be your new Administrative Officer with Lt Dick Sorensen assisting Bill, Lt/C Brian O'Rourke will be the new SEO with Lt John Seaver assisting Brian, and Lt/C



Joe Clay returns as Treasurer. There are several members that are continuing to serve our squadron in committees as they did last year.

The January Boat and RV Show is in process at this writing. There were many more people in attendance for the first two days than in the last two years for the same time period and they were buying boats, motor cycles, RVs and travel trailers and mostly personal watercraft. See an

opportunity for On The Water instruction for those jet skis.

We have had several great back-to-back years with good friends, good administrations, great education, and grand rendezvous. See all of you February 18th for our Change of Watch and Commander's Ball. *"BOAT HARD WITH EDUCATION AND SAFETY FIRST"*



The elections dinner meeting at the Lakes Country Club in early January was an event to remember for many reasons. First of all the dinner was excellent, as usual. The different shaped pastas and savory sauces were all delicious as were the freshly baked cookies and brownies. And, we were lucky enough to enjoy the club's ornate and elaborate holiday decorations (including a 20 foot tree at the main staircase) before they were taken down for the season. The service was also impeccable. Thank you "Lakes" for a job well done. Following dinner, Commander Matt Murphy then conducted a flawless meeting focusing on the election of squadron committees as well as new officers. Having no opposition candidates, the new officers and committee members were elected unanimously. Congratulations to all those elected and for the hard work of the nominating and elections committee and all involved in the process. Similarly, a big "thank you" to the outgoing members and officers—especially to Commander Matt Murphy. Matt, your tenure as Commander demonstrated to us a new level of dedication and enthusiasm which will be difficult to repeat.

Thereafter, the meeting turned to a discussion of our new squadron website. Please be sure to visit it. It's sleek, it's new and it's full of useful information. You can even register and pay for classes, RSVP to dinner meetings, stay current on events, learn about cruises, or even order supplies from the ships' stores. Congratulations to the tech committee for a job well done!

And now, as this is my last article as the Administrative Officer, I reflect on the past year and all the dinner meetings conducted. During my tenure, my goal was to select a variety of meeting locations. I think I did exactly that. Our meetings

Congratulations to the newly elected Bridge and Members At Large. The Jan 17, 2012 Executive Committee meeting saw the changing of the Chairs after the break. All members are welcome to attend ECOM meetings.

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.



locations varied from marinas to golf clubs to a winery and we sampled food from Italian to German to Mexican and contemporary American. I hope you all enjoyed. I certainly did! Everyone has been so wonderful. Of course, I am not going anywhere, but will now serve as the Executive Officer with the very capable Bill Mohrman taking on the A.O. position. As such, I bid you all farewell as the A.O. and welcome Bill as my replacement.

Finally, I wish to congratulate Tom Norman as becoming our new Commander. Congratulations Tom and we are here to help you and the squadron in every way possible.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Commanders Ball on 18 February, 2012!

America's Boating Course

The next America's Boating Course will be held Saturdays, February 25, March 3 & 10, at the Scioto Boat Club, 3232 Indian Village Rd, Columbus OH 43221. This 3 session 10 hour classroom oriented program of instruction in boating safety teaches elementary seamanship, small boat handling, and rules of the road. A must course for novices and beginners of all ages. A NASBLA-approved course for certification of all powerboat operators born after January 1, 1982. The \$40 fee covers all needed classroom materials PLUS the supplemental charting and plotting course held Saturday, March 17 (8am-noon) at the same location. Register for this course at www.columbusailandpower.org under the education tab. If you have any questions regarding this course or any other courses we offer, call us at 614.384.0245 or toll free at 1-855-CSPS-SAFE.

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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 Electrical, Weather and Advanced Piloting. Sail will begin on February 7th and Navigation will begin on March 6. Hopefully you got into the class you wanted or will get into one soon. As I am writing this, the mailman just delivered the mail and I 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. 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 could not 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 out 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. David Clark and Bill Lehner have been the Chairs for Elective courses and Advanced grade courses. A deep thank you to both of you. They, too, have put in many hours and have helped keep things moving smoothly. I hope that I didn't miss a name, but I can assure you that I probably have !!! So many help and you are so very appreciated for all of the assistance each of you give, no matter how large or small.

I owe so many thank you's 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 can not 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 into the world of computers in a big way. I know you will all support them where 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.

Getting Credit for Marine Electronics — Old vs. New Courses

Many have asked about the credit granted for the Marine Electronics series. As we switch from old courses to new, we will switch from one elective (Marine Electronics) to three electives (Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communications Systems, Marine Navigation Systems) and this has caused some confusion during the transition from the old series to the new.

Students must successfully complete the entire three module set of ME101/102/103 to gain credit for Marine Electronics. Students will be given credit for each of the new courses, so by utilizing the new material they can get credit for up to three electives. As the grade of SN now requires successful completion of six out of eight elective courses, students can earn half of their needed electives by passing this series. If they stay with the old material, only one course credit will be granted.

A few students may find themselves in need of Marine Navigation Systems (MNS). This course material has not yet been released. The Chairman of the Electro-Mechanical Systems Committee will consider completion of ME103 as evidence of completion of MNS on a case-by-case basis. This procedure requires that HQ manually override student records and is not done lightly. EMSCom stands by to help our students so we will work with the Squadron Education Officers as needed to promote those candidates deserving of the grade. If you have questions, contact Larry Lowe at 614-885-3601.

Schedule of Winter Classes

Sail	Tues 2-7-12	7 pm	\$60 members/\$80 non members
Navigation	Tues 3-6-12	7 pm	\$175 members/\$200 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 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
20 December 2011

(These minutes will be approved at the January 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 Tom Norman 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, Secretary Ron Hupman, Lt Tammy Cohee, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, Lt Michael Cohee, Lt William Mohrman, Lt John Seaver, P/C Michael Hughes.

Others present were: P/D/C Phil Osborne, P/C Larry Lowe, Lt Tracy Garrett, Joe Clay, Fred Card.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments, Cdr Matthew Murphy

Along with our own Christmas Party, I attended the Port Clinton-Sandusky Power Squadron party and the Marion, Findlay, Lima Christmas party. I am expectedly jaded but I will admit that the Columbus party was for those who wish to "party" at a Christmas Party. And party we did. I have video which I have placed in a vault. As a good friend and member of the squadron once said "you really kicked it up a notch!" I will never forget those words and CSPS does just that. Deb and I personally brought seven guests and two more of which could not come but I am happy to say are doing better. I still get a kick out of how many LaScala patrons give us interested looks at our uniforms, get excited about Santa, and eventually come join in the party. My compliments and thanks to Angie Delewese and David Canale for their hard work.

I attended the Sea Gals Holiday gathering and thoroughly enjoyed the games and seeing many people that cannot always make our dinner meetings. Deb and I enjoyed the evening and I am sure many of you are shocked to know that Michael Hughes won a prize or two.

I attended the Finance Committee meeting for which I will defer to Ron Hupman for the update.

I have reviewed the upcoming election ballot and I am very excited about the future leaders of our squadron for the coming year. It was assembled with thought given to the needs of distributing the work to allow the Bridge to be more effective. I want to thank the Nominating Committee and especially P/C Hughes for his hard work in the absence of others and diligence in recruiting future officers.

The website was launched 9 December and I urge all of you to review its content, sign up for a class, an event, and share the site with other boaters. Talk it up with friends and neighbors. John Seaver, Brian O'Rourke, Theresa Nadolson, Michael Cohee, Julie and Bill Mohrman, Mari Seaver, Larry Lowe, Tracy Garrett, Tom Norman have provided both technical and operational guidance through this effort and delivered an excellent system. I will address more in detail about edits and processes later in the meeting. For now let me encourage officers to take ownership of your areas and be sure to play an active role in the content of your pages. The Sea Gals is included in this web site along with other pages of content. The Sea Gals needs updated. More than ever we all need to be mindful that when a chairperson is named, an event is changed or planned, a course or seminar is different than before, there will likely be a corresponding change needed to the website. Continuity is critical. If anyone needs assistance and that is fully expected and encouraged, with how to request or perform an update please contact John Seaver.

I have asked the GG editors and the SEO to improve upon the reporting detail for classes. I think it is important to recognize the students and instructors for each class. It is critical that recognition is given with each class along with encouragement along the way. Ideally the Education Department will provide this content to the GG editor and submit updates at ECOM each month. Names with photos and achievement should be

reported along with the instructor that gave hours of their time to instruct.

I want to remind the officers and chairpersons that may be handing off to the next chairperson or bridge officer to get prepared to do just that. Endeavor to make each predecessor more organized, better informed, and receive a better hand off than you received. Think of things such as documents, files, electronic files, best practices, traditions, etc that you wish you had or would like to pass on. It is critical that a personal hand off is completed with future success in mind. Whenever possible the respective bridge officer and commander should be present and involved. The message is to please start preparing now.

I also suggest to incoming bridge officers that no one should be taken for granted that they will continue to perform their role. Each position is discharged at Change of Watch. For many we hope they continue to serve in their role but some will move on to more demanding roles, accept a different role, go back to class, or even take a break altogether. The time is now to start working on your staff appointments by communicating the operations manual descriptions and your expectations. I further recommend that as many people as possible are involved to share the work and the diversity of many minds.

I suggest to the Secretary and Historian that preparations are being made to report the end of year historian report.

I regret to report that I will not be able to attend the NGB meeting the last week of January.

Reports of Officers

Executive Officer, Lt/C Tom Norman

Lt/C Norman reminded everyone that he needs committee assignments the first week of January. He also requested that all items regarding the ABC3 class should be directed through Brian O'Rourke, the incoming Squadron Education Officer.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C David Canale

Lt/C Canale announced that the election dinner meeting will be held on January 5, 2012 at the Lakes Country Club. The squadron Christmas Party at La Scala was a great success with the largest attendance for the year at a dinner event.

Education Officer D/Lt Debbie Smith

It is hard to believe that 2011 is over and we are in 2012. We wonder where time has gone. In the education dept., we have several classes ending and are getting ready for more to begin soon.

Classes that are to begin in January 2012 are as follows.

Wednesday, January 11 Marine Electronics.

Monday, January 23 Weather and Advanced Piloting

Tuesday, February 7 Sail.

Tuesday, March 6 Navigation.

Do you enjoy sailing? Are you interested in taking the class? Do you enjoy boating and love to hear others adventures with their boats? Well, we have an evening for you. On Tuesday, January 10, come to headquarters at 7 p.m. to hear Marcin Swiderski tell of his adventure sailing from Baltimore to Miami and listen as Doug Jackson proudly tells us of his new 42 foot Catamaran. It promises to be a fun evening, so plan to join us.

Our ABC3 class will try a new format this year. We will begin on February 25 for 3 Saturdays from 8 am to 12 noon. The class will be held at the Scioto Boat Club. Then on March 17, we will present a separate class on Charting and Plotting. It will also be held at the Scioto Boat Club from 8-12. So tell your friends or perhaps sign up yourself for a refresher. Our Seamanship class will begin soon after.

I hope your New Year is off to a great start.

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

P/Lt/C Jim Meyers – Members of the Years Committee met on November 30. The plaques have been engraved and will be awarded at the January 5 dinner meeting.

General Committees

Nominating Committee Chair: John Mattis – Michael Hughes reported that while the Standing Rules require 11 candidates for members-at-large, the committee chose to nominate only 9 (the number of seats to be filled) because past candidates have been upset when not elected. Additional candidates can be nominated from the floor at the January 5 meeting. The Nominating Committee and the Rules Committee worked together on this matter. The Rules Committee feels this approach carries out the spirit of the Standing Rule. It was agreed that there will be 2 blank spaces on the ballot for floor nominations. The list of candidates follows: (represented previously and elsewhere in the *GQ*)

Rules Committee Chair: P/C Robert Van der Wissel – P/C Van der Wissel has received a text file from Cdr Murphy of suggested rules changes/development related to the Technical Committee. He will pass this to the other Rules Committee members for input.

Standing Committees

Finance Committee - Lt/C Ron Hupman –presented the proposed 2012 budget after describing the process through which it was developed. After a brief discussion, the proposed budget was approved unanimously and will be available for review by the membership at the January 5 dinner meeting.

Law Officer – Lt/C David Canale –reported that we have been served with interrogatories in response to our motion to appeal the Delaware County decision on the Squadron's nonprofit status. He is in the process of preparing responses.

Property Officer – P/C Michael Hughes –reported that he has received a quote to professionally clean the HQ carpet. Through discussion it was decided that the cleaning should occur at the end of February or the 1st of March. Motion by Tom Norman to approve the carpet cleaning, second by David Canale; motion passed unanimously.

Supply Officer - Lt Julie Mohrman – The ship's store will be open at the January dinner meeting.

Special Committees

Technical Committee: Lt John Seaver - reported that the next committee meeting will be in January when they will work on defining structure and responsibilities. The committee will further develop Cdr Murphy's suggestions.

Boat Shows: Lt Fred Card/Lt John Mattis – Lt Card reported that the boat shows will be January 7-15 and February 9-12. They are looking for volunteers to man the booth and will be making phone calls after the Holidays.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett – Help is needed to operate Coastie at the boat shows since David Ehrbar is recovering from surgery. Training will be arranged for whoever volunteers.

Roster: Lt Doug Jackson- Absent – It was reported that a new roster will be out soon.

Boating Activities: Lt David Canale – A cruise schedule will be available soon. Planned 2012 cruises will be discussed at the March dinner meeting.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt – Absent.

New Business

New Member – Cyber members Matt Mills, Lisa Mills, Chase Fetherolf and Alexis Fetherolf (all of one family who have e#s) were proposed for membership along with Mari Seaver. All were unanimously approved.

Sick Bay

David Ehrbar – recovering from shoulder surgery
Debbie Murphy – Hip surgery on December 27.

Announcements

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 17 January.
Articles for the February *Galley Gossip* due Monday, January 9.
Next Dinner Meeting 5 January at The Lakes Country Club

Meeting Adjourned at 2057

Simple Pleasures

By Dick Sorensen, JN

What I seek on the water is the exact opposite of my everyday existence. It's like a dinner of meatloaf and mashed potatoes versus roasted cornish game hens with cumin and lemon. I want simplicity, quiet, calmness, no stress...I want to hear myself think, or not think, for that matter.

Some of my nautical pleasures include:

The morning's first cup of coffee, wrapped in a blanket in the cockpit watching the day get started.

Just cleaning the boat. I rarely wash any of my cars, but I wash the boat everyday. I just like to wash the boat; makes me feel good.

Tinkering around on the boat. Tightening stuff, fixing stuff, checking the fluids, re-arranging stuff. Just doing things on the boat.

Reading on the boat.

Driving the boat at speed. Not at maximum rpm...just at a good clip. Wind in your hair and eyes-start-to-tear speed. A glance back at the wake.

The first swallow of beer after a sunny day on the water. That first taste invasion sensation that washes all over your mouth. I usually drain the first beer. Not very couth.

Exploring. Just poking my bow into unfamiliar waters. So far I've traveled to places on the water I'd never dreamed I'd get to; Little Current, Baie Fine, Straits of Mackinaw, Welland Canal, Toronto, Big Chute, Chesapeake Bay in all it's glorieseveryplace looks better from the water!

The song of a Loon, at dusk, on the Trent-Severn.

Just watching a sunset on Alum Creek Reservoir. Not quite up to the public dock soiree, at Key West, but still a great way to say 'Thank You' to old Sol for another great day on the water.

Doing absolutely nothing while being on the water.

Simple pleasures are like comfort food. Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter and Jelly, and Meatloaf and Mashed.....my boating pleasures are my nautical 'comfort food'.

January Election Meeting



Ruth Wilcox, Mike & Tammy Cohee discuss the ships store products with Julie Mohrman.



Ron Lavelly & Michael Hughes discuss boating.

Jon Hollander & Wade Grosz receive their 25-year pins.



John Seaver shows a knot while discussing upcoming classes.



Fred Card talks to show-goers about the squadron.

January Boat Show



Bill Mohrman presents a seminar.

The kids (below) really enjoyed Coastie!



SAILING DISCUSSIONS

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 10th, CSPS "Talked Sailing" with a full classroom of members and guests. Marcin Swiderski's presentation of his October voyage aboard a 47' Beneteau, a 1400 mile trip from Baltimore to Miami, was shown in slides and videos. Marcin told some exciting stories about the high winds and waves encountered as Raisa left Chesapeake VA and met the Gulf Stream rounding Cape Hatteras. The strong northern current forced Raisa to turn back to Norfolk and motor the inland waterways to get south of the Cape. From there the winds were favorable and Raisa sped south, sailing close to the coast, arriving safely in Miami ten days after leaving Baltimore.

Then, Doug Jackson introduced us to his new retirement home, a 42 ft. Lagoon sailing catamaran built in France and delivered to him in NY in September. The yacht boasts a 25 ft. beam with large dinette, galley, and navigation station in the main cabin, a master suite in the port hull and two guest



cabins in the starboard hull, all with their own heads and showers. The boat is equipped with twin Yanmar diesels and an AIS tracking system which allows the captain to see the position, course and speed of approaching vessels. Bleu

Lagoon will be brought to Sandusky in the spring after the Erie Canal opens again. Retirement is looking pretty good!

SAIL CLASS begins Tuesday, February 7th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

14 weeks of exciting new concepts to tickle your brain. To sign up for the course, please contact Debbie Smith at 614-890-5864 or register at www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab.



From left: Cdr Murphy, Jim Meyers, and Harold Beidel.

2011 MEMBER OF THE YEARS

P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN, received the much deserved Member of the Years Award from Cdr. Matthew Murphy and Chairman of the Member of the Years Committee, James E. Meyers. Harold has been a member of the squadron for over sixty years more than forty-five merit marks. Harold has served as Squadron Education Officer for four years, Commander of the squadron, District Commander, and Rear Commander at the National Level. In all the years with the squadron, he has been active in all the phases of operation. Harold just finished serving as Parliamentarian to the Commander and will be serving as a Member-at-Large. We are lucky to have a member like Harold. Congratulations Harold and Thank You for your commitment to the boating world!

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE — continued from page 3

SN, Lt Angie Delewese (Maw), and Melissa Fannon, our other GG editor. There are so many things these loving people do that keeps our Squadron operating. Please read my Commander's report for a more formal summary for the year.

It was only a year and I have plenty of ideas and initiatives to pass on to Tom. We still have Rules to update to the National format. I hoped to kick off a Ladies only Seamanship class but I think you will hear more about that in 2012. It's up to him and his Bridge now and I encourage you to support incoming Commander Tom Norman and his Bridge for the next year. One of the things I learned these last few years is that officers and chairs are sometimes shy to request your help because you are busy. At the same time people feel left out when they are not asked. Believe me we want help and even a few hours here and there add so much to the Squadron. Remember-we are all volunteers. Thanks in advance and thanks for a great year. See you soon.

ADA CONFERENCE INFORMATION

CALL TO THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING 2012

TO: District 29 Council Members: District 29 Bridge officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, the Chairmen of the General Committees, Squadron Commanders and Bridge Officers and Squadron Delegates-at-Large.

AND TO: All D-29 Past Commanders and Chairmen of Standing Committees

FROM: D/Lt/C Donald N. Stein, JN, Secretary

Please be advised that the District 29 Winter Council Meeting will be Held at the McIntosh Center, Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio at 1300 to 1500 on 12 February 2012.

Registration: There will be a lunch of Swiss steak, fresh fruit cup, tossed salad, whipped potato, mixed vegetable, fruit cobbler and coffee or hot/cold tea, served on site in the McIntosh dining hall. For those attending the lunch, cost will be \$14.00. Please pre-register with the District Treasurer by Tuesday 07 February 2012. There is no need to register to attend if lunch is not required. To register for lunch please contact:

D/Lt/C Gerald Smetzer, JN

Phone: 419-797-3143 or

E-Mail: gsmetzer@roadrunner.com

Schedule for the day: (all times approximate)

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| 0815-0900 | Registration/Lunch fee collection – Complimentary coffee/tea donut |
| 0900-1030 | Department meeting and training for all incoming bridge members |
| 1045-1130 | Calendars |
| 1145-1245 | Lunch |
| 1300-1500 | Council Meeting |

Uniform of the day: Uniform F, white long sleeve shirt, black fore-n-hand tie and long dark pants, or other business attire.



Volunteer Opportunity

The COLUMBUS SPORTS, VACATION & BOAT SHOW will be held at the Ohio Fairgrounds February 9-12, 2012. CSPS will host a booth at the show and we need your help passing out brochures about us and our upcoming ABC3 Boating Class. The show hours are as follows: Thurs/Fri Feb 9/10 - 2-8pm; Sat Feb 11 - 10am-8pm; Sun Feb 12 - 11am-5pm. Volunteers are admitted free to the show; however parking is not free. If you can volunteer a few hours, please contact John Mattis at 614.761.8819 or Fred Card at 614.777.9595. Thank you in advance for your commitment.

Georgian Bay, Inside Passage Trailer Boat Cruise

The CSPS is planning a 9 day trailer boat trip to the "inside passage" of Georgian Bay, Ontario from July 14 - 22, 2012. This part of Georgian Bay is remote and beautiful. It is my all-time favorite boating trip. The plan is to trailer the boats to Killarney on July the 14th. We would put the boats in the water, spend the night, and then take the trailer and vehicles south to probably Port Severn or Victoria Harbour and take a limo back to Killarney. It is a 675 mile trip from Columbus to Killarney and can be driven in about a 12 hour day.

There is lodging available in a few towns on the planned route but not many with 8 to 10 rooms. Thus, this cruise may be limited to boats with sleeping quarters on board or those with no sleeping quarters planning to spend a few nights tent camping. I envision the boats all anchoring together the night or two we may not be in a slip at a marina. It will really be depend on what is available, the length of any single boating day and the wishes of the people on the trip. This trip will not be a race against time but is planned to be a relaxed pleasure boat trip in one of the more remote and beautiful areas of Ontario.

This is not an open water boating trip. The "inside passage" is defined and charted route close to shore through islands and glacier rocks from The North Channel to the south end of Port Severn on the eastern side of Georgian Bay. You will need charts to make this trip. The charts available are well defined with mile markers and buoys.

We need to know if enough boaters are interested in the trip to proceed with the planning. We need to start with the planning now because this is a tourist area in the summer and we need to reserve facilities early. Larger boats planning on a summer North Channel trip can also join this cruise by meeting in Killarney. If you are interested please email Hank Kauffman at hk@hkauffman.com or call him at 740-398-8128.

What's your story?

I'm writing a fun book about the boats of this region (Lake Erie and our local waters) and the people who love them. I could really use your help. I need your boat's story-that's the heart of my book! I want to know how you chose your boat-or how she chose you. I especially want to know the story behind your boat's name.

It won't take much of your time to be a part of this fun, unique and (hopefully) publishable project. Please call or email me and we'll figure out the best and easiest way for you to be involved. I will credit EVERY submission in the book's Acknowledgments section and EVERY boat will be included, in some way, in the final draft.

Annie Stephens 614-425-2533
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VERIFY YOUR ROSTER CONTENT IS UP-TO-DATE

It is that time of year again when every member needs to verify that their contact information (email address, phone, mailing address, spouse information, etc) is up-to-date on the national roster. This information is the main source of information for the squadron, district, and National Rosters. It is up to each member to ensure their information current as no one knows your information like you do. :-)

To verify your information you can follow the steps below by using the national website.

1. Go to www.usps.org.
2. Choose the "How Do I..." link at the top of the page.
3. From the list, click on "Update my personal data online".
4. If you are not logged into the website, you will be asked to Login.
5. Once Logged in, you will see a form with your primary personal contact information that is stored in the database.
6. Make changes as necessary and click on "Submit All Changes" or Click on "Cancel No Changes Necessary".

Please remember that the national database is only good to everyone if everyone is keeping their own information up-to-date. Verify your info and make changes before February 2, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact us the help desk (help@usps.org).

Kristi Anderson
USPS Help Desk/ITCom



In January, the Seagals enjoyed movie night at the Movie Tavern in Hilliard. Dinner and a movie with Tom Cruise and Mission Impossible! We had about 18 of attending and all agreed that the movie was very enjoyable, second only to the company.

In February, we are planning SeaGals Mardi Gras

with dinner at Bravo Crosswoods, 7470 Vantage Drive in Worthington. Social hour is at 6:30 with dinner at Seven.

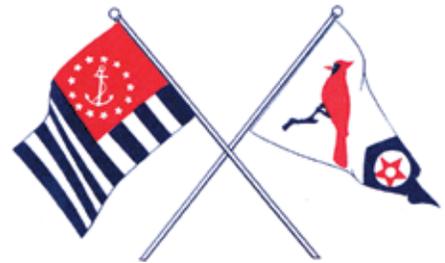
We are also working on our Web Site page with a number of ideas being shared with the group as well as planning for our annual summer rendezvous to Kelley's Island. Keep an eye on this space for more information.

2011 EDUCATION IN REVIEW

Beginning in January 2011 Skip Woodruff completed Instructor Development class with Brian O'Rourke and John Seaver. In March Larry Lowe graduated Michael T. Hughes, Brian O'Rourke and John Seaver from Electrical Systems. Larry was also busy this spring teaching a seminar in VHF Radio for Pam Carr, Doug Jackson, Harold Beidel, Jim Meyers, Lew Pflaum, Patti & Bob Prior, Jason Medlock, Jack & Pam Price, Michael & Catherine Smith, and Mathew Mefferd.

In May Larry Lowe along with Michael T. Hughes, Brian O'Rourke, John Seaver and Nahum Burt finished up the Communications System class. Skip sent his only student, Richard Sorensen off with a perfect score in Weather. Don

Delewese and Michael Cohee waved goodbye as their Piloting class finished with Joseph Adams, Nahum Burt, Marcin Swiderski and Tom Norman. Doug Jackson and Ken Spilke watched proudly as their sailing class finished with Richard Caw, Don Delewese, Bob Prior and Marcin Swiderski.



As June began Skip was back at work making sure that Michael Cohee and Bill Lehner finished Instructor Development with perfect scores. Bob Rayburn was glad to see his students Sherwin Ritchie, Nahum Burt and Michael Robinson pass Advanced Piloting and go on to summer adventures.

July was a huge month for Bill Lehner as he finished teaching one of the largest Seamanship classes we have seen in some time. Those students were John Seaver, Robert Eastway, Michelle Forgach, Mike Guthrie, Susan and Eldon Hall, Michael T. Hughes, Fred Kaufman, Eric and Kristine Langille, Connie Miller, Marcin Swiderski, Eric Voisard and Nahum Burt.

After the summer break Skip went back to work recertifying some of our great instructors. Those were Dave Ehrbar, Phil Osborne, Bob Rayburn, Ken Spilke, Jeff Mirgon, Tom Morehouse, Michael S. Hughes and Fred Card.



NEW MEMBERS

Mari Seaver
Gage Green (Matt & Debbie Murphy's son)
Michelle, Rene, Alaina & Erin Hudson
(family of Mike Hudson)

Jules of the Nile

Julie & Bill Mohrman

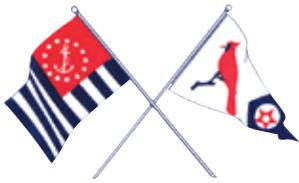
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12 Jon Hollander	24 Michael Wolfe
18 Debbie Murphy	25 Jim Jenkins
18 William McCauley	26 Christine Clay
20 Jessica Garrett	28 Marcin Swiderski



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Distinctive Communicator Award

Each year the USPS Communications Committee reviews Squadron and District newsletters and websites and selects those which merit special recognition for sustained quality throughout the year that not only promote life within the United States Power Squadrons® but also instill interest and inspire and encourage members of the public to take courses and join our organization. This achievement is recognized with the Distinctive Communicator Award. Congratulations to Tracy Garrett & Melissa Fannon for the Newsletter award and John Seaver and his team for the Website award.

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