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***Come join us for the
80th Change of Watch of the
Columbus Sail and Power Squadron,
now known as
America's Boating Club of Central Ohio!***

Friday, February 7, 2020

Mimi's
BISTRO + BAKERY

1428 Polaris Parkway, Columbus

Social Hour - 6:00 pm

Dinner - 7:00 pm

Cost - \$25.00 per person

Diners will make their dinner choice that evening from a menu which includes:

- Grilled Atlantic Salmon
- French Pot Roast
- Rustic Chicken & Artichokes
- French-Creole Pasta

**Reservations should be made by February 3rd to
Mary Rayburn at humbelmh@yahoo.com**

***Help celebrate our many years of providing education for the boating public!
Reminisce over the friendships you've made! Share some past adventures on
the water!***



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 Saturday ABC Sandusky Change of Watch – Sandusky Yacht Club – 6 pm
- 3 Monday March 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 7 Friday ABC of Central Ohio Change of Watch – Mimi's Blstro – 6 pm
- 7-9 Fri.-Sun. Fishing Expo – Ohio State Fairgrounds
- 9 Sunday District 29 Winter Council – Ohio Northern University, Ada – 9 am
- 9-16 Sun.-Sun. USPS Annual Meeting – Ponte Vedra, Florida
- 15&22 Saturdays America's Boating Course – ABC Clubhouse – 8 am
- 20&27 Thursdays America's Boating Course – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 25 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

MARCH

- 2 Monday April 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 5&12 Thursdays America's Boating Course – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 6-8 Fri.-Sun. Indian Lake Boat Show
- 16 Monday Boat Handling Course – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 20-21 Fri.-Sun. D29 Spring Conference – Park Inn, Downtown Toledo
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

APRIL

- 2 Thursday ABC of Central Ohio Dinner Event – Details TBA
- 6 Monday May 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 12 Sunday Happy Easter!
- 28 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm



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		Lt Ruth Wilcox, S

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Richard Sorensen, SN



Ahoy all! In my mind we've turned the 'calendar' corner and are headed toward Spring. The days are getting longer and, thank goodness for global warming, our winters seem to be a little bit warmer. Your Club is pushing ahead with a busy schedule; the Fishing Expo is next up. Feb 7th, 8th, & 9th at the State Fairgrounds. Go to Sign-Up Genius to register. In addition to the wonderful opportunity to share our 'programs' with all the visitors, it's just fun to wander around this very large show: newest boats, gear, electronics, clothing, fishing charters and camps. Why last year they even had an exhibitor who sold coffins shaped like a Ranger Fishing Boat! Who could ask for more?



We have two sets of ABC classes scheduled and some great summer cruises coming up as well. Our future public service efforts include Boating Safety/Vessel Safety Checks in May, Route 23 Roadside clean-up and hosting the Sea Scouts at our facility. I am delighted to have served as your

Commander this past year and look forward to assisting Sherri Haring and her Bridge in 2020.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Sherri Haring, S



The month of February will be a month for all of us as a club to shine! February will be filled with many events; these events will include fun activities for members of our club as well as interaction and outreach with the public. We will be promoting the club at the Fishing Expo; multiple boating classes will be offered; and our local Change of Watch, District 29 Winter Council meeting, and the National meeting will all be held this month.



The Fishing Expo is a great way to interact with other boaters from around the state! We can show these fishing men and women ways to stay safe out on the water, invite them to participate in a safe boating class, and invite them to join our club.

After the Fishing Expo, we will be having two

America's Boating Courses: February 15th and 22nd and 20th and 27th. I would like to invite all our members to come out and teach, support the instructors, talk to the students about our club, invite them to join us for an event, and, ultimately, help them to become safe boaters. We have a lot to offer our new students!

Our Change of Watch is also this month. We will be celebrating our 80th Change of Watch so come on out to Mimi's and help us support and thank the out-going officers as well as welcome the incoming Bridge members.

There will be two meetings to attend at the District 29 Winter Council meeting in Ada. The USPS 106th National Meeting will be in Ponte Vedra, Florida this year. I am planning on attending both events and I hope that some of you will join me as well. Every time I attend a district or national meeting, I learn so much and I love the opportunity to meet like-minded boaters.





Thank you all for taking the time to read my final AO report. It is with a sad heart that I must tell you that after one year of wearing this hat my tenure has come to an end. It has been an exciting and fulfilling time. I have worked with some invaluable fellow members who have shown me the true meaning of volunteerism within our club and boating community. Many positive changes have occurred over this past year. Our club's name was changed to America's Boating Club of Central Ohio; our by-laws were changed to allow us to move ahead with fresh ideas without the red tape. We are beginning to move away from the formal uniforms and ease into a more casual format.

This month we will swear in a new Bridge and Members at Large to keep the direction of our club moving forward. As President Kennedy said, "Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans" just as in our club the time has come to pass the torch to invest in our future and become part of this new generation of boaters who are up to speed with social media and all the new tech that is at their fingertips. Using technology to refine our teaching methods and updating our classes. Keeping the



boating community aware of what we are doing and how they can get involved. This is a new decade and we must begin to utilize new ways of communicating. We need to get our name in front of more boaters daily so we can continue to grow and spread our mission of educating both new and seasoned boaters.

Also, I want to express my desire to get our club to begin meeting during the boating season. What better time to gather with our fellow boaters and talk about the good times on the water as well as the not-so-good?! Keeping in touch with the rendezvous schedules, places to go and/or eat on the water and just talking boating. Personally, I believe this would further our cause.

As part of the new Bridge, I want to thank Tiffany Francis for jumping in and taking over as the AO for our club. She is an excellent choice for this position. I will continue to support and volunteer for our club as this next year begins. Again, thanks to all my loyal readers. I hope to see you all on the water very soon!!

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

USPS 106th National Meeting

February 9-16, 2020 — Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra, Florida

UPCOMING D29 EVENTS

Winter Council

February 9, 2020 — Ada, Ohio

Spring Conference

March 20-22, 2020 — Park Inn, Downtown Toledo

Fall PENTA 2020 Conference

October 2-4, 2020 — Kalahari, Sandusky, Ohio



As tag-team happens this month to Paul King, I again want to share thanks to the many people who have helped make so many classes so successful. Over the past couple of years, we've filled our ABC Classes due to marketing efforts and with the Judith Lowe Fund. We've gained many great new members who have already added so much to our squadron with their presence and participation in classes and dinner meetings.

A large opportunity for ABC is pending. The Fishing Expo is scheduled for February 7-9, so we will need some volunteers to set up, staff the booth and tear down at the end of the show. The following weekend, Saturday, February 15th will be our first **ABC Class**. Our second class date is being discussed – as a Saturday or a week night



class – in a similar manner that we did 'back in the day'. I'll defer to Paul King to work out those details.

Sailing – I have heard a bit of a groundswell for Sailing Class this winter/spring – please reach out to Paul or me if you have interest!

Take a look at all the classes and seminars available at:
[https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters - In-person Education, Classes & Seminars](https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters-In-person-Education,Classes&Seminars).

UPCOMING CLASS SCHEDULE

America's Boating Course (2-day course)	February 15 & 22	5-hour sessions
America's Boating Course (4-day course)	February 20, 27, March 5, 12	2.5-hour sessions
Boat Handling (1-day class)	March 16	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Christine Clay
Rodney Cooper
Jessica Garrett

Jonathan Hollander
Debbie Murphy
Bob Rayburn

SICK BAY

Martha Beidel
Joyce Hankle

Helpful Websites

**America's Boating Club
of Central Ohio**
www.columbussailandpower.org

USPS District 29:
www.district29-usps.org

National:
www.americasboatingclub.org
(Public Site)

www.unitedstatespowersquadrons.org
(Member Site)

The Appeal of the Ordeal

By Dick Sorensen, SN

The headline read, "Six Men Row Across Drake's Channel".

Why?

That was my reaction to a newspaper article titled, "6 Men Row Around the Clock for 13 Days". A story regarding their goal of rowing across the Drake Channel. How they dodged icebergs, held their breath as giant whales breached next to them and rode waves the size of office buildings while rowing six hundred miles to Antarctica.

Why?

These guys rowed across this most treacherous part of the world's most treacherous seas for 13 days. Half of them rowing while the other slept in a cuddy the size of a 1959 Cadillac El Dorado's trunk for 90 minutes, and then back at it. Frostbite, constant cold and wet, crappy food, miserable, especially for the last guy into the cuddy who had to sleep in a fetal position.

I ask myself Why?

I think I know the answer because I'm a kindred spirit. I know why men subject themselves to this deadly challenge. They don't do it for a listing in some obscure book.

Rather, because like Sir Edmund Percival Hillary's answer about climbing Mt. Everest...because "It's there".

Most fellow boaters have the same internal 'engine'. I think we venture forth into this strange world of boating. Oh, most of us never decide to row a boat six, let alone 600, miles!

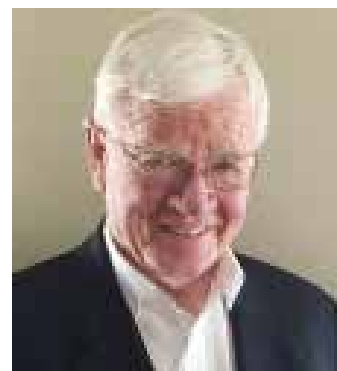
In our daily life we generally rotate in a repetitive way. Breakfast, commute to work, work, drive home, kiss the wife, pat the dog, have a cocktail, read and watch a little TV. Sleep. Repeat. Yet for us, the recreational boater, something burns brighter. Some internal force screams 'Is this it? Is that all there is?' and our answer is NO! Just like the six adventurers who decided one day, "Hey, let's row across the meanest, toughest, most deadly body of water on the planet.", we say 'Let's head across Lake Erie.' In our own way we are pushing our internal button to challenge ourselves to actually survive this voyage. Our adventures may include pushing our 'personal' limits. Trying a night sail for the first time, heading to the North Channel or doing the Great Loop.

Society has pushed us to live in an accident, germ and danger free world. Hand sanitizers are everywhere. Cooks must wear a hat, rubber gloves and never ever use a wooden cutting board. Autos drive themselves and even relieve us of the immense effort of picking up our foot to step on a brake pedal. There's a phone app for anything. You don't have to take a risk... No one 'double dares you... or triple double dares you'. Why would a woman choose to do 'natural' childbirth instead of slipping blissfully into a drug induced sleep and then awakening to find her new baby? Or have a root canal without anesthesia? Maybe it's due to this environment that people say, "Hey, I can do that. I can test myself against the elements/world".

We have created such an insulated world. Everything and every gadget possible is at our fingertips to protect us from all sorts of real and imagined threats. Why would six men put themselves into this death-defying position? Is it because the human psyche craves adventure? Is it because our human spirit cries out "I am someone; I am not a clog in this machine!"? Is this the reason why John Glenn climbed into the top of an 8-story bomb and let them strike a match? To push the knowledge of space flight, sure, but what was his real reason? These rowers did it? Why? We will never ever know the answer. We all know how to row a boat...but it's the why normal people can't grasp.

Why?

I think you, my fellow mariners, know why.



Dick Sorensen's entire life has been devoted to asking 'Why not?'. Sometimes the answer is like a piece of chocolate cake with vanilla ice cream and sometimes the answer is a bucket of 'horse s---t'! But he won't stop asking 'Why not?'.

Member Anniversaries

Do you remember what year you became a member of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron, now known as America's Boating Club of Central Ohio? In honor of the upcoming 80th anniversary of our group, let's take a look back in time and see when each of us joined this motley crew of boating enthusiasts. Below please find the names and years of those who have February anniversaries. A big thanks to all of you for your dedication and participation over the years! More to come...

Harold Beidel 1961	Deborah Kittredge 2014
Herbert Beidel 1968	Brian Koethe 1992
Michael Brown 2014	Karen Kramer 2013
David Canale 2007	Sue Lowe 1992
Lynne Canale 2007	Nancy McCarthy 2014
Christine Clay 2003	Debbie Murphy 2009
Joseph Clay 2003	Scott Shaw 2013
Anthony Decesare 2017	Frank Swiatek 2015
Tracy Garrett 2005	Valerie Swiatek 2015
Michael Henestofel 1964	Roberta Timmerman 2017
Michael S. Hughes 2005	Scott Timmerman 2017
David Kittredge 2014	George Wells 1971

District 29 Spring Conference And Change of Watch

March 20 - 22, 2020

At the Park Inn, Downtown Toledo

To Reel in Spring and the upcoming Boating season
"Snook, Line, and Sinkers"



Guest rooms are being offered at a very reasonable rate of \$96 plus tax.

The Park Inn is holding twenty five rooms for the America's Boating Club Conference at this discounted price.

Your reservations for the Spring Conference must be made by February 28th. Call 1-419-241-3000 or 800-670-7275. Refer to code 2003USQUAD to get the special rate.

Make your reservations early – more information regarding the conference will be sent at a later date.



Volunteers Needed!

Help America's Boating Club of Central Ohio tell its wonderful story at the Columbus Fishing Expo on February 7th to 9th at the state fairgrounds. The Midwest's biggest show, over 15,000 attendees visited its displays last year. What a great opportunity for us to reach out with our message about the importance of boating safety. Go to Sign-up Genius to volunteer. Enter Columbus Fishing Expo America's Boating Club Columbus to choose the date(s) and time(s) that work best for you. We need your smile!!!





America's Boating Club - Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
17 December 2019

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

Cdr Dick Sorensen, SN, called the meeting to order at 19:00 at the squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH. The chaplain, Lt Mary Rayburn, P, provided the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Executive Officer, Lt/C Sherri Haring, S. Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary, Lt/C Ron Hupman, S, found that a quorum was present. The following Executive Committee members were present: Commander Dick Sorensen, SN; Executive Officer Lt/C Sherri Haring, S; Administrative Officer, Lt/C Ruth Kubinski, P; Education Officer, P/C John Seaver, SN; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Interim Treasurer, P/C David Canale, P; Asst SEO 1st/Lt Paul King, AP-IN; Asst Secretary 1st/Lt Tom Doyle; P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; Lt Sue Goelz, S; Lt Robert Goelz, S; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; Lt Ruth Wilcox, S. Guests present: Cdr Martha Beidel; Joe Huffman, P; ANEO Bob Rayburn, SN-IN; Lt Mary Rayburn, P; Tiffany Francis, S; Tom Francis, S. The minutes of the November meeting were approved by motion from Bob Goelz and 2nd by Harold Beidel.

Commander Dick Sorensen, SN

The squadron is in good shape. He attended the Lima Squadron's Christmas Party, which was their final meeting, and also attended the funeral for William Hoermle. The Bridge is preparing for the end of the year. P/C Matt Murphy has joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary at Norris Lake.

Executive Officer Lt/C Sherri Haring, S

Reported on the financial outcome of the D29 Fall Conference.

Education Officer P/C John Seaver, SN
Asst SEO Lt Paul King, AP-IN

Having trouble updating USPS University information with National.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Ruth Kubinski, P

The January dinner meeting will be at the Blend of 7 Winery in Delaware. In addition to the



election of officers, there will be a program with Paul King and Michael T. Hughes talking about their adventures on the water last summer. The Change of Watch will be February 7 at Mimi's Bistro on Polaris Parkway; social hour 6:00, dinner 7:00.

Secretary Lt/C Ron

Hupman, S

Asst. Sec. – 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P

All officers are asked to prepare written reports and email reports to hupman1@att.net.

Treasurer P/C Ed Mack, SN – Absent

In the absence of an active treasurer, Law Officer David Canale reported on latest activities. The investment account has had strong growth since 1990. The Quick Books file needs to be transmitted to our bookkeeping firm. Signatories on the checking and investment accounts have been changed.

Immediate Past Commander P/C Ed Mack, SN:

Absent

Members at Large Reports:

P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN: No Report
Lt Bob Goelz, S: No Report
Lt Sue Goelz, S: No Report
Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP: No Report
P/C Larry Lowe, SN-CN: Absent
Lt Jana Mack, S: Absent
Lt Beth Perchuk, P: Absent
P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN: No Report
Lt Ruth Wilcox, S: The new order of T-shirts has arrived. Ruth motioned to give T-shirts to rendezvous participants, 2nd Paul King, passed.

General Committees

Nominating Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN: The slate of officers is complete.

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; Complete - No report

Rules Committee: P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Bob Van Der Wissel, AP; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP – No report



Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman, S – Asked again for comments on the suggested budget that Cdr Sorensen passed out at the November meeting.

Housing Committee: Need chair.

Planning Committee: P/C David Canale, P; P/C Bill Lehner, SN – No Report

Law Officer: P/C David Canale, P: No Report

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP - No report- work is complete.

Property Officer: 1st/Lt Thomas Doyle, P, acting – It was decided to table the window replacement because the condo association has said it will pay after Jan 1. We will see what happens.

Sea Gals: Cdr Martha Beidel - Christmas Party will be at Hunan House Dec. 20.

Special Committees:

Technical Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN – No report

Social Media Committee: Lt Beth Perchuk – Absent

Investments Committee: P/V/C Joe Mesenburg, SN; Lt Bob Goelz, S – See treasurer's report.

Boat Shows: P/C William Mohrman, AP – Absent – Volunteers are needed for set-up and manning the booth at the Fishing Expo. The Sign-Up Genius will be available soon.

Marketing: Vacant

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent – Send updated info to Doug and he will update roster and National.



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Has your listing disappeared from the *Galley Gossip* sponsors list on the back page of this issue? That's because it's time once again to sign up for the *Galley Gossip* Sponsors Club! A mere \$20.00 yearly contribution will give you the opportunity to list your boat, business, pets, etc. for 10 monthly issues. (The GG is not published in July and August.) What a deal!! Check out the back page of this issue for more details.

Boating Activities: P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN – No Report

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP – Absent

Old Business:

The rowing safety equipment the squadron supplied to Dublin and Westerville rowing teams is working out well. There was a discussion regarding AED equipment. Westerville and Dublin each need another boat, preferably more stable than the Jon boats, possibly pontoons.

New Business:

Regarding a revised web site, Cdr Sorensen has a proposal and will check into it further. Sherri Haring motioned that the Sea Scouts be allowed to use HQ for meetings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, 2nd Bob Goelz, passed. There will be 6-8 people, 14-18 years old. Procedures for electronic meetings/voting were discussed. Mary Rayburn will put the slate of officers in GG and an E-blast with instructions for voting. After discussion introduced by Sherri Haring, Bob Goelz motioned that the squadron donate to Honor Flight for Veterans, 2nd Sherri Haring, passed. Education opportunities in the Lima/Findlay area were discussed.

Comments from Guests:

Mary Rayburn noted that *Galley Gossip* sponsors are needed.

Last Horizon:

William Hoermle

Sick Bay:

Joyce Hankle is finishing her treatment and they are heading to Florida.

Announcements:

GG articles are due 1/6
Next ECOM meeting is January 28.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:05

LAST HORIZON

Madalene Bing , mother of Merry Pruitt passed away peacefully Jan 5 at 92 years of age.

William Hoermle



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Terrie Lynn

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Bob Van Der Wissel

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***All Skis* — Glen & Ruthie Kubinski**

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