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CSPS Elections Night

Thursday, January 6, 2011

The Lakes Golf & Country Club

6740 Worthington Rd. - Westerville, OH 43082

Social Hour: 6-7pm

Meet the Candidates & Vote: 7pm

Dinner: 7:30

Menu: Mixed garden greens salad, Penne, Bowtie and Fettecini Pastas; Cajun cream with mushrooms, yellow peppers & onions, alfredo sauce, marinara sauce with meatballs, rolls with butter; cookies and brownies; iced tea.

Price: \$20

Cash Bar

Uniform/Dress: straight tie; business attire

Program: Cdr Phil's Alaskan Vacation

RSVP Date: by Monday Jan 3, 2011

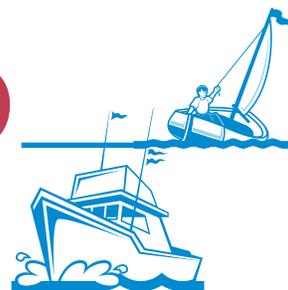
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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2011

3	Monday	February <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due
6	Thursday	Dinner Meeting & Annual Elections - The Lakes Club House, Westerville
8	Saturday	Toledo COW & Cdr Ball
8-16	Sat.-Sun.	Boat Show at Fairgrounds
15	Saturday	Ft. Wayne COW
15	Saturday	Port Clinton COW
22	Saturday	USPS Annual Meeting Reservations Due
25	Tuesday	Exec Meeting 1930 @ HQ

FEBRUARY

1-5	Tues.-Sat.	USPS National Meeting - Orlando FL
7	Monday	March GG articles due
9	Wednesday	Sea Gals Soup Cookoff
10-13	Thurs.-Sun.	Sports & Vacaton Show at Fairgrounds
13	Sunday	Winter Council - Ada
15	Tuesday	Central Ohio Safe Boating Council - 6 pm Cross Creek Campgrounds
17	Thursday	Sandusky COW
19	Saturday	Columbus Change of Watch @ La Scala
21	Monday	ABC3 Boating Course begins Olentangy Orange HS Lewis Center
22	Tuesday	Executive Committee meeting @ HQ 1930
22	Tuesday	Findlay COW

MARCH

3	Thursday	Dinner Meeting
7, 14, 21, 28	Mondays	ABC3 boat class 7:30 Olentangy Orange HS
8	Tuesday	April <i>GG</i> articles due
17	Thursday	Sea Gals St Pats party at Ehrbar's
19	Saturday	Charting class at HQ 9am-1pm

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Michael Hughes, JN



January is elections month for the squadron. It is important that all members voice their opinion on who they want to lead the squadron for the next year. Just as in the recent mid-term elections for the United States, voting is your opportunity to create the next board of officers. A Member at Large is the liaison between the general membership and the Executive Board. If you find yourself being tapped on the shoulder by the Nominating Committee, it is because they feel you are a worthy candidate who will help the squadron to grow. Please strongly consider the invitation. If you would like to be on the next board of officers but have not been asked, please contact P/C Bob Prior, L/C John Mattis or myself today. This year's elections meeting will be held at The Lakes Golf Course Club House in Westerville on January 6th with a wonderful meal and some great entertainment while the votes are tabulated. I hope to see many familiar and new faces at this meeting.



fine meal at J Lui's as we welcome Matthew Murphy as your 2011 Commander.

February brings the Change of Watch. This is when all of the newly elected officers take the Oath of Office and the Executive Committee chairs move up (and I move out). This will be a sad day for me as I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as your Commander. I am very proud to turn the reigns of the squadron over to the very competent person Matt is. Please mark your calendars for February 19th for a

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P



The planning continues for the upcoming boat shows and the Public Boating Course. Rendezvous are being planned and so will the many events that promise to keep us socially busy. But that's all in good fun and I like being busy when I am with great people and having fun doing it. Volunteering does not seem like a chore when I get to do it with friends and meet more people. This should be the case for all who volunteer to work the boat shows, help with VSCs, support the public boating classes and work other events.



Some of you have already heard my story about my involvement in the Squadron. I was a VSE for years and occasionally attended dinner meetings. I attended some ECOM meetings in the earlier years but for the most part I was in the squadron to take part in the Civic Service aspect. I started to attend dinner meetings more often again and suddenly I was involved in a big way. And along with the involvement came some of the most enjoyable times of my life. I love the social aspect that I missed for so many years. I cannot say enough about the great people who are members in Columbus, District 29 and nationally. For every person that seems like they are in the squadron for volunteerism, there is another that is in it for the social aspect. Yet another exists for the education aspect. We are proud to have every one of them and we need them. I just want to say that whatever your reason is—thank you for taking part and doing what you do. I encourage you however to not cheat yourself out of the social aspect like I did for so many years. I really

hope to encourage a more fun loving atmosphere at whatever we are doing. The economy isn't great. Our government upsets us daily. The evening news is depressing. But boating and socializing rock! I encourage our chairpersons, our bridge officers, and all that support events and operations to remember to add some fun into each meeting, event, and activity that they plan. Work can be fun when you are with people you enjoy.

Who should go to a district or national meeting? YOU should! Sure there are meetings and voting and classes. That stuff is normally kept to a minimum. The real fun is the hospitality suites, the evening entertainment (sometimes we help to entertain as well) and the people! Awesome people are there who are very interesting to talk to. Stories are traded, boating information is shared, lessons are learned from others. There are always other things to do during the meetings like tours, euchre games, sites to see and shopping. Think if it as a short vacation weekend where you can comfortably have a beverage or two with a few hundred people that share the same interests as you. Check the calendar in the GG and ask any bridge officer or me personally about the fun.

Who should attend an ECOM meeting? You should do that as well. All members are welcome. ECOM meetings are the monthly time that we accept suggestions and make decisions about squadron business. New ideas and suggestions are refreshing. You may present ideas at ECOM and you may gain access to the ECOM through your Members At Large. You can actually pick your own MAL and ask them to bring information to the ECOM meeting. You can even complain about things you don't like. We would love to have you at ECOM meetings. And yes we have some fun there too.

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WOW! What a Christmas party! Angie Delewese and Debbie Murphy outdid themselves. There were almost 70 attendees. The dinner was complete with a great salad, fresh Italian style green beans, fresh baked Ciabatta bread, Roasted Pork Loin (I think with Marcella wine and cranberries) and Chicken Parmigiana with garlic smashed potatoes. What a feast! The Restaurant, La Scala Bistro, went out of their way to serve us in style. Santa was there with presents for everyone even the kids. The entire Restaurant knew the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron was there to party and we did. The music, provided by Paradise Island, was great and several members (Mattis', Kubinski's, Ehrbar's, Hupman's, Jackson's Cohee's, Angie, Debbie, Mary Lauer, Julie Mohrman, Ruth, and Bob Van der Wissel) showed all dancers we can party. We had guests from Findlay and Lima and Santa. Ask anybody who attended what a great party we had.

Thursday Commander Mike and I went to Sandusky and met up with Commander Phil at Sandusky's Holiday party. We went to the Sandusky Yacht Club had a good meal went to the Bar and had all the bar maids waiting on us. Mike was suggesting Christmas gifts for their kids, family and others.



Earlier in the week Commander Mike and L/C Matt went to the Toledo holiday party and next week Commander Mike, L/C Matt and I will be attending the Lima, Findlay, Marion combined party in Kenton and Port Clinton Power Squadron's holliday party.

The CSPS Annual elections will be held at the Lakes Country Club January 6th 2011. Social Hour is 18:00 (6:00) to 19:00 (7:00) then a short introduction of candidates, balloting and dinner.

While votes are tabulated, Phil Osborne will discuss his Alaskan adventure. Results of the election to follow. Uniform "A" with straight tie; \$20 there will be a 50/50 for those who miss it.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in Boating, Happy Holidays!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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Become a Volunteer at the January Boat & RV Show

We need your help promoting the fun our squadron has and the importance of taking a boating class. The 2011 Boat & RV Show will be held at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in Columbus January 8-16. If you can work a few hours at our booth, please contact John Mattis (cldhdch@aol.com 614.761.8919) or Fred Card (fredcard@wasserstrom.com 614.777.9595) to schedule your time. This year, we ask that you wear your favorite Caribbean clothing, Jimmy Buffet will be playing, we want to show what fun we have! Call today!

Lastly I want to encourage you to attend the upcoming events. The annual election is upon us early January. February will be the Change of Watch. That's when all the officers and appointed chairpersons are discharged only to jump right back in to serve our members and the public. Volunteering is for anyone who wants to have some fun contributing their time and expertise. We need you and would love to involve you. If you are not asked directly forgive us and please contact us in person or send me an email. My email is murphymg@insight.rr.com and my cell is 614-886-6732.

Well I am off to Orlando at the end of January to attend the National Meeting. I hope to break my record of attending 23 hospitality rooms and meeting more great people. Oh, there is a meeting too.

Jules of the Nile

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Oh the weather outside is frightful, but the classes are so delightful; since you've really no place to go.....come join a class!!!! As great a group of boatpersons as we are, there is still room for learning new things, or just brushing up on the old lessons. We have some great classes beginning soon and you won't want to be the one to miss out.



Beginning Wednesday, January 12, Larry Lowe will guide us through the wonderful world of Marine Electronics with two of the three new standalone "systems" courses. National has split Marine Electronics into three courses - Marine Electrical Systems (MES), Marine Communications Systems (MCS), and Marine Navigation Systems (MNS).

Marine Electrical Systems will cover the practice of wiring your boat, including wiring practices and diagrams, direct and alternating current power, galvanic and stray current corrosion and lightning protection. Trouble shooting is emphasized throughout so students will feel comfortable performing even tricky wiring tasks after passing this course.

The second course, beginning March 9, 2011 is Marine Communications Systems is an in-depth, review of systems available to the recreational boater, or to those with whom he/she shares the water. MCS covers radio history and spectrum definitions are presented along with definitions of radio circuits that the student should learn, to choose the best communications method for his/her situation. Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), FCC Rules and regulations, instruction of radiotelephone operating procedures, High Seas radio (MF/HF and satellite communications) and troubleshooting of radio installations are also presented. This is a great course for not only the Captain of the boat, but also the first mates and other crew members.

Marine Navigation Systems covers all aspects of electronic navigation using GMDSS as the foundation for modern marine communications. This will be a systems course—not "how to" navigate—that focuses on the use of electronic devices to augment the practice of safe navigation on the water. MNS has been delayed due to National's decision to rewrite the course in response to squadron feedback and a 2011 release is

planned. Again, you may take any of these three courses or all three.

Then on Monday, January 24, we will begin another Piloting course with the fine teaching team of Don Delewese and Michael Cohee. This great course focuses on navigation as related to recreational boats today and embraces GPS as the primary navigational tool, while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his or her way even if the GPS fails. Again a must have for all good boaters and crew members.

Then on Monday January 31 we will once again have the Wonderful Weatherman Skip Woodruff breezing in to teach us all about Weather. Skip will once again be assisted by Tom Morehouse. This class is a must for anyone who wants to really enjoy their boating adventures. Weather can make or break the fun you have planned. So come and find out how to plot and plan for the best times you can.

Tuesday, February 1 will once again see Ken Spilke assisted by Doug Jackson "Sail" into class with much info on basic boat designs, rigging, and sail processes for the non-sailor. The course proceeds into the physical aspects of sailing, sail applications, marlinspike, helmsmanship, and handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules and an intro into heavy weather sailing. This course is full of personal experiences and adventures and is well worth your time, even if you don't sail.

Our public boating class will begin on Monday, February 21 and run for 7 weeks. There will be a Saturday Charting and Plotting course included for those interested on March 19. This will be our first go at the new ABC3 course and we are looking forward to a fun and interesting class. This is for new boaters and old boaters who may want to brush up on their skills.

Finally, on Monday, April 11, we will begin our Seamanship class. Our instructor this time will be the fabulous Bill Lehner. This class will be a great course to refresh your boating skills or to teach you the basics if you are new to the sport. Again, this is a highly recommended class for new Captains and for all crew members.

So think seriously about taking a class or giving one to your Captain or Crew as a present. They are well worth the time and effort that may be required. Our goal is educating everyone who enjoys boating, so that all of our adventures can be as safe and fun as they can be.

Be sure to call Debbie at 614-890-5864 to sign up ASAP. See you in class!!!!

All classes will be taught at Headquarters.

Winter/Spring Classes

Marine Electronics—Electrical Systems (MES) & Communications Systems (MCS)					
MES	(8 wks)	Wed Jan 12	7pm	members \$60	non-members \$85
MCS	(9 wks)	Wed Mar 16	7pm	members \$50	non-members \$75
Piloting	(10 wks)	Mon Jan 24	7pm	members \$70	non-members \$95
Weather	(10 wks)	Mon Jan 31	7pm	members \$70	non-members \$95
Sailing	(15 wks)	Tues Feb 1	7pm	members \$45	non-members \$65
Seamanship	(8 wks)	Mon Apr 11	7pm	members \$45	non-members \$65



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
23 November 2010**

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

Cdr. Michael Hughes called the meeting to order at 1930 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

P/C Robert Prior gave the invocation.

Administrative 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. Michael Hughes, Executive Officer Matthew Murphy, Administrative Officer Tom Norman, Secretary Ron Hupman, Treasurer Theresa Nadolson, P/C Robert Prior, Lt Tammy Cohee, Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, Lt Michael Robinson, Lt John Seaver.

Others present were: D/C Phil Osborne, P/C Larry Lowe, Lt Tracy Garrett, P/C Roger Hankle, Lt David Canale

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments, Cdr. Michael Hughes

Merit Marks have been submitted to National and Columbus' volunteer group grew by one over last year – we submitted 85 this month. Thank you to all who committed time and efforts to this great squadron. Bob Wells, Tracy & I met at squadron headquarters in November and spent the afternoon pouring over our history via the minutes, old GQs, pictures and the likes. We are putting a program together for the COW/Founders Day celebration in February. The cruise planning meeting was a huge success. Many exciting events are scheduled for the summer cruising season. The boat show meeting provided a new twist on how to promote the squadron. Chairmen Fred Card and John Mattis will be using the Margaritaville theme to attract people to our booth. So keep those Hawaiian shirts handy for January. The ABC3 meeting put together a rough draft for classes being held this year at Olentangy Orange HS (Lewis Center) shifting the party and storage of class items to Matt's house. Orange sales ended last week. Looking forward to hearing from Matt but I feel certain this year was better than last year. Larry Lowe, Eli Murphy, Tracy & I attended the COSBC meeting last week. The City of Columbus is pumping 70 million gallons of water per day into Hoover reservoir from Alum Creek for Columbus' drinking water. Columbus uses approximately 84 million gallons of water per day. Water levels are dropping at both Alum Creek and Hoover. So pray for rain and fix those water leaks around your home and businesses. There is one more week to get your Member of the Years nominations sent to Jim Meyers. The committee will vote on Nov 30th.

Looking ahead – There are a number of Christmas parties throughout the district coming in December. Anyone interested in attending any or all of them, let the Executive

Committee know – we could carpool to save fuel. SeaGals brunch is Dec 5th at the Polaris area Bravo; Columbus' holiday party is Dec 10th at LaScala. We will hold the follow up ABC3 meeting at our home on Dec 13th to finalize advertising, brochures, etc. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday and gets those black Friday deals.

Reports of Officers

Executive Officer, Lt/C Matthew Murphy

November has proven to be a busy and productive month. I will try to leave the details to the respective committee chairs. Before I get to November I failed to mention in October that I did turn in what seemed to be an extensive Merit Mark report to P/C Delewese. I was proud to report over 870 hours of volunteer time for which I was aware. On to November-- 8 November I attended the Cruise Planning meeting. I want to commend the turn out and those who prepared to present cruises. We actually had more ideas for rendezvous than we could find dates. This hopefully means we are beginning to prepare for 2012 and or we have some back up plans. 9 November I attended a Boat Shows meeting that was chaired by Fred Card and John Mattis. Please contact them to work the boat shows if you have not already. Without taking credit for their work I will report that these shows should be fun and we should have more of a planned process for talking with show goers. 10 November I attended the America's Boating Course preparation meeting chaired by Jeff Mirgon. It was very productive and the new material seems more on target. There is always room for more instructors and class helpers. I want to commend Tracy Garrett for developing a log system to track our hours we spend preparing, executing and planning grant-related volunteer time.

Lt John Pruitt, our Vessel Safety Chairman, has agreed to teach a class and work with those who wish to be certified to perform VSCs as we approach Q1 2011. I personally encourage this effort. I would like to report we had 98 confirmed VSCs for 2010. This was an increase of two over 2009. We are heading the right direction but I believe our Squadron should easily achieve 150 in 2011. I know of four prospective VSEs for 2011 whose names I have turned over to Lt Pruitt. Along with an increase in VSEs I wish to announce plans to make at least one of the event days during National Safe Boating Week a true event. We hope to have some tents, refreshments and beverages to make the event more festive. I would appreciate a coordinator of the event preparation. The coordinator need not be a VSE. Please contact me or Lt Pruitt to volunteer.

Lastly I will report the unofficial results of the annual fruit sale. The total organization sold a total of 133 cartons. Michael Hughes aided and abetted by Tracy had the most fun telling people they looked pale and to get healthy by eating fruit. He consequently sold them just what they needed for a total of 93 cartons. Second to Michael was Debbie Smith at 12. I will share the detailed reports and financials around the



table at the break. This has been another great year for this fundraiser. In 2009 we had 81 cartons on our truck. This year we will have 132! Thanks go to all that helped to sell and to who placed an order. Fruit should be distributed the first two weeks of December.

If I don't see you before then I will see you at the Christmas Party. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Thomas Norman

The Thanksgiving Dinner was a great success. There were 45 members/friends in attendance and we had a great meal. There was a presentation of the Trent-Severn waterway by Hank Kauffman and Ron Lavelly, chief camera operator. Hank started his presentation with a chilling reminder to all of us to get a carbon monoxide detector along with our fire alarm systems. He and Connie were saved by their carbon monoxide detector earlier this month. We are all glad Hank and Connie were saved from this fire in their home. Hank had a wonderful presentation with some spectacular pictures of some of the locks. Thank you, Hank and Ron, for this wonderful presentation

Monday November 8th 2011 was the Rendezvous planning session at Squadron Headquarters 19:00 (7:00). We had a great meeting with many participants, and lots of opportunities. Lt David Canale charred this event and will send us the squadron list of rendezvous and dates as soon as he is completed.

Wade Grosz presented some wonderful set of stories for the "River Rat" award with the 2010 award going to our Commander Mike. None of us will forget Mike's dilemmas (several) at Beaver Falls. We all still had a great time up and down the Beaver Falls River, The Ohio River to Pittsburg, and the Alleghany and Monongahela rivers. Wade reminded us of the history of the "Bungle Jug" award and gave us several humorous stories of previous winners. Wade was unhappy to report that he had no nominations for the "Bungle Jug" award this year when Past Commander Larry Lowe requested permission to speak. It appears that Wade had some difficulties this year you will have to ask Wade about his trials. So Wade is the recipient for the "Bungle Jug" this year 2010.

The Christmas party/dinner is coming up with Friday December 10th a date to remember and reserve. Angie Delewese and Debbie Murphy have planned an extravaganza at the La Scala. There will be lavish decorations, entertainment, presents, and gaiety for all. The fare is \$29.00 same as last year. The dress code is class A uniform with straight tie, business attire, or holiday attire. Social hour 18:00, Dinner 19:30, and entertainment by Paradise Island. Reservations to Lt/C Tom Norman at 614.488.4766 or tnorman3@columbus.rr.com This is a party with no meeting, no awards, no agenda just good times. Thanks Angie and Debbie

Happy thanksgiving everyone we have lots to be thankful for.

Make plans for our first meeting of the New Year January 6th dinner at The Lakes Golf & Country Club. This is our election night so if you want to be represented, be there. 6:00 social hour cash bar, 6:45 buffet, election results after dinner. \$18.00 Class A uniform straight tie or business attire.

Educational Officer D/Lt Debbie Smith

I am happy to report that all of our classes are going well. The Instructor Development class will have three students testing soon. We will be happy to have them on board as Instructors.

Our ABC 3 class is set to begin Monday February 21 and will run for 7 weeks. The charting and navigation portion of the class will be held as a Saturday seminar on March 19 at HQ from 9am-1pm and will be optional and open to others interested in the topic. Jeff may have more information to share on this. He has done a tremendous job on this class.

We had 4 people test in Seamanship in the spring. However, we ran into issues and will be offering the test to 3 of them again. One person didn't pass and 2 others were deemed not eligible to take the test. I am sifting through that issue and will insure that all 3 get the test and be credited for it.

We have the Marine Electronics class starting Wednesday, January 12; Sail class will begin on Tuesday, February 1; Seamanship will begin on Monday, April 11; Piloting is to begin Jan. 24, and Weather begins Jan. 31.

Following the SEO report, there was a discussion of course fees for graduates of the ABC3 course who then have a 6-month free membership. It was agreed that fees for these members will be at the member level. Fees for nonmembers will be at the higher levels recommended.

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

Financial reports were distributed by email.

Past Commander – P/C Robert Prior

P/C reported that he likes the new venue for the ABC3 course. He believes there are many potential students in the area. He also offered to help in reaching out to members who have not renewed membership.

Rules Committee Chair P/C Roger Hankle – By-laws changes are still with the area commander for approval. The GLCC's first class starts tonight. P/C Hankle's class on celestial navigation will begin in March. Check web site glccschool.com for information.

Members at Large Reports

Lt Michael Robinson – Complemented course instructors on the great job they are doing.

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General Committees

Nominating Committee Chair: P/C Larry Lowe –

P/C Lowe reported that the ballot is nearly filled only needing candidates for asst. treasurer and one audit committee position and offered a reminder that members at large must be re-nominated each year. A member at large can serve a maximum of 3 consecutive years in this position.

Rules Committee Chair: P/C Roger Hankle – See above.

Standing Committees

Finance Committee - Lt/C Ron Hupman – A budget meeting is being scheduled for the week of Dec. 6. All interested members will be notified.

Law Officer – Lt David Canale- Nothing new on the tax abatement application. Will follow up again.

Merit Marks – P/C Don Delewese, P/C Bob Van Der Wissel - Absent – See commander's report.

Sea Gals - Lt Mary Lauer/Lt Joyce Mattes – Lt Tracy Garrett reported on the Holiday Luncheon planned for Dec. 5 at Bravo at Crosswoods and urged strong support for this function.

Special Committees

Web Master: Lt/C Theresa Nadolson - the events calendar has been updated.

Boat Shows: Lt Fred Card/Lt John Mattis – Absent – See commander's report.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett – The *Galley Gossip* is ready to mail waiting to include the ballot for the January election. Since 'going green' there has been a substantial savings on the *GG*. Sponsor's club is renewing in January. Renewals/new sponsorships should be submitted by mid-December.

Boating Activities: Lt David Canale – Passed out a summary of the planned cruises for the coming season that resulted from the cruise planning meeting on Nov. 8.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt – Absent – 98 safety checks were completed this season.

New Business

Comments from Guests

*P/C Roger Hankle explained that he talks about the Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) because there is a memorandum of understanding between USPS and GLCC for mutual assistance and support.

*P/C Robert Prior mentioned the agreement between Brunswick and USPS and urged working with boat dealers to market CSPA.

*Lt Tracy Garrett offered a reminder to keep records of volunteer hours to be submitted for merit marks.

Announcements

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010

Articles for the January *Galley Gossip* due Monday, December 6.

Next Dinner Meeting: Christmas Party; Friday, Dec. 10th at LaScala Italian Bistro (See *Galley Gossip* cover for more details).

Meeting Adjourned at 2040



2011 CSPA Cruise Information (tentative schedule)

May 14 - Icebreaker Meeting @ the Nor'Easter Club

June 10-12 Madison, Indiana Trailer Cruise

June 18 Alum Creek Day/Night Party on the water

June 25 Lunch Hook @ Lake Erie

July 15-17 Huron Expedition

July 22-24 D29 Summer Conference @ Sandusky

Aug 5-7 Sea Gals Kelleys Island Adventure

Aug 13-21 Fabulous Trent Severn Waterway Trip

Sep 2-5 Leamington Canada Cruise

Sep 16-18 Lake Cumberland Houseboat trip with D24

Sep 23-25 Put-N-Bay No Agenda Cruise

Oct 1 or 8 Alum Creek Day/Night Party on the water
(weather dependent)

The Dangers of Chimney Fires

Researched by Jim Jenkins

As the temperatures begin to cool down many homeowners begin to use fireplaces and wood burning stoves to take the chill off the evening air. House fires are not particular about their victims, and the fact is that house fires can happen to anyone. Invariably, this can result in tragedies that could be prevented by seasonal routine maintenance of heating devices such as coal, wood, natural gas, LP gas or fuel-oil fired furnaces.

Heated wood releases hydrocarbon gases which when hot enough (about 1100 degrees F) mix with air and catch fire. When hearth or woodstove fires smolder, unburned gases condense and deposit on the stovepipes and the flue as runny acids and liquid tars that harden into creosote. Few flues are stout enough to come through a severe chimney fire unscathed. With a roar like a freight train, it can crack open a flue liner and chimney and spread to the structure of the house. Wood doesn't necessarily need contact with fire in order to ignite; it just needs "air, oxygen and enough heat."

A creosote fire can burn with such blast-furnace intensity that it sets off a frightening chain of events:

- Crumbling and cracking mortar
- Balls of flaming creosote shoot out of the chimney top onto the roof
- Clay-tile flue liners crack open

- Stainless steel liners warp, buckle and separate at the seams

-Masonry in the chimney expands with such force that sections of the chimney can blow out

- flames can spread to the structure or roof of the house even explode into the room



A house may survive the first chimney fire, but the intense heat has started decomposing nearby combustibles, thus lowering their ignition temperature. This makes the structure very vulnerable to subsequent chimney fires. A damaged flue liner can no longer protect either the chimney or the house. And instead of being burned up, creosote may be all puffed up to the point of partially or completely blocking the flue.

A properly sized flue for the stove or fireplace insert is a must. Bigger is not always better as this causes a sluggish flue draft effect and gases expand to fill the space then quickly cool down, allowing creosote to deposit on the chimney walls, where it sticks like glue.

It is best to burn smaller, hotter fires using seasoned firewood with a good draft to avoid air-starved fires. This quickly warm up the flue and increase the draft, while volatile gases burn up in the stove the way they should. Poor wood burning habits are severely limiting the air supply in a stove to achieve an all-night burn. This causes a sluggish draft and a smoldering fire that doesn't get hot enough to burn the volatile gases released by the wood.

Recently a long-time friend and his wife (squadron members) had been enjoying an evening by the fireplace in their less than 5 year old rural home. Around midnight while both were deep asleep, their CO2 detector started shrieking. Awakened by this alarm, they were able to call 911. As a result of this safety device awakening them, they and their dog were saved from a possible fiery death while their home escaped total destruction although their great room was heavily damaged.

We often "intend" to install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors- but many times the procurement of these vital items is put on the back burner due to "more essential items". There is nothing that is more essential or critical when a home - or boat - catches on fire than "early warning" devices. These are really inexpensive items, especially in relation to the safety of your family and yourself.

An alarming 59% of American households have not installed a CO2 detector and many others do not have working CO2 detectors due to missing or dead batteries. The end of 2010 marks a perfect opportunity to check the batteries in CO2 & smoke alarms to ensure they are working properly or purchase and update any detectors over 10 years old.

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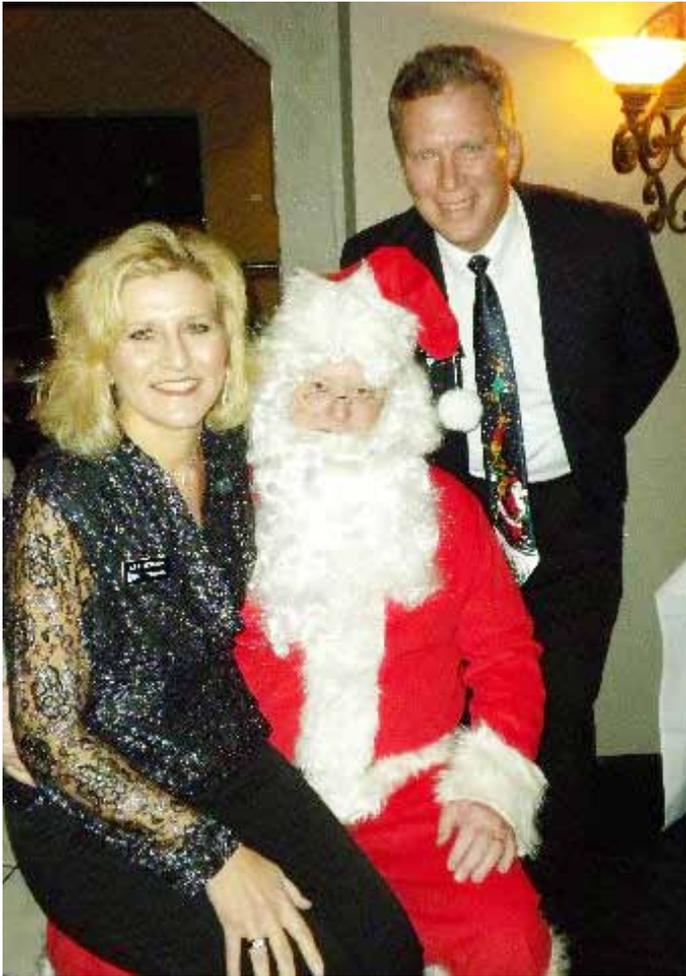
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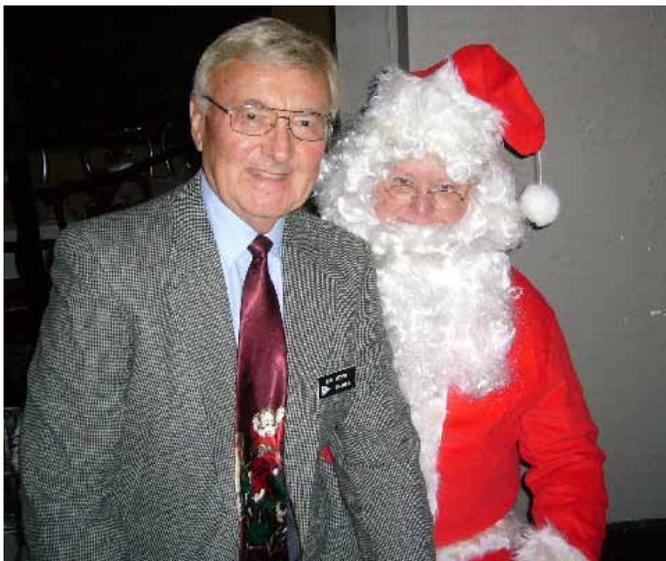
Julie & Bill Mohrman asking Santa for a few gifts.



Mike & Tammy Cohee were spotted in the Santa line.



Jeff & Becky Blankenbeckler enjoying a nice holiday meal at La Scala



Erik Meyer asked Santa for a higher water level in Hoover Reservoir next summer. Santa said he would ask the City of Columbus to grant that wish.



Matthew & Debbie Murphy had a great time visiting with all the party goers.



The Sea Gals had a wonderful time on Sunday, December 5th celebrating the Christmas Holiday season. There were 36 people present and all enjoyed a wonderful meal at Bravo's. Lefty's story was read and candy canes were passed quickly around the room. Everyone seemed to enjoy the game and winners were given presents from Lefty. Door prizes were awarded from Frosty, Lefty's friend, to five lucky recipients.

Special thanks go to all of the Sea Gals and guys for their tremendous donation for Toys for Tots.

Our January meeting will be held at the squadron headquarters and jewelry making will be our event. If the guys would like to come, sit around, have an adult beverage and shoot the breeze they are more than welcome. They do not have to make jewelry. More information will be sent at a later time.

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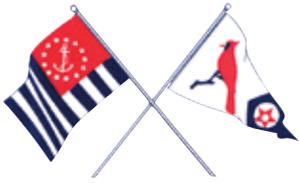


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| 12 Glenn Mitchell | 23 Fred Card |
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