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## **CHANGE OF WATCH** **Saturday, 16 February 2013**

**Hunan House - Oriental Fine Dining**  
**2350 East Dublin-Granville Rd (SR-161) - Columbus, OH 43229**

Come join us to welcome the new commander, David Canale and his bridge into the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. The Hunan House will be a unique dining experience with a family style sampling of gourmet Chinese food. The Grumpy Gourmet rates Hunan House as one of the top ten restaurants in Columbus!

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Social Hour  
7:00 pm – Dinner  
8:00 pm – Change of Watch Ceremony

**Price:** \$24 per person (kids are ½ price)

**Menu:** 3 Appetizers: Spring Rolls, Crispy Bamboo Shrimp, Fried Mince Chicken; Wonton Soup;  
5 Entrees: General Tso's Chicken, Green Pepper Steak, Szechuan Duck, Lake Tung Ting Shrimp,  
Mala Green Beans.  
All served with Steamed and Fried Rice, Fortune Cookies, Coffee or Tea

**Drinks:** Cash Bar

**Dress:** Uniform A with hand tie or business attire.

**RSVP by Monday Feb 11 to Bill Mohrman at 614-203-8817**  
[wjmohrman@mindspring.com](mailto:wjmohrman@mindspring.com) or [www.ColumbusSquadron.org](http://www.ColumbusSquadron.org)

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Thrills"*



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## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

### February

2	Saturday	Findlay Change of Watch
3	Sunday	Sandusky Change of Watch
4	Monday	March <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
7-10	Thurs.-Sun.	Boat Show at OH State Fairgrounds
9	Saturday	Lima Change of Watch
10	Sunday	D29 Winter Council & Officers Training - Ada OH
13	Wednesday	GPS Seminar at HQ 7-9pm
16	Saturday	Columbus Change of Watch dinner meeting
16	Saturday	America's Boating Class #1
19	Tuesday	Central OH Safe Boating Council 6pm Cross Creek Campgrounds
22	Friday	Sea Gals Casino Night
23	Saturday	America's Boating Class #2
23	Saturday	Marion Change of Watch
26	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm at HQ

### March

2	Saturday	America's Boating Class #3 & Test Day
9	Saturday	Charting Seminar at Scioto Boat Club
10	Sunday	Daylight Savings Begins
11	Monday	April <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
13	Wednesday	Using VHS/DSC Radio Seminar
16	Saturday	Columbus Commander's Ball - dinner
17	Sunday	Sea Gals St Patrick's Day party
19	Tuesday	Seamanship Class begins
21	Thursday	First Day of Spring
26	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ
27	Wednesday	Marine Communications Systems class begins
31	Sunday	Happy Easter

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas E. Norman, P



The elections are over and you have selected one of the best Squadron leaders ever. 2013 and 2014 should be our best years ever and with Commander elect David Canale leading the way. Bill Mohrman, John Seaver, Brian O'Rourke, Ron Hupman, and Edward Mack will serve the squadron with abundant enthusiasm. Everyone pitch in and help these leaders direct the squadron to bigger successes.

Last fall the squadron received the Districts highest award for Excellence in Education. This is given to the squadron with the best record of educational courses passed in ratio to squadron membership for the year. Thank you Brian O'Rourke for keeping us on course with classes and seminars. We also have one of the best newsletters in the District and one of the finest in the United States Power Squadrons. The *Galley Gossip* has been a fabulous publication each year and it just gets better



each succeeding year, a big thank you to Tracy Garrett and Melissa Fannon for all of their continued work. There is such unlimited talent within our Squadron and I would like to thank all of you that ministered within the squadron.

It has been a privilege to serve you as your commander this past year. I had three stays in the hospital this past year and Commander elect David was ready and filled in with great poise. This coming year promises to be an immense one for

the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C David Canale, P



The winter is upon us but the squadron is busy at work on many things. Many of our classes are under way or about to start and our first boat show has been concluded with success. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make the Columbus Boat and RV show a success. Boat shows serve to promote awareness of safe boating through education, boating activities, and contribute to public awareness of our organization. Our next boat show will be the Sports, Vacation and Boat show at the Columbus Expo center (fairgrounds) from February 7-10. Volunteer signups will be made available soon via [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). Please watch for it in your email.



As Chairman of the Rendezvous Committee, the squadron recently met and set a tentative list of events for the summer of 2013. This year Columbus and our sister squadron, Marion will participate jointly in the planning and execution of various rendezvous. Of course, all are welcome. Members and friends are urged plan ahead and participate in one or more of the rendezvous for 2013. Keep in mind that some members and friends may have an interest in participating but may not have the means to do so (ie, a boat)—and so, keeping that in mind, if you plan on participating in a rendezvous, consider bringing a friend. Rendezvous events allow us to practice and refine boating skills in a casual and comfortable atmosphere in a group setting. Below are a list of the TENTATIVE dates and events (more information to follow as specifics become available). Each rendezvous has a "contact" person listed. If interested in the rendezvous, please contact that person for more information. It is smart to sign up early as hotel and dock arrangements must be made far in advance.

The 2013 TENTATIVE list of rendezvous events are as follows:

*(a more detailed description and contact information to be provided soon)*

- 4 May Icebreaker-Location to be determined – Ruth Wilcox, John Seaver
- 9 June Delaware Fun Day - Jeff and Mary Mirgon
- 22-30 June NASHVILLE River Trip- Ron Lavelly
- 22 June Larry Lowe's Lunch Hook-Lake Erie
- 20 July Buckeye Lake-Poker Run - Ron and Barb Hupman
- 26-28 July District 29 Rendezvous-Place TBD. Larry Cole, Incoming District Commander (Toledo)
- 2-4 August City of Huron-Doug and Pam Jackson
- 9-11 August Huntington WV Jazz & Ribfest-Jeff and Mary Mirgon
- 16-18 August Seagals-Middle Bass Island -Dave/Jane Clark, Fred/ Mary Card
- 31 Aug-2 Sept. Labor Day-Put in Bay—TENTATIVE DATE-MAY BE CHANGED. Doug and Pam Jackson
- 27-29 Sept. Lake Cumberland House Boat-Bill and Julie Mohrman



# WIN A NEW iPad

iPad is a magical window where nothing comes between you and what you love. Now that experience is even more incredible with the new iPad. AND CSPS is raffling off a 32gb WiFi retina display dual core with an A5X chip NEW iPad! You could win this awesome prize at the 2013 Commander's Ball on March 16. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Get your tickets today through any bridge officer, at any dinner meeting or at the Executive Committee meetings. SOMEONE will win the new iPad and it could be YOU!!!!



I would like to start off with thanking The Lakes Golf and Country club for doing a wonderful job of hosting our elections night. I have to admit The Lakes is one of my favorite venues that we use each year. They are very easy to work with, go out of their way to make the evening special and it is a beautiful setting. Oh yes, the food is wonderful.

It seems that on this evening every few years Mother Nature tests us by throwing some inclement weather our way. This year she had a slight departure in that the weather remained passible for January, but the Flu season hit many of our members. At one point in the day, I had visions of half of our membership being out with the bug; however in the end we lost only about 10% to illness.

I would like to congratulate these people who were elected

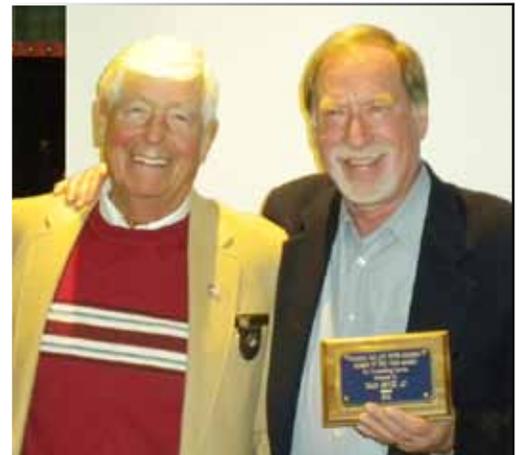


to their new positions: David Canale as our new Commander, John Seaver as Administrative Officer, Ed Mack as Treasurer, P/C Matt Murphy as Assistant Squadron Education Officer, Robert Burton, Robert Eastway, Eldon Hall, Mike Hudson, Lisa Mills and Matt Mills as the new Members-at-Large. In addition I am happy to report these people retained their posts for the upcoming year: Lt/C Brian O'Rourke as Squadron Education Officer, Lt/C Ron Hupman as Secretary, 1st/Lt Richard Sorensen as Assistant Administrative Officer, 1st/Lt Wade Grosz as Assistant Secretary, Lt Tom Doyle, Lt Michael T. Hughes, and Lt Mary Lauer as Members-at-Large. Our Rules Committee consists of P/C Don Delewese, 1st/Lt Wade Grosz and P/R/C Harold Beidel, Jr. The Audit Committee will be Lt Doug Jackson, P/C Ron DeCapio and almost P/C Tom Norman. P/C Michael S. Hughes, P/C Matt Murphy and almost P/C Tom Norman will make up the Nominating Committee. Congratulations to everyone and I am very excited to work with each and every one of you this coming year.

Come join us to swear in the new Commander and his bridge at the Hunan House on Saturday February 16. The Hunan House is well-known and award winning; "One of the Top Ten Best Restaurant in Columbus" – Grumpy Gourmet; "The Best Chinese Restaurant" – *Columbus Monthly*. They will feature a wide variety of gourmet Oriental food to tickle your palates. As tradition goes, our District Commander, Anne Gilcher will swear in the new Bridge and officers for 2013. The past commanders will then test our last year's commander Tom Norman to see if he passes the muster to join the ranks as a past commander.

Finally I would also like to congratulate a devoted member, 1st/Lt Wade Grosz on his award of Member of the Years. I have worked with Wade over the years and he is one of the quiet ones that goes about doing what needs to be done and putting his heart and soul into the squadron. Congratulations and thank you Wade for your service!

We hope to see you at the Change of Watch!



## 2012 Distinctive Communicator Awards

Each year the USPS Communications Committee reviews publications and websites and considers organizations for the Distinctive Communicator Award. Those districts and squadrons recognized in either or both categories reflect an effort that meets or exceeds these criteria and all members of each district and squadron who supported these efforts are to be congratulated for their work and dedication throughout the year. Their efforts not only serve to inform their membership but also other USPS members and, of course, members of the public. It goes without saying that every member of each district and squadron so recognized should feel proud of their organization's accomplishments. District 29 had six winners for print and five for websites. Columbus received both awards again this year. Check out the new logos on the back page of the GG and on our website. Congratulations Columbus Sail and Power Squadron!

## My Thoughts on the Galley Gossip

I am thinking that I first joined CSPS some 15-20 years ago. In that length of time, I have seen quite a few *Galley Gossips*. I would like to take a few moments to compliment you, Melissa and everyone else involved in its production. It has never had better, more relevant content and looked so good.

Many thanks for your fine efforts. — P/C Bob Prior



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## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, P

Well it is the end of my first year as Squadron Education Officer and I would like to thank the educational department for an outstanding year. I truly believe we have the best instructors money could buy, and ours do it for free!

February is a big month for the squadron as well as the educational department. We have the Sail class starting on February 5th and the ABC course kicking off on February 16th.

If you are a newly certified instructor this is a great opportunity to get exposed to the topics that are taught in ABC and gain some insight into what sections you may want to teach in the future. We are always looking for qualified instructors to help teach the ABC class, so if you are interested in volunteering reach out to Mari Seaver.

Larry Lowe started Marine Electrical Systems on January 23rd and at the time of writing this article there were 6 students registered. Look for more information next month.



Advanced Piloting kicked off in January and we only had one member register for the course. Due to some scheduling conflicts the class has been moved back a few weeks and will now start on January 28th and finish on April 1st. Bob Rayburn will be instructing and Mike Hudson could use a classmate, so if you would like to sign up there still may be time to take this great class.

Bob will also be looking to schedule an Instructor Recertification class for previously qualified instructors whose certification has expired. There are several instructors that are in need of this class as your qualifications expire in 2013. If you are not sure of your expiration date, contact me. Look on the website or in next month's *Galley Gossip* for more details.

As always please be sure to visit our website for the latest courses being offered by the Squadron. We have a jam-packed schedule with plenty of courses and seminars being offered over the winter for folks to learn new skills or dust off old ones.

Just go to <http://www.columbussailandpower.org> click on the Education tab on the left hand side of the page and then click on Courses or Seminars to see what is being offered and when. Registration is easy and can be done right from the web page!



## Winter/Spring Classes

CLASS	DATE	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	PRICE (mem/non)
Advanced Piloting	Jan 28-Apr 1 Mon	L Lowe/B Rayburn	HQ	\$70/\$95
Sail Class	Feb 5- May 7 Tues	K Spilke/D Jackson	HQ	\$60/\$80
America's Boating Course	Feb 16-Mar 2 Saturday	various	Scioto Boat Club	\$40/\$40
Navigation	Mar 6 – May 29 Weds	Roger Hankle	HQ	\$175/\$200
Seamanship	Mar 19-May 7 Tues	B Lehner/D Ehrbar	HQ	\$55/\$75
Marine Communication Systems	Mar 27-May 15 Weds	Larry Lowe	HQ	\$50/\$75

### SEMINARS (held at Headquarters starting at 7pm unless noted)

Using Marine GPS	Feb 13 Weds		HQ	\$10/\$20
CHARTING A COURSE	Mar 9 Sat	Free for ABC3 Students	Scioto Boat Club	\$40/\$40 8am-noon
Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio	Mar 13 Weds		HQ	\$10/\$20
The Art of Trailing	APRIL TBD			
Become a Vessel Safety Examiner	APRIL TBD			
Trailing and Backing (for women only)	MAY TBD			
Digital Charts	JUNE TBD			

Register by calling 614-384-0245 or by visiting [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org) under the education tab. See you in class or at a seminar!

## News from the District - D/C Anne Gilcher, SN

Just a quick reminder the Winter Council is fast approaching. This is an important session for all the squadron officers, a great chance to meet your counterparts from other squadrons, share ideas, learn about your office and what is new from national. This is also the time we get together with squadron calendars so that we can participate in as many activities as possible with our fellow squadron members. Ohio Northern always provides a wonderful lunch after which the Winter Council meeting will be held. Registration information is on page 10. See you in Ada on 10 February 2013.



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron  
Minutes of the Executive Committee  
18 December 2012**

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

Cdr Thomas Norman called the meeting to order at 1900 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

P/C Robert Prior gave the invocation. A/O Bill Mohrman 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 Tom Norman, Administrative Officer Lt/C Bill Mohrman, Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke, Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay, P/C Matt Murphy, P/R/C Harold Beidel, Lt Tom Doyle, Lt Mary Lauer, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, P/D/C Philip Osborne, Lt John Seaver.

Others present were: P/C Larry Lowe, P/C Michael Hughes, Lt Tracy Garrett, P/C Bob Prior.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

**Commander's Comments, Cdr Tom Norman**

The 2013-2014 Officers Calendar is ready but a few dates need to be settled. The audit of the 2011-2012 ODNR grant is scheduled for 12/19.

**Reports of Officers**

**Executive Officer, Lt/C David Canale**

On vacation- No Report

**Administrative Officer, Lt/C Bill Mohrman**

The election dinner meeting will be at The Lakes Country Club on 1/3/13. Lt/C Mohrman reported on the National Member Survey. Goals were to determine why members join and how to keep members. The primary reasons indicated for joining were education and to be around other boaters; thus the education program should be primary emphasis

**Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke**

Bill Mohrman, Matt Murphy, Tom Norman and Dick Sorenson recently completed Bob Rayburn's Instructor Development Class and we should have the test results soon.

Eleven students have completed Michael Hughes' Engine Maintenance class: John Bumgartner, Nahum Burt, Robert Eastway, Robert Burton, Eldon Hall, Mike Hudson, Michael T. Hughes, Doug Jackson, Matt Murphy, Nate Murphy, and Michael Robinson

See the GG or the website for upcoming classes and seminars.

**Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman**

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting were approved. Reports sent to the secretary have declined in recent months. Please provide written reports which should be emailed to hupman1@att.net.

**Treasurer Lt/C Joe Clay -**

Discussed highlights of the month and year -to-date reports.

**Members at Large Reports**

**Lt Ruth Kubinski:** Absent – Tracy Garrett reported on plans for

the January and February boat shows.

**General Committees**

**Audit Committee Chair:** P/C Don Delewese – Absent.

**Nominating Committee Chair:** P/C Robert Prior – The ballot is published in the GG.

**Rules Committee Chair:** P/C Robert Van Der Wissel, P/C Don Delewese, P/D/C Phil Osborne – No report.

**Standing Committees**

**Finance Committee:** Lt/C Ron Hupman – The 2013-2014 budget was presented for approval. Following brief discussion, Matt Murphy moved for approval, 2nd. by Bill Mohrman, and approved unanimously. The budget will be presented to the membership for approval at the Jan. 3 dinner meeting.

**Merit Marks:** P/C Don Delewese, P/C Bob Van der Wissel – Absent. Cdr Norman reported that all members who earned merit marks in the past year should have received them by now. If you haven't received notification and believe you should have, contact Cdr Norman.

**Property Officer:** P/C Michael Hughes – Reported on continuing entry door problems.

**Sea Gals:** Lt Martha Beidel – Harold Beidel reported that the Christmas party was a big success with 42 people attending. Upcoming events are Movie Night on 1/24 and Casino Night in February.

**Special Committees**

**Boat Shows:** Lts. Ruthie & Glenn Kubinski – Absent [See Members at large, above]

**Marketing:** Lt Tracy Garrett – Lt Garrett reported the ABC class brochure has been revised and those working the boat shows should review it beforehand. Coastie will be paid off when we make our 2013 payment after the boat show. Public relations help is needed. Contact Tracy if interested.

**Boating Activities:** Lt David Canale – Absent. A cruise planning meeting will be held on January 8 at 0700 at HQ.

**Vessel Safety Check:** Lt John Pruitt – Absent. Cdr Norman reported that 6 new inspectors were added this year and 186 inspections were completed.

**Old Business**

1) P/C Robert Prior proposed that the money in a special fund that he donated several years ago to purchase an outdrive cutaway (since donated) be used to repair Coastie. Motion to approve by Matt Murphy, 2nd. by Phil Osborne, unanimously approved.

2) P/C Prior highlighted the Lake Erie Improvement Association and passed out an article from the Port Clinton Beacon

**New Business**

1) Cdr Norman reported tha CSPS has received a District award for excellence in education.

2) Lt Seaver reported that the squadron has two useless laptops and made a motion for permission to dispose of them, 2nd. by P/C Murphy, approved unanimously.

3) P/C Hughes reported the Pam Carr Jackson has volunteered to instruct the Cruise Planning class.

**Sick Bay**

Skip Woodruff is recovering at home

Jim Beall had spine surgery and is doing well



Debbie Murphy has been undergoing tests.

**Announcements**

Monthly Dinner Meeting January 3 Election Night  
(see GQ for details)

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 22 January

January Boat Show, January 5-6, 9-13

Cruise Planning Jan 8, 0700 at HQ

January 14 Is The Deadline for February GQ Articles

National Convention January 16-19, 2013 in  
Jacksonville, Florida

Ft. Wayne COW Jan.12

Toledo COW Jan. 13

Port Clinton COW Jan. 26

Sea Gals Night at the Movies Jan. 24

Remember to Re-register for Kroger Rewards

**Meeting Adjourned at 2024**



# GREAT LAKES - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin. - Electronic Navigational Charts

To comply with internationally agreed practices, Canada and the United States of America have been eliminating overlapping coverage of Electronic Navigation Charts (ENCs). The new area where the changes will take affect is the Great Lakes. This new ENC coverage scheme will result in each country changing their areas of coverage, so that only one country's ENC would be available

for any given area at a particular scale. To view these new limits use the following link: [http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/enc/USCanada\\_GreatLakes.htm](http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/enc/USCanada_GreatLakes.htm). These changes come into effect 0000 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), on 22 February, 2013.

P/C Larry Lowe, SN  
Squadron Radio Technical Officer (SRTO)

## RV & Boat Show January 5-13



# January Elections & Dinner Meeting



## It makes my heart go Varooooom!

By Dick Sorensen, JN

The 2012 Sports Illustrated swimsuit model 'rookie-of-the-year' is Kate Upton. Ms. Upton is what my dad called a 'varooooom' girl. You know...she 'gets your engine racing and makes your heart go varooooom!' Kate hails from St. Joseph, a coastal town along the shores of Lake Michigan, and she's considered by the Chamber of Commerce to be one of the best things to happen there since the Whirlpool factory moved in. But she's not my 'varooooom' girl; Wolf's Marine Store is! Wolf's bills itself as the 'Midwest's Largest Marine Accessory Store,' I call it the 'Midwest's Largest Marine Museum!'

If you think a West Marine store is the 'end all and be all' of marine stores then you haven't been around boating long. When you enter Wolf's you take a step back in time. The wonderfully 'different' smells of the sea assaults your nostrils. You know and love the smells; stale harbor water, a little diesel odor, fresh pine, dust and stale musty air. No amount of Febreze could change Wolf's. Not with the amount of rope they've got, or the jumbled stacks of teak, rack after rack of pontoon seating or the rolls of upholstery fabric, captains chairs, miles of rub and hand rails, rigid hull inflatables, have I mentioned the full service dive shop? Or the boat repair department. Wander outside and check out the used boats for sale.

Before the professionally designed, extremely organized, well-lit, wide aisles, homogenized and 'uniform' corporate effort of the national chains there was a ships' chandlery in most seacoast towns in America. Local guys who knew local needs filled stores with thousands of items; manila line, brass fittings, engine parts, canvas, paint, linseed oil, palms, needles, beeswax and more to serve the harsh world of the maritime trade. They could supply a ship's captain with 5000 feet of 1/2 inch manila line, 5000 lbs of food stuffs or 5000 gallons of red lead bottom paint or just a new 5000 lb anchor. Unfortunately, not a lot of them survived.

At Wolf's there is no membership cards, no catalogs, no corporate uniformed employees, no hand-held scanners recording your purchase for the perpetual inventory gnomes and no fancy displays. Just a huge, old industrial warehouse filled with treasures.

Some are stacked in out of the way corners, some are in bins, some in boxes and some on skids. To see a great deal of the stuff, you have to move other stuff first and then get down on your knees to sort through stuff. Some of the stuff sells quickly and some of it will never sell.

I just love to wander around Wolf's. Its mysteries and wonders are like a museum, but not the sterile or protected-from-touching kind. It's more of a living historical nautical 'bazaar'; a step back in time. At first I glide from area to area quickly, because each step reveals another treasure. My initial trip around the store is somewhat fast and cursory. Then on my second pass, I look at every item, sometimes I find myself just looking at item in awe, I think about who I could buy this for or where I could use it or is there something here that I should buy for my next boat, h-m-m, even though I wasn't thinking about buying a new boat. Electronics, marine hardware, cordage, faux lighthouses, one legged wooden captains....Wolf's has it all! And I look at it all!

When I needed a rear swim platform for 'The Waterdog' I got it at Wolf's. When I needed a special bow staff I got it at Wolf's. When I was thinking of up-grading my helmsman seat I spent hours crawling over the inventory at Wolf's. And the prices sure beat the heck out of the well organized, computer driven, bright lighted corporate store!

Don't get me wrong, I really, really like West Marine.....but I worship Wolf's.

I'm sure Kate Upton was happy to 'varoom' out of Benton Harbor for the lily white sands of St. Tropez and the bright lights of Broadway, but me, I'm at my happiest when I'm 'varooming' around Wolf's.

*Dick Sorensen still holds the unique distinction of being the only member in the history of the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron to ever win both the Bungle Jug and The River Rat Awards, for being the worst sailor, in the same year! He 'thinks' he feels proud of this nebulous honor and distinction.*

# Safety Equipment Inspections in the Off-season

During the off-season, boating may not be at the forefront of your mind. However, it is a good time to inspect your safety equipment. With no boating trips pressing you to check things out quickly, you have the time now to go through your equipment thoroughly.

By taking some time to perform a complete inspection of your equipment during the off-season, you are sure to have an easy and safe start to your boating season when spring arrives.

**Life Jackets:** Inspect each life jacket for wear and tear. The material should show no signs of mildew or rot. Check for any tears in the material and straps. If you find any damage, discard the life jacket and replace it.

**Flares:** Check the expiration date on your flares. Buy new flares if the dates have passed.

**Fire Extinguishers:** Check your fire extinguisher and ensure it is properly charged. If it has lost any of its charge, have it recharged or replace it.

**First-Aid Kit:** Check everything for expiration dates. Replace anything expired and restock all supplies used during the previous boating season.

**Electronic Gear:** Get fresh batteries for your portable electronics. Make sure to inspect the connections before inserting the new batteries.

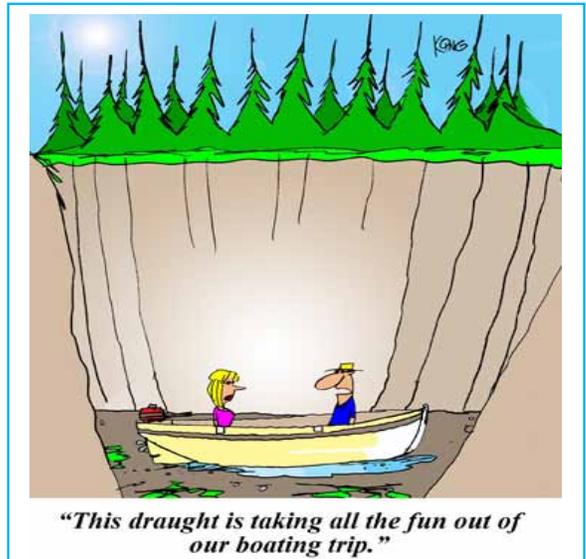
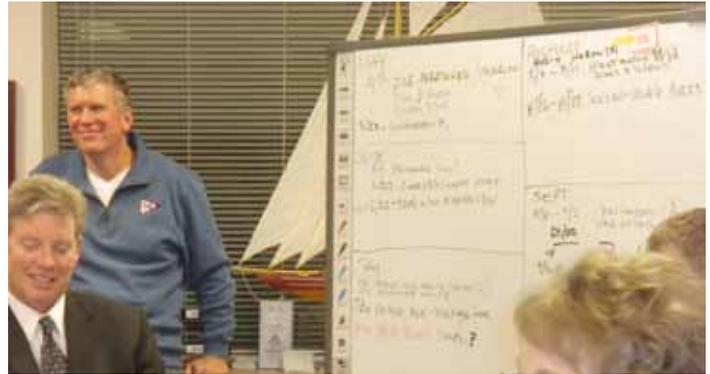
**Inspect dock and anchor lines:** Check all lines for signs of wear and replace them if necessary.

Article from the winter edition of the *Buckeye Boater*.

Read more boating articles at [www.odnr.com/watercraft](http://www.odnr.com/watercraft).

## 2013 Cruise Planning Meeting

HEY CSPS MEMBERS! On January 8th we met at HQ for the 2013 cruise planning meeting. This is where we plan out the cruises, rendezvous, day trips and more. We have some very fun events planned for the 2013 boating season. Read Lt/C David Canale's report for the tentative list and who to contact about the event. Mark these dates on your calendar and start the chatter. CSPS knows boating is fun . . . We'll show 'em how!



## Congratulations to Cdr Mike Hudson

Cdr Michael Hudson retired from the US Navy on December 21st with more than 23 years of service. Mike has logged more than 2,600 flight hours in numerous aircraft and has traveled the world keeping us safe. His final assignment brought him to Columbus to assume command of the Navy Recruiting District Ohio as the Executive Officer. Several squadron members attended the Change of Command at DSCC. Mike, we THANK YOU and your family for your dedication and service to our country.



# UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS DISTRICT 29



## CALL TO THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING 2013

**TO:** District 29 Council Members: District 29 Bridge officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, the Chairmen of the General Committees, Squadron Commanders 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

**DATE:** 06 January 2013

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 10 February 2013.

**Squadron Commanders please note:** Council Meeting Delegate Form has been included with this mailing. Please list your Squadron Council Delegate-at-Large and if necessary, any replacement for the Commander. Copies of the Delegate form must be hand delivered by 1100 on 10 February to the District Secretary. Also please bring your 2013 Squadron Calendars to share and make up yearly calendar for all District 29 Squadrons.

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

**To All:** A copy of the Summer Council Meeting minutes is included with this transmission (mailing) and extra copies will be available at the Council meeting.

**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 05 February 2013**. 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](mailto:gsmetzer@roadrunner.com)**

**Schedule for the day:** (all times approximate)

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



In January the SeaGals enjoyed Movie Night at the Movie Tavern in Hilliard. Coming up in March is our annual St Patrick's Day party. This year we are having a St Paddy's day brunch at 11 AM on March 17th at the home of Sherry & Dave Ehrbar. The SeaGals will be providing a main dish with members bringing side dishes to complete the St. Patrick's Day festivities. Watch your e-mail or check with Sherry and Dave for additional information.

April we are planning a field trip to the new Hollywood Casino to explore new frontiers and to boldly play the slots where few have won before!! Watch for details.

Congratulations to the new CSPS bridge and a special thanks to the outgoing commander for his support in the past year.

Following is a listing of the planned events for the first eight months of 2013. Hope you'll place them on your calendar and plan to attend because you know that we'll have a great time!!!!

MONTH	EVENT	CHAIRMAN	WHERE HELD
Feb. 22, 2013	Casino Night	Lucy & Wade Grosz	HQ.
Mar. 17, 2013	St. Pat's Brunch	Sherry Ehrbar	Ehrbar's Home
Apr. 6, 2013	Pub Crawl	Joyce & John Mattis	Short North??
May 19, 2013	Change of Watch	Martha & Harold Beidel	Colombini's
Aug. 16, 2012	Rendezvous	Clarks & Cards	Middle Bass I.



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| 8 Jeff McNealey     | 24 Bob Rayburn      |
| 12 Jon Hollander    | 24 Michael Wolfe    |
| 18 William McCauley | 25 Jim Jenkins      |
| 18 Debbie Murphy    | 26 Chris Clay       |
| 20 Jessica Garrett  | 28 Marcin Swiderski |
| 20 Tom Mannarino    | 29 Lou Pflaum       |

## BECOME A SAFER BOATER

For many boaters a day on the water can be quite intimidating. The mere operation of the boat is complex, let alone attempting to maneuver and dock. The sight of those colored funny shaped markers and floating buoys in the water arouse curiosity. Worries of potential weather or mechanical problems weigh heavy on their mind. And if some adverse situation arises, what do they do? The sight of a ODNR patrol boat creates an anxiety rush as they wonder if they are legal, and the thought of being responsible for all aboard becomes overwhelming. This does not sound like a day of fun on the water!

The United States Power Squadron's® America's Boating Class will teach you basic boat handling, how to be prepared and prevent problems as well as how to deal with the unexpected when it arises. In addition, you will become skilled at how to plan and measure a safe course through hands-on activities in the charting and plotting class.

If you are a concerned boater and want to become a smarter boater who enjoys the experience, sign up for the next boating program and join the thousands of boaters having fun on the water. The Columbus Sail & Power Squadron's next 4 Saturday class begins February 16, 2013 from 8am-noon. The \$40 fee includes all materials needed; all instruction is free. Location for this class is the Scioto Boat Club at 3232 Indian Village Rd, Columbus 43221.

To register, visit [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org) under the education tab or call 614.384.0245. Boating should be fun; an informed boater is a happy boater. Boating is fun...We'll show you how!

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