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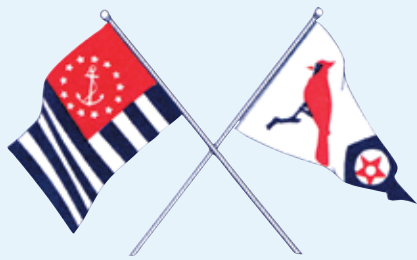
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CSPS Change of Watch *Friday, February 7, 2014* *Monaco's Palace*

4555 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, OH 43231

- *Social Time: 6:00 PM*
- *Call to Order: 6:45 PM*
- *Dinner: 7:15 PM*
- *Meeting: 8:00 PM*

Menu: Buffet Style

- *Fresh garden salad*
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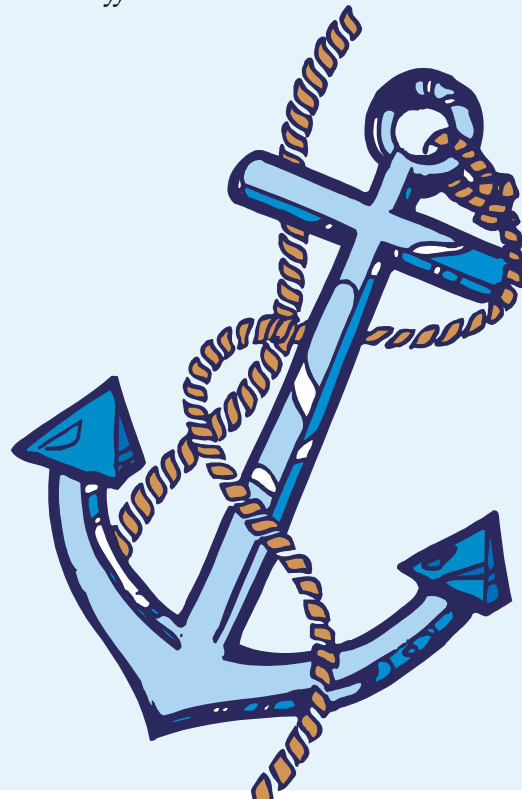
Dress - Uniform A or Business attire

Program – COW and Commander's Awards

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*Lt/C John Seaver @ 614-562-8076 (cell) or
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**no shows will be billed*





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

February

6	Thursday	Buckeye Lake Yacht Club - Pam & Doug Jackson presentation
7	Friday	Columbus Change of Watch
8	Saturday	Lima Change of Watch
8	Saturday	P/D/C Ann Gilcher Memorial Service - Sandusky Yacht Club - 1pm
9	Sunday	District 29 Winter Conference and Officer Training - OH Northern Univ
15	Saturday	District 29 <i>Spring Pier</i> Info due
15, 22	Saturday	America's Boating Course 8am-noon
16	Sunday	Sandusky Change of Watch
18	Tuesday	Central OH Safe Boating Council 6pm @ HQ
22	Saturday	Marion Change of Watch
25	Tuesday	CSPS Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ
25	Tuesday	ECOM - Add (SEATING OF NEW BRIDGE)

March

1	Saturday	America's Boating Course - test day 8am-noon
8	Saturday	Charting Seminar 8am-noon
15	Saturday	Commander's Ball
21-23	Fri.-Sun.	District 29 Spring Conference
25	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr David Canale, P



In writing this article, I am reminiscing about my term as Commander and thinking about all of the activities and accomplishments of 2013.

I want to first thank each and every member of the CSPA. It is your participation and time that has helped to make CSPA a successful non-profit supporting safe boating through education. In 2013 our ABC classes, electives, dinner meetings and functions all showed an increase in attendance. Our activities and multiple rendezvous locations were also varied, exciting, well organized and well attended. Our communication efforts have also been enhanced by a greater and more thorough use of our updated website and emails; and our award winning *Galley Gossip* has continued to



provide interesting articles and information. In addition, our Radio spots, newspaper advertising, new educational brochures, new Coastie cards and printed documents have demonstrated a firm, successful and dedicated marketing of the Power Squadron "brand". Our financials are stable, our members are active and the core of our essence continues despite an economic downturn and ever changing technological developments.

And our planning for 2014 is well under way with new classes and events planned, as well as a new Commander and Bridge — which will have taken over as you read this final address. And so, as my term comes to an end, I wish all the members of the CSPA the very best. But don't worry — I am not going anywhere — just moving to the other end of the ECOM table. I look forward to helping advise Commander Bill Mohrman and his Bridge, and will remain active in various positions including Law Officer, as a member of the Nominating Committee, etc. Happy 2014 to all and remember, as Bill has reminded me — "Boating is a family affair".

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Mohrman, AP



Wow how time flies. It seems like just a few short days ago, I was sworn in as CSPA Executive Officer. Now I am looking forward to the Change of Watch on February 7th where I move onto become the next Commander.

I want to thank all the CSPA members who volunteered their time at the boat show this year. It was a huge success. Lake CSPA (see photo below) was the talk of the show and has done its job to attract the boating public to our booth. We built it and they came. I don't think there was a person at the show that didn't see or hear about Lake CSPA. Now the hard work



starts, getting these people into the ABC safe boating course and interested in the squadron. One of the most asked questions at the show was "Who is the CSPA and what do you do?" I, like most of the other boat show volunteers, found it hard to answer that question in 30 seconds of time that I had the person's attention. So who are we and what do we do?

Columbus Sail and Power Squadron "Who We Are"

The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron (CSPA) are 225 volunteer members strong in Central Ohio promoting boating education and safety. We are a part of the United States Power Squadron (USPS) that is 40,000 members strong. We have three main functions: **Boating Education, Civic Service and Fraternal Activities.**

Boating Education: We offer basic to advanced classes, seminars and on-the-water education that cover Seamanship, Piloting and Navigation. No other central Ohio organization offers the number of classes or depth of education that we do. All of our classes are open to the public.

Civic Service: We offer Vessel Safety Checks free of charge to the boating public. We participate at the Boat Shows as well as with the NOAA Co-operative Charting program by volunteering our time to verify and help provide accurate charts our waterways.

Fraternal Activities: We offer hands on activities through our rendezvous and have social activities during the year to promote safe boating.





As my last Administrative Officer Article, I have mixed emotions about the move from the AO to the Executive Officer role. While the AO role is a lot of work to coordinate the dinner meetings and such – unmanageable without the hard work and dedication of my Wife and Daughter - we found it very rewarding. I can't imagine another (existing) role that could be more fun...setting up the venues and activities and keeping the price right is a challenge, but the benefits of getting to know so many wonderful people in the squadron and our partner organizations with whom we interact, is more than adequate compensation. The Members of CSPS and the other District 29 Squadrons as well as ODNR, The Army Corps of Engineers, The Central Ohio Safe Boating Counsel and local fraternal organizations including the Alum Creek and Hoover Sailing Associations and Scioto Boat Club – include many special people. I am happy to continue to share in their presence and yours. I hope you've enjoyed our year of events as much as we have - experiencing some new places and sticking with some of the traditional favorites. I look forward to see what AO Bob (N) and his better-half Teresa Eastway will be cooking up for us this year. They are a great couple and I know you'll like them.



Our January Dinner Meeting was focused on the "business

of CSPS". There was discussion and a vote to approve our 2014 Operating Budget as well the elections of our incoming Bridge and Executive Committees. Congratulations to those elected and to the Nominating Committee who handle this monumental task yearly. Two Awards were also presented – Lt. Mike Hudson, AP, received his Educational Proficiency Award - given by USPS National to members who have achieved the grade of Advanced Pilot and has also successfully completed three Elective Courses. The big award for night – 'The Member of the Years' was presented to Tracy Garrett for her tireless involvement in squadron activities. If you've been to a class or squadron event in recent history, you can rest assured that Tracy has lent her voice and expertise to that event. This award also includes a 100% pay increase over last-years' earnings for her.

Our February meeting is a big event – a 'COW' of an event even. The Change of Watch is a time when our new bridge is sworn into the service of CSPS. I look forward to the XO role and broadening outreach within our District and to USPS Nationally. Our Change of Watch will be held at Monaco's Palace on Friday, February 7th. Check your email and this Galley Gossip for more information – and be sure to get your registrations to me when you're able to confirm your attendance. The menu will be great, we have a large private dining room – as well as a large private bar. It has been more than 20 years since I have been to Monaco's for an event, but the reviews remain positive and the building and staff have been very professional as we've spoken about rooms and menu options. Come and join us for a fun and festive ceremony.

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Request From USPS: Check Your Info

Please check and edit as needed your personal contact information in the national database by February 1, 2014. Printed rosters will be generated this spring for many squadrons, district and national. It is up to each member to check their own record to verify their email address, their mailing address, cell phone, home phone, boat name, etc are up-to-date. Once anything is printed, it is too late for an entire year. You can check your information by following the steps below to access the national website, or you can contact your squadron secretary or roster chair.

1. Go to www.usps.org.
2. Click on Member Stuff link.
3. Click on Information Center.
4. (If you are not logged in, you will need to do so.

[note: everyone has a pre-assigned PIN and a security question and the security question is your zip code if you have not changed it yet.] Go to Member Stuff --> Get My PIN to login.)

5. On left toward the bottom, click on "Membership Info --> "Manage your own profile". Here you can enter any changes in the boxes.
6. Click Update button.



We are about 2-3 months from getting the boats back in the water and folks getting up to speed on their nautical knowledge! 2014 is off to a great start with our regular class offerings as well as our new ones – cruise planning and weather.



We are still looking for qualified volunteers to help assist with the ABC class, if you are interested in volunteers this class please reach out to Mari Seaver. ABC3 begins February 15 and runs through March

1. These Saturday morning classes will be held from 8am-noon at Goodwill Industries at 1331 Edgehill Rd in the University/Grandview area. See the website for parking and building locations.

As I mentioned in last month's article the Piloting and Engine Maintenance had just completed and this month the results are in! Congratulations to the following students who have earned the rank of P:

- Theresa McCarty
- John McCarty
- Ed Mack
- Larry Grey

Congratulations to the following students for completing Engine Maintenance, an elective grade course and one that every boater should take:

- Bob Goelz
- John Little III
- Ed Mack
- Penny Newman
- Ralph Newman
- Scott Shaw

As always please be sure to visit our website for the latest courses and seminars being offered. We have a jam-packed schedule with plenty of education 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 2014 Classes

All classes are held at the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Headquarters (8492 Cotter St. Lewis Center, OH 43035) from 7-9pm, unless noted. Register for a course or seminar by visiting our website at www.columbussailandpower.org Look under the education tab.

CLASSES

- Jan 22-Mar 18 Marine Electrical Systems –Lowe (8 weeks) \$65 member/ \$95 nonmember
- Feb 3-Apr 7 Advanced Piloting – Rayburn/Lowe (10 weeks) \$70 member/ \$100 nonmember
- Feb 4-May 6 Sail Class – Jackson/Spilke (14 weeks) \$60 member/ \$90 nonmember
- Feb 15-Mar 1 America's Boating Course (ABC) – Various instructors (3 weeks) \$50 @ Goodwill Industries
1331 Edgehill Rd Columbus OH 43212
- Mar 5-May 21 Navigation – Hankle (12 weeks) \$175 member/ \$205 nonmember
- Mar 18-May 13 Seamanship – Ehrbar (9 weeks) \$55 member/ \$85 nonmember
- Mar 26-May 14 Marine Communications Systems – Lowe (8 weeks) \$65 member/ \$95 nonmember

SEMINARS - \$15 member/\$30 nonmember (unless noted)

- Feb 12 Anchoring Seminar
- Mar 8 Charting Seminar – Goodwill Industries 1331 Edgehill Rd, Columbus OH 43212 FREE for ABC students
8am-noon; all others \$50
- March 19 Partners In Command
- Apr 16 Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
- May 17 Trailing and Backing for Couples @ Delaware State Park 10am-2pm (price per couple)



Columbus Sail and Power Squadron - Minutes of the Executive Committee
17 December 2013

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

Cdr David Canale, P called the meeting to order at 1905 at the Squadron Headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

Cdr David Canale, P gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt/C William Mohrman, AP.

Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S confirmed a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr David Canale, P; Executive Officer Lt/C William Mohrman, AP; Administrative Officer Lt/C John Seaver, JN; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack; Lt Bob Eastway, N; Lt Michael T Hughes, JN.

Also present P/C Larry Lowe, SN; P/C Michael S. Hughes, JN; Lt Tracy Garrett, S; Lt Julie Mohrman, AP; Mari Seaver, S.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Report of Officers:

Commander David Canale, P:

The Christmas party was great at the Montgomery Inn. The year-end grant report has been filed. We had 30 times the volunteer hours needed. Member of the Year nominations are being taken and should be emailed to Harold Beidel. The award will be presented at the Change of Watch. The state is offering CSPS license plates but 500 signatures of interested people are needed before they will move forward. A portion of the money from the plates will come back to squadrons. For information on how to sign up, contact Mansfield Power Squadron.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke P:
Absent, emailed report

*Great news- we had 5 students in the EM class and all passed the exam. Congratulations to the students and Michael for such an excellent job instructing.

*We need 1 more student for Navigation for Roger to hold the class. I asked Tracy to send a message to the squadron.

*Workings on finalizing the Education depart for 2014. In need of a Chair for Seamanship and a Chair for Advanced grades. If anyone has any thoughts for people in either of these positions please let me know.

*AP was moved back 1 week at the request of Bob Rayburn due to travel conflicts. Schedule has been updated and request to have the web page updated has also been submitted.

*There was a discussion as to whether we should go to an earlier start date for the ABC class since the February boat show has been cancelled. A request by Cdr Canale for an informal show of hands by those favoring a date change received no response.

Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mach:

CSPS financial statements were passed out for review and discussion. Treasurer Mack discussed highlights. The time for preparing next year's budget is approaching. Treasurer Mack will soon be sending out email requests for budget input.

Executive Officer Lt/C William Mohrman, AP: Absent.

Boat Show – The Ohio RV and Boat Show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds will be two weekends, Jan 4th through Jan 12. This year we have three booth spaces. We will have Coastie working the show for which we will receive a fee. Also a model boat pond with several model boats for the public to practice maneuvering. The boat pond will be an attraction for the children and the show promoter is excited about having this at the show. It will undoubtedly garner good exposure in the media outlets prior to the show. We will need volunteers to run the boat pond as well as help out at the booth and help Coastie. Sign up will be again on-line at Signup Genius.com. We will have directions to the sign up page on the CSPS website.

Administrative Officer Lt/C John Seaver JN

*US Power Squadron License Plates for the State of Ohio – need 500 people to sign up. Mansfield is running with the effort. Need to communicate with them and more broadly.

*ABC – Move up the date? Vote No for this year, review next year.

*XO Peeps & Budget - will work on that soon

* The January 9th Dinner meeting is our annual 'business' meeting – The Lakes CC - Election of candidates; Review of the upcoming year's budget; Member of the Years Award presentation.

* The February 7th meeting is our Change Of Watch and my lovely wife and He-manly Assistant AO (Dick Sorensen) and I are working on our last event of the year – prior to passing the torch to the new AO. As usual we're looking to find a new location that we haven't been to – or at least haven't been to for a while to introduce some diversity. Not sure we'll succeed, but I get bored of the same 'stuff pretty easily.

*Web Updates for National message – ignore it.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S

There has been a lack of written reports from officers recently. These reports are very much appreciated. Please send reports to hupmanl@att.net.

Member at large reports:

Lt Robert Burton – Excused

Lt Tom Doyle, P - Excused

Lt Robert Eastway, AP – No report

Lt Eldon Hall Jr., AP – Absent

Lt Michael Hudson, P – Absent

Lt Michael T Hughes, AP – No report

Lt Mary Lauer, P – Excused

Lt Lisa Mills, S – Absent

Lt Matt Mills, S – Absent



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GENERAL COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee: P/C Michael Hughes, JN; P/C Matthew Murphy, AP; P/C Tom Norman, P – The ballot will be in the GG.

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN; P/C Ron De-Caprio, AP; P/C Tom Norman, P – Absent

Rules Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN; Lt Wade Grosz, AP; P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN - Absent

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman – See Treasurer's report regarding budget.

Housing Committee: Vacant

Planning Committee: P/C, D/A/O Bill Lehner – No report

Law Officer: Cdr David Canale, P: Pending court decision on tax –exempt status.

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN or P/C Bob Wan der Wissel, JN – Absent

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN – Property inventory for the grant filing was completed.

Supply Officer: Lt Julie Mohrman – No report

Sea Gals: Lt Martha Beidel – Absent

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Technical Committee: Lt Michael Hudson, P, Lt/C John

This 'n' That

Cdr Bill Mohrman is looking for your **pictures** from the 2013 boating season to use at the Commanders Ball. If you have some, please contact him at wjmohrman@mindspring.com or call 614.203.8817 as soon as possible.

Legislation has been passed within the state of Ohio to create **vanity plates** for the United States Power Squadron. To get this moving forward, 500 signatures need to be collected. This does not commit you to purchasing a plate. Proceeds from the USPS vanity plates will be divided between the 4 Ohio USPS districts. Contact D/Lt Bill Lehner at LEHNERB@aol.com or call 614 336-0806 today to sign the petition. Time is running out!

LAST HORIZON

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of Past District Commander Ann Gilcher. A memorial service will be held honoring Ann on Saturday Feb 8th at the Sandusky Yacht Club. Anyone interested in carpooling, please contact Michael Hughes at 614-488-4758 or mtbuckets@aol.com

Seaver, JN – Will set up email addresses by position (XO@ etc.) for bridge officers.

Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack – No report
Boat Shows: XO William Mohrman, AP – See XO report above.

Marketing Committee: Lt Tracy Garrett, AP: No report

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent

Boating Activities: Lt/C XO William Mohrman, AP: Cruise planning meeting will be Jan. 7 at HQ at 7:00PM.

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP: Absent

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Comments from Guests:

P/C Larry Lowe: National meeting in Jacksonville last week of January.

Tracy: GG sponsor renewals are coming up.

Sick Bay:

Tom Norman – Back surgery and pneumonia.

Hank Kauffman fell from ladder and has broken back.

Michael Hughes - knee surgery

Jane Clark

Announcements

GG articles due 1/6

Next ECOM meeting Jan. 21

The meeting was adjourned at 2015

NOAA Charts a Paperless Future

On April 13, 2014 NOAA will stop printing paper charts. It will continue mapping and producing nautical charts in the form of free PDF downloads at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov

You can then print the chart or have it produced via one of NOAA's print on demand (POD) partners. NOAA charts will also be available through third party distributors such as Avenza Systems, which offers more than 2,500 geo-targeted NOAA charts on the i-Phone and i-Pad.

Captain Shep Smith of NOAA states, "We do not believe paper charts are unnecessary- quite the contrary. For safe navigation, they should be widely used and up to date, and we don't see that as being incompatible with the government getting out of the printing business."

Submitted by:

P/C Larry Lowe, SN, CN

Squadron Radio Tech Officer, (SRTO)

"Death of a Dream"

By Dick Sorensen, JN

Wednesday, November 4th, my dream got killed. Its murder was brutal.

The 'Dream' arrived sometime in my adolescence. I wasn't passionate about it at first. That came later. Dreams don't arrive in their final form. They come as little gifts with no strings attached. They don't cost anything, no effort is required and negative elements are never mentioned or considered. They occupy the 'illusion' part of the brain and create a wonderful, peaceful, personal refuge from reality.

In its earliest form it was just to get 'on' the water; big water. It wasn't about journeying to tropical isles or to the Mediterranean. It was just to spend time on the ocean. Growing up in a solidly middle class family I was part of the repetitive and boring rhythms of a 1950's life. A day of labor for my dad, the drudgery of school for me, dinner always at 5:35, scouts for me and my brother and maybe a six pack for my folks on Friday night, Saturday was always spent trudging to the A & P Supermarket and then on Sunday, the 10:30 service at Zion Lutheran Church; a real living breathing Ozzie & Harriet tableau; that was my folk's life. What a dreary, mind numbing rut. I swore with all the naïveté and righteous indignation of youth that my life wouldn't be anything like that.

I dreamed of escaping to the sea. At one point it was to solo the Atlantic, then it was boosted by reading Thor Heyerdahl's adventure on the Kon Tiki, a reading counselor exposed me to the writings of C.S. Forester and I began to walk the decks with Lt. Hornblower as he sailed in the defense of mother England. Mutiny on the Bounty? I was enthralled by Captain Blights 3,618 mile open boat escape more than in the charms of Fletcher Christian's ladies of Pitcairn Island. Small boats began to capture my nautical wanderlust. Twenty-two footers around Cape Horn. The dream was to get on the ocean, challenge and test myself against its power, its whims and all its mysteries. I craved going offshore! My dream allowed me to embrace the customs of daily life with a smile on my face and some pep-in-my-step. It was a constant companion, a friend who never whined, asked for favors or demanded anything from me.

Last Wednesday started out pretty normal here in Columbus. I was working off of a 12 foot ladder when my 'Dreams' wake-up call came through. It was broadcast on USPS' Sail Angle mass email.

Seeking crew to sail south – full trip or part way

A Buzzards Bay Sail & Power Squadron (D14) member's son-in-law was looking for a crew to help him sail his newly re-commissioned Swan 441 south. He's an experienced ocean sailor, so there's no worry about going to sea with an amateur who has "more dollars than sense." He'll take any help he can get, either for the entire trip or partway. He'd like to head for Bermuda if he can get enough crew but will settle for Miami. Leaving next week.

In the amount of time it took my brain to read and comprehend the above message, I realized that my 'Dream' had finally arrived! It immediately changed from being a fantasy to a 'Reality.'

My 'Dream' now looked like this. An offshore voyage with a very seasoned skipper, heading to the romantic isle of Bermuda! All I had to do was get to Cape Cod, throw my gear below, pull my weight and my life-long dream was realized. Cape Cod to Bermuda, or at least, Miami! My 'Dream' didn't look half bad in its final form. I can finally get underway on this long-awaited adventure.

Imagine, a free offshore voyage in a well founded 44 foot Swan, and let me tell you, a Swan is a very nice sailboat. At the helm is a well-seasoned, licensed, ocean-going, knowledgeable skipper who has just finished refurbishing it. He was so confident in his abilities that he was reaching out to the 'general boating public' to gather together a crew of complete strangers. H-m-m-m-m. My mind, also known as 'Reality' immediately put up 'Storm Warning' flags. Going offshore in a new-from-the-yard boat, with a green crew of total strangers, in November sailing due south of Cape Cod, across the Gulfstream to Bermuda....sounds like fun. Doesn't it? Or does it? What normal Captain would want to do that?

There was something like a prize fight being fought inside of my head. My 'Dream' and 'Reality' were battling. My 'Dream' would lead with a left jab 'it's a 44 foot Swan' argument and then 'Reality' would block with 'the boats fresh from the yard with no shakedown cruise.' Shuffling right the 'Dream' would feint with "the skipper has 150,000 offshore miles under his belt" and 'Reality' would dance away with 'if he's so experienced why doesn't he already have his own crew; why is he reaching out to a bunch of strangers?' It went on and on, blow after blow, strike and counter strike, jab and move. 'Dream' would throw a hard overhand punch and the 'Reality' would shake it off. 'Beautiful Bermuda' was countered with the 'wicked weather of the Gulfstream in November.' Then when the 'Dream's muscles were jelly 'Reality' served up the killing uppercut by saying "unknown skipper, unknown boat, and unknown crew." And with that killer punch, my 'Dream' was down for the count never to rise off the canvas again.

I came to the conclusion that while I wanted to say yes to my 'Dream,' the 'Reality' in my mind was screaming NO! I had cherished this dream in its 'illusionary' form, had looked forward to it as an ultimate test of my sailing ability, but found its 'reality' too much for my mind to embrace. It was easy while it was just 'A Dream.'

Isn't it ironic that after fifty years of dreaming I now yearn for the boring life my parents lived? On dry land.



Dick Sorensen continues to cling to the hope that his 2011 award of being the worst sailor on both big and little waters of Ohio will be revoked. He contends to this day that he really wasn't that bad!



CONGRATULATIONS to the CSPS website team and the newsletter team. Both forms of communication have received the 2013 USPS Distinctive Communicator Award. 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.

You are invited....

On Thursday, February 6, 7:00PM at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club, Doug & Pam Jackson will make their very informative and entertaining presentation on Bare Boat Charters. If you weren't able to catch this program at the October dinner meeting or even if you did, all CSPS members and guests are invited to attend. We will be reserving tables for those who would like to have dinner before the presentation. Please let us know whether you plan to attend for dinner or just the presentation. - Ron & Barbara Hupman 740-467-7013 hupman1@att.net



Did you hear the WCOL 92.3 radio broadcast with Commander Bill Mohrman before the start of the boat show? If not, listen to it on the CSPS web site.

Mark Your Calendars:

PORT CLINTON POWER SQUADRON would like to invite you to attend the District 29 Spring Conference March 21-23, 2014 at The Lodge of Sawmill Creek, Huron OH. The theme for the conference is "HONOR THE PAST AND LAUNCH INTO THE FUTURE OF USPS"

Fund-raising Raffle Continues!

As our annual CSPS fund raiser this year, we will be raffling off three great items. Starting at the December Christmas party and ending at the Ice Breaker in May, we are offering chances to win three exciting items. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$20.



Boating Season is Almost Here!

Before the boats are back in the water, why not use this down time to become qualified as a Vessel Safety Examiner? This program will begin its 15th year in conjunction with ODNR Watercraft and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. It's a enjoyable, worthwhile program, and who knows how many lives have been saved because of everyone's efforts nationwide?

This is an invitation to join us for the upcoming year and beyond. We currently have about 17 examiners, and have completed as many as 185 Vessel Safety Checks in a summer. I will be offering an Examiner class sometime in March or April, but you can be way ahead by reviewing the material online at the National Website www.usps.org. Follow the drop-down menus: Locate Things, Site Navigation, Executive, Vessel Safety Check, and then on the left side margin you can download the VSC manual. After reviewing the manual, you can access online tests in this same area of the website (you can take practice tests, just don't submit them until you are confident of your knowledge). The tests are open-book.

We have several scheduled events throughout the boating season, starting with the kick-off of National Safe Boating Week. These events take place at Alum Creek Lake, Buckeye Lake (actual dates to follow), various marinas on Lake Erie, and anywhere you choose to conduct Vessel Safety Checks. These are great ways to meet fellow boaters, inform them of what is necessary to be safety-compliant on the water, and promote our Squadron.

Please let our Vessel Safety Check Chairman, John Pruitt, know if you are interested in joining us: you can email him at jmpruitt@prodigy.net or call (614) 216-5203.

USPS DISTRICT 29 CALL TO THE WINTER COUNCIL MEETING - 9 FEB 2014

All District 29 Council Members, District 29 Bridge Officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, the Chairmen of the General Committees, Squadron Commanders, Squadron Current and Incoming Bridge Officers, all D-29 Past Commanders and Chairmen of Standing Committees

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 9 February 2014. Please bring your 2014 Squadron Calendars to share and make up the 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.

Registration: 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. Lunch fee of \$15 payable at the door but register before Tuesday, 6 February by contacting D/Lt. Jason Snook, SN; Phone: 586-855-6513 or 586-566-4916 E-Mail jjsnook1@yahoo.com There is no need to register if lunch is not required.

Schedule for the day: (all times approximate)

815-900	Registration/Lunch fee collection – Complimentary coffee/tea donut
900-1030	Department meeting and training for all incoming bridge members
1045-1130	Calendars
1145-1245	Lunch
1300-1500	Council Meeting

If you would like to carpool from the Columbus area, please contact Bill Mohrman at 614-203-8817.

Congratulations to the Engine Maintenance grads - Bob Goelz, John Litle, Ed Mack, Penny & Ralph Newman and Scott Shaw. Another successful graduating class from instructor Michael Hughes.



Are you connected? Like the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron page to keep up to date on all of the happenings. Check out the video from the recent Boat Show!

Dear Nautical Professor,

I was looking in West Marine at VHF radios last weekend and I don't understand why I should buy one when I have my Smartphone in my pocket. I use it all over the United States in my car, so why can't I use it on my boat? Is there some crazy government law that says I can't? - The Twitter Fritter

Dear Fritter,

It's nice to hear that you were considering a VHF radio, but your Smartphone is not a replacement for the VHF radio.

I don't know where you do your boating, so I will give you several options. First, if you do all of your boating on inland lakes such as Alum Creek, Dillon, Hoover, or similar places, your phone will probably work for you, unless you need to call for help.

If you boat on larger bodies of water such as the Great Lakes, your phone should be used as an addition to your VHF. There are several reasons for this. First of all, there are no cell towers on the water, so the range is limited for your phone, plus there may be dead spots out there. You must also have the phone number of the local Coast Guard station, but they can't find you from your cell phone signal. Your VHF tells everyone your latitude and longitude. Or if you call 911 several issues can come up, what county are you in, who responds to your call, do they have the equipment to help you?

When you push the red button on your VHF it automatically sends a distress call to the Coast Guard and all of the other boats in the area. So if there is a boat close to you when you call for help, they could get to you before the Coast Guard could.

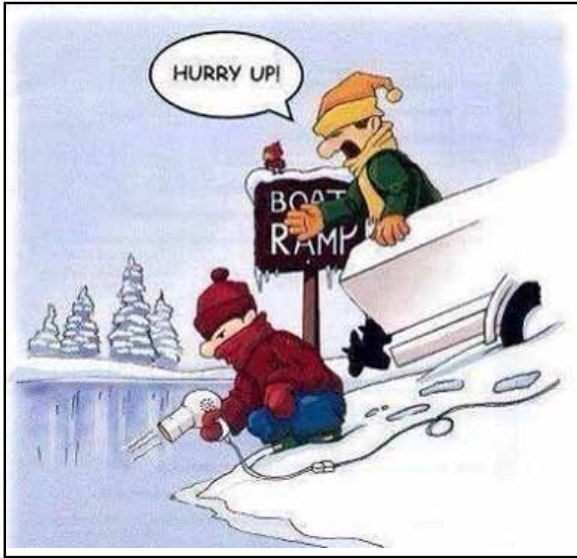
You can probably tell by now that you have reached a tender spot with me, but these are just a few of the reason not to use your Smartphone.

My advice to you is to purchase that new VHF radio and use your Smartphone to make reservations for dinner. Then sign up for the Marine Communications class from the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron to learn how to use your new radio and about other forms of marine communication that are available. If you would like to use your smart phone for satellite communication, check out the January 2014 issue of the *GALLEY GOSSIP*. You can't TWEET for help! — Nautical Professor





The SeaGals reported for Christmas Duty at the home of Laura and Guy Williams on December 6th for our annual Christmas get together. While there were no pictures taken as evidence, this writer can assure you with a great deal of confidence that nearly thirty members had a great time. Even the squadron executive officer confessed to enjoying himself! A substantial sack of toys was collected on behalf of the Fireman's Children Charity.



SAVE THE DATE!

Commander Bill and First Mate Julie Mohrman invite you to the Commander's Ball on Saturday March 15th at the Royal American Links Golf Club in Galena, Ohio. "Boating is a Family Affair" is the CSPS theme for 2014. Watch for more info in the March Galley Gossip

Calling all Junior Navigators!!!

If you are interested in taking **Navigation** starting in March, please contact Brian O'Rourke at borourke13@att.net or call 614-384-0245. A minimum of 2 students is needed to offer the course. We currently have one registered.

Jules of the Nile

Julie & Bill Mohrman

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In January, the SeaGals went to the movies! We all met at the Movie Tavern in Hilliard and enjoyed "Saving Mr. Banks". Everyone had a great time. After all, you can't beat a theater with a bar and a kitchen!

February promises to be a very rewarding month for the SeaGals as we plan to have our Casino night at Headquarters on February 21st.

March 26th plans call for a progressive dinner with absolutely no truth to the fact that Rachael Ray, the Cake Boss and the Iron Chef will be there to cook! Be sure and join us!

Here's wishing you and yours the most Happy and Prosperous New Year with smooth sailing and cheap fuel!

Knowledge hones the mind for the challenges presented by sailing. The Power Squadron's Sail Course provides a comprehensive understanding to make your sailing adventures enjoyable and safe.

Our Sail Course begins Tuesday, February 4th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, and will run for 14 weeks.

The course is open to the public as well as members of the Power Squadron. It will be held at Columbus Sail & Power Squadron headquarters. The course covers aerodynamics, standing rigging, sails, sail plans, running rigging, wind forces, boat design, stability and balance, marlinspike, preparation to set sail, sailing upwind and downwind, helmsmanship, spinnaker handling, heavy weather and storm conditions, right of way rules and racing.

The cost is \$60 for members, \$90 for non-members of the Power Squadron. To sign up for the course, please go to our website, www.columbus-sailandpower.org and click on Education and Courses. Questions? Call Ken Spilke, 614-882-9109, or Doug Jackson, 614-519-6996.

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