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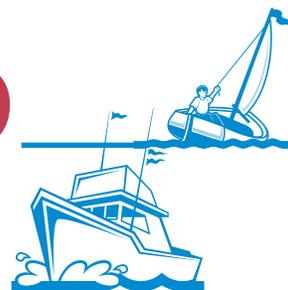
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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Thursday Monthly Dinner Meeting
- 5, 12 19 Mondays Public Boating Class at Grandview HS 1930
- 26 Monday Boat Class TEST NIGHT - All hands needed on deck
- 27 Tuesday Executive Meeting 1930 at HQ
- 30 Friday June *Galley Gossip* articles due

MAY

- 3 Monday Public Boat Class wrap-up - 1900 - Hughes house
- 10 Monday Seamanship Class begins
- 15 Saturday Ice Breaker @ Nor-Easter & Monthly Dinner Meeting (Pam Carr)
- 18 Tuesday Central Ohio Safe Boating Council Meeting
- 22-28 Sat.-Fri. Safe Boating Week
- 22 Saturday Vessel Safety Exams at Alum Creek
- 25 Tuesday Exec Meeting 1930 - FINAL BEFORE SUMMER
- 29 Saturday Entry to the Grandview Heights Parade & Cookout 0900

JUNE

- 3 Thursday Dinner Meeting - Alum Cr Sail Assoc
- 11-13 Fri.-Sun. PA 3 Rivers Lobster Fest Cruise - contact Jeff Mirgon

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Michael Hughes, JN



At the February Executive Board meeting we hit the ground running. Some housekeeping details were taken care of as we took steps to liquidate unused, antiquated and unrepairable equipment. Read the minutes for further information.

Attending the National conference was a great delight. While the weather in Orlando was not as warm as we would have liked, we did avoid the white precipitation found in Ohio. The camaraderie was my favorite part. We met the Pittsburgh PS members and they are excited that we will be in their neck of the woods in June for a cruise. Business cards were traded and contact has been established between them and Jeff.

At the National Business meeting I learned that all of our classes are now open to the general public. If we invite people to take our classes, they will see what fun we have, the awesome member benefits we can provide, and will join our squadron. Also, squadrons will be able to offer on-the-water training. This will help those novice boaters with problems such as docking, releasing and retrieving, anchoring and handling under power. Watch for further announcements on SailAngle.

I also found out that first timers at a national meeting can really shake things up. Just ask XO Matt Murphy. Matt did not like the wording on a standing order that was being voted on. Matt raised his hand to make an objection. Next thing I knew, he was at the microphone with all the members attention on him. Thanks to Matt, the wording of the SOP



was changed and everyone's "I" was heard. Columbus is not only making a difference in our District, we are creating good vibrations all the way to the top. Way to Go Matt!

As you can see from this month's cover, the Galley Gossip is going green. It is our intention to get this great publication to you in a more timely manner with up-to-date information. I am currently writing this article at the end of February for April's publication. Articles can be submitted later with relevant information and you can have it in your in-box in a matter of minutes. If we send the GG via email/internet, the information will be current, fresh and relevant while saving the earth's resources. If you would like to continue with a hard-copy of the GG, please follow the directions on this issues cover.

Spring is around the corner and our boat will be coming home April 3rd. We are looking forward to seeing Summer Breeze in our driveway again; if only as a reminder that snow is gone for awhile. Hopefully she will see more launch ramps this year. Make it a priority to get your vessel safety exam and Safe Boating to All!!!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P



Hey, it's my first article as Executive Officer! This promises to be a fun, productive and exciting year. I went to the National Meeting in Orlando, FL so here is the fun part. The most fun I had was meeting all the people from across the US and Puerto Rico. The D29 folks assembled for an impromptu dinner one night and we also visited Mickey and Minnie. We of course had some beverages and ate great food. The Ship's Store was on site in a big way and we stocked up without paying shipping! We did manage to go to a few meetings including the National Business Meeting. Several awards and certificates were handed out. Most were given to P/Cs, PDCs and various levels of bridge officers. They were all in their own right a wonderful thing. In my mind there was one special award that sticks out. I hope to have all the facts correct here but with a little latitude you will get the point. A couple of Minnesota members rescued some boaters from a river that had been in the water for hours when their



catamaran capsized. Several boats had passed and no rescue boats were near. These USPS members likely saved the lives of the rescued party. I could not help but well-up as I stood for their ovation and all I could think to myself was "This is what we do." I cannot remember a moment when I was more proud to be a Squadron member. Of all the applause for all the awards, not a person was sitting and the applause was the loudest. It was a moment to remember.

I attended a Sail Angle seminar and learned that it promises to be a great communication tool for all levels of Squadron business. I believe it will help Squadron members communicate privately, provide a common calendar for our use, and also allow us to better coordinate our calendars with District events. Eventually we hope to have RSVP functions and information distributed from this medium as well. Members can enroll now and begin using this immediately. Go to <http://www.USPS.org>, click on the button directing you to Sail Angle. Enter your E# and zip code. You will be logged in and ready to personalize your profile. You can hook up with other Squadron members, load some pictures of you and your boat and view the calendars for events. The site also has forums such as Ask a Pro and recipes. The President of Sail

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Norman, S



The America's Cup is a trophy named after the schooner America following its victory over sixteen other yachts in a regatta that took place at the Isle of Wight in 1851. The schooner America was captained by American entrepreneur and sportsman John Cox Stevens in a successful attempt to show off a young nation's seamanship identity. The schooner left the Isle of Wight with more than just a trophy, but with national respect for a then young fledgling American nation. Over the next 136 years, the world would undergo two world wars, the Industrial Revolution, and Reaganomics, but the America's Cup would remain on US soil. Over those years many titans of Industry like J.P. Morgan, Ted Turner, and three Vanderbilt family members would bankroll new yachts to defend the cup. They all proved successful as the cup



remained at the New York Yacht Club until 1987. That year the Australia II would finally succeed in ending over a century's worth of sailing dominance.

At April 1st squadron meeting Ken Spilke will be presenting a program about the America's Cup. A model of the first winner, the America, will also be on display. I hope to see you there.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Angle is also a member of USPS and he devoted \$250,000 of his own funds to develop SailAngle.com and give it to USPS members. I invite you to take a look.

By comparison the rest of my February seems to be less interesting. It was no less busy though. Along with coaching the Orange High School Swim team through their last month of practices at 0515 in the mornings and spending Saturdays at their meets I attended The Ada District Council, taught two segments of boating class and attended the preparation meeting. I was sworn in at the Change of Watch and I attended the Central Ohio Safe Boating Council meeting. This and a whole lot of snow handling rounded out the month.

Our June event is a few months away but the reason I mention it as XO is because external squadron business falls in my court. We are finalizing plans with the Alum Creek Sail Association to hold a picnic at their location on Alum Creek. We hope to have some exhibits from the local Fire Department and give you a chance to build your fire fighting skills. We also hope to include some of our partners in boating safety such as the Army Corps of Engineers and ODNR. More details will follow.

I hope to represent you well as your XO. Have a great month and I will see you at the next event.

Jules of the Nile

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April Dinner Meeting

Café Daniela

652 High Street
Worthington, Oh 43085

Social hour 1830
Dinner 1930

Dinner menu: Spring Mix Salad with Italian Dressing, Ciabatta Bread, Daniela's Lasagna, Sun Dried Tomato Pesto On Pasta of the Day
Dessert - Mini Cannoli

All served Italian Family Style

Beer,wine,coffee, tea and soft drinks available to purchase

\$15.00 per person

RSVP by 3/26/2010 to Lt Angie P Delewese at 740-362-7877 H119angie@earthlink.net or Lt Debbie Murphy at 740-548-7873 murphydm@insight.rr.com

Program: America's Cup - a trophy awarded to the winner of the sailing regatta match, and the oldest active trophy in international sports - predating the Modern Olympics by 45 years - presented by Ken Spilke

Come hear the stories: the **River Rat** and **Bungle Jug** award winners will be announced.



Our Public Boating Class has begun and we again have a terrific turnout. It looks like we will have some fun and do much learning. If you would like to help out, call Jeff Mirgon or just show up on Mondays and we will put you to work.



We have several other squadron classes that have begun and are moving right along. On Mondays we have Weather, Tuesdays is Piloting and Wednesday is Sailing.

We tried something new at the boat shows this year. Larry Lowe and Bill Mohrman taught several of our seminars, mini style and they appear to have gone over well. Thanks fellas for a job well done and for the extra time and effort put into this project.

Those in our squadron who went to the National Conference in Florida brought back much information for education. Look to the near future for more information and changes as we process all the news.

Once again, I want to thank the instructors for this season. Bill Mohrman, Larry Lowe, Skip Woodruff, Tom Morehouse, Ken Spilke, Doug Jackson, Don Delewese, Mike Cohee, Jeff Mirgon, Michael Hughes, Matt Murphy and Phil Osborne.

Your time and talents are greatly appreciated.

Also a big thank you to all who put in time and talent to assist and help out at the Public Boat Class and other areas of the squadron. Keeping our programs going is a big job and without all the volunteers, we wouldn't be able to do what we do. So I won't name everyone, for I know I would miss many, so just know that you are deeply appreciated and we are so grateful to each and every one of you.

The Seamanship Class is coming May 10!

High Powered Boats on Buckeye Lake

Taken from the January 2010 *BLACA Shoreline* newsletter



This past Labor Day weekend, we received several complaints about the high speed Cigarette Boats racing up and down the east end of

the lake. A follow-up call was made to Tim Waln, Regional Parks Manager, regarding the options that we may have as residents, who fear that someone is going to get hurt, if these activities continue. The first suggestions usually demand limiting horsepower ratings on the lake, however, as you can see from Tim's remarks that may not be a viable alternative. In fact, many of the lakes that have limitations on horsepower are changing their status to unlimited to encourage additional boating usage. Based on the State Park Directory as kept by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, there are 29 lakes with unlimited horsepower ratings. Eighteen lakes permit Electric Motors Only. One lake permits no motors at all. Portage Lakes limit their horsepower ratings to less than 400 and there are 10 lakes who limit their boats to under 10 horsepower. Although, most of us would prefer that these boats were banned from the lake, there appear to be at least 3 individuals who think it is perfectly acceptable to run down the lake at speeds approaching 80 mph. If you have any strong feelings or opinions regarding speed on the lake, please include them with your membership renewal. The Officers

and Trustees will consider all suggestions and work with ODNR on improving the recreation environment for everyone.

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**MINUTES From Secretary Ron Hupman
Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
23 February 2010**

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

Cdr Michael Hughes called the meeting to order at 17:30 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

Lt/C Debbie Smith gave the invocation.

XO Matt Murphy 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, Education Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith, Secretary Ron Hupman, Treasurer Theresa Nadolson, Lt. Fred Card, Lt. Ruth Kubinski, P/Lt/C Jim Meyers, Lt. Mary Mirgon, Lt. Bill Mohrman, Lt. Brian O'Rourke, Lt. Michael Robinson, Lt. John Seaver.

Others present were: P/c Larry Lowe, P/C Phil Osborne, Lt. Tracy Garrett

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments, Cdr Michael Hughes

Thank you to everyone who attended the Change of Watch on Saturday. I am excited to be leading the way this year. We have a lot to get through this evening. My goal is to get everyone out of here by 9:30pm.

At the National conference in Orlando, CSPS was awarded the Educational Fund Certificate of Merit for the 33rd year. This means we have made a donation to National's education fund each year for each member in our squadron.

The honorary memberships that I awarded on Saturday night received some questions. Before I awarded those, I checked with my advisors and also the by-laws. It was determined that it is the Commander's decision only as to who or when an honorary membership is awarded. I did choose to let my bridge know who would be receiving those memberships beforehand.

Swear In: Ruthie Kubinski & David Canale

Commander's Award: David Canale for his outstanding involvement in the Squadron.

Report of Officers

Executive Officer, Lt/C Matthew Murphy

February has been quite a busy month. I attended the USPS annual meeting in Orlando, FL February 3-6 with my wife Debbie. Columbus was well represented by Commander Hughes, Tracy Garrett, Phil Osborne, Ruth Wilcox, Robert Rayburn, Larry Lowe, and Sue Nadolson. Joe and Karen Mesenburg were also in attendance as Joe is winding down his National duties. There were over 700 people in one room attending the National Business Meeting. It was my first National Meeting and I made quite an impression for a first timer. Turns out they have microphones. I will let Michael tell the story if he chooses to tell it because his version is much more entertaining. The important business item to report is the USPS National Delegation passed

a by-laws change that now allows local Squadrons to offer USPS courses to non-members if we so choose. I personally applaud the passing of the measure because it means less government and more flexibility on a local level. With control also comes responsibility. I encourage the Columbus Bridge, led by our SEO, to develop programs and determine pricing that demonstrates value in being an active member while opening opportunities to who we hope are future members.

Several awards were distributed over the first several hours of the meeting. A few I will touch upon in my article.

Among the important business items handled at the meeting were the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the USCGA, Canadian Power Squadron and several other key partners that share our interests.

Another clear message being sent to us all is the need to embrace and employ our nationally recognized communications tool known as Sail Angle. As I am sure this will be discussed in the agenda from Commander Hughes I encourage all members, led by the Bridge, to get connected and make use of this tool. A few highlights of the tool are the ability to communicate securely without SMTP email, to store files which could include educational material, and distribute calendar entries and other information. I see opportunities with the tool that could eventually decrease work while increasing the effectiveness of our communication. I encourage our Secretary, our instructors, our Webmaster and AO to dive in and learn about its capabilities. I further encourage discussion and eventually some Standing Rules that provide direction for communication with members, future members and the Bridge. Although I am excited we have so many modes of communication such as email, Facebook, the *Galley Gossip*, our web site, and Sail Angle, I fear that information can be lost in translation or considered official when it is not. I also fear the loss of critical data due to a hard drive crash or otherwise scattered file keeping.

Getting to the fun part of the National Meeting...let me say the Puerto Rican Power Squadron knows how to party. Many other Districts had hospitality rooms which we felt it was our duty to visit. I lost count at twelve. Once again we represented Columbus well while meeting some great people and having a great time. The complimentary food and beverages alone were worth the trip to Florida. I look forward to next year.

14 February I attended District Winter Council in Ada, OH. It was a valuable meeting and we have hopefully avoided conflicts in our district calendar. I defer to the Commander for further report but I am impressed how fast his Suburban will go even while loaded with five people.

16 February after pulling a Ford F450 out of the snow I attended my first Central Ohio Safe Boating Council meeting in several years. I was happy to see that our Own Phil Osborn chaired the meeting and once again Columbus Sail and Power Squadron was well represented. Attending were Mike and Tracy, Larry Lowe and myself. Familiar faces were there such as Victor Ricks of ODNR, Dick Armstrong of ACSA, John Wargo of US Army Corps of Engineers, and others I had not met. I was happy to learn that some discussion had already taken place and ACSA is eager to partner with CSPS for a June event. More details will come from the AO office.

17 February and between snow storms I attended the Boating Class preparation meeting. Once again I applaud Jeff Mirgon and



his supporting team of instructors and helpers for being prepared to reach out to the public and teach boating.

20 February was the Change of Watch which rendered over 100 attendees. I personally brought 2 guests, Warren and Connie Cox and had the pleasure to meet some 30 plus others that Mike and Tracy invited. The LaScala has beautifully redecorated the back party room and as always the service and food was great. This was further enhanced by the Joyce Mattis decorating company and a huge basket raffled off to Karen Mesenburg. Several awards were distributed. Among them was the Member of the Years awarded to Bob Wells and the Commander's Award to Eli Murphy. Eli was surprised and I was very proud. The new Bridge Officers were officially sworn in and Past Commander Prior received his just roasting by the other Past Commanders. The ceremony was followed by a fun game of Majority Rules hosted by Jessica Garrett. Great job to all who helped plan the event.

22 February began the first boating class with which I was proud to assist. I will defer to others for further report.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Thomas Norman

Absent due to illness. Cdr Hughes appointed Angie Delewese to assist Tom during his recovery.

Educational Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith

Classes are well underway. Mondays are Weather with 4 students, taught by Skip Woodruff and assisted by Tom Morehouse. Skip is also conducting an Instructor Development class with 3 students. On Tuesdays, Don Delewese and Mike Cohee are teaching Piloting with 6 students. Sail class is on Wednesdays with Ken Spike and Doug Jackson at the helm and 3 students. Marine electronics and Junior Navigation had no takers.

Our Public Boating class had 40 people pre-registered and 25 attended the first class on Monday, February 22. Jeff Mirgon requests that more help is needed at the classes.

I attended the District workshop in Ada this month. It is a good time to get to know others in your area and to learn more about what you should be doing or trying to do.

As some things are changing at National regarding our classes, I will be working closely with everyone to help facilitate our resources in the best way possible for all.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

I would appreciate it very much if each person presenting a report can email it to me at hupman1@att.net.

Treasurer Lt/C Theresa Nadolson

Financial statements were presented for review.

Members-at-Large Reports

P/Lt/C Jim Meyers - Member of the Years Committee meets in November/December/ All past recipients are invited to the meeting.

Lt. Bill Mohrman - Seminars at the boat shows went well but feels that 45 minutes is too long and recommends shorter seminars on the hour next year.

Lt. John Seaver - Suggests holding Members-at-Large meeting. Suggests contacting truck dealers to ask them to refer buyers to CSPS if they plan to use the truck to tow a boat.

Standing Committees

Finance Committee - Cdr Hughes announced that a person is needed for this committee. Treasurer Nadolson summarized the duties.

Law Officer Lt. David Canale - Reported no legal issues at this time. He is involved in arranging the raffle for the Spring District Conference. Cdr Hughes asked Lt. Canale to review the sale agreement for Headquarters and the lease for the dance studio next door to determine remedies that might be available for the noise problems from the dance studio.

Sea Gals

Lt. Mary Lauer/Lt. Joyce Mattis - Mary Mirgon reported there will be a St. Patrick's day party at the Ehrbar's home on March 16.

Special Committees

Web Master: Lt/C Theresa Nadolson - Reported that the web site is undergoing changes

Boat Shows: t. Fred Card/Lt. John Mattis - Reported that they are awaiting information from Boat show sponsors.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett - Jan boat show - 40 volunteers with 213 man hours; Feb Boat show - 21 volunteers and 1 dog with 107 man/dog hours Thanks to everyone for their time.

April 26th boat class. Everyone needed to help at this final class.

Recommended that in order to reduce printing and mailing costs for the *Galley Gossip*, it should be switched to e-mail distribution beginning with the May issue. Members can opt out if they want to continue to receive a hard copy. Hard copies will be printed in black and white and mailed first class. The non-profit permit that would have to be renewed on March 12 will not be renewed. Data on numbers of copies, printing and mailing costs were presented to support this recommendation. Reduce the number of copies printed and the mailing costs.

Boating Activities: Lt. David Canale - Reported on the boating events and cruises planned for this season.

Old Business

Bill Mohrman: Ricart Automall Seminars

This is still in a holding pattern. Bill will talk to the general manager.

Outdrive Cutaway

Motion by Cdr Hughes to approve funds from the Dean Pape Fund to be expended within 12 months for the Squadron to acquire an outdrive cutaway. Seconded by Lt/C Murphy. Motion passed. Larry Lowe will investigate the company that did the engine cutaway.

New Business

Video Conferencing Equipment

This equipment has rarely been used. Cdr Hughes presented a motion (2nd by Bill Mohrman) to liquidate this equipment.

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Motion passed. Larry Lowe was appointed to chair a committee to handle the liquidation. Other committee members are Brian O'Rourke and Bill Mohrman.

Kodak Slide Projector, Overhead Projector, Original Elmo Unit, 13" Analog TV/VCR

Cdr Hughes reported these items are not needed or are unrepairable and made a motion to liquidate them (2nd by Matt Murphy). Motion passed. Brian O'Rourke volunteered to handle the liquidation of these items.

D/29 Spring Conference Delegates

Cdr Hughes appointed the following delegates: Michael Hughes, Matt Murphy, Ron Hupman, Debbie Smith, Tom Norman, John Seaver, Jeff Mirgon, and Brian O'Rourke. Delegates must send fees to Treasurer, Theresa Nadolson to cover lunch and dinner.

Galley Gossip Printing and Mailing

Please refer to comments under Marketing. Cdr Hughes made a motion (2nd by Debbie Smith) to accept the recommendation with the May issue, The *Galley Gossip* will be e-mailed to all members who do not opt for continued receipt of hard copies. The printed version will be black and white and mailed first class. There will be a prominent notice in the April issue that it will be the last received by mail unless the member specifically requests continuation of the hard copy. A postcard will be sent during the 2nd month (June) of the emailed version reminding each member that hard copies are no longer being mailed and stating

the option to request continued hard copy. Motion passed by a show of hands.

SailAngle

National emphasis on use of this means of communication with members was explained and Cdr Hughes proposed automatically enrolling all squadron members with two weeks for each member to opt out. There was discussion about security issues and possible negative feelings of members. At Lt/C Murphy's suggestion, it was decided that this matter be tabled until a later meeting while each ECOM member has an opportunity to evaluate SailAngle for themselves.

Storefront Seminars

To be discussed next month.

Corporate Sponsorships

Corporate sponsors could provide as much as 15% of the Squadron's budget in return for boating classes for sponsor's employees.

Announcements

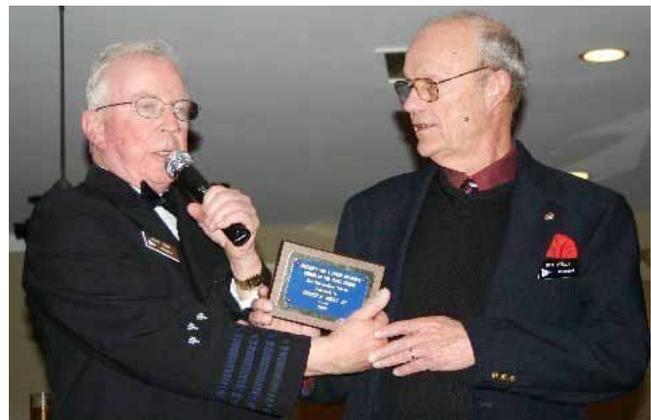
Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Next Dinner Meeting: 20 March - D/29 Change of Watch and CSPS Commanders Ball

Meeting Adjourned at 2136

Congratulations to CSPS 2009 Member of the Year Lt Bob Wells, AP

Commander Bob Prior and Member of the Years Committee Chairman, Jim Meyers, presented the 2009 Member of the Years award to life member, Bob Wells, at the Change of Watch on Saturday February 20, 2010. Bob was an instructor in the Public Boating classes back when we had over 200 students in a class. Due to his enthusiastic teachings, the squadron recruited many new members. Bob followed up by teaching the Seamanship course to these new members. Bob has served as Member at Large and on many committees. Bob was in charge of moving the squadron to our present Headquarters location. Recently he has proctored our Public Boating classes. We are truly fortunate to have a member like Bob Wells in our squadron. WAY TO GO BOB!



A most Outstanding and Deserving Individual



Jeff & Becky Blankenbeckler.

*Change of Watch
Sat., February. 20
La Scala
Italian Bistro*



D/Lt/C Phil Osborne swearing in Michael Hughes as Commander.



The 2010 Members At Large - Tammy Cohee, Mary Mirgon, Bill Mohrman, John Seaver (kneeling), Brian O'Rourke, Jim Meyers, Fred Card, Michael Robinson. Not pictured - Ruthie Kubinski.



Looks like sailor Don Delewese contemplating heading out to sea.



P/C at the Change of Watch - what an esteemed group.

Boat Operator Certification

Do you want a license to drive your boat?

This question is not simply rhetorical. Each boater should make his/her own decision as to whether or not they want a license to operate their boat. The United States Power Squadron (USPS) has a program that will provide such a license called the Boat Operator Certification Program. It is up to you to decide whether the program meets your needs. Below is a series of questions that will help you decide whether BOC is right for you.

1. Do I need a license?

No, not at this time. Recreational boaters are not required to demonstrate boat operating skills to operate their vessels. However, the US Coast Guard has requested from Congress the authority to regulate and license recreational boat operators. It may be two or ten years before this authority is granted; however it is most likely that recreational boaters will eventually have to be licensed. Further, Ohio already requires anyone born after January 1, 1982 to have taken a course on safe boating (like the USPS America's Boating Course-3); however there is no program currently in the US that requires on-the-water demonstration of boat handling skills like the BOC program would do.

2. So, what will BOC do for me?

As the program builds and becomes recognized nationally and internationally, BOC will provide proof of boat handling skills in the form of a license. This could allow you to rent boats more easily and to operate boats in foreign countries where licenses are currently required. It is the intent of USPS that BOC will satisfy Coast Guard requirements for licensing when they are established and enforced. Since it will take time for the program to become established and recognized, these benefits will not accrue immediately. However, within a few years, the program should be implemented and recognized; benefits will follow at that point.

3. Why is USPS doing this?

USPS believes that licensing is coming. As Congressional authority is granted for recreational boaters licenses, a mechanism that can handle the licensing tasks will be needed. USPS intends to be able to meet the licensing needs for our members and for the general public. Being able to license boaters will provide a major public service; is in keeping with our mission of boater education and safety, and will increase the prestige and visibility of USPS. It may also attract members.

4. What is the BOC program?

Ultimately the Boat Operator Certification will license boaters to boat in four marine environments:

i. Inland Navigation within two nautical miles of shore in daylight, under good weather conditions and in a power boat under 23 feet (sailboaters can be certified too). Currently this is the only certification program available.

ii. Coastal Navigation within twenty nautical miles of shore in boats up to 12 meters (39.4 ft), in daylight with good visibility and weather conditions. This is currently under development and has not yet been released.

iii. Advanced Coastal Navigator is scheduled to be launched in 2010 and will include extended waters within 50 nm of shore, boats up to 65.6 feet and operations at night, restricted visibility and winds up to 31 mph.

iv. Offshore Navigator is scheduled to be launched in 2011 and will cover ocean navigation.

5. What do I need to do to be qualified as an Inland Navigator?

This is currently the only available program. Many of the requirements below have already been met by our members.

A. Academic Work:

- i. Complete an approved boating course (ABC-3, Squadron Boating or equivalent.)
- ii. Complete Engine Maintenance
- iii. Take Marine Electronics 101 (the first section of the Marine Electronics course.)
- iv. Take Seamanship
- v. Complete the Charting Seminar or complete Piloting or Chart Smart.
- vi. Take the Onboard Weather Forecasting seminar or have completed the Weather course.
- vii. Complete the GPS seminar or the new P or the new AP (or have taught any of the above.)
- viii. Complete VHF-Radio seminar or ME 102 or the new Marine Communications System course.

B. On the Water Demonstration of Skills:

- i. Demonstrate the US Sailing Safe Power Boat Handling abilities or equivalent. Contact Larry Lowe 614-885-3601 or llowe7298@wowway.com for on-the-water skills demonstration details.
- ii. Demonstrate the successful use of a fire extinguisher.

So, is BOC right for you? It's your decision. If you are interested in this certification, please contact Debbie Smith by phone (614-890-5864) or by email debralee@sbcglobal.net. A review can also be scheduled for all those who wish to learn more or become involved. Academic and on-the-water activities are planned that can lead to each interested member achieving their Inland Navigation certification.



Now that it is April, it must be spring and our vessels will be soon to Splash! Many of us are happy to see winter's end. The Sea Gals Soup Challenge was forced to give in to Level 1 and 2 Snow Emergency. However, as I write this, I know the Sea Gals are looking forward to seeing lot of little Leprechaun's at the Ehrbar's Annual St. Patty's Party.

On March 19th, the Sea Gals are hosting the Hospitality

The Coast Guard and Firearms

It has been reported recently that on several occasions the U.S. Coast Guard in New Jersey and Maryland have boarded recreational vessels for safety checks and fined boaters who had "not reported" flare guns aboard.

The Coast Guard officer asked the vessel captain if they had any fire arms aboard. The captains' replied "No". The next question asked was to see their Visual Distress Signals. When shown a kit which contained a flare gun, the vessel owner was cited/fined because they 'lied' to the CG officer. Note, that there is nothing illegal with having a flare gun aboard a U.S. vessel -- it is in fact part of the required/ approved USCG safety equipment.

So, if boarded by a USCG officer and asked whether you have any fire arms, always answer that YES you have a Flare Gun as part of our Visual Distress Signal Kit. No problem as long as you are truthful and understand that your "flare gun" is considered a "fire arm" in New Jersey, Maryland or wherever.

It should be noted that a 12 gauge flare gun will also discharge a 12 gauge pumpkin ball (deer hunting slug) or a double ott buckshot shell -- also a standard flare will do a great deal of damage or kill a person when fired at them, even from a medium range. This is another reason to have a USPS Vessel Safety Check preformed on your boat every year!

Room for District 29's Change of Watch. Thanks ladies! Our congratulations to Phil Osborne and Michael Hughes.

The daytime Seal Gals Lunching Ladies have a knack for choosing some of the best restaurants, (J. Liu's in Worthington and the Worthington Inn) Check with Martha Beidel for future lunch dates!

Plans are in the works for the Annual Sea Gals Spring Fling. Details will be soon forthcoming. You won't want to miss it.

If you are a Sea Gal (or Guy) Wanna-Be and realize you are missing out on great fun, all you need to do is call. For \$1.00 a month even you can be a Sea Gal (or Guy)! For more information, contact Joyce Mattis (quiltjem@aol.com or 738-1054) or Mary Lauer , (mlauer@orta.or or 882-8355) Sea Gals Co-commanders. "Sea" ya soon!

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Summer Council & Rendezvous

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40-45' = \$70 46-50' = \$75

Plan for a weekend of activities. Within walking distance of the Black River Landing will be the Saturday's Farmers Market and "A Taste of History" antiques, arts & crafts and Ohio wine tasting. More details at the Spring Conference.

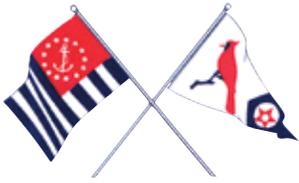
How to Earn A Merit Mark

By volunteering, your hours are included toward earning a merit mark. National uses the equation of 3 different activities at 4 hours each OR 6 different activities at 2 hours each. An activity could be attending a board meeting, working the boat show, helping at a dinner meeting, volunteering at the public boat class, volunteering on a committee, the Delaware Dam paint job, Vessel Safety Exams, etc. Whomever is in charge of the activity is responsible for reporting the names and hours worked to Don Delewese and Bob Vanderwessel for recording. It is best to send those names and hours just after the event so everyone is reported; and committee chairs, be sure to include yourself. Let's try to beat 2009 record of 79 merit marks!



- 1 Ellen Hogue
- 4 Chad Brown
- 6 Faye Flack
- 7 Dave Clark
- 11 Beverly Wolfe
- 13 Toby Cohen
- 14 Dale Pancoast
- 15 Karen Snyder
- 17 David Morrow

- 20 Robert Divine
- 23 Roger Holstein
- 23 Bonnie May
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