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## Thursday, September 3rd

## TAT Ristorante di Famiglia

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43227**



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jason Mack, P



Ahoy! I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer filled with boating adventures. Although the weather did not cooperate for many of our group trips, I saw many of you on the water and around the docks, creating plenty of great shared memories. This summer reminded me that the weather is never entirely predictable.

As we get ready for fall to arrive, the days will get cooler, and shorter, and the colors will be changing, so hopefully we will still have some enjoyable boating and fishing in the upcoming months.

I am looking forward to getting back into the rou-



tine of our club with the classes and seminars that will be interesting for new and existing members. I am especially excited about the upcoming FREE Garmin seminar which will teach us tips and techniques to keep us all safe and alert of our surroundings and where we are heading.

I will be attending a Commander's meeting at the beginning of September at the Packard Museum, in Dayton, OH, as we welcome District 24 to our own District 29. This will be a huge win for our district as our chapter will obtain more ideas and share information to help our club grow even larger in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon at the Clubhouse, dinner events, and seminars. Anchors Away!

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Sue Goelz, S



### An Unpredictable Summer on the Water

If this summer has taught us anything, it is that the weather can keep us guessing. Forecasts have changed by the hour, storms have appeared without warning, and planned cruises have required last-minute adjustments. Flexibility is part of boating, but this season has truly tested our ability to adapt.

Our cruise leaders have worked hard to monitor changing conditions and make the best decisions for the safety and enjoyment of all participants. In some cases, departure times have been adjusted, destinations changed, or events postponed altogether. These decisions are never made lightly, but they are necessary when weather conditions become uncertain.

This summer has also highlighted the importance of registering for every cruise you plan to attend.



Registration is not simply a headcount for meals or marina reservations. It is the primary way cruise leaders know who intends to participate and who needs to be informed if plans change.

When weather forces a schedule change, cruise leaders need to be able to quickly contact everyone involved. If a boater is not registered, there is no reliable way to ensure that the crew receives important updates regarding departure times, destination changes, cancellations, or safety concerns.

We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this unusually unpredictable summer. The weather may not always cooperate, but our boating community's flexibility, good spirit, and commitment to safety have helped ensure we continue to enjoy time together on the water.

Fair winds and following seas to all.

## Membership News

*From the National website:*

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| July 1st active members       | 15,136 |
| New Members                   | 84     |
| Deaths                        | 14     |
| Non-Renewals                  | 281    |
| July ending members           | 14,925 |
| National active squadrons     | 257    |
| Central Ohio Squadron Members | 80     |

## FIRST HORIZON

John and Mari Seaver welcomed their new boat, *Serenity*.

*Serenity* is docked near the Seaver's new Condominium at Buckeye Lake.

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# CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- |      |          |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3    | Thursday | TAT Ristorante Famiglia, 1210 South James Rd Columbus 6-9 pm                                                                                                                               |
| 7    | Monday   | LABOR DAY                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9-16 | Wed-Wed  | Lake Cumberland Boat Trip For information or reservations, contact trip Leader, Joe Huffman at 614 620-9596 or <a href="mailto:joes442@sbcglobal.net">joes442@sbcglobal.net</a>            |
| 17   | Thursday | Alum Creek free concert 5:30-8:30 Tim Owings One Man Band                                                                                                                                  |
| 19   | Saturday | Garmin Training session by Brendan Scarpone at ABC Clubhouse 10 AM- Noon Register at <a href="http://www.columbussailandpower.org">www.columbussailandpower.org</a>                        |
| 22   | Tuesday  | Executive Committee Meeting, in person at ABC Clubhouse or via Zoom See the website at <a href="http://www.columbussailandpower.org">www.columbussailandpower.org</a> for more information |

## OCTOBER

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| 1     | Thursday | OKTOBERFEST at Schmidt's Sausage Haus - 240 East Kossuth St., Columbus 6-9 PM                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 23-24 | Fri-Sat  | District 29 FALL CONFERENCE-LEGACY ON THE WATER at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. See the website at <a href="http://www.columbussailandpower.org">www.columbussailandpower.org</a> and register via the form in this <i>Galley Gossip</i> issue. |
| 27    | Tuesday  | Executive Committee Meeting, in person at ABC Clubhouse or via Zoom See the website at <a href="http://www.columbussailandpower.org">www.columbussailandpower.org</a> for more information                                                              |

## NOVEMBER

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| 5  | Thursday | Chapala Mexican Grill 240 N Liberty Street Powell, OH 43065, 5-9 pm Reservations are a must via the website at <a href="http://www.columbussailandpower.org">www.columbussailandpower.org</a> Members and Guests will order from the menu and be responsible for individual checks                              |
| 17 | Tuesday  | Executive Committee Meeting, in person at ABC Clubhouse or via Zoom See the website at <a href="http://www.columbussailandpower.org">www.columbussailandpower.org</a> for more information.                                                                                                                     |
| 26 | Thursday | THANKSGIVING DAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 27 | Friday   | Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith Concert-Schottenstein Center For more information, see the website at <a href="http://www.columbussailandpower.org">www.columbussailandpower.org</a> or contact David Keller at 614 900-8790 or by email at <a href="mailto:david@romerecording.com">david@romerecording.com</a> |

## DECEMBER

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|----|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 | Saturday | Annual Christmas Party, The Morgan House 5300 Glick Road, Dublin <b>Note that the date has been changed from Friday, Dec 4th to Saturday, December 12th.</b>                               |
| 15 | Tuesday  | Executive Committee Meeting, in person at ABC Clubhouse or via Zoom See the website at <a href="http://www.columbussailandpower.org">www.columbussailandpower.org</a> for more information |
| 25 | Friday   | CHRISTMAS DAY                                                                                                                                                                              |

## SAVE THE DATES:

## JANUARY 2027

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|----|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 30 | Saturday | Change of Watch, The Boat House at Confluence Park 679 W. Spring St, Columbus |
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## FEBRUARY 2027

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|-------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7-14  | Sun-Sun | National Meeting of United States Power Squadron, Embassy Suites/Busch Gardens, Tampa, FL                                                                                      |
| 14-21 | Sun-Sun | United States Power Squadron Member Cruise on the Sun Princess from Fort Lauderdale to Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Amber Cove, Dominican Republic |

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Sheryl Mack, P



I hope you are all having a great summer. As usual it is going by much too fast; especially for us as our son is getting married the first week of October, so time is flying by extra fast this year. We have great dinner meetings planned for the club for the remainder of this year and hope you can join us. We will be going to old favorites as well as trying a new places. Please check out the *Galley Gossip* calendar for all the upcoming dinner locations!



On September 3rd we will be dining at TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia in Bexley. Jason and I have never been there, and we are really looking forward to trying their Italian buffet. It has to be good if they are Columbus' oldest Italian Restaurant!

We are especially excited to have Lori Povich and Beth Mills as guest speakers. They are the bass tournament fishing duo known as *2 Chicks in a Boat*. They will regale us with tales of being first-time boat owners, their fishing adventures and share their fishing tips. They will also discuss the important work they do with teaching the youth in our city.



|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Elias Murphy  | Michael S. Hughes |
| Joe Rhodes    | Janet Hern        |
| Martha Beidel | Clark Scheerens   |
| Ruth Wilcox   | Doug Jackson      |
| Melanie Stacy | Maritsa Pastis    |
| Larry Lowe    |                   |

Be sure to RSVP for each upcoming event either online at <https://www.columbussailandpower.org/social-dinner-meetings>, by texting at 614-578-2599 or by email at [sheryl.h.mack@gmail.com](mailto:sheryl.h.mack@gmail.com)

If you have any restaurant or activity suggestions you would like to see planned, please let me know. Also, if you are interested in speaking at one of the social events about a past or upcoming boating trip or know of someone who would like to speak to the group, please reach out.

See you all soon!

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## 2026 ABC/Central Ohio Boating Trips

Information is published on the website at [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org).  
To register for and participate, it is important that you contact the trip leader listed below.

**Sept 9-16 Lake Cumberland, KY**

**Trip leader, Joe Huffman [joes442@gmail.com](mailto:joes442@gmail.com) or 614-620-9696**

I hope you enjoy great boating this September. The Lake Cumberland trip from September 9-16 is still available. Our newsletter welcomes you back to other squadron activities. Meetings, social events, and education options will replace some of the boating time you will be missing while your trusty vessel is "on the hard". Part of your time will focus on improvements to your boat. What do you need to repair, replace, or upgrade? Of course, you know where this SEO message is going!



What do you want to learn during the "off boating season"? **Instructors would like your input!**

Your boating experiences built your skills. We hope to help you build more knowledge that you can apply on your future boating adventures. Knowing what you wish to learn provides motivation for us, too!

We will offer Marine Navigation this fall with a different teaching approach. ASEO, Matt Murphy will use online delivery for much of the content. Built into the class will be labs for in-person learning. Ralph

Newman will start the first class with paper navigation to build a stronger foundation and understanding of electronic navigation.

Engine Maintenance class will be offered this fall as an online virtual class. The number of labs in person will be based on the needs of the students. The class will use models and demonstrations, as well as encourage discussion and questions from members to make it fun to learn together.

We would also like to have some topic-based mini seminars such as battery systems and electrical troubleshooting as an alternative to full courses for members not pursuing certifications.

Do you have a topic suggestion?

Early in the educational year, Matt and I would like to develop an **instructor pairing strategy** where a tech-comfortable instructor handles the screens/electronics while the subject matter expert handles the traditional content. Please consider sharing your skills.

Thank you for reading and thinking. Let's work together to enjoy the next boating season. Please share your interest in courses or seminars and if you are interested in assisting or becoming an instructor, contact me via [r.e.rayburn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.e.rayburn@sbcglobal.net)

## TESTING YOUR BOAT KNOWLEDGE

*For the correct answers, please see page 7.*

### True or False:

1. Red sky at night, sailors delight. Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning.
2. One minute of latitude equals 1/60th of a nautical mile.

### Multiple Choice:

3. What horn signal is sounded when a vessel leaves the dock?
  - a. One short blast
  - b. Two short blasts
  - c. A prolonged blast
  - d. Two prolonged blasts
4. A vessel is required to show a steady yellow stern light if it is engaged in:
  - a. Fishing
  - b. Towing
  - c. Piloting
  - d. Mine clearing
5. A fluke type anchor is best suited for use:
  - a. With rock bottoms
  - b. With heavy grasses
  - c. With a sand or mud bottom
  - d. On coral reefs



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How to take the helm if your boat operator becomes incapacitated. Learn about emergencies on board, and how to return safely to port.

# ABC/Central Ohio

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Lt David R. Fannon, JN

My earliest experience in boating began about 1970 when I helped our next door neighbor in refurbishing an old 16-ft lapstrake motorboat. This was my first and only experience in using cotton rope caulking. I went out on that boat a couple of times and learned how to waterski behind a 35-HP Johnson outboard.

In the early 1980s my dad bought a 19-ft Flying Scot sailboat. He loved to race with the Hoover Yacht Club. I was his crew, and we raced nearly every Sunday afternoon late April thru September for more than ten years. We won first place in the Challengers class one year and I proudly displayed the trophy, an original framed blueprint of the Flying Scot, in my office for six months.

In 1985 Melissa and I went with my parents, sister, and some friends on an American Field Studies sailing expedition. We were on 41-foot ketches (two-masted sailboats) for a week-long sailing experience. We sailed from Port Everglades to Bimini, then to several other islands, ending at Andros Island to catch a small plane back to Ft. Lauderdale. We were the cooks and crew for this barefoot experience. They offered me a job to stay on as a paid crew member at the end of the week, but I had to get back to my real job in order to pay my real bills and besides, my mother-in-law was caring for our two babies and was ready for us to get back.

The first boat I had of my own was a little Sunfish sailboat that was "Laser-rigged" as opposed to the original gaff-rigged style. My younger sister and I had taken sailing lessons offered by ODNR, and they had the small laser sailboats for the course. My second boat was a 14-ft aluminum fishing boat, which I carried atop the little Chevette we owned at the time. The boat was longer than the car!

My Dad had been a member of the Columbus Power Squadron and was a J.N. He encouraged me to become a member and I joined in 1994 when Joe

Mesenburg was commander. I immediately took the public boating course, and began my boating education. Shortly after that I began printing the *Galley Gossip* at our shop and soon was asked to be the editor. I edited for a couple of years with a lot of help from my wife Melissa (who I must confess, really did most of the work).

After our kids were out of college and married, I got the bug to build my own boat. In 2015 I dragged Melissa to the Glen-L Gathering of Boat Builders at Nickajack Lake on the Tennessee River so that we could talk to people who had built their own boats. With that encouragement, in 2016 we returned to

the Gathering towing a partially completed hull not yet ready for the water. In August of 2017 we launched the "Aquatron". Our 13' 6" electric-powered inboard boat comfortably seats four adults or two adults and four small grandchildren.

Our little boat is more than capable of navigating larger bodies of water. We return each September to the Tennessee River for

the Gathering of Boat Builders. One year we towed a 26-foot pontoon boat with engine trouble back downriver to the boat ramp.

In October 2020 we trailered the boat to the Chesapeake Bay for the 24-mile Wye Island Electric Boat Marathon. We crossed six miles of the Eastern Bay from St Michaels, up the Wye River, around Wye Island and back. The *Aquatron* won first place in the "picnic class" division.

In recent years we have enjoyed boating many lakes and rivers throughout Ohio including Hoover, Buckeye, Charles Mill, Buck Creek, Burr Oak, Deer creek, Nimisila (Portage Lakes), Michael J. Kirwan Reservoir, Indian Lake and the Muskingum River to name a few.

I have it in mind (and have purchased the plans) to begin next year building a larger boat to enable extended cruising on protected inland waterways in our retirement years.



David and Melissa Fannon in St. Michaels, MD.

# SUMMER 2026 VSC RECAP

Vessel Safety Checks were performed at Alum Creek ramps on May 17, and May 30-31. In addition, VSCs were performed at Norris Lake. In total, there were 138 VSCs of which 121 were passing. A big thanks to John Pruitt and all our qualified club members!

|                       |           |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Nahum Burt            | 9 checks  | 9 passed  |
| Bob Goelz             | 8 checks  | 5 passed  |
| David Keller          | 13 checks | 11 passed |
| Larry Keough          | 8 checks  | 8 passed  |
| Jason Mack            | 16 checks | 14 passed |
| Sheryl Mack           | 12 checks | 9 passed  |
| Ralph Newman          | 9 checks  | 8 passed  |
| John Pruitt           | 11 checks | 9 passed  |
| Bob Rayburn           | 15 checks | 14 passed |
| John Seaver           | 6 checks  | 4 passed  |
| <i>At Norris Lake</i> |           |           |
| Tracy Garrett         | 12 checks | 12 passed |
| Michael S. Hughes     | 19 checks | 18 passed |



## Boat Knowledge Answers:

1. True
2. False
3. C
4. B
5. C

## Tackle Box Trip June 6th

The boating portion of the Tackle Box trip was cancelled due to rain, but approximately 20 from various squadrons drove to the Tackle Box for a delicious lunch and Saturday rainy day camaraderie.

## Tackle Box Trip June 13th (Rain Date)

Finally, a beautiful day for this trip. Approximately 24 boaters on several boats and from various D29 squadrons traveled Sandusky Bay to the Sandusky River to enjoy Perch lunches at the Tackle Box2.



## Powhatan Point to Marietta July 10-12

Rescheduled for August 28-30. This trip was postponed due to a forecast of excessive rain. Jason and Sheryl Mack made the trip without their boat and offered their view of Marietta via land.

## Alum Creek Lake July 25th

Probably the most beautiful day of the whole summer. The Hern's proudly displayed the club's banner in the boater area North of the Route 36 Bridge.

They tied off with the Keough Clan and the Crothers Family to enjoy good conversation and excellent water conditions.



# Lake Charlevoix, MI

## August 5-11

Four boats were trailered to Charlevoix, MI. David Keller, along with Debbie Stohl, and Maggie hosted the trip which included Joe and Linda Huffman, Phil Osborne and Ruth Wilcox, and Glen and Ruthie Kubinski.

Linda Huffman reports that Charlevoix has a very picturesque downtown with huge baskets



of flowers on both sides of the street for many blocks. It is a vibrant downtown of shops, restaurants, and a beautiful marina with a drawbridge in the middle where boats travel in and out to Lake Michigan. Lake Charlevoix is a crystal-clear lake with many boats of all sizes, many small beaches along the 13-mile-long lake, and with beautiful homes along the shore on either side.

The group travelled into Lake Michigan along the coast finding huge boulders beneath the clear water, then decided to go to Fisherman's Island, but the water was too rough for some. The group spent the daytimes rafting together with some spending time in the cool water.

At the marina, David Keller ran into another Columbus squadron member, Joe Mesenburg and his wife, Karen, who dock their boat there in the summer. David also traveled to Petoskey on Lake Michigan. The city of Petoskey is named after the Petoskey stone which is a fossilized coral

and Michigan's official state stone. The stone is found along the shores and is sometimes made into jewelry.



*If you noted that rain was the theme of the 2026 boating season as early as May and a major detriment to the planned boating club trips this season, Larry Keough noticed it as well. As a result, Larry did some weather research and submitted the following article.*

## Ohio's Summer Winds: Calmer on Average, More Volatile in Reality

Gusty winds produced rare whitecaps on a Central Ohio lake a few weeks ago.

Just one week later, strong winds again created challenges for boaters trying to launch and dock at the same lake.

Those back-to-back events, both associated with small craft warnings, raise an important question: Are winds over Ohio's waterways becoming more intense?

The answer is a weather paradox. Two seemingly contradictory statements are both true.

Average wind speeds across Ohio and Lake Erie have not steadily increased. In fact, long-term meteorological records indicate a slight decline in mean wind speeds. At the same time, summer weather has become more volatile, with occasional extreme wind gusts, storm surges, and powerful wave action.



Boaters should not be lulled into complacency by lower average wind speeds. Instead, they should remain alert for rapidly changing weather conditions, including dark, threatening clouds, sudden temperature drops, falling barometric pressure, and shifting wind directions.

Before heading onto the water, obtaining a marine forecast is essential. A good rule of thumb is to err on the side of caution. If forecasts suggest deteriorating conditions, postpone the trip. There will always be another opportunity to enjoy the water when the weather is more favorable.

Once underway, boaters should continuously monitor their Very High Frequency (VHF) radio, especially Channel 16, for weather updates and emergency information. Early awareness of changing conditions often provides enough time to return safely to port before severe weather arrives.

Captains also should evaluate how long it will take to reach safe harbor. If severe weather develops too quickly to outrun, the safest course may be to ride out the storm by securely anchoring the vessel. When possible, move to a protected leeward location where wind has minimal distance to build waves, then deploy a properly sized primary anchor and allow sufficient scope for secure holding.

Weather is also influencing Ohio's waterways in another way. Air temperatures have increased over the past several decades, contributing to water temperatures that are now roughly 2 to 4 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than they once were. Higher humidity levels are also becoming more common, adding to summertime heat stress.

Even so, summer water temperatures in many Central Ohio lakes and rivers generally remain a refreshing 77 to 78 degrees Fahrenheit, providing welcome relief for water skiers, wakeboarders, swimmers, and other recreational boaters during the hottest days of summer.



# USPS District 29-2026 Fall Conference Registration

October 23–25, 2026

The Inn at Ohio Northern University 525 South Main Street, Ada, Ohio 45810

Hotel Reservation Deadline is Wednesday, September 23, 2026 • (419) 772-2500

Online hotel reservations: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/113953?groupId=5089802>

Anyone attending this conference and partaking in Lunch and/or Dinner must register using this form. **Delegates must use this form to register.** Delegates, your Squadron will send your fees directly to the D29 Treasurer, you do not need to pay for meals. But you do need to register.

**Saturday Lunch Menu:** Your choice of Boneless Grilled Chicken, or USDA Prime Beef Burger, along with House Garden Salad, and Pasta Salad, Cookies and Brownies for dessert, and Coffee and Non-alcoholic Beverages.

**Price \$32 per person.** Circle C if you want chicken, or circle B for beef. Leave blank if you are not eating lunch.

**Saturday Dinner Menu:** Your choice of Chicken Marsala or Italian Meatball pasta tossed in our signature house-made red sauce, infused with aromatic Italian herbs and paired with our house-made Italian meatballs crafted from ground beef, Italian sausage, gluten-free bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, and Italian herbs. Both dinners include: rolls, soup, salad, chef's choice of potato, vegetable, and dessert, regular and decaffeinated coffee, assorted teas, iced water and lemonade.

**Price \$41 per person.** Circle C if you want Chicken Marsala or P if you want Pasta. Leave blank if you are not eating dinner.  
Special Dietary needs? Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print and fill in the information below and mail to the address indicated below. Please indicate that you will attend Lunch and/or Dinner.

| Rank  | Name  | Grade | Lunch<br>(circle)<br>C or R | Dinner<br>(circle)<br>C or P | Delegate<br>(circle)<br>Yes No | Amount   |
|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | C or R                      | C or P                       | Yes No                         | \$ _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | C or R                      | C or P                       | Yes No                         | \$ _____ |
| Guest | _____ |       | C or R                      | C or P                       |                                | \$ _____ |
| Guest | _____ |       | C or R                      | C or P                       |                                | \$ _____ |

Is this your 1<sup>st</sup> District Conference? \_\_\_\_ Yes Total Submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the completed Registration Form and Check-Payable to *USPS District 29. Mail to P/D/C Pam Coykendale, AP, 1850 W. Lakeshore Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452-9091. Deadline: Registration and Check must be received by 09 October 2026.*

**Delegates must use this form to register.**

**Dress Code for Lunch and Dinner:** Saturday afternoon is Uniform F for Bridge Officers, and USPS attire of Uniform F for others.

**Saturday evening dress code** is Uniform A with Bow Tie for Bridge Officers, Cocktail, Business Attire, or Uniform A with Bow Tie for others.

## D/29 2026 Spring Conference Information and Schedule:

Friday Night

|                |                                             |                            |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3:00 - 7:00 PM | Registration                                | Check-in Area, Hotel Lobby |
| 7:00 - 9:00 PM | Social: Columbus Power Squadron Hospitality |                            |

Saturday

|                   |                                                                |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 6:00 - 9:30 AM    | Continental Breakfast included with room rate                  | Lobby                      |
| 8:00 - 9:15 AM    | Registration                                                   | Check-in Area, Hotel Lobby |
| 8:00 - 9:30 AM    | P/D/C Planning Committee Meeting                               |                            |
| 9:30 - 10:15 AM   | Winter Haul out & Maintenance: Getting Your Boat Ready for Bed | P/C Brian Crabbe, AP       |
| 9:30 - 10:15 AM   | Advanced Marine Navigation; An Introduction                    | P/R/C Robert Rayburn, SN   |
| 10:30 - 11:15 AM  | IMIS - New Updates and Uses                                    | V/C Larry Cole, SN         |
| 10:30 - 11:15 AM  | TBD - Something from the Education Department                  | P/D/Lt/C Mark Dahlmann, SN |
| 12:00 - 1:00 PM   | Lunch                                                          |                            |
| 1:30 - 3:00 PM    | D-29 Business Meeting                                          |                            |
| 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Conference Activity:                                           |                            |
| 5:00 - 6:00 PM    | District Commander's Reception                                 |                            |
| 6:00 - 8:00 PM    | Dinner                                                         |                            |

Sunday

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