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CPSP Dinner Meeting — Thurs., 5 November La Scala Restaurant, Dublin

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Management!)*

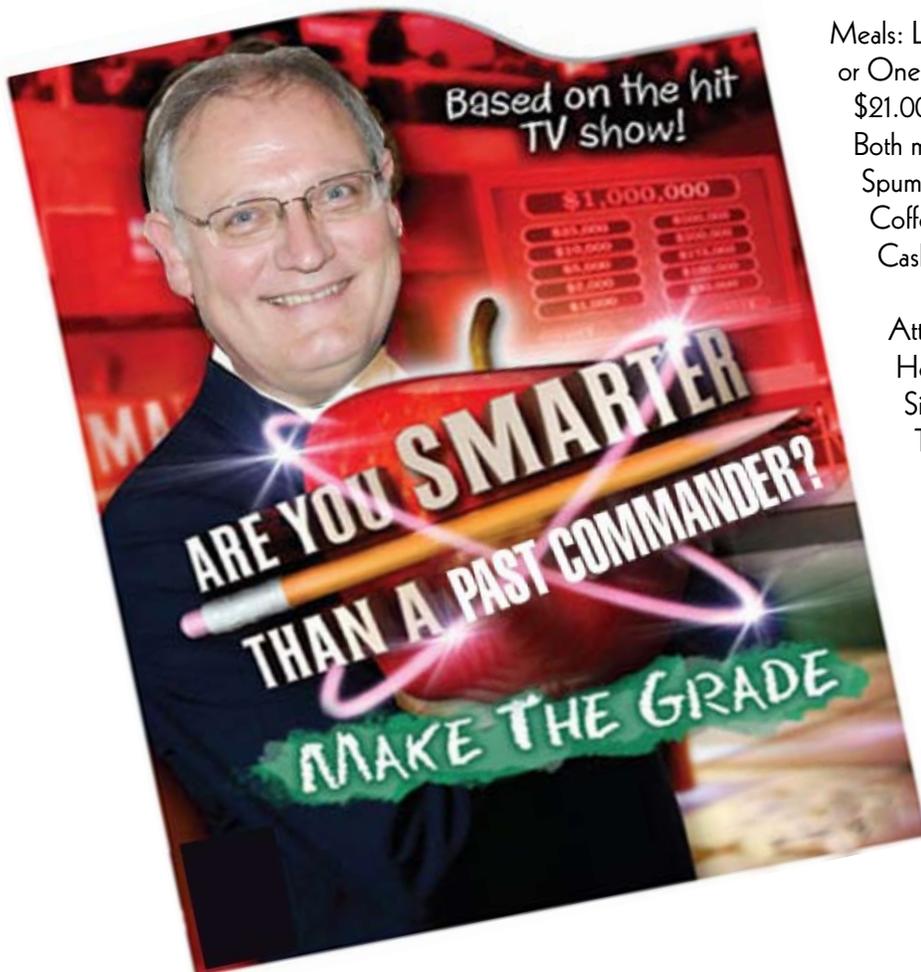
Program: It's a Live Game Show - ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A PAST COMMANDER?!

Time: Social Time 1830

Dinner 1915 (during dessert we will have the meeting and Commander's agenda items)

Game Show 2000

Location: La Scala, 4199 W Dublin Granville Rd., Dublin, OH 43017 (614) 889-9431 <http://lascalaitalianbistro.com/>



Meals: La Scala Lasagna \$19.00

or One Half Broiled Chicken with Garlic smashed potatoes \$21.00

Both meals include Italian salad Ciabatta bread & butter,

Spumoni ice cream

Coffee, tea, milk

Cash Bar

Attire: Business casual

Hey, the game show trumps Don and Matt singing Sinatra or an auction!

Take part in the audience or you could be a contestant. Either way you are sure to have a great time. Questions and Answers easy to a little harder about boating will be the challenge to the contestants. Prizes will be given to the contestants!

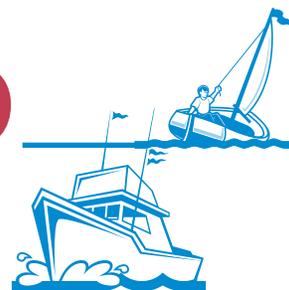
Please RSVP your party with your meal choice and guest names to CSPS@insight.rr.com or call Matthew Murphy at 614-886-6732. RSVP by Sunday 25 October please!



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 5 Thursday Monthly Dinner Meeting
- 13-15 Fri.-Sun D/29 Fall Conference - Findlay
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee - 7:30 p.m. - HQ
- 27 Friday January *GG* info due

DECEMBER

- 4 Friday Holiday Party - CORRECTED DATE!
- 15 Tuesday Executive Committee - 7:30 p.m. - HQ
- 18 Friday February *GG* info due

JANUARY 2010

- 7 Thursday Dinner Meeting & Elections
- 9-17 Columbus Boat & RV Show
- 26 Tuesday Executive Committee - 7:30 p.m. - HQ
- 29 Friday March *GG* info due

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Robert L. Prior, S



As this is written, I am 6 days past the deadline for this article and no doubt trying editors Melissa and Tracy's patience. After spending the better part of two days in the hospital, I blew up my original piece and elected to start over and go in a different direction.

The pain that drove me to the ER was about as acute as anything I have ever experienced in my life. The symptom for severe esophagitis mimics a heart attack and I did my best to dissuade the doc from that diagnosis. Between the ER cardiologist and our Law Officer, Patti, I didn't stand a chance; in spite of my best efforts, they admitted me. By now, you might be asking yourself, "Why is the commander boring us with his medical issues." Let me explain.

In the course of my dialogue with the doctor, he said the following that changed my mind completely. "Mr. Prior, you are probably right that you are not having a heart attack. But let's suppose for a moment you are wrong and you go home now. I can tell you from being the chief cardiologist at the Riverside ER for 20 years that there are no do-overs for a fatal heart attack!" "Safety" is the squadron's mantra; same with the doctor.

The phrase "no do-over" strikes home to us as boaters. The same term can be applied to a catastrophic event taking place on the water. In spite of our years of experience, it



is easy to become complacent and take short cuts. Odds are that all will be fine – nearly all of the time. But it only takes once. Please see the enclosed photo of an event that took place mid September at Lake Erie. Things can go wrong, and a catastrophic event takes place. As much as we may wish for it, there will be no "do-overs" for the crew involved in this accident (3 hospitalized, one via Life-Flight). As boaters,

it is our job to expect the unexpected on the water – at all times.

A tried and proven path to protecting ourselves for an abrupt incident is to continue to educate ourselves. As squadron members, we have access to a wide variety of excellent courses taught by knowledgeable and dedicated instructors. We have ramped up your educational opportunities. Check the website for our offerings and sign up by contacting Squadron Education Officer, Debbie Smith at boatmansteve@sbcglobal.net

In closing, my ticker passed numerous tests with flying colors and for that I praise God.



Boat Explodes at Lake Erie

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN



We are well into the football season and the leaves may all be down. If you still have your boat in service, you are a definitely a die-hard boater. We had our first trailer tune-up day at Headquarters with members and non-members attending. We replaced old lights with new LED ones which do not have to be unplugged when you back into the water; we installed bearing buddies that keep bearings greased and we did a brake check. Many squeaks were lubricated, tire pressures checked and a bunch of laughs along the way. We hope to make this an annual event – as this is a great time to prep your trailer for winter storage.

Propeller or impeller? What is it AND when do you change it? A propeller has one or more blades and operates like a rotating screw to move you through the water. You



should change the propeller when it is damaged to the point of being out of balance. You can do a visual inspection; you may hear a change when running the prop or notice a difference in speed/RPM while operating. An impeller pulls water into your engine jackets to cool things down. If you notice your engine temperature running high, this could be the culprit. The impeller should be changed every other year. The fall is the best time to replace the impeller when you are changing your drive oil. As always, you should follow the manufacturer's service manual.

The Fall District 29 conference will be held at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center this month on the 13-15th. Our squadron has a great turn-out at these events, but we would like to see more of you. These conferences are not just for board members, they are for all members of the squadron. This is an opportunity to meet members from other squadrons and compare notes on places to boat, places to visit and hear of great trips of the season. If you have any questions on attending a conference, please call me. We would like to see you at a conference this year.



Thanks to all that attended the September dinner meeting at our home. We had a great time and what a pleasantly unexpected turn out. 39 people attended! We had great weather and lots of food and the price was perfect according to those that attended.



Sunday 27 September I attended a great session to work on our trailers at HQ. Lt/C Hughes taught me and several others that attended some best practices about our trailers. I hope this activity continues regularly. Thanks to Lt/C Hughes, P/C Phil Osborne and Lt "Bob" Wells for the support as well.

Are you smarter than a Past Commander? -- Or at least other contestants? Come find out **5 November 2009**. We are going to produce a live game show at La Scala. The game will go something like this. Contestants will be selected at random that evening from the dinner attendees. The game show host will ask questions from entry level Squadron class manuals, state boating laws, ect. The P/Cs and the audience will have a chance to give input—whether it is helpful or not! The contestant will decide if they want to use the answers provided by the P/C or use their own. Questions will get progressively harder with each round. Contestants will win prizes and show how "smart" they are. This should be a blast! LaScala is under new management and ownership but don't worry. The changes are refreshing but the favorites are not gone. Check your calendar now and RSVP. See the cover for details.

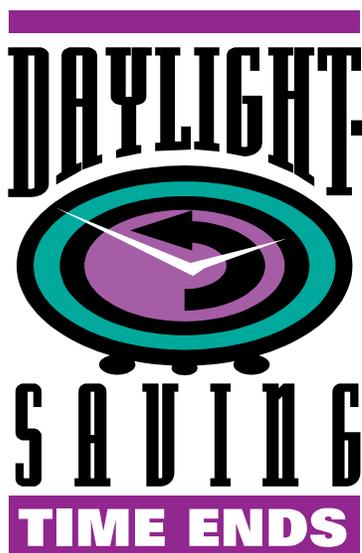
The Christmas Party – during a planning meeting I discovered a discrepancy in the date. After falling on my sword at ECOM we confirmed the date is Friday 4 December. Santa will be there and a great holiday evening is in store. We will send out more information in the coming weeks. We will give you room rates and all the information for the party. Location is the Dublin Metro Hotel.

Orange and grapefruit sales are off and running. We will deliver product late November or early December. Contact your favorite ECOM member to place your order. Fresh citrus makes great healthy gifts for the holidays too. If you would like to order on line Navigate to URL: <http://www.fruitorder.com> and enter organization ID **587624**. Prices are in line with or less than Kroger or Giant Eagle and of superior quality. We can order oranges, grapefruit or a mix of both. Prices start at \$16.00 for 10 lbs. We sell up to 40 lb. cartons. We will accept cash or check in person and we can take credit card orders on line. Contact me for questions or assistance at 614-886-6732.

BE A VOLUNTEER



WANTED: Do you have a background in Marketing or Public Relations? If you have a few hours each month to give to the squadron, your help would be greatly appreciated. Some things we promote outside the squadron: Public boating class in February, Seminar Series in the fall, Safe Boating Week, Delaware Dam painting in July. If you are interested please contact Tracy Garrett at 614-488-4758 or via email at mtbuckets@aol.com



Sunday 1 Nov. @ 2 am.
Time to fall back.

Merit Marks Due

Merit Marks are due by 11-4-09 for members who have performed service on behalf of the squadron for the year. Please submit your lists to Don Delewese today at h119don@earthlink.net with a list of the date, event, member name and certificate #, and a description of the job including number of hours. Please email Don your individual merit mark hours for service performed outside of a group setting. Recognizing the efforts of our members is our goal.



The class schedules are set and we are ready for the fall season to begin. Remember that education is one of the main goals of the USPS, so please sign up for a class this fall and help make your boating adventures the best possible for all.



The seminar series will begin on Thursdays, beginning October 22nd at the Grandview Heights High School Library located at 1587 W 3rd Ave, Grandview Heights, OH from 7pm-9:30pm. Attend one, two or all six seminars - \$25 member/\$30 non-member per seminar per family or \$125 member/\$150 non-member for all 6. RSVP to Debbie Smith at 614-890-5864 or email debralee@sbcglobal.net. Please RSVP one week before seminar begins.

October 29 Trailing Your Boat – Selecting a trailer and the art of launching and retrieving AND Licensing and Titling * Introduction to Trailing * Choosing your Tow vehicle * Match the Tow to the load * Weight to include * Trailer data plate * Trailer hitches * Locking coupler to ball * Tires * Types of trailers * The Art of Towing * Launching * Retrieval * And More!

November 12 How To Use A Chart – You are here

(start) and want to go there (destination) What charts show navigators above and below the water including obstructions * Chart features * Depths, Heights and Landmarks * Using Chart Scales * Aids to Navigation * Latitude and Longitude * Planning your course * What's in your way * PLUS Waterproof guide included!

November 19 Using Electronic Navigation – GPS on the water is distinctively different than the moving maps in your car. Find answers to Operating your GPS * What the buttons do * What the screens show * To use the functions * Navigate a safe course * Tips on choosing a GPS that's best for you - PLUS Waterproof guide included with essential information

December 3 Onboard Weather Forecasting – determining the conditions you may encounter during an outing - Basic weather knowledge * What causes weather * Understanding clouds and winds * Advancing weather systems * Refining your own forecasts * Using your eyes and senses * PLUS - Waterproof guide included with essential information!

December 10 Using VHF & DSC Marine Radio – Coastal and Emergency Communications - Using the correct channels * Correct procedures and terminology * Advanced methods of communication * How DSC's work and their controls * Practice DSC calls using the included CD simulator - PLUS - waterproof guide included with essential information.

Schedule of Fall Classes 2009

| Course | First Class | Time | Location | Duration | Cost | Instructor |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|----------|----------|--|--------------------|
| Piloting | CANCELLED UNTIL SPRING | | | | | |
| Navigation | Mon., Oct. 5 | 7:30 p.m. | HQ | | \$150 | Roger Hankle, SN |
| Engine Maintenance | Wed. Oct. 7 | 7:30 p.m. | HQ | 13 weeks | \$60 | Michael Hughes, JN |
| Seminar series | Thurs. Oct. 22, 29 Nov. 12, 19 Dec 3, 10 | 7:00 p.m. | GHHS | 6 weeks | Public: \$30 per seminar \$150 series CSPS: \$25 per seminar \$125 series | |
| Junior Navigation review | call if interested | | | | | |

Headquarters address: 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035
GHHS: Grandview Heights High School - 1587 W. Third Ave., Grandview Heights 43212

For registration call SEO Debbie Smith, AP, at 614-890-5864



Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Minutes of the Executive Committee 22 September 2009

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

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

Lt/C Debbie Smith, AP, gave the invocation.

Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary confirmed a quorum was present.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr Robert L. Prior, S, Executive Officer Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN, Administration Officer Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P, Education Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith, AP, Secretary Steve Smith, JN, Treasurer Lt/C Theresa Nadolson, S, Lt David Brewer, S, Lt Tammy Cohee, AP, Lt Tracy Garrett, S, Lt Wade Grosz, AP, P/C Roger Hankle, SN, Lt Ron Lavelly, JN, Lt Jeff Mirgon, S, Lt Bill Mohrman, AP, Lt Tom Norman, S.

Others present were P/C Larry Lowe, SN, P/C David Michael, P, P/C Phil Osborne, JN, Sea Gals Co-Commander Mary Lauer, P.

With no objection, the order of business was varied to expedite the meeting.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

A reminder that Friday is the deadline for the *Galley Gossip*.

Commander's Comments, Cdr Robert Prior:

"Tie One On" is the theme for the D29 Fall Conference. As members of the Executive Committee, I urge you to attend to help represent our squadron. District functions are fun, educational and rewarding. This year's D29 Fall Conference will be held at the Findlay Inn & Conference Center, 13-15 November, hosted by the Fostoria squadron, soon to be "Findlay Sail and Power Squadron." When I receive sign up procedures, I will get them into everyone's hands.

Speaking of District 29, just a reminder that we will be co-hosting our October dinner meeting with Findlay and Marion. I will let Matt provide the details. A strong representation from Columbus is greatly encouraged. The date is 20 October.

If you have not had your vessel safety checked as of yet, there is still time. My sincerest gratitude to those who have taken the time to have your boat inspected and to those of our squadron who have volunteered their time to serve as VSC examiners. Those of us on EXCOM need to set the example; therefore, please know that there is still ample time to get your boat inspected.

A great deal of progress has been made in the last few years to put systems into place for the long range protection and improvement of our Great Lakes. In spite of the progress, the Great Lakes Compact and various action plans, clean up projects are not being adequately funded. There remain over 70 sites that badly need remediation, mostly in harbors and river beds that house toxins and heavy metals in their sediment. It is reported that these projects will require \$7 billion in additional funding.

Report of Officers:

Executive Officer Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN:

The Trailer Tune-up day is this Sunday at 2pm in the Headquarters parking lot. As of this morning, there are 4 people signed up. If any of you at this table would like to join us, please let me know tonight.

The 1st Annual Shoot-Out is Sunday, October 11th at 9am. Location is Norton Sporting Goods in Waldo, OH. This event is growing daily. Bring your friends, family or your mother-in-law. Some ammo will be available for purchase thru Norton's. There will be many firearms available to view. Cost is \$10 per person payable at the event.

The planning meeting for the 2010 Summer Cruises will be held in October or early November. Be thinking of where you would like to cruise, be it on destinations on the Great Lakes or river cruises. Watch your inbox and the *Galley Gossip* for more info.

Tracy & I, along with Phil Osborne and Ruth Wilcox, attended the Coast Guard Auxiliary formal banquet on Friday night. They had a lovely turnout, great music, food and fellowship. The Coast Guard is feeling the strain of the times as well as us; however, they are committed to a higher level of National Security than we are.



Administrative Officer Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P:

10 September dinner meeting rendered an unexpectedly good turn out. Deb and I very much enjoyed having those who attended at our home. We had 39 actual attendees. PC Don and Lt Dave Ehrbar were the grill chefs and the weather was perfect. Karen Snyder received her new member pin and several others received awards. We had six (6) guests and lots of food.

20 October will be a special joint dinner meeting between Lima, Marion and Columbus Power Squadrons. Uniform A or Business attire is suggested but certainly all are welcome at our events and come as you are. See the October GG cover for more details or see the website calendar of events (thanks Theresa). I personally find this topic very interesting and hope that- for all the work that has gone into it- that RSVPs are early and in great numbers. Marysville is a short drive but if anyone needs a ride or wishes to car pool, post a request out on the Columbus Sail and Power Facebook site or contact me directly murphygm@insight.rr.com 614-886-6732. Cost is \$23. Cash bar.

"Life on the Great Lakes Freighters"

Speaker Glen Nekvasil, Vice President - Corporate Communications, Lake Carriers' Association in Rocky River

Time: Social Time 1830

Dinner 1900

Program 2000 lasting 45 minutes plus a 15 minute Q&A*

Location: Karen's Event Center, 16701 Square Drive, Marysville, Ohio 43040 937.644.0731

www.kareneventcenter.com

Meal Choices: Baked Swiss Steak and Honey Baked Ham; Real Mashed Potatoes; Green Beans; Seven Layer Salad; Rolls/Butter; Coffee/Punch/Iced Tea/Sodas; Cookies.

RSVP is critical for meal planning and cost management. Email RSVPtoCSPS@insight.rr.com or call Matthew Murphy at 614-886-6732. Please designate meal choice.

*Please note out of respect to the crew of the Edmund Fitzgerald no questions will be entertained on that particular topic.

5 November 2009 will be a return to an old land-based marina for the Squadron that is under new ownership and management. The location is the La Scala. The program is something I think will be very fun, educational and entertaining. **Are you smarter than a Past Commander?** We will produce a live game show based on questions from entry level Squadron class manuals, state boating laws, ect. and make them progressively harder with each round. We will have prizes and a host. Contestants will be selected at random that evening. Audience and Past Commander participation will keep things exciting.

The Christmas Party - during a planning meeting I discovered a discrepancy in the date. I have asked Commander Prior to include an agenda item to finalize the date with the board. The facts currently are we have published December 5 as the date. We have reserved the banquet room date as Friday December 4. Marion's Christmas Party is 5 December. I'm told historically that participation was better on Friday instead of Saturday for family reasons for the Columbus Party.

District 29 Fall Conference is 13-15 November. I plan to attend and have a ball. I encourage you to attend.

Fruit Sales are officially starting. We will deliver product late November or early December. I have prepared sales packets for those who can take some orders. Please do what you can to help by either taking or placing orders or both. Prices are in line with or less than Kroger or Giant Eagle and of superior quality. We can order oranges, grapefruit or a mix of both. Prices start at \$16.00 for 10 lbs. The final delivery date will be determined by week's end. We will accept cash or check in person and we can take credit card orders on line. Navigate to URL: <http://www.fruitorder.com> and enter organization ID **587624**. Pre-payment is expected to place the order. Contact me for questions or assistance.

I will defer to Ron Lavelly for rendezvous reports.

I will defer to Commander Prior for membership discussion.

Educational Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith, AP:

The class schedule has been set and information sent out to publicize the public seminars we are offering. The schedule is as follows:

• 5 Oct, Monday - Piloting and Navigation will both be in the building.

Piloting will be \$70 and Navigation we will try to hold at \$150. We are getting a good response to the Navigation course even at that price.

• 7 Oct, Wednesday - Engine Maintenance will be \$60.

The seminar series will be at Grandview Heights High School at 1900. The



dates are on Thursdays, 22 & 29 October, 12 & 19 November, and 3 & 10 December. The cost for squadron members is \$25 per seminar or \$125 for the series. The public cost is \$30 per seminar or \$150. The seminar topics are:

- Boat Handling Under Power
- Trailing your Boat
- How to use a Chart
- On Board Weather Forecasting
- Electronic Navigation
- Using VHF and SSB Radio

We just received the grades for Seamanship and we had a pretty good class. Six out of seven individuals passed with flying colors.

Most of you here know what a GPS is, but how many have heard of DSP? See if you can search it out, as I am, and will get back to you with the breaking developments soon, I hope.

Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN:

As of now I have only received a few updates to the updated roster that was sent out a few weeks ago. Please review your information and send me any updates.

Treasurer, Lt/C Theresa Nadolson, S:

The monthly financial statements were presented and reviewed. Some members renewed their dues this year and did not pay the additional squadron dues increase due to a delay in implementing the increase. A review will be made to catch up on this matter.

Past Commander P/C David Michael, P:

Budget planning for next year needs to be done soon.

Ch/Rules Committee, P/C Roger Hankle, SN:

I want to remind everyone that we are tasked to continually review the bylaws and if you see anything that needs updating, please bring it up.

Member at large reports:

Lt Tracy Garrett, S:

Public relations includes Columbus Monthly, Skuttlebutt, SNP, Columbus Dispatch, radio, etc.

The *Galley Gossip* has info on the D/29 conference. Make your hotel reservations direct with the hotel. The 2010 national calendar will be available next week. The *Galley Gossip* is full of tidbits. Read them all.

Galley Gossip articles are due this Friday.

Lt Jeff Mirgon:

The squadron "facebook" page is up and operating. An easy way to find it is to type "facebook" into your web browser.

The next safe boating class will be 22 Feb – 29 Apr 2010.

Lt Bill Mohrman, AP:

The seminar series will begin in about 3 weeks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee Chair: P/C Ron DeCapio, AP:

Note: other members of the nominating committee are P/C David Michael and John Mattis, S

P/C David Michael reported that the nominating committee is presently working on nominations for offices for the January ballot.

Rules Committee Chair: P/C Roger Hankle, SN:

Just a reminder that everyone should be reviewing sop's to verify the procedures are still accurate.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Bob Van Der Wissel: absent.

There was a comment by the Commander that we should all submit merit mark information ASAP after an event to avoid forgetting as time goes by.

Property Officer: Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN:

Some residents in our squadron HQ building complex have experienced

leaking roofs. We have not experienced this problem as yet, but the management company is having the roofs re-done as there is a material defect that may develop. There is no cost to us. Holland roofing will be performing the work.

Supply Officer: Lt Jim Igo: absent

Note: the Commander noted that ship's store is setup in the corner. If you need anything, call Jim Igo.

SEA GALS: Mary Lauer, P:

The Sea Gals had a good turnout at Casa Patron. There was no markup in the price of the meal, so the only profit made was in the 50/50 drawing. The next event is on 10 Oct and will be held at the Hupman's home at Buckeye Lake. On 10 Nov, the Sea Gals are planning an event at squadron HQ. Look for info in the *Galley Gossip*.

Looking ahead, the Sea Gals rendezvous in 2010 is scheduled for 6-8 Aug at Kelly's Island, Port Side.

Special Committees:

Web Master: Lt/C Theresa Nadolson:

Our squadron facebook page has a link on the squadron web page.

Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett

Sign up your Kroger Card to link with the squadron. The procedures have been sent out by email. It will benefit the squadron and not cost you anything.

The boat shows are coming with the first one during the period of 9 Jan – 17 Jan 2010. The second show will be 11 – 14 February 2010.

Boating Activities: Lt Ron Lavelly:

The Vermillion Rendezvous was absolutely beautiful. All had a great time.

The Leamington Rendezvous was 4 days and we had super weather. It included a prime rib cookout that was great.

Squadron Remote Education: P/C Larry Lowe:

Nothing is scheduled at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Lt David Brewer contacted Alum Creek, and received volunteer paperwork that needs to be completed. Dates of the cleanup have not yet been determined.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ODNR grant opportunity – Tom Norman attended a seminar that is required in preparation for submitting a grant request. Our deadline to submit the request is 23 October. Work is now in progress.

2. Fund raising for the citrus orders was explained by Lt/C Matt Murphy and packets were distributed. See a bridge officer or member at large to place an order.

3. The EXCOM voted to accept a new member – Ursula Marshalek, welcome aboard. There was further discussion on the need to follow SOPs.

4. Lt/C Matt Murphy explained there was an error in setting the date of our Christmas/Holiday Party. It was mistakenly set for 5 Dec. A motion was made to change the date to Friday 4, Dec as this is the date the event is booked. MOTION passed. It will be held at the Dublin Metro Hotel.

5. P&L – Bob/Theresa. Funds from the Judy Lowe fund have been transferred to cover the costs of the last public boating course.

Sick Bay:

Roger Hankle – 27 Oct ankle surgery

Announcements:

• Next Dinner Meeting: 20 October, in Marysville – joint meeting with two other squadrons

• Next ECOM meeting – 27 October at HQ

• D29 2009 Fall Conference 13-15 November, Findlay Inn and Conference Center.

The meeting adjourned at 2145.

Harsens Island Summer Cruise

By Ron Lavelly

On June 18, thirty-three people left their homes and headed for the historic Harsens Island area located in the upper portion of Lake St Clair with most towing their trailer boats. There were 12 trailer boats and three boats that cruised across Lake Erie in heavy weather conditions. Harsens Island is a very historic and nautical place about 50 miles north of Detroit. Called the St Clair Delta Flats, the area is made up of hundreds of small islands with many shallow bays and lagoons connected by channels that run 30 to 60 feet deep. Harsens Island, the largest island, is where Henry Ford had his summer home and is near the original location of the famous Chris Craft factory. This was a favorite area among many famous people, including several Presidents, for duck hunting and fishing. On Harsens Island, instead of watering your lawn, you start a small pump every so often and pump the water out of your lawn. Harsens Island is on the main shipping channel between Lake Huron and Lake Erie. More freighters travel down this channel each year than travel through the Panama Canal and the Suez Canal combined.

For land vehicles, the Island is only accessible by ferry from Algonac MI. This is where the term 'island time' comes alive as everything is so laid back. A vehicle with a boat trailer costs \$15 round trip and the ferry collects on the way to the island. When asked about a return trip ticket, they said it was not needed; if you're on the island you already paid round trip.

Except for the couples that stayed on the three big boats everyone else stayed in one of the five Bed & Breakfast homes rented for the weekend. The one Linda & I stayed in was

beautifully loaded with antiques and came with a lovely lady who prepared breakfast and evening snacks for our group. Other B&Bs did not come with a house lady so the renters took care of their own food. The weekend rates were very reasonable.

We spent most of the days cruising around the islands and up the channels. Some boats traveled as far north as

Sarnia ON. Lake Huron was about a 45 minute cruise north up the St. Clair River from Harsen's Island. The weather was great except for some morning showers. Some

people enjoyed the famous "Brown's Bar & Grill" located on stilts in the marsh land of Dickerson Island, one of the bigger islands.

Saturday evening we dined at the Idle Hour Yacht Club. Door prizes were awarded by Commander Prior before the evening's

entertainment began. Brian Bosman, a one man show, sang while playing musical instruments, rocked out as Elvis, and had lots of audience participation.

The highlight of his show was his dummy as it was discovered that Tom Norman found his long lost son. There was a lot of interaction on stage between Tom and the dummy. Brian even showed us

how to use a bull whip to flick a cigarette out of Tom's mouth. Tom worked hard trying to steal the show. After a great evening with all our friends we went back to our B&Bs for a good night's sleep. Sunday morning, after breakfast, found most crews preparing to load up and head back south. We will never forget this short journey to a very unusual location. And we will also

not forget about the joy of Tom Norman being rejoined with his long lost son.



Phil Osborne and Barbara Hupman discuss the freighter traffic and the beautiful scenery.



Commander Prior in a heated cornhole competition with Eli Murphy.



John & Cindy Dolan, brother and sister-in-law of Mary Mirgon, joined us for the weekend.



Jeff Mirgon and Michael Hughes as members of the one man show.



Tom Norman with his long lost son, Tom Jr.



Michael Hughes checks out the freighter designation book with Jeff & Mary Mirgon.



USPS District 29 Fall 2009 Conference

"Tie Up Here"

Hosted by the Fostoria Sail & Power Squadron
Friday to Sunday, Nov 13 to Nov 15, 2009
at the Findlay Inn & Conference Center

There is no fee for the conference (except requested meals), but registration is required.



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"Wear your own tie to the Friday night party - or we will provide one for you."

Friday Activities -

1700 - 2100
1900 - 2100

Registration
"Tie Up Here & Tie One On" Party - Everyone must wear a tie.

Saturday Activities -

0700 - 0900
0930 - 1145

Coffee in the hotel lobby. Breakfast provided for hotel guests.
D/29 Business Meeting for Delegates (with break at 1030)
Message from National Rep P/V/C Joseph R. Mesenburg at 1045

1145 - 1300
1315 - 1415

Lunch
Educational Sessions I
The Great Loop - Part 1; Squadron Web Sites; USPS Radar Seminar Part 1

1430 - 1530

Educational Sessions II
The Great Loop - Part 2; Squadron Web Sites; USPS Radar Seminar Part 2

1545 - 1645

Educational Sessions III
Boat Cleaning & Maintenance; USPS Education Updates; and one more TBA
District Commander's Cocktail Party

1800 - 1900
1915 - 2015

Dinner
"Pantasia" Findlay High School Steelband - see www.pantasia.org

Sunday Activities -

0730 - 0900
0900 - 1000

Coffee in the hotel lobby. Breakfast provided for hotel guests.
Conference Committee Wrap-Up Meeting - All members welcome; Commanders should attend

Dress: Friday - casual (must have tie) Saturday day - Uniform F or appropriate attire;
Saturday evening - Uniform A or appropriate attire Sunday - casual

Saturday Afternoon Feature
A trip to **The Mazza Museum: International Art from Picture Books** - the first and largest teaching museum devoted to literacy and the art of children's picture books.

Hotel Reservations

Findlay Inn & Conference Center - 200 E Main Cross St - Findlay OH 45840 - 419-422-5682

Rooms are \$75.00 plus tax (Total = \$85.07), single or double occupancy.

Make your own reservations with the hotel by Saturday, October 31. Room availability not guaranteed after Oct. 31
Please mention you are with the D29 Power Squadron Fall Conference.

Detach and Send this form with payment by Saturday, October 31 to:

D/29 Fall 2009 Conference Registration Form

Deadline for reservations is Saturday, October 31, 2009

The cost of meals after October 31 is \$19.00 for lunch and \$31.00 for dinner.
No reservations will be accepted after November 8.

P/V/C Doug Kerr, SN
450 Snow Trail Drive
Findlay OH 45840
419-423-8485
dougkerr@woh.rr.com

1. Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Address _____ Phone# _____

Squadron _____ Email _____ Is this your first conference? _____

Are you a delegate? Yes No If so, are your meals paid for by your squadron? Yes No

2. Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Address _____ Phone# _____

Squadron _____ Email _____ Is this your first conference? _____

Are you a delegate? Yes No If so, are your meals paid for by your squadron? Yes No

Lunch \$15.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Dinner \$27.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Lunch paid by squadron x _____ = \$ 0.00

Dinner paid by squadron x _____ = \$ 0.00

Total enclosed = \$ _____

Dinner Choices: Indicate how many of each

_____ Chicken Bordelaise - Roasted chicken breast served with roasted vegetable and button mushrooms

_____ Bourbon Glazed Salmon - Fresh salmon marinated in Bourbon sauce and char-grilled

_____ Medallions of Pork - Grilled center-cut tenderloin of pork topped with a brandy apple glaze

Payment _____ Check Enclosed

_____ Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa) Exp Date

Signature _____ CVC#

Interested in the trip to the Mazza Museum? Yes No If yes, how many people? _____



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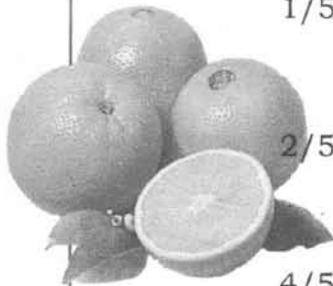
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20 lb. Carton

2/5 Bushel • 28-40 Oranges
\$ **\$22.00**

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4/5 Bushel • 56-80 Oranges
\$ **\$33.00**



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1/5 Bushel • 8-10 Grapefruit
\$ **\$16.00**

20 lb. Carton

2/5 Bushel • 16-24 Grapefruit
\$ **\$22.00**

40 lb. Carton

4/5 Bushel • 36-48 Grapefruit
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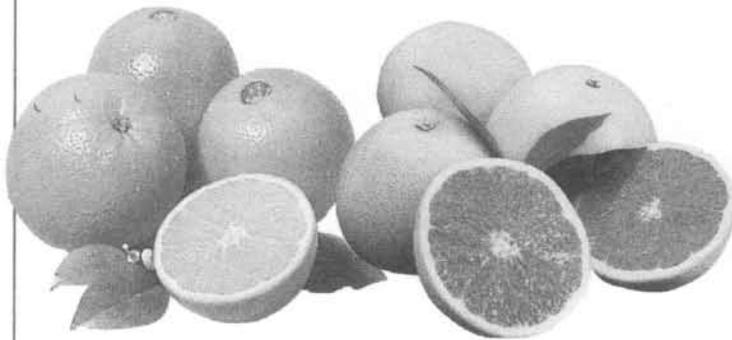
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By now, the boats are bedded down for their long winter's nap and it's time to look forward enjoying the indoors by cuddling up in your Snuggie. Everyone has one, right?

Mark your calendars for November 10, 2009 and plan to meet at the CSPS Headquarters at 7:00 p.m. for "Craft Night."

Christmas Themed Mermaid Ornament kits will be available for approximately \$5.00.

Please RSVP Mary Lauer by November 3 at mlauer@orta.org or 614.882.8354 or Joyce Mattis at 614.761.8819.

November Birthday Wishes

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| 3 Paul DePalma | 16 John Woods |
| 4 Don Wogaman | 19 Guy Williams |
| 5 Yvonne Satterwhite | 20 Lyle Brown |
| 6 Karen Mesenburg | 24 Tom Doyle |
| 7 Charles May | 25 John Wargo |
| 13 Roukue Hager | 29 Roger Johnson |
| 13 Brian O'Rourke | |
| 15 Nathaniel Ehrbar | |

Did we miss you? Please e-mail mtbuckets@aol.com



A special Thank You to the Sea Gals for purchasing a new refrigerator for Squadron Headquarters. Our beverages will now stay colder than they have been. Thank you!!

Trailer Tune Up Day

Engine Maintenance instructor Michael Hughes held the 1st annual Trailer Tune-Up Day on Sunday, September 27th. Grey skies gave way to a beautiful blue afternoon and the parking lot was wide open for vehicles pulling trailers. Wheel bearings were checked to verify they had enough lubrication, bearing buddies were installed to keep grease inside at all times, trailer lights were replaced with new LED lights. LED lights, which last more than 10,000 hours, do not get hot or need to be unplugged before backing into the water. Additionally, brakes were checked for proper operation, tires were checked for dry rot and bulges. Everyone who attended received a clean bill of health on their trailers before leaving the lot. This is a worthwhile endeavor promoting the safety of all trailers towing our precious cargo.



Bob Wells, Phil Osborne, John Seaver and spouse, and Brian O'Rourke watch as Michael Hughes checks the brakes of this trailer.



Removing brake drum to check the shoes.



A parking lot full of boats waiting to be inspected.



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Send your \$20 per listing fee made payable to Columbus Sail and Power Squadron to: Tracy Garrett, 1263 Oakland Ave, Columbus, OH 43212. If you have any questions, please contact via e-mail at mtbuckets@aol.com or by phone at 614-488-4758.

If you wish to be listed in 2009, please complete and mail the request form with your payment. Submissions received before the first of each month will be in print the following month.

