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## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

4 Thursday Dinner Meeting  
18-21 Fri.-Sun. Algonac Cruise

### JULY

10-12 Fri.-Sun. Parkersburg Rendezvous  
24-26 Fri.-Sun. D/29 Summer Conference/Sea Gals Cruise  
31-8/2 Fri.-Sun. Vermillion Cruise  
31 Friday GG articles due for September issue

### AUGUST

14-16 Fri.-Sun. Huntington Rib & Music Fest Rendezvous  
22 Saturday Lake Erie Lunch Hook  
25 Tuesday Executive Committee - 7:30 p.m. - HQ  
28 Friday GG articles due for October issue

### SEPTEMBER

4-7 Fri.-Mon. Leamington Cruise  
18-20 Fri.-Sun. Put-in-Bay  
22 Tuesday Executive Committee - 7:30 p.m. - HQ

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Robert L. Prior, S



I would be remiss if I did not congratulate Jeff Mirgon and his entire team for another job well done with the recently completed Safe Boating course. When the students turned in their completed exams, most went out of their way to offer unsolicited thanks and complements. One student even said, "All of you guys seem like really great people."

I would also be remiss if I failed to thank Don and Angie Delewese and their entire committee for a superb Commander's Ball. It will be a prominent feature in my life's "highlight reel" for the rest of my days.

Beginning with the dues notices mailed April 1st, USPS began notifying members of a randomly generated 8 character PIN code associated with their certificate number. There is a bright yellow insert in each dues notice that tells where to locate the PIN code(s) on the invoice, what their purpose is, and how to complete the respective security profile (by choosing 1 of 20 different questions and supplying an answer).

Within a year, as all dues cycles are mailed, everyone will receive their PIN code and instructions. Please do not ignore or discard it! It is quite an ordeal to recover your code but there will soon be a link on the USPS.org website explaining in great detail how to dig out from a lost PIN or security question predicament.



The above procedure is being employed to staunch the increasing number of improper access of confidential individual membership profiles. Your patience and cooperation is most appreciated.

Looking back at the recently concluded Safe Boating Week (May 16-22), we can all be thankful that USPS has contributed enormously to safe boating practice and education through the years. None will ever be able to quantify, this side of Heaven, how many lives have been saved, how many injuries were avoided and how many hundreds of millions of dollars in property damage did not occur because of USPS's long history of dedication to its mission through the years. Safe Boating Week and the start of a new boating season should serve as a reminder to us all that regardless of how long we have been boating without incident, when it comes to safety on the water, complacency can lead to catastrophe. Let's make it our mission to all be here this time next year.



**Have a Super, Safe Summer..**  
**See you in the September issue of the Galley Gossip!**

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN



Congratulations to everyone who passed the Public Boating Course test on April 27<sup>th</sup>. I would like to welcome the newest members to our group – Toni Montoney, Roger Scott and Karen Snyder, Sherwin Ritchie, Michael Robison, John Seaver, Brian O'Rourke and Becky Garrity. Additionally welcome Jeff & Becky Blankenbeckler as new members. We had an excellent support staff of 22 volunteers during the 9-week class period. Thank you for showing these students how to read a chart and plot a course, the steps of tying a bowline, and much more. I ask everyone to introduce yourself to these new members when you see them on the water or in the classroom.



When you introduce yourself to these new members, inform them of the benefits of being in the squadron. There is camaraderie on the water and in the classroom. It is making a new set of friends. One of the best benefits in

our organization is the relationships you build with other members. These relationships can last a lifetime be it people that you meet locally or out of town. They are people that you can vacation with for 29 days in 4 different countries in a single year – these are the benefits of being a squadron member – solid lifelong friendships. It may be helping someone on a cruise to prep their boat for launch, asking for a hand or an eye at the dock, or a catch of a line. It is expanding your knowledge of the water and the world. It is teaching a group of young people how to fish. It is attending a nice dinner meeting and spending a few hours with fellow members. It is enjoying a lazy day on a friend's boat. This is what I hope for our new members – this is our Power Squadron. These are the activities that make me a proud member of the Columbus Sail & Power Squadron.

Check the *Galley Gossip* and website for information on our summer cruises and daytrips. We hope you have an enjoyable and safe boating season. Look for a class you would like to take in the fall and attend as many dinner meetings this fall as possible. We do enjoy your friendship.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P



Squadron business is slowing down and Squadron fun is ramping up in a big way. We have several social events each month through the summer that the Rendezvous planners have worked hard to make happen. I plan to make as many as I can and I can't wait to catch a football with fins (smallmouth bass) in Alganac.



The Public Boating Course was once again a success. It has rendered some new members which you will hopefully meet and greet in the coming meetings and rendezvous. Be sure to check our web site routinely for events and updates and RSVP as soon as you can.

The next monthly dinner meeting will be a joint event with the Sea Gals. Capri Lanes is the venue. It will be held

4 June, 2009 beginning social time and registration at 1830. We are offering a reduced price for kids under 12 at \$17.00 and an adult price of \$20.00. That covers everything but the cash bar and raffle tickets. Capri's award winning chefs will be grilling out for us and serving it backyard BBQ style at 1915. You can eat at your lane while rolling strikes and spares or grab a table. This is an informal event so bring friends, family, other boaters, or your favorite bowler. Bowling shirts are encouraged but not required. Come as you are!

Vessel Checks are encouraged and so easy to schedule. I cannot imagine why EVERY MEMBER with a boat wouldn't have a VSC each year. It is truly one of the most important services the Squadron offers. Our web site lists our examiners. They are nice people and will accommodate you the best they can. I personally live near Alum Creek and Squadron HQ and could meet you either place. Give me or another examiner a call to get scheduled. See listings at <http://www.columbussailandpower.org/Pages/vesselcheck.html>.

Have a safe boating season!

## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Debbie Smith, AP



The Squadron Safe Boating Class wrapped up its nine week run on Monday April 27, 2009. Held at Grandview Heights High School, there were 49 students who successfully completed the class.



The CS&PS gained three new members at the conclusion of the class. We are expecting to gain another 5 members from the class that have signed up for the Seamanship class. Follow up

calls to course graduates about joining the Squadron will be conducted.

All students had positive reviews regarding the class material, instructors and the CS&PS. I'd like to thank the 22 volunteers who gave over 240 hours to instruct the class, grade homework and test, sell class materials and talk to all the students about the squadron. I'd also like to thank the Sea Gals for hosting the reception following the final class.

Even though the 2010 Public Boating Class is still months away, the committee has already started planning for next year.

## Kroger Gift Card Rewards

Kroger has replaced the Gift Card Rewards program with an easier way for organizations to receive rewards. If you still have a loaded gift card, please use it up and do not reload it. With the new rewards program, tied to your Kroger Plus card, you can enroll online today so CS&PS begins receiving credit for your purchases. And the good news is, this program does not impact your other Kroger Plus Card programs. Register your card today!

Step 1: type [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) into browser

Step 2: Click on "Sign in/register" on top right.

Step 3: If you are a new online customer, create an account with your email and a password. You will create a profile based on the store you usually shop, the demographics of your household, etc. By providing this information, Kroger will mail you food coupons.

Step 4: If you are a returning customer, sign in and click "my Kroger" to edit your profile.

Step 5: Under "my Profile" section, click on "edit kroger community rewards info".

Step 6: Your Plus Card number will appear - click "save changes"

Step 7: Your name & address will appear - click "save changes"

Step 8: Find our organization - type 81790 in the box; click search.

Step 9: Choose Columbus Sail & Power Squadron; click "save changes".

Step 10: You are now registered!!!!

If you do not have access to the internet or have trouble registering, please call me for assistance - Michael Hughes 614-488-4758.



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron  
Minutes of the Executive Committee  
28 April 2009**

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

Cdr Robert Prior, S called the meeting to order at 1931 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 Michael Hughes, JN, Education Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith, AP, Secretary Steve Smith, JN, Treasurer Theresa Nadolson, S, Lt David Brewer, S, Lt Fred Card, S, Lt Tammy Cohee, AP, Lt Tracy Garrett, S, Lt Wade Grosz, AP, Lt Jeff Mirgon, S, Lt Mary Mirgon, Lt Bill Mohrman, AP, Lt Tom Norman.

Others present were P/C Larry Lowe, SN, P/C David Michael, P, P/C Roger Hankle, SN, P/C Phil Osborne, JN

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

The minutes of the Minutes meeting were deferred until the May meeting to allow additional time for members to review. A reminder that Friday is the deadline for the Galley Gossip.

**Commander's Comments, Cdr Robert Prior:**

In my last "GG" article, I wrote extensively to promote both the progress and importance of "District" in overall USPS operations. I won't repeat myself here, but I really do want to emphasize to all of you gathered here (or who will be reading this in a few days) that District 29 has come a long way within the last two years in upgrading performance. They deserve our support. I was very pleased with the number of Columbus squadron members who attended the Spring Conference at Sawmill Creek in Huron but I hope we will view this at only a start of a badly needed up tick in our representation at district events. To those who attended, I don't need to tell you how worthwhile the weekend was and to those who did not, please give serious consideration to adding District 29 functions on your calendar in the months/years ahead.

On the topic of inter-squadron outreach, we had another superb turnout for Sandusky's Commander's Ball last Saturday night. New Sandusky Commander, Kathleen Runner, made it a point to tell me how grateful she was to see so many people from Columbus. I can now tell you from experience how meaningful it is when people from other squadrons participate in such special occasions.

Let's keep up the momentum by placing Port Clinton's Commander's Dinner on your calendar. It is going to be held



16 May at the Port Clinton Yacht Club.

It is important to dispel one notion that some in the squadron may have about attending District events or those of other squadrons: It is absolutely not necessary for a squadron member to be an officer of CSPS to attend district wide activities. All are wanted; all are welcome.

Please be alert to a new procedure being launched by National. In your renewal invoice, you will note that you are being assigned a PIN. Please hand on to it in as much as it will be required in the not-too-distant future to access some information on the web site.

The Audit Committee has notified me that they have completed their audit. I won't steal Theresa's thunder by commenting further but there were no significant concerns that surfaced during the audit. There remains a pesky balance sheet issue related to the Quick Books software that is slowly being unraveled.

Reminder to officers and chairs: please keep track as toe year goes along of volunteers who have served the squadron and are deserving of Merit Marks so that we are not scrambling in the fall to get them all submitted before the deadline axe falls.

At the conclusion of the Basic Boating Course last night, I had the opportunity to collect the exams as our students finished their tests. Almost without exception, the students expressed their appreciation for what they considered to be an excellent class that was well taught. I am sure that Jeff Mirgon will have more to say on this but I'd like to extend my gratitude and praise for an outstanding job by everyone involved.

I want to thank those on the Commander's Ball Committee for a great job.

I received a card from Linda Whiting with a special thank you to the squadron for the fine job of the special ceremony for Larry.

Lastly, I received a certificate from National recognizing the squadron for "Distinction in Journalism" for the Galley Gossip, dated 31 Dec 2008. Many thanks to those involved with this publication.

**Report of Officers:**

**Executive Officer Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN:**

Our Commander's Ball was a wonderful event to attend. Congratulations Commander Prior on a huge success.

Tracy & I attended the Sandusky Commander's Ball this last weekend to welcome Commander Kathleen Runner to the fold. We had a wonderful time and the weather was great. The pre-party was held at the Maritime Museum.

In attending the D/29 Spring Conference in Huron, I bunked with David Brewer, a first timer to a conference. He learned the ropes quickly and enjoyed the weekend. I enjoyed spending time with David and getting to know him better.

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Vessel Safety Exams will be held at the Hollenback Ramp at Alum Creek State Park on Saturday and Sunday May 16/17 from 10am – 1pm. If you can come out and lend a hand talking with other boaters about our squadron and what we have to offer in the way of classes and cruises, please bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair. Strength in numbers is in our favor.

For you sitting around this table, here is your chance to RSVP for the Grandview Heights Memorial Day parade and party at the OAYC scheduled May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be at our home at 9am. Things to bring: bag of candy to toss in parade, side dish to share for lunch, life vest to wear, lawn chair for lunch. Things provided: a boat to ride on, grilled fare, drinks, shade, and fun!!!

Central Ohio Safe Boating Council Meeting was cancelled for April 21<sup>st</sup> due to a conference in Orlando. I plan on attending the May 19 meeting.

**Administrative Officer Lt/C Matthew Murphy, P:**

I am in Gilbertsville, KY and unable to attend the Executive Committee Meeting in person. I will be asking Michael Hughes, Executive Officer, to submit this report on my behalf.

Membership SOP Review and Report-

In response to the business brought before the ECOM last meeting concerning membership I submit the following. According to my notes the discussion was raised after a review of CSPS Standing Rule 29-05-07-1 which states the Executive Committee may approve a waiver of the *educational requirement* based upon the demonstration of two items. The two are

1. At least five years of boating experience evidenced by five years of boat ownership, and knowledgeable and responsible boating skill attested to by the sponsor, and,
2. An expressed interest in pursuing additional boating education and a commitment to participate in CSPS programs.  
*adopted May 29, 2007 (Kevin Baron)*

I further verified that National states membership waivers may be granted. Section 3.9 in The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron By-Laws states *An application for membership in this squadron must have been endorsed by one or more active members and must have been evaluated by the Membership Committee before being presented to the Executive Committee for final action. Admission to any class of membership in this squadron shall require a majority approval of the Executive Committee members.* In summary it seems there are no conflicts and CSPS Standing Rule 29-05-07-1 along with the waiver form seems applicable and required. Unless there is more discussion required or new information brought before the ECOM Matt's review of this item is complete.

That said there should be an agenda item for the anticipated new members applications to be voted upon by the Executive Committee. Please include Debbie Green-Murphy in the applicants as she was never voted upon by ECOM. According to CSPS Standing Rule 06-06-91-02 the new members list may be posted at HQ or mailed.

Operations Training-

OT was held for a three hour session 14 April, 2009. It was initially scheduled for six hours over two nights. P/C Don Delewese very professionally instructed the course and simply removed the redundant items which allowed for completion in three hours. CDs were distributed. Present were Phil Osborne, Ruth Wilcox, Theresa Nadolson, Mary Mirgon, Matthew Murphy (apologies if I missed anyone).

Dinner Meetings-

ECOM is reminded to register for the Jefferson CC at [RSVPtoCSPS@insight.rr.com](mailto:RSVPtoCSPS@insight.rr.com) if not already done so and indicate your meal choices. Schedule golf for that day with Wade Grosz.

The June dinner meeting will be a combined event with the Sea Gals at Capri Bowling Lanes. Date is 4 June, 2009. Members and guests will be able to bowl and enjoy grilled items. More details will be in the GG, the website, and emailed. This will be a relaxed event. Bring the whole family and guests. Commander is encouraged to determine dress as casual.

**Educational Officer Lt/C Debbie Smith, AP:**

April has been a busy month with several classes going and testing. Our Public Boating Class finished on 27 April with 49 taking and passing the exam. We also had 3 people join the squadron and several who took the applications home to think it over. Jeff Mirgon and his crew did a wonderful job as usual and we received many compliments on the class and the staff's efforts. Well done everyone.

The Sailing Class is going well as is Marine Electronics. The students have passed the first series of exams and we look forward to successful completion for all.

Several members of the Public Boating Class have expressed interest in the Seamanship course set to begin 11 May. Hopefully, things from all areas will come together timing wise to allow this to happen.

The material for Navigation is finally out and we have received the Instructors packet. Roger Hankle will be looking it over and with input from JN instructor Ralph Newman, we will make the decision of when best to offer the course and how much it will cost.

Classes for the fall are beginning to fall into place. Engine Maintenance will begin on Sept. 11 and run for 13 weeks. Piloting is on board; we just need to set the date. JN and N are going to be negotiating. Cruise Planning is going to move to the spring unless there is demand for it in the fall. Prices are still being worked on, but should all be set within the next couple of weeks. Thanks to all our instructors for their time and dedication, for without them, there would be no program.

We are looking at the possibility of presenting one or two seminars during Safe Boating Week. We are also gauging interest in presenting a cluster of seminars in the fall, with each week presenting a different one.



**Treasurer, Lt/C Theresa Nadolson, S:**

Quick Books software is setup. I am working with John Mattis to bring things into consistency.

We missed the deadline to submit to National the squadron dues increase. This was approved in a motion at the January meeting.

**Member-at-large reports:**

**Lt David Brewer, S:** I attended the District 29 conference and was impressed. The food was great as well.

**Lt Tracy Garrett, S:** National is implementing a new security procedure for accessing personal information on the USPS web site. Watch for an upcoming email from Steve & Debbie about a yellow paper in the dues notice.

**Lt Jeff Mirgon:** The results of the boating course are that 49 students took the test (all passed) with an average score of 90.9. We now have three new members from the class with the possibility of more new members.

**Lt Bill Mohrman, AP:** There is a Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel and Power Point 2007 file formats. It allows the user to open and read 2007 files when the user does not have the 2007 edition of the products. It is available via a free download. (Information was distributed at the meeting.)

**Lt Tom Norman:** Jeff Mirgon did a wonderful job with the boating course!

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**GENERAL COMMITTEES:**

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

I was deeply touched by the squadron services for P/C Larry Whiting. Thanks to Debbie Smith and the team. With the passing of P/C Larry Whiting, we have a vacancy in the position as "Past Commander." I have spoken with P/C David Michael and he has indicated that he would be willing to serve in that position. MOTION (by Debbie Smith, seconded by Michael Hughes) for P/C David Michael to fill the position of Past Commander. Motion passed unanimously.

Another position that needs filled is the first year position on the Nominating Committee. MOTION (by Roger Hankle, seconded by Fred Card) to nominate John Mattis for the first year position on the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

I attended the memorial service for P/C Larry Whiting and was very proud of the squadron.

At the last meeting I brought up Standing Rule 06-00-9102. This rule is still valid, so, no further action is necessary at this time.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**Housing Committee Chair: P/C Larry Lowe, SN**

I request to be relieved and replaced from this position as I have held it for some time. Tammie Cohee volunteered to fill this position.

**SEA GALS: Lt Debbie Smith, AP:**

The Sea Gals will hold a bowling party on 4 June at Capri Lanes. The last weekend in July will be the Sea Gals rendezvous at Gem Beach.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Marketing: Lt Tracy Garrett** – vessel safety exams will be performed on 16 & 17 May at the Hollenback Ramp at Alum Creek State Park.

**Boating Activities: Lt Ron Lavelly** (absent) It was brought up that there will be a trailer boating rendezvous on Saturday, 13 June, at Buckeye Lake followed by a cookout at 1700 at Barbara & Ron Hupman's cottage.

**Squadron Remote Education: P/C Larry Lowe** – nothing is scheduled at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The squadron waterfront cleanup campaign will be headed up by Lt David Brewer. David is looking for volunteers to help with planning the event.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Commander stated that he and others will be contacting non-renewals.

New member applications as a result of the boating class are Roger Scott, Toni Montoney, Debra Green Murphy and Dr. Karen Snyder. MOTION (by Steve Smith, second by Tom Norman) to accept these applicants for membership. Motion passed.

Lt/C Steve Smith nominated Jeff & Rebecca Blankenbeckler for membership under the presently permitted policy of nominating persons for membership without taking the boating course, but, having demonstrated at least five years of boating experience. Jeff and Rebecca submitted experience well beyond the five years requirement and attended the Charleston, WV, rendezvous held last year. MOTION (by Steve Smith, second by Michael Hughes) for membership passed.

Lt/C Debbie Smith was contacted by the United States Customs and Border Patrol to inform us that I-68 forms can now be processed at their office in Columbus.

**Mile Post:**

P/C Larry Whiting

**Announcements:**

The next dinner meeting will be held 7 May at the Jefferson Country Club.

*Galley Gossip* articles are due this Friday.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on 26 May 2009 at 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035. The meeting adjourned at 2130.

Dan,

*How do I test my propane system for leaks?*

This, if done correct, is very simple. I will assume the appliance is installed properly and the lines are in reasonable condition. First off, install a full tank. Shut off the appliance (we will assume a stove for this example). Open the cylinder (tank) valve. Close the cylinder (tank) valve. Observe the cylinder gauge for 3 minutes. If the gauge does not move, you have no leaks. If the gauge needle drops, you have a leak (any drop noted means a leak, even a small amount is bad). Be sure to observe the gauge for at least 3 minutes! To locate the leak you can use a soap solution. Spray a liberal amount at each coupling or joint and watch for bubbles. Do not be fooled by wind blowing the soap around. The bubbles that might appear could be very small and hard to detect. Also keep in mind that the bubbles could be on the underside of the joint that you can't easily see. Use a small mirror to see all sides.

Always remember that couplings and joints need to be kept to a minimum and never inside the vessel. Flex line is only recommended on a gimballed type stove/oven. The rest

of the line should be solid and well supported. LPG (Liquid Petroleum Gas) is heavier than air. This means it will sink to low areas of the boat. Make sure your LPG locker has a vent that is in the bottom and that it does not vent out close to any other vent or inlet (at least 20").

If any part of your LPG lines are suspect....**replace them!** If you are not comfortable doing the work yourself. Pay a professional to do it right the first time. Check the solenoid and shut off valves as both are required. Many boat fires are caused by leaking propane systems; this is not a place to cut corners.

Marine stoves and ovens should **not** have a standing pilot light!

Useless Information:

Nausea: It is fitting that the word for this unpleasant sensation should have its origin in the sea. It comes from *naus* the Greek word for ship.

Spic and Span: In pristine condition; it referred originally to a newly built ship. A spic was a spike or nail, a span was a length of timber, both primary items of ship construction.

## Surprised Dog

By Lt/C Matthew Murphy

I have shared with you previously that I have been a boater for over 30 years – a safe boater for the last 9 years. There is an obvious correlation of the years that I have also been a squadron member. I restated that because my mother, Norma Murphy – 81 of Worthington, reminded me of an incident on our first boat involving our dog many years ago. She also suggested the article submission. Thanks mom.

It was a beautifully calm evening on Buckeye Lake. The water was like glass. No wakes. No ripples. None of us were wearing life jackets including the Airedale Terrier, that had point. The boat was a convertible fishing/runabout which was at the time configured as open bow to accommodate the family. Dad, mom, dog, a friend of mine and me who was driving were seated and enjoying the evening. We were traveling on plane in our 16 foot tri-hull Bomber powered by a 55HP Chrysler outboard when the dog decides to jump off the bow onto what I think she perceived as a smooth solid surface. Several things happened in the seconds that followed. I was very quick to pull back on the throttle and start a safe 180 degree turn. My mother was quick to assume we killed the dog (hysterical) and my dad was calling orders out. As I completed the turn it was only a few seconds until the dog was paddling furiously to stay above water as she resurfaced. I got us back to her pretty quickly. We lifted her in. There were no apparent injuries. She and the rest of us were VERY LUCKY.

One can only speculate how I missed her with the propeller. Did the hull design channel her away? Did she

sink quickly enough? Was it divine intervention? We'll never know for sure.

The one thing to know for sure is this could have been avoided. Not to mention we all should have been wearing lifejackets—we should have secured the dog too. Our “best friends” and who some consider part of the family can do some sudden and unexpected things – like jump off the bow of a fast moving boat.. Children could easily make the same mistake. While underway, while launching or while other dangers are present, keep the dogs and the kids secured. This could have turned out very differently. I wish you, your family, and your dogs a safe and happy boating season.





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As summer approaches, it is time to get the boats out and put our meetings on hold until fall. We have had an exciting year and enjoyed lots of friendships. As we now begin the summer months, it is also time for me to hang up my hat as Commander of Sea Gals. I have truly enjoyed my adventure and am honored to have been your Commander. Thanks to all who gave me much encouragement and support over the last 2 years. A special thanks to Mary Mirgon, Colette Cramer-Daum, Sherry Ehrbar, Laura Williams, Martha Beidel, Vesta Williams, Shelley Beall, Wanda Wells, Ramonda DeCapio, Joyce Mattis and Angie Delewese for the help as they fulfilled their roles as officers and gave guidance. I have really enjoyed the friendships and the challenges that came with the territory. My deepest thanks to all.

The new board has been elected and have begun their watch. It is a really great board and I am sure they will do a fantastic job. They are as follows:

Co-Commanders	Joyce Mattis and Mary Lauer
Secretary	Jane Clark
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Membership	Mary Mirgon
Education/PR	Laura Williams
Day meetings	Vesta Williams
Evening meetings	Mary Card
Nominating committee	Debbie Smith
	Mary Mirgon
	Wanda Wells

Our newest MEMBER OF THE YEAR award winner this year was Laura Williams. Laura has given many hours in remembering Sea Gals special moments with a card or flowers etc. It is one of those jobs that get done silently and with little fanfare. Thank you, Laura, for a wonderful job and for your devotion to our organization. It is deeply appreciated by many.

Don't forget the Sea Gals rendezvous, July 24-25 at Gem Beach. We will be doing it in conjunction with the D29 Summer Council, so we hope to have a great turn out and lots of fun. Don't forget your water guns !!!!!

Have a very wonderful and safe summer and see everyone in September.

## SUMMER CRUISES & RENEZVOUS

### Summer Cruises:

Check [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org) for a complete description of each trip. Come and have some fun with us this summer!

- July 10-12 Parkersburg Rendezvous**  
Contact Phil Osborne [posborne2@aol.com](mailto:posborne2@aol.com)
- July 24-26 District 29 Summer Conference/ Sea Gals Cruise, Gem Beach**
- July 31-8-2 Vermilion Cruise**  
Contact Ron Lavelly [ronlavelly@yahoo.com](mailto:ronlavelly@yahoo.com)
- Aug. 14-16 Huntington Rib & Music Fest Rendezvous**  
Contact Michael Hughes [mtbuckets@aol.com](mailto:mtbuckets@aol.com) or Jeff Mirgon [jmirgon@yahoo.com](mailto:jmirgon@yahoo.com)
- Aug. 22 Lake Erie Lunch Hook**  
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- Sept. 4-7 Leamington Cruise**  
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- Sept. 18-20 Put-in-Bay**  
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### On To Algonac

Summer is fast approaching. I still have some openings if you interested in the **June 18-21 cruise to Algonac**. This cruise is designed for our trailer boaters which will be staying at B&Bs on Harsens Island and our Lake Erie boats which will be staying at a local yacht club. This is a beautiful area and will be a great time for all. We are having a great response to this event.

The **Parkersburg Rendezvous, July 10-12**, has been changed to a **Marietta** destination. It was discovered Parkersburg has no rental docks available in the area. We

will still be launching in McConnelsville and traveling down river to Marietta where we will be staying at the Best Western hotel. The Best Western has their own docks at the hotel.

Also, make sure your name is on the list for the **July 31-Aug 2, to Vermilion**. I will need to reserve the docks very soon.

For more information on any of our Cruise and Rendezvous or to get on an email mailing list for an event, contact Ron Lavelly at [ronlavelly@yahoo.com](mailto:ronlavelly@yahoo.com).

### June 13th Buckeye Bash at Buckeye Lake

The Hupman's are breaking in the new house at Buckeye Lake and want us to join them!!! Enjoy a day of boating and the famous waterfront bars then come on over for a picnic with your fellow CSPA members.

Boat all day or come just for the party!! Lots of parking available. Public boat ramps just blocks away. All guests are welcome!!!!

Cookout begins at 4:30PM. \$8.00/per person. Bring your own beverages.

Address: 2966 Dupler Place, Leib's Island  
Millersport at Buckeye Lake  
Phone: 614.216.1129

RSVP: Jeff Mirgon [jmirgon@yahoo.com](mailto:jmirgon@yahoo.com) (614.207.2650)  
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Maps will be emailed to you.





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