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CSPS Elections Night Thursday, January 9, 2014

**The Lakes Golf & Country Club
6740 Worthington Rd.
Westerville, OH 43082**



- Social Hour: 6:00 PM
- Meet the Candidates &
Vote: 7:00 PM
- Dinner: 7:30 PM

Menu:

- Mixed garden greens salad
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- Cajun cream alfredo sauce, marinara sauce, meatballs
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Price: (Credit Card, Check or Cash)

- \$23.00 – Adult, \$11 Kids (12 & Under)
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Dress - Uniform F or casual business attire

Program – Elections, vote on Budget and 'Member of the Years' Award

RSVP by Tues., Jan 7th to: Lt/C John Seaver @ 614-562-8076 (cell) or jls_oh@hotmail.com



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

January

4-12	Fri.-Sun.	Boat Show at the Fair Grounds
6	Monday	February <i>Galley Gossip</i> articles due to mtbuckets@aol.com
7	Tuesday	Cruise Planning Meeting at HQ @ 7pm
9	Thursday	Dinner meeting and Elections
11	Saturday	Ft Wayne Change of Watch
12	Sunday	Toledo Change of Watch
15	Wednesday	On Board Weather Prediction Seminar at HQ 7-9pm
19	Sunday	Pt Clinton Change of Watch
21	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting 7pm at HQ
25	Saturday	Findlay Change of Watch
27-Feb 1	Mon.-Sat.	USPS 100th Anniversary Annual Meeting - Jacksonville FL

February

7	Friday	Columbus Change of Watch
8	Saturday	Lima Change of Watch
9	Sunday	District 29 Winter Conference and Officer Training - OH Northern Univ
15	Saturday	District 29 <i>Spring Pier</i> Info due
15, 22	Saturday	America's Boating Course 8am-noon
16	Sunday	Sandusky Change of Watch
18	Tuesday	Central OH Safe Boating Council 6pm @ HQ
22	Saturday	Marion Change of Watch
25	Tuesday	CSPS Executive Committee Meeting 7pm @ HQ

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr David Canale, P



Happy New Year to everyone! During this time, many of us will start the year with a goal to do or accomplish something noteworthy - a "New Year's Resolution". Some people will strive to enhance family relations, or eliminate bad habits, to work harder, or accomplish a variety of things. This year I urge each of you to actually sit down, have a cup of coffee (or whatever you prefer) and take the time to reflect upon your life and then think about how to improve or enhance your life. Then, when you decide on a goal, implement your goal by setting a definite start date, and plan on how you are going to accomplish your resolution. Use calendar events or benchmarks to note your progress and give yourself credit for your accomplishments no matter how big or small. The success of a resolution is dedication and consistency. Sometime, we do not reach a goal quickly (or may even



experience a setback), but just focus on moving in the right direction. Keep that in mind. Do not be frustrated by the lack of immediate results, but focus on a goal and work steadily towards it. And, best wishes to you as you start off your new year!

In the next several months, my tenure as Commander of the CSPA will come to an end. I have enjoyed my time as your Commander and I want to thank everyone for their advice and assistance. From the Commander's Ball, to the ECOM meetings, to the boating adventures and the various volunteer and educational activities, I have found that the CSPA is loaded with GOOD and dedicated people. To be sure, there is a core of people who keep the CSPA functioning on a day to day basis, but there are also individuals who have found a niche and work on or in a specific area to benefit CSPA. To all of you, I again thank you for your service. It has been an honor getting to know you all better, and I look forward in 2014, to enhancing those relationships. Best wishes to you all in 2014, and a special best wish to Bill (and Julie) Mohrman. Bill is our next Commander and a good one he will make!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Mohrman, AP



WE NEED YOUR HELP! January finds us starting up the boat show season here in Columbus and with that comes the duty of manning the CSPA booth. This year is especially critical as there will only have one boat show here in Columbus. The promoter of the second show, the February Sports and Vacation has canceled this year. We have only the January show to let the boating public know about our America's Boating Class.



I really think some of the most pleasant volunteer hours you can put in are during the boat show. It gives you access to other potential boaters that are anxious to talk boating during these winter months as well as tell them what the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron is all about - safe boating.

The first and only boat show this year is the Ohio RV and Boat Show at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. It starts on Saturday, Jan 4th and runs through Sunday, Jan 12th except for Monday and Tuesday when it is closed. This year we will have a new and exciting attraction in our booth; Lake CSPA. Yes, we are bringing a new lake to central Ohio. This is a miniature lake that will float our regatta of remote control boats for the public to try their hand at piloting. Lake CSPA will feature a pirate island, Aids to Navigation, hazards, and dockage just like the real thing. (Well OK, central Ohio doesn't have a pirate island that I know of.) We will have several types of remote control boats for instructional purposes.

Signing up for booth duty is very easy via a web application

called "Sign-up Genius". Just go to the front page of the CSPA web site and click on the link that will take you to pick your time slot and sign up. If you don't have access to the web, just give me a call and we can get you signed up.

For those of you who have not worked a boat show before, it is pretty easy duty and can be a lot of fun as well as credit toward your merit mark hours and toward the ODNR grant. We are located in the educational section beside the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and ODNR. Our duties will include handing out class literature, discussing the CSPA organization, running Lake CSPA, and generally offering our educational and fraternal services to the boating public with a friendly face. We will have Coastie working the show on the weekends as well as the attraction of Lake CSPA.

How do I sign up? It is very simple, go to www.columbussailandpower.org and click on the Signup Genius link or give me a call at 614-203-8817.

Don't forget our schedule of seminars this year starting with January 15th at 7:00 to 9:00 PM with Dick Sorensen teaching On Board Weather Prediction. This is a great seminar that Dick makes very fun and entertaining as well as informative.

IT IS BOAT SHOW TIME and we need your help working our booth and running Lake CSPA. Please visit our website at www.columbussailandpower.org. On the front page you can sign up to volunteer. We have over 50 slots left to fill. The show runs Jan 4-12 and this year is expected to be a very large crowd due to the cancellation of the February show. SIGN UP TODAY PLEASE.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John Seaver, JN



It's officially winter – even though the snow and cold have made it seem like winter for weeks. Hopefully everyone is having an outstanding holiday season with friends and family and looking forward to an excellent 2014. It was great to see so many who dashed through the snow to attend our Christmas Party at the Montgomery Inn. Congratulations



to Mary-Jane Lauer and her Snow-Flake enhanced sweater and John McCarty for his Gingerbread Man 'milk-boarding' sweater – for taking home the 'Holiday spirits' awards.

Boating season (in this area) is still a few months away – so you still have time to 'get your education on' in one of our excellent winter-spring classes and to attend one of our dinner meetings. Cruise Planning returns to the Winter Agenda, so get that one if you need the elective as I do!

The January 9th Dinner meeting is our annual business meeting where we set up our Squadron for the upcoming

year. The agenda includes the election of candidates, review of the upcoming budget as well as 'The Member of the Years' award presentation. We'll be returning to The Lakes Country Club for their pasta buffet and great meeting facility.

The February 7th meeting is our Change Of Watch and my lovely wife and He-manly Assistant AO Dick Sorensen, and I are working on our last collaboration of the year – as we pass the torch to the new Administrative Officer. As usual we're looking to find a new location that we haven't been to – or at least haven't been to for a while to introduce some diversity.

We'll have only have one boat show this year – so get your volunteering hat on and sign up to 'wo/man' the booth at the fairgrounds. The setup plans are very ambitious this year – so we should have a very entertaining booth.

CSPS is always looking for new and exciting places to hold a dinner meeting, interesting speakers or activities. If you have a great location or idea, please contact your current Admin Officer, John Seaver, or the incoming AO Bob Eastway. They would love to hear from you.

The Marine Electronics world is fast changing so there is always something new on the market, and here is one piece of equipment that would be very helpful if you are going out of cell phone range. The excerpt below is from MARITIME REPORTER & ENGINEERING NEWS, New Products & Technology Page 85 www.marinelink.com

- P/C Larry Lowe, SN; Squadron Radio Tech Officer (SRTO)

Thuraya SatSleeve Transforms iPhone into Satellite Phone

Thuraya SatSleeve supports the diverse communications needs of iPhone users. Ensuring connectivity through phone calls and SMS via satellite mode, Thuraya Sat-Sleeve brings satellite communications to the iPhone. Simply dock the iPhone into the SatSleeve to access satellite connectivity. Available in 12 languages, the SatSleeve App allows users to easily integrate iPhone address books for satellite calls and text messages. An additional feature is that SatSleeve acts as a backup battery for the iPhone. The SatSleeve App is available as a free download from the Apple App Store. www.globalsatellite.us



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Happy New Year!!! Hope everyone is ready for a great year and getting ready for boating season. It is never too early to start preparing with knowledge so look at our webpage and find a class or seminar that to take!



We are still looking for qualified volunteers to help assist with the ABC class, if you are interested in volunteers this class please reach out to Mari Seaver asap if you have a few hours to spare your boating knowledge with the students. The next class will be starting in February and we need you!

Congratulations to the students who recently completed Engine Maintenance and Piloting and a big thank you to Don Delewese and Michael Hughes for their time and dedication as instructors for these classes.

January is a big month for the squadron's education department with Weather, Cruise Planning, Marine Electrical Systems, and Advanced Piloting all kicking off. Please pass the word along to anyone who may be interested in taking one of these classes. Plus we have a few good seminars to take!

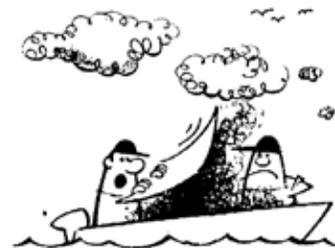
As always please be sure to visit our website for the latest courses and seminars being offered. We have a jam-packed

schedule with plenty of courses being offered over the winter for folks to learn new skills or dust off old ones.

Just go to <http://www.columbussailandpower.org> click on the Education tab on the left hand side of the page and then click on Courses or Seminars to see what is being offered and when. Registration is easy and can be done right from the web page!

You said to connect the red wire to the yellow wire because they were your favorite colors!!

If the electrical system on your boat is a mystery to you, come to the Marine Electrical Systems class and let us help take the mystery away. We won't make you an electrical engineer, but we can make you feel comfortable with all of those colorful wires and plugs. Then when the lights flicker and the screens go blank in the middle of the lake, you won't press the panic button. The class will be starting on Wednesday 22 January, 2014, so call 614-384-0245 or visit www.columbussailandpower.org under the education tab and register. We want to have a book for you on the first night of class.



Winter/Spring 2014 Classes

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

CLASSES

Jan 8-Mar 12	Cruise Planning – P Jackson (8 weeks) \$50 member/ \$80 nonmember
Jan 14-Mar 18	Weather class –Sorensen (10 weeks) \$70 member/ \$100 nonmember
Jan 22-Mar 18	Marine Electrical Systems –Lowe (8 weeks) \$65 member/ \$95 nonmember
Feb 3-Apr 7	Advanced Piloting – Rayburn/Lowe (10 weeks) \$70 member/ \$100 nonmember
Feb 4-May 6	Sail Class – Jackson/Spilke (14 weeks) \$60 member/ \$90 nonmember
Feb 15-Mar 1	America's Boating Course (ABC) – Various instructors (3 weeks) \$50 @ Goodwill Industries 1331 Edgehill Rd Columbus OH 43212
Mar 5-May 21	Navigation (PENDING)– Hankle (12 weeks) \$175 member/ \$205 nonmember
Mar 18-May 13	Seamanship – Ehrbar (9 weeks) \$55 member/ \$85 nonmember
Mar 26-May 14	Marine Communications Systems – Lowe (8 weeks) \$65 member/ \$95 nonmember

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

Jan 15	On-board Weather Prediction Seminar
Feb 12	Anchoring Seminar
Mar 8	Charting Seminar – Goodwill Industries 1331 Edgehill Rd, Columbus OH 43212 FREE for ABC students 8am-noon; all others \$50
March 19	Partners In Command
Apr 16	Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
May 17	Trailer and Backing for Couples @ Delaware State Park 10am-2pm (price per couple)



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
26 November 2013**

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

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

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

Roll call was taken by sight and the Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman confirmed a quorum was present after 1925.

The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr. David Canale, P; Executive Officer Lt/C William Mohrman, AP; Administrative Officer Lt/C John Seaver, AP;; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman; Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack; SEO Brian O'Rourke, AP; Lt Mary Lauer P; Lt Bob Eastway, N; Lt Michael T Hughes, JN; Lt Eldon Hall, JN;

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

The minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Report of Officers:

Commander David Canale, P:

P/C Tom Norman is recovering from surgery and also pneumonia. Please keep him in your thoughts and give him a call. Tracy will complete the loaner life jacket report for National. Brian will complete ED1 & ED2 forms nominating education department staff. Must be approved by District before National accepts nominations. Get your Member of the Years Nominations to Harold Beidel by Dec 1. Central Ohio Safe Boating Council meeting was held at HQ. I was nominated to chair the July 4th Boat Parade in the Orange Boom Over Alum celebration for 2014. Hollenback ramp will be completed in late June/early July due to setbacks from construction.

Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Brian O'Rourke P:

ABC3 will be held at Goodwill Industries on Edgehill in the Grandview area. Piloting and Engine Maintenance are wrapping up in November. JN was cancelled and N may be postponed. Will contact all members with JN status to see if there is interest in taking N.

Treasurer Lt/C Edward Mack:

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

Executive Officer Lt/C William Mohrman, AP:

Commander's Ball has been finalized for Sat 15 Mar 2014 at Royal American Links Golf course in Galena, OH. A contract

has been signed, a deposit made and preparations are underway.

Fund Raiser – This year we will raffle off the following items: Two Inshore Inflatable PFDs (\$110 value), two Inshore Belt Pack Inflatable PFDs (\$90 value), and One Traxxas Blast Ready to Run Remote Control Model Boat (\$275 value). We will start the raffle at the Christmas party and continue on to the Commander's Ball. We will offer the raffle to the public at the two boat shows.

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

Administrative Officer Lt/C John Seaver JN

The Operations Training seminar was held on Nov. 13. Talk is underway on retooling Leadership. The Christmas Party is Dec. 6 at Montgomery Inn; Christmas attire and ugly sweater contest.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S

There has been a lack of written reports from officers recently. These reports are very much appreciated. Please send reports to hupman1@att.net.

Immediate Past Commander, P/C Tom Norman, P

Absent, post surgery and pneumonia.

Member at large reports:

Lt Robert Burton – Absent
Lt Tom Doyle, P - Absent
Lt Robert Eastway, AP – No report
Lt Eldon Hall Jr., AP – No report
Lt Michael Hudson, P – Absent
Lt Michael T Hughes, AP – enjoyed the Ops training
Lt Mary Lauer, P – No report.
Lt. Lisa Mills, S – Absent
Lt. Matt Mills, S – Absent

Committee Reports

GENERAL COMMITTEES:

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

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

Rules Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN; Lt Wade



Grosz, AP; P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN - Absent

STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

Housing Committee: Lt Tammy Cohee – Absent. Discussion about Alum Creek Sail Assoc use of HQ and how to coordinate for the future. Six Pack class had six students all of whom passed.

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

Law Officer: Cdr. David Canale, P: The time to submit briefs on the tax issue has been extended to the end of January. A decision may come by summer.

Merit Marks Committee: P/C Don Delewese, SN or P/C Bob Wan der Wissel, JN – a nice report has been submitted.

Property Officer: P/C Michael Hughes, JN – No report

Supply Officer: Lt. Julie Mohrman – No report

Sea Gals: Lt Martha Beidel – Absent

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Technical Committee: Lt Michael Hudson, P, Lt/C John Seaver, JN – working with the new printer on glitches from remote devices.

Investments Committee: Lt/C Edward Mack – No report

Boat Shows: XO William Mohrman, AP – See XO report above.

Marketing Committee: Lt Tracy Garrett, AP: ABC3 publicity is coming out. National meeting in Sept 2014 is in

the Washington DC area. Nominated officers should work out their appointed staff positions and email Tracy.

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent

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

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP: Absent

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Central Ohio Safe Boating Council likes HQ and wants to continue to hold meeting here.

Comments from Guests:

P/C Larry Lowe: National meeting in Jacksonville last week of January. National now has a boating simulator that will be available. There will be a Boat Operator Certification event next summer. Let Larry know if interested

Michael Hughes: The Alum Creek Fantasy of Lights is opening. Best times to go are Mon.-Thurs.

Sick Bay:

Tom Norman – Back surgery and pneumonia.

Announcements

GG articles due 12/5

Next ECOM meeting Dec. 17

The meeting was adjourned at 2025



The **Galley Gossip Sponsors Club** is renewing. If you would like to have your boat, pet, spouse, business listed, please use the form on the last page and submit your \$20 payment per listing.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – Register on the website!

CRUISE PLANNING by Pam Carr Jackson starts Jan 7th - learn Cruise Preparation and Planning, Boat & Needed Equipment, Chartering outside the United States, Crew Selection, Provisions, Voyage Management, Navigation, Weather and Emergencies,

WEATHER by Dick Sorensen starts Jan 14th – learn Effects of Heat and Cold, Wind and Pressure, Storms & Fronts, Rain, Humidity, Fog; Hydrological Cycles, Thunderstorms and Tornadoes, Tropical Weather, Weather Data Analysis, Forecasting, Climatic Variables and Data.

ON-BOARD WEATHER PREDICTION SEMINAR by Dick Sorensen on Jan 15 form 7pm-9pm. - The safety and comfort of those who venture out on the water have always been weather dependent. This seminar is a must for boaters who have never taken a weather course. The complex subject of weather is presented in a way that is both understandable and useful.

The Cowsill's Got It All Wrong

By Dick Sorensen, JN

You remember the Cowsills don't you? That 1960's group that had hits such as The Rain, The Park and other things, Cocaine Drain and such and who served as the inspiration for the TV series 'The Partridge Family.' Their biggest hit in the genre of bubblegum pop was "Indian Lake" It's a song that once you heard it you'll never forget it.

During the first year I owned a boat it was one of my desires to explore all the lakes and rivers in central Ohio; Buckeye Lake, Ohio River, the Muskingum, Alum Creek, and Delaware. I got to all of them but, towards the end of the boating season I realized that I had missed Indian Lake. Perhaps it was my sub-conscious protecting me from myself; I don't know. One Saturday, in late October, I loaded up the *WaterDog* and set sail for Indian Lake. It was a disaster. But that's a story for another time.

On the way home I couldn't get that song out of my head....Indian Lake is scene you should make.....da, da, din-din, da...you hum the rest of it. So I have re-written the lyrics to properly reflect my Indian Lake experience. I hope you'll be able to keep these 'tongue-in-cheek' words out of your head.

Jump in your car, it's really not far
Just an hour or so past Dublin's last bar
Just keep on ridin' till you're out of the city
Where the air is fine with the sweet smell of pine
And the countryside is pretty
And you'll see daffodils peeping over the hill or a radar shooting buckeye bear
Right at the four way
And then right again at the Have It Your Way
And in a minute your there
Melody.....
Di din-din din din a din-din and so on

Indian Lake is a scene you should make with lots of PDF's on board
Keep this in mind as you're liable to find a stump or two
Extra prop or three, GPS, flare gun, first aid kit is all you'll need
Does your boat float with a hole through its gel coat?
Indian Lake is a scene you should make with a mechanic on board
Or you could watch cartoons, walk along the shore or rent a pontoon
Cause Indian Lake isn't a scene you should make in your own boat!
Melody...
Din-di-din din din a din-din and so on

If you live and love Indian Lake I hope I didn't offend you. But, Indian Lake sure offended me!



Dick Sorensen, who has the distinct honor of being the sole winner of both the Bungle Jug and Down River Shouting Society awards for being the worst sailor in the squadron. No one, in our recorded history, has ever been awarded both awards in the same year. Dick is appealing those awards and has repeated stated that he "....isn't that bad of a sailor!"

Cruise Planning Meeting

When: January 7th at 7pm

Where: Headquarters

Bring your ideas and suggestions for the summer cruising season. We will get some things down and begin planning the fun adventures for the summer. Come even if you do not have an idea. There is lots of info and helpers are always welcome on planning a cruise. Can't make the date but have an idea, contact Bill Mohrman at wjmohrman@mindspring.com

SAVE THE DATE!

March 15, 2014 Bill & Julie Mohrman invite you to attend the Commander's Ball at Royal American Links in New Galena. More info to come!

Calling all Junior Navigators!!!

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

Dear Nautical Professor,

I plan on doing some rewiring on my boat this winter and I notice that wire labeled MARINE GRADE WIRE is a lot more expensive than house wire that I can get at Home Depot. Can't I just use house wire and save a bundle of money? After all, wire is just wire, right? Please advise - Frugal Frank

Dear Frugal Frank,

Yes, wire is wire, but not all wire is the same. House wire is a solid conductor and can't hold up to the flexing and vibration that is encountered in a boat. It is also very difficult to make a solid crimp connection on a solid wire, therefore causing a high resistance and possibly a broken connection. In addition, many of the house wires have paper filler, absorb moisture and cause corrosion.

Marine grade wire is stranded so it is much more flexible and can be bent and twisted many times without breaking. Since it is stranded, it holds well in a crimp connection and tinned to reduce corrosion.

These are just a few of the reasons NOT to use house wire in your boat. I highly recommend you to attend the USPS Marine Electrical Systems course the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron is presenting. Here you will also learn what size of wire to use and how the complete electrical system on your boat functions. This course starts on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. We have saved a seat for you.

— Nautical Professor

Fund-raising Raffle Continues!

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

The first item is the **TRAXXAS Blast** ready to run scale model remote control boat. It comes complete with boat, water cooled electric motor, high performance battery pack, transmitter and a charger. If you haven't seen one of these boats in action they are FAST! The battery and motor technology has advanced to put the old gas powered boats in their wake. This is a \$275 value, so if you or a loved one has their eye on a boat, this is a great gift.



The second item is an **Automatic/Manual Inflatable Life Vest**. This is USCG Type V lightweight, low profile vest that gives you great range of motion and most importantly is comfortable to wear while boating. This is a \$110 value.



The third item is also a **USCG Type V Belt Pack Life Vest**. This is the ultimate in comfort and is liked by both traditional boaters and the more active boater such as standup paddlers and anglers. It is a manual inflation mode using a Halkey-Roberts 840 inflator. The belt pack is a \$90 value.



Mark Your Calendars:

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



BEEN SAILING LATELY??

We saw a new face on sailing this summer when 72' catamaran Oracle USA came from seven races behind New Zealand to win the America's Cup on hydrofoils at up to 50 mph. Sailing has many faces and many challenges - weekend fun, local racing, cruising, and long distance adventures. The challenge of this international racing is just one of the many.

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

Our Sail Course begins Tuesday, February 4th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, and will run for 14 weeks. The course is open to the public as well as members of the Power Squadron. It will be held at Columbus Sail & Power Squadron headquarters. The course covers aerodynamics, standing rigging, sails, sail plans, running rigging, wind forces, boat design, stability and balance, marlinspike, preparation to set sail, sailing upwind and downwind, helmsmanship, spinnaker handling, heavy weather and storm conditions, right of way rules and racing.



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



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Thank you to the following members for volunteering your services to The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. Without you we could not be the greatest group in educating the public on water safety.

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Dreaming about 90 days from now ... spring splash!



Congratulations to Michael & Mary Gray who tied the knot in late November.

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