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HAPPY HOUR ~ DINNER MEETING ~ SHOPPING ~

November 6, 2025 6 pm-9 pm

The Old Bag of Nails Pub
24 North State Street, Westerville, OH 43081

Menu: Old Bag Famous Fish & Chips Buffet
with side dishes & salads.

**Dinner is in the private room on the third floor with a cash bar.

**Enter from the rear for handicap parking and access to the ramp and elevator.

RSVP by Monday, November 3rd, on the website, www.columbussailandpower.org, if you wish to pay online. If you wish to pay in person at the dinner meeting, contact Sue Goelz by phone (leave a voice mail message) at 614 598-6709 or by email at sue_goelz@yahoo.com

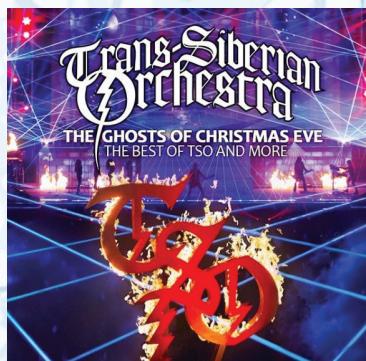
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MEET UP – SAVE THE DATES

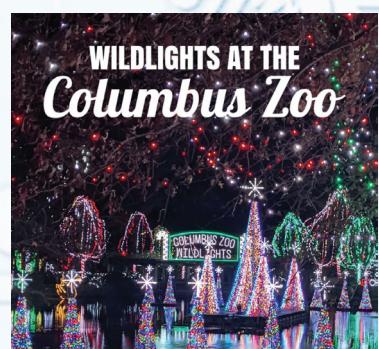
ZOO LIGHTS Friday, December 19th

Meet at **Shawnee Station** at 5 pm for dinner and drinks before continuing to the **Columbus Zoo** to view the lights with fellow America's Boating Club members and friends. Confirm your reservation for this event with David Keller at 614 900-8790 or david@romerecording.com by December 11th.



TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA CONCERT Tuesday, Dec. 23rd

Interested in the concert at 7:30 pm at **Nationwide Arena**? Purchase your tickets in advance, then plan to meet for dinner at 5:30 pm with fellow America's Boating Club members at **Buca de Bepo**, 343 N. Front St (across from the Nationwide Arena entrance). Make a reservation for dinner by contacting David Keller at 614 900-8790 or david@romerecording.com by Dec 16th. Want to sit near David at the Concert? Look for tickets on the Floor in Section 3, Row N. The best parking is in the Marconi Parking Garage.





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Sat | Begin new Merit Mark Year |
| 6 | Thu | Happy Hour/Dinner Old Bag of Nails Downtown Westerville |
| 10 | Mon | Galley Gossip articles due |
| 18 | Tue | Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm |
| 27 | Thu | THANKSGIVING |

DECEMBER

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| 12 | Fri | ABC Christmas Party Morgan House Dublin |
| 15 | Mon | Galley Gossip articles due |
| 16 | Tue | Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm |
| 17 | Wed | Sea Gals Christmas Dinner at Lakes Golf and Country Club |
| 19 | Fri | Meet Up at Shawnee Station Restaurant before visiting Zoo Lights |
| 23 | Tue | Meet Up at Buca de Bepo (343 N Front St) before attending the Trans-Siberian Orchestra 7:30 concert |
| 25 | Thu | CHRISTMAS DAY |

JANUARY 2026

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| 1 | Thu | NEW YEAR'S DAY |
| 8 | Thu | Happy Hour/Dinner Meeting/Election Night ABC Clubhouse 6 pm |
| 24 | Sat | Change of Watch Boat House at Confluence Park 679 W Spring St., Columbus |
| 27 | Tue | Executive Committee Meeting ABC Clubhouse 7 pm |

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Michael Hughes, JN-IN



As boating season is winding down, try to squeeze in a few more days out on the water. My reign as your commander is also winding down. As I reflect, I am in disbelief at everything we have accomplished this year. When I proclaimed my mantra "Let's make the best of it," I had no idea how good it would be. From our outings to our rendezvous, to the wonderful dinners, monthly socializing events, our education classes, and on to renovating the clubhouse, we have been hitting on all cylinders. We could not have accomplished all these tasks without the group's effort. Please pat yourselves on the back for jobs well done. There are still a few



things we need to accomplish this year, so stay tuned.

We had five new members at the October dinner meeting: Kelsey Pfeifer, Russ & Mary Boda, Ryan Helmbright, and Jim Beck. If you see them around, introduce yourself and exchange phone numbers. These people are fun and want to be around us, fun people. Welcome aboard!

Time is running out to submit your Bungle Jug and River Rat stories. These are funny things that happened while boating this year. Past winners included a marine antenna that was left up while traveling and hit a bridge; forgetting to take off the motor jacks to lower the engine before putting the boat in the water; ramming into ATONS; not paying attention to the low head dam signs; and launching your boat from a tow truck. Submit your stories to my email address, mtbuckets614@gmail.com.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Jason Mack, P



Ahoy! Where did the summer go? I hope that everyone had an amazing summer filled with great adventures on their boats with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing the new members become more active with our group. Many interesting activities are coming up, and I highly encourage everyone to read through the *Galley Gossip* to find an activity or one of the many power squadron courses that would interest you. Browsing our updated website, you will find interesting boat and safety courses that will be held at our newly renovated clubhouse. Sheryl and I have already taken additional boat lessons, such as the basic navigation class, and are looking forward to the upcoming weather course. If you haven't enrolled in our boat safety and education courses, I highly recommend it.

We had a great time at Schmidt's and appreciated the Commander's reminders and comments on



boat maintenance and preparation for winter storage. The boat is now winterized, stored away for the winter months, and waiting for new spring adventures.

As I write this article, members of our Central Ohio Chapter are getting ready for the District 29 Fall Conference in Findlay, Ohio. The Friday evening event will be a Pirate-themed costume party that I am sure will be a lot of fun. The conference group will then meet on Saturday to learn about the 2026 courses our boating community will be offering, followed by a formal dinner.

I hope that everyone has a safe Halloween. I look forward to seeing all of you at our dinner in November! Anchors away!

RAFFLE WINNERS

At the October Happy Hour/Dinner Meeting at Schmidt's, Commander Michael Hughes donated two of his precision, hand-made pens. The pens were raffled, and the winners were: Martha Beidel and Ryan Helmbright. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Tracy Hughes.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Sue Goelz,S



How can it be November already? It is the start of the boating "off" season. This is always a bit sad, but we have the holidays to look forward to, and it is never too early to start your shopping.

Consider starting to shop in "uptown" Westerville, OH. Our happy hour/social is being held this month of November at Old Bag of Nails restaurant in historic "uptown" (see page 1 for details). There are so many unique shops to explore. Consider arriving early and taking advantage of the free parking in the very walkable com-



NEW MEMBERS

Russ and Mary Boda
Kelsey Pfeifer
Thomas Cantwell Cory
Michael Peter Wallenhorst



November Birthdays

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| Gaige Mohr | Eldon Hall, Jr. |
| Karen Mesenberg | Tom Doyle |
| David Keller | Charlotte Mohr |
| John Paulson | Marla Hoeft |

SICK BAY

Debbie Crothers

mercial area. Most shops close around 6:00 PM on Thursdays, so you will have time to explore before dinner.

Stores with fun names like: Stone & Sparrow Apparel, Blend Candle Company, A Twist on Olives, A Girl Named Cinda Lou, Blue Turtle Tea & Spice, and Pure Roots Boutique & Gallery line the main streets.

This area will provide for a fun evening, and perhaps for dessert, we may want to wander across State Street for Graeter's famous ice cream! Please join us!

— BOATING 2026 —

David Keller is working on plans for a 2026 America's Boating Club group trip to Charlevoix Lake in Michigan. Tentative dates are August 6th-August 11th.

Charlevoix is a charming city located on an isthmus between Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix and is known for its unique "Mushroom Houses" and scenic beauty. Their annual Waterfront Art Festival will be held on Saturday, August 8th, from 9 am-6 pm and typically draws more than 25,000 art lovers. There are many areas to explore and cuisines to sample in the near vicinity. By boat, our group can explore Round Lake, Loeb Bay, Lake Charlevoix, and Lake Michigan, weather permitting. Additional exploration could take us to the Charlevoix Light House, Beaver Island, Petoskey (to search for Petoskey stones), or to Boyne City. In August, the water will be warm enough to raft up, swim, and even meet some local boaters. Put this trip on your summer 2026 wish list and watch the *Galley Gossip* for further information and plans.





The boats are “on the hard” and we are beginning to think about the winter season. The coming holidays offer the perfect opportunity to spend time with family and friends, enjoying quality moments together. As you think about sharing time, don’t forget to consider educational opportunities. There is likely still time to sign up for the virtual seminars in November. We have scheduled **All About VHF/DSC** on Nov. 10th, **AIS Electronics for Boaters** (Nov. 13th), and **Boating on Locks, Lakes, and Rivers** (Nov. 19th). Please note there is a cutoff date for registration, typically five days before the seminar or course. The seminars will allow you to keep building boating skills and knowledge for next year’s boating season without a big-time commitment during the holidays.

Include the coming courses in your planning for the winter season. In January, **Marine Electrical Systems** will start. This course will help you build an understanding of all the electrical systems on your boat. In February, an **Engine Maintenance Class** is scheduled for the most critical component, your engine. This course will not make you a marine mechanic, but it will provide an understanding to diagnose potential problems and increase your ability to communicate with your mechanic.



In addition, in February, we have a **Marine Navigation Course** scheduled. This course provides a great foundation for understanding charts and electronic navigation. For those who wish to quietly move through the water and enjoy using the wind to power their craft, a **Sail Class** will also start in February.

As you can see, there are several opportunities to keep connected to boating during the winter months. Now is the time to make plans and add some knowledge to your dreams of the next boating season. Look at the available options on the website, through our education program, and sign up. For more information, see the website at <https://www.columbussailandpower.org>



Schedule of Classes 2025-2026

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| Advanced Piloting | Wednesday evenings | October 22-December 3, 2025 |
| All About VHF/DSC | Monday | November 10, 2025 |
| AIS Electronics for Boaters | Thursday | November 13, 2025 |
| Boating on Locks and Rivers | Wednesday | November 19, 2025 |
| Marine Electrical Systems | Wednesdays | January 21-March 18, 2026 |
| Marine Navigation | Monday evenings | February 2-March 30, 2026 |
| Engine Maintenance | Monday evenings | February 2-March 9, 2026 |
| Sailing | Wednesday evenings | February 4-May 6, 2026 |
| Boat Handling | Wednesday evenings | March 4-June 8, 2026 |
| Cruising Under Sail and Power | Tuesday evenings | March 10-April 28, 2026 |
| Trailering and Trailer Tune Up | Tuesday | May 12, 2026 |
| Weather for Boaters | Wednesday | May 20, 2026 |

Rendezvous Reviews

New York Cruise

by Phil Osborne

Friday, August 8, 2025, eight boaters from the Columbus and Toledo Squadrons left Ohio en route to Alexandria Bay, Clayton, New York. Six boaters stopped in Buffalo to visit with friends and spent the night. The following morning, we left and arrived at our VRBO in Alexandria Bay, New York. Our VRBO was off the main road, surrounded by woods and minus any traffic noise. The following day, we launched the boats and moseyed upstream to Lake Ontario, then back to the bay, where we visited the Bolt and Singer Castles as well as the boat museums. After dinner on the Saint Lawrence River, we went back to our VRBO for the evening. After three days of boating in the area, we loaded the boats and hauled them to the Adirondack Mountains, then launched at Tupper Lake. What a beautiful drive, and this area is a picture out of a magazine. Tupper Lake has 28 miles of shoreline with a variety of bays, coves, and islands to explore.

We were met at the launch ramp by a friend of one of our boating couples. She directed us to Simon Pond, where we docked in front of our VRBO. We were advised that dinner was ready, and we went to their home, which was located next to our VRBO, and enjoyed a wonderful dinner. After dinner, we all went out on Simon Pond for a sunset cruise. What a beautiful evening!

The following morning, three deer were splashing in the water in front of our boat dock. We went for a morning cruise and later returned in time to cover our boats before the rain began. We toured the area to see some beautiful sites around the Village of Tupper Lake and later had a lovely evening playing cards.

We later cruised the length of Tupper Lake and viewed the beautiful homes overlooking the lake. After boating in the area for three days, we put the boats on trailers and towed them to Palmyra, New York, where we had reservations at the Best Western Hotel. We launched the boats on Skaneateles Lake, where they boast of having the cleanest lake in the United States. There is no argument here.

The following day, we launched on Canandaigua Lake, another finger lake that we did not boat on the last time we were here. If you have never visited the Finger Lakes area, this is a must. This is a great boating area. There are numerous wineries and a great place to tour.

On Sunday morning, we traveled back to Ohio after spending a beautiful week boating on the lakes of New York.

Lake Cumberland

by Joe Huffman

Perhaps the best weather we've ever had!!

Tuesday, Sept 9, two couples arrive early, YEAH!
(Phil & Ruth, Linda & Joe)

Wednesday mid-morning, we launched our boats at Beaver Creek Marina and later rented slips. We explored Beaver Creek and looked for our friend, a wild goat. No luck....

Wednesday, Sept 10, our four other couples arrived! (Tom, Diane, Dan, Carmin, Saade, Sharon, David, Debbie & Maggie. David, Deb & Maggie got their covered slip with electric at Rowena Marina. The others stayed at an AirBnB a mile from Beaver Creek Marina.

Thursday all five boats met up at the 10-mile stretch. Before meeting with David, the original four boats went looking for the goat again, and this time we spotted him. We all nosed our boats up to the shore as he came jumping and running down to us. Sharon brought some special food for him, which he sniffed and turned his head. Ruth threw a small bag of chips, which he really tried to get into. He basically likes junk food. He will eat the food out of your hand. We discovered the goat three years ago in the same area.

After feeding the goat, everyone traveled to Conley Bottom Marina, where we had lunch and did a lot of shopping. Also, we enjoyed a soft-serve ice cream cone. On the way back, we stopped and floated in the clear, calm water for a few hours. The water temp was 77-80 degrees.

Friday morning, we traveled to the state dock marina and had lunch. Afterward, we explored Greasy Creek, which is narrow, winding, and beautiful. Yes, of course we floated.

Friday evening, Tom Francis joined us for the weekend, staying at Rowena with David, Debbie & Maggie on his boat. Saturday was our day for traveling to the well-known 76 Falls first, and Little Falls, a place where people jump off the cliffs. Both had less water than usual. At 76 Falls, we floated and then went to Rowena Marina for lunch. Again, we enjoyed ice cream and shopping.

On Sunday, we again looked for the goat and fed him his enjoyable junk food. We traveled next

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Recap of the 2025 Delaware County Fair

by Deb Crothers

Promoting America's Boating Club and our mission of education for safe boating can look different at times. Our bridge decided to create a booth at the Delaware County Fair to do just that. The consensus among our club members who participated is that it was successful.

We encouraged fair attendees to enter our raffle for an inflatable life vest or a free boating course through our education team. The conversations with fair goers were fun and revealed a lot about the central Ohio boating community. We met many potential club members and many more who wanted more boating safety education. Our members who participated reported a renewed spirit of collegiality in purpose with other club members and the hope for increasing membership from those interactions.

Each day of the fair started with a golf cart trip to the fairgrounds to set up for the day. An early morning ride with David Crothers at the helm can be invigorating or frightening, depending on your perspective. Our commander, Michael Hughes, was brave enough to make this ride three times! Tracy and her mother, however, were neither one willing to do it repeatedly. David and Melanie Stacy (previous Formula 1 drivers) seemed to be the most at home on the back of David's cart. Joe and Linda Huffman, however, felt a lot more intimidated and may have actually had some concerns about the ride home the whole time they volunteered. Bob Rayburn earned the privilege of a trip with Debbie at the wheel, and he did make some whimpering noises as the downhill portion of the ride ensued,



but he got home safely. Barbara Hupman was very quiet during her early morning ride to the fair-grounds. She said she brought a book for when she got bored, but on her ride home, she admitted she never opened it. The conversations she had with the fairgoers were just too entertaining!

Bob and Janet Hern were a part of the core team who designed and built the display. Coastie cards and coloring books were a huge hit with the youngsters. We found that encouraging parents to take

a child's picture with Coastie gave us scores of educational opportunities. We donated two dog life jackets, so the whole family was involved.

All 84 raffle entries were compiled after the fair to choose the winners of our giveaway prizes. The winning entries were drawn at the September ECOM meeting. Winning the inflatable life vest was Deb Bennett of Marion, Ohio. The winner of the free Boating Class was Larry Ebert of Cardington, Ohio. Non-winning entrants will be offered education classes at a discount if taken within the next year. The consensus among the bridge was to do this event again in 2026.



Lake Cumberland, continued from page 6

to the Wolfe Creek Marina (formerly Alligator 2), had lunch at Fish Tales, and enjoyed ice cream and shopping. Afterward, traveling to the Lake Cumberland Marina (formerly Alligator 1), several people viewed the floating houses. While floating, David disconnected Maggie's floating pad and, with a few others, swam to an island to explore.

Monday, we all swam and David cooked us Hot Dogs, with Maggie watching his every move. David again used Maggie's swim pad and, with several others, swam to the shore, finding some nice geodes.

Tuesday, we traveled to Grider Hill Marina. We

wanted to check out their new restaurant, but it was closed. Afterward, we enjoyed ham sandwiches provided by Phil and Ruth as we floated in Whippoorwill Creek. Next, it was time for the dreaded chore, loading our boats onto the trailers.

Maggie was the highlight of the trip as we all enjoyed throwing her ball and watching her retrieve it.

Mechanically, only one minor repair was required on one of our trailers. It needed wheel bearings.

Total miles and hours on Joe and Linda's boat were 23 miles and 254 hours.



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