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BOATS



Monthly Dinner Meeting Thursday, 6 March Barley's Smokehouse

located on north side of Dublin Road, 1 block west of Grandview Ave. from I-670

Program: Marine Surveyor & Consultant Dan Libby will discuss water and fire damage assessment and the ins and outs of buying and/or selling a boat. This presentation will be of interest to anyone who currently owns a boat or is in the market to purchase a boat. You will learn how to assess the health of any boat.

Social Hour: 18:30

Dinner: 19:30

Program: 20:00

Menu: Your choice of Pulled Pork Sandwich or Texas Chopped Beef Brisket Sandwich. Each served with mixed vegetables. Cash bar available.

Cost: \$11 per person

Uniform: Uniform G or business casual

Please reply to Steve & Debbie Smith at 614-890-5864 or e-mail boatmansteve@sbcglobal.net before February 28, 2008. Please indicate menu preferences - pork or brisket.

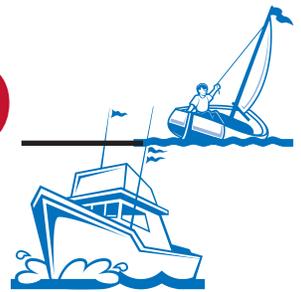




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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

MARCH

3	Monday	Public Boating Class - Grandview Heights HS 7 pm
6	Thursday	Monthly Dinner Meeting - Barley's Smokehouse
10,17,24	Monday	Public Boating Class - Grandview Heights HS 7:30 pm
25	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ
28-30	Fri.-Sun.	D/29 Spring Conference - Oregon, OH

APRIL

7,14,21	Monday	Public Boating Class - Grandview Heights HS 7:30 pm
12	Saturday	Commander's Ball - Crown Plaza, Dublin
22	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ

MAY

1	Thursday	Monthly Dinner Meeting - TBA
3	Saturday	Ice Breaker Dinner - Nor' Easter, Catawba Island
17-23	Sat.-Fri.	National Safe Boating Week
20	Tuesday	Executive Committee Meeting - HQ
22	Thursday	Marion Power Squadron 50th Anniv. Celebration

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Larry R. Whiting, P



As your new Commander, I would like to briefly address the Squadron to let you know what I would like us to focus on this year.

As you are already aware, the theme this year is "Making Headway," and I hope you remember that term throughout the year. We want to make real progress in a number of areas.

At the top of this "focus list" is recruitment of new members. For many years this Squadron had over 500 members. We have had a trend of decline for almost a decade to the point that we are now at around 300 members. National has a goal for all Squadrons this year of a 10 percent increase. For Columbus that means our target should be at least 30 new members. We have under Michael Hughes a new membership committee with four co-chairs and they are energized to go to work on new membership. But keep in mind that they can't do this work alone. It's going to take the Bridge and all of us to turn the decline around. Because of societal changes— and a lot of service organizations are having the same membership decline problems — we probably can never reach 500 members again. But even to sustain ourselves to around 300 is going to take a major effort. We might get 30 new members, but we might lose 30 members through death or other reasons.

An Executive Committee action at the May meeting made it easier for us to recruit new Squadron members and for them to become members. An affirmative vote did away with the longstanding requirement that prospective members had to take the safe boating course and pass the test in order to join. As a member, you may sponsor a prospective candidate who has had at least five years of boating experience, evidenced by boat ownership. If sponsors can attest to experience, knowledge of boating, and reputation as a responsible boater, applicants will be accepted as members by the Executive Committee. Applicants should also have an expressed interest in pursuing additional boating education and a commitment to participate in CSPS programs.

The change seems to make a lot of sense since the course and test requirement sometimes seemed intimidating to veteran boaters even though the requirement was always a good path to revisit the basics of safe boating. Prospective members who do not meet these requirements must still take the safe boating course.

There are hundreds of boaters in central Ohio with experience who would make excellent members. This policy change opens up a great membership recruiting opportunity for us if we would simply take advantage of it.

Another approach to our membership problem is to somehow get more of our members involved in Squadron activities. Of course, I am preaching to the choir this evening. We have a high percentage of members who don't attend dinner meetings. Quite frankly, I have staff whom I have never even meant! It's a major problem that this bridge will try to seriously address. Membership participation should lead to better membership retention. We desire more participation in everything from dinner meetings to rendezvous to district meetings and our national meetings.

We also need to boost our marketing and promotion



activities. This past year under Tracey Garrett and others I think we have made important progress. It is a difficult problem to tackle because we don't have a big budget to invest in media advertising, for example. But somehow we need to let the public know about us. We can no longer remain what some have said is the "best kept secret" in boating. And this problem should not be

shouldered just by our PR Officer. All of us can promote and talk-up our organization and help spread the word about who we are, what we do, and how we can be of help to power boaters and sailors.

Another focus, of course, will be to increase enrollments in our public boating class but also our Squadron classes. A number of us have been sitting with the P designation. Myself included. We need to take advantage of the AP class. We all need to have at least the S designation. So we have a way to go here. And also, we have had the two-way video distance education equipment for almost two years now. There are a number of reasons—technical and otherwise— as to why it hasn't been used. SEO David Clark has been working diligently on this issue and we are going to get something scheduled using the system soon—this spring.

The last focus area I want to comment on is Vessel Safety Checks. This activity should be extremely important to us. After all, we are a boating safety organization. In 2006 we had just 49 vessel checks. I am happy to report that in 2007 we had 69 vessel checks, a 41 percent increase. But we fell short of the goal I had set of 100 checks. This year we need to shoot for that 100 number again. We are the largest Squadron in the district. We should be doing better with Vessel Safety Checks. Solutions involve: more promotion of safety checks, more examiners, and more of us getting our boats checked by our examiners.

Vessel Safety Checks are under Executive Officer Bob Prior's watch this season. I am giving him a major assignment: 100 vessel checks.

There are other things we will be working on, too. For example we want to do an all-member survey to find out in general how members feel about the Squadron and seek their ideas about the issues we face. But again, new member recruitment, increased member involvement, marketing and promotion, increased class enrollments, and increased vessel safety checks are the major areas I wish to concentrate on.

I am very pleased with the talent that we have on the Bridge and the Executive Committee as well as the staff selected for the year. I think the group is energized to get to work. But we need help from every Squadron member to accomplish these goals.

In this year— 2008 — for the sake of this Squadron's future — **"LET'S MAKE HEADWAY."**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Robert L. Prior, S



In my first article for the "GG" as your Executive Officer, I would be remiss if I didn't extend my sincerest gratitude to Past Commander, David Michael, for his year of leadership of the squadron. I am also grateful to David for being a patient mentor to me while learning the ropes this past year. Both Larry Whiting and Larry Lowe can count on my energetic and enthusiastic support in the year ahead.

During the past year, I was privileged to serve with an outstanding bridge but I am equally excited about the make up of our new bridge. I would like to extend a hearty "welcome aboard" to our newest members. The keys to the A/O's office have been turned over to Michael Hughes and he is already off to a great start. Michael has made some creative changes and will field outstanding monthly dinner meetings.

Steps have already been taken toward developing both a



mid term and long term strategic business plan for the squadron. The benefit of such forward planning is not necessarily the plan itself but the actual process of planning. We have many bright and creative people in our squadron and brainstorming ideas to elicit the best will greatly benefit the squadron, not only now but for many years to come.

I am honored to be your new Executive Officer and will work diligently to foster all of the best that we have to offer the boating public.



D/29 Spring Conference

28-30 March, 2008, at Maumee Bay State Park Lodge...

see page 12 for registration.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN



I am excited to step into the AO position and have spent the last few weeks making changes to my staff and the events of the squadron for the coming year. The rendezvous committee has been hard at work creating an exciting boating season for both Lake Erie boaters and Trailer boaters. With such a diverse agenda, there should be at least one outing that everyone can attend. I hope to see many new faces on the waters this year as well as familiar ones.



prices, diverse locations, and appealing speakers. Everyone is aware how prices on items have risen, including food. I am working very hard to keep the meals at \$15 or less per person. To accomplish this, portions may be smaller and there may be no desserts. This does not apply to special functions such as the Change of Watch, the Commander's Ball and the Christmas Party. It is my hope that attendance will increase with these lower prices.

Dinner reservations are required for meal counts at all venues. The deadline date is set by the restaurant for the scheduling of servers and food quantity. Therefore it is crucial that you RSVP by the deadline date. Cancellations without a 24 hour notice and no-shows will be billed accordingly.

I am interested in hearing your ideas, opinions and comments. Please contact me or any Member at Large regarding speakers, venues and meal quality/quantity vs. price. The new Members at Large are listed in this Galley Gossip under the Executive Committee with their contact number. I am also interested in your ideas for member retention and involvement. As a member of this squadron, your voice counts – please let it be heard.

Finally, I would like to thank the Sea Gals for their generous contribution to the squadron. They recently purchased a new set of flags and poles with bases to be used for the dinner meetings. This will give us a fresh look at our dinner meetings and save on fuel and time. I am looking forward to continued involvement with the Sea Gals.

THANK YOU!!

I was both honored and humbled to receive the Excellence in Teaching Award at the Change of Watch banquet. My thanks go out to all those who were involved in deciding on this presentation. I am pretty sure I said "Thank You" when I received the plaque, but I was so surprised that I can't be sure of what I did say. You know I am rarely at a loss for words, but this honor caught me completely off guard. I'm glad that I remembered to take the mic back and thank my lovely wife, Mary for her support and understanding of my work. The award was for 22 years of teaching. Mary and I have been married for 22-1/2 years. She was the support that allowed me to have "the time of my life" for the years I was privileged to teach. It was a GREAT ride!!

THE REALITY OF ALL THIS is that an award should go out to all the members who unselfishly gave both time and

talent to help me, and all the rest of our instructors, to do our jobs. The truth is, I had the *easiest* part of all this work! All I had to do was talk about boats and boating! If it were not for those who worked behind and beside the scenes...proctors, paper graders, those who saw that equipment and teaching aids were there, when they were needed ...and all the others who made sure that the classes ran smoothly... the job would have been infinitely harder, if not impossible. For all this work, by so many of our members, I will remain eternally grateful. .

Thanks, too, go to all the P/C's and others who were sources of reference to me when I had to answer a student's question with "I don't know, but I'll find out." Thank you all.

Respectfully,
Joseph A. Hetzel, AP

What to wear for a Formal Beach Party?

See page 7 for Cdr's Ball info!

Beach formal is really just another way of saying "just because it's on a beach, please don't come in a bathing suit" because some people do just that.

For a woman, a nice light top is pretty — it can be sleeveless, strappy, tank top or whatever, but somewhat on the dressy side. It can be paired with a long, filmy, wrap-around skirt or slacks. Another option, one of the jagged hemline skirts or dresses that are so popular. All in light colors or flowery prints. Since there will likely be dancing, do not give in to the urge to add flip flops to your outfit. Do wear something you can dance in comfortably. Guys can wear light chinos, khakis or white 'beach boy' pants, and a Hawaiian style shirt. Linen slacks and shirts add a cool feeling to the evening. No ties needed. Boat deck shoes or nice leather slip-ons.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Dave Clark, AP



CS&PS Winter & Spring Classes 2008

Course	First Class	Length	Instructor	Cost
Marine Electronics	Wed Feb 6	16 wks	Larry Lowe	\$40.00
Sail	Tue Feb 5	15 wks	Ken Spilke & Doug Jackson	\$40.00
Weather	Tue Feb 5	16 wks	Walker Lowman & Skip Woodruff	\$65.00
Advanced Piloting	Mon Feb 11	13 wks	Bob Rayburn & Larry Lowe	\$50.00
Squadron Boating Course	Mon Feb 25	9 wks	Jeff Mirgon & Staff	\$40.00
Seamanship	Mon May 5	9 wks	Staff	\$30.00

Headquarters address: 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035
For registration call Dave Clark 614-891-4120 or email clark.32@osu.edu



P/D/C Bob Rayburn, SN, and P/C Ron DeCario, AP, prepare to present the colors.

Change of Watch

2 February

Dublin Crowne Plaza



Commander Larry Whiting, P, receives his Commander's Pin from D/C Skip Woodruff, AP.



The X/Cdr hopes to pass the "Bar Exam".



Dave Clark makes his point.



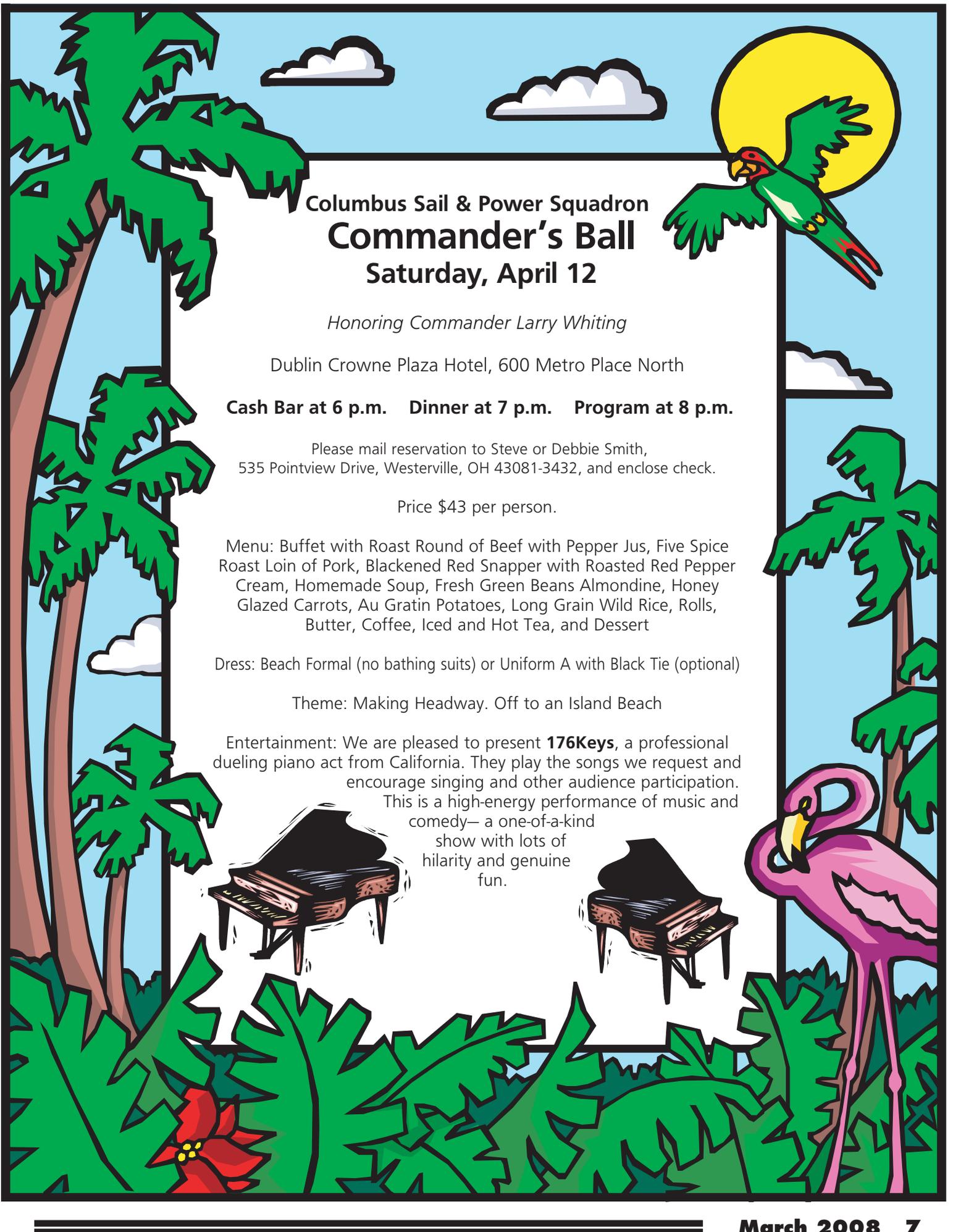
Lt Linda, S, and Cdr Larry Whiting, P



The Commander receives congrats from Jane Clark, S.



D/C Woodruff swears in the new Bridge: Prior, Clark, Hughes, Smith, Mattis, Cohee, Grosz, Hollander, and Van der Wissel.



Columbus Sail & Power Squadron
Commander's Ball
Saturday, April 12

Honoring Commander Larry Whiting

Dublin Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Metro Place North

Cash Bar at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Program at 8 p.m.

Please mail reservation to Steve or Debbie Smith,
535 Pointview Drive, Westerville, OH 43081-3432, and enclose check.

Price \$43 per person.

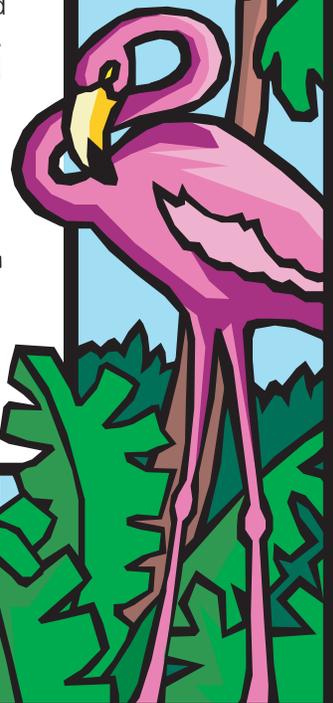
Menu: Buffet with Roast Round of Beef with Pepper Jus, Five Spice Roast Loin of Pork, Blackened Red Snapper with Roasted Red Pepper Cream, Homemade Soup, Fresh Green Beans Almondine, Honey Glazed Carrots, Au Gratin Potatoes, Long Grain Wild Rice, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Iced and Hot Tea, and Dessert

Dress: Beach Formal (no bathing suits) or Uniform A with Black Tie (optional)

Theme: Making Headway. Off to an Island Beach

Entertainment: We are pleased to present **176Keys**, a professional dueling piano act from California. They play the songs we request and encourage singing and other audience participation.

This is a high-energy performance of music and comedy— a one-of-a-kind show with lots of hilarity and genuine fun.





**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
22 January 2008**

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

Cdr David Michael, P, called the meeting to order at 1930 at the Squadron's headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH.

Lt Dave Wells, AP, gave the invocation.

P/C Larry Lowe, SN, lead 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 David Michael, P; Administrative Officer Lt/C Bob Prior, S; Education Officer Lt/C David Clark, AP; Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN, P/C Ron DeCario, AP, Lt Wade Grosz, AP, Lt Michael Hughes, JN, Lt Ron Lavelly, JN, Lt Jeff Mirgon, S, Lt Debbie Smith, AP.

Also, present were Tracy Garrett, S, P/C Larry Lowe, SN, and Sue Nadolson, P.

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

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Commander's Comments:

Cdr Michael welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and guests.

I want to thank everyone on the Executive Committee for all you have done this past year. It has been my pleasure to have served with each of you, especially those where this will be their last meeting on the Executive Committee. This includes Kevin Baron, Debbie Smith, Ron Stewart, P/C Ron DeCario and P/C Don Delewese.

This is the night that our new Commander, Larry Whiting and the Executive Committee assume their new seats here at the table. This upcoming year will begin far differently than any previous year has begun, because of Larry's health. This year we cannot wait to be asked by the Commander. Past Commanders need to remind the Executive Committee what needs to be done, and the Executive Committee and the Past Commanders need to volunteer or find volunteers to work on these tasks and projects.

I will continue to work on the *Galley Gossip*, so send me your articles before 1 Feb. If I have the articles and the pictures from The Change of Watch by 3 February, we should be able to finish it up the following week. I will forward copies to Larry, JJ, Phil and Don to review. The Winter Council will be Sunday, 10 February at Ohio Northern. I will drive anyone who needs a ride. You need to RSVP for lunch per the email I sent last week.

Spring Conference is coming up in March, but hotel reservations need to be made by February. Check your *Galley Gossip* for deadlines for both hotel and Conference registration. This is a good conference to go to because what was discussed at National will be reviewed here. All Executive Committee members, especially the new ones, should plan to attend. I need a Past Commander to head this up so attendees have a point person to contact who will complete and submit our list of delegates to District on a timely basis.



There is a Youth Safety poster contest sponsored by National that was chaired by Phil last year on the National level. I will need a chair hopefully from the Executive Committee who can contact the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and School Art teachers to see if we can generate any outside interest in this contest. Our judging will have to be done by July in time to submit to the District for

Summer Council.

Safe Boating Week will be 17-23 May. I will need a chair to coordinate our efforts. I got a proclamation last year from Governor Strickland and I can get another one again this year. Vessel Safety Inspections are a big part of this week and Larry thought it might be newsworthy to publicize the VSIs we do for new boaters who are referred to us by the boat dealers. We also should seek VIPs who own boats to do a VSI for them prior to Safe Boating week.

In new business we will begin to review job descriptions. Larry has also asked that all officers fill their staffs as soon as possible to include in the *Galley Gossip*. Also, all officers need to meet with their successors to make sure they are up to speed.

God bless our new Executive Committee, especially our Commander, Larry Whiting, so we can give him the best year ever!

Prior to the report of officers P/C Ron DeCario said he has been speaking with incoming Commander Larry Whiting, P. Per the request of Larry Whiting and the agreement of P/C Larry Lowe, incoming Commander Larry Whiting requests that P/C Larry Lowe assume the duties of Commander until such time as Larry Whiting is able to resume his duties. Under Bylaw 5.1.10, this requires a vote by the Executive Committee. P/C Larry Lowe confirmed to the committee that he is in agreement to temporarily assume the duties of Commander. This was presented as a motion and carried unanimously approved. It was further noted that the above mentioned Bylaw requires another vote in fifty days if Larry Whiting is not able to resume his duties at that time.

Report of Officers:

Executive Officer Lt/C Larry Whiting, P:

I am sorry that I cannot be with you tonight. After undergoing emergency bladder surgery on Friday, 11 January, I was also diagnosed with pneumonia and a hospital "staph" infection. I am now at home recovering under a nurse's care and getting a heavy dose of antibiotics twice a day through IVs. I plan to be back on my feet in time for the Change of Watch. I face major surgery once the infection is eliminated. Surgery is scheduled for 8 February. After successfully fighting bladder cancer since 1994, a new very aggressive malignant tumor has appeared. Surgery involves removing my bladder,



prostate, a number of lymph nodes, and possibly a cyst on one of my kidneys. I will be in the hospital 7-10 days and then have a six week recovery period.

Tonight I would like the Executive Committee to approve my new Flag Officer, P/C Larry Lowe, SN, to serve as acting Commander until I feel well enough to assume full duties. My expectation is that I will be back to normal a week or two prior to the Commander's Ball.

I am very thankful to all those who have been and who have offered to help me through this period of time. One of my biggest disappointments is not being able to attend the Dallas meeting, my first. I had my reservation made, plane ticket purchased, etc. I also have to miss other squadron change of watch ceremonies and appreciate those who are helping with this.

Other Items:

I would like to have a meeting of the bridge officers and interested EXCOMM members on Tuesday, 5 February at 1930 to work on the squadron calendar, job descriptions and operations in general.

I mailed the check (\$342) from the Fantasy of Lights to Treasurer John Mattis today as I didn't know how I was going to get it to the meeting tonight.

I have my 2008 staff 95 percent in place. I have attached the positions and names. Please note that I have moved *Galley Gossip* assignments from the Secretary position to the Commander's staff simply because that is the way the *Galley Gossip* has functioned for several years.

I really hope we can have a great turn-out for the Change of Watch.

The Commander's Ball Committee, led by Phil Osborn and Ruth Wilcox is doing a wonderful job. There have been two or three meetings; plans are well underway. Phil may want to report further details later in the meeting.

At the Change of Watch I plan to briefly address the Squadron concerning my goals for the year. The theme is "Making Headway," and the activities I really want to push are:

- Re-establish and use a calling committee to increase dinner meeting participation.
- Increase 2008 Vessel Safety Checks to at least 100 and lead off this activity during National Boating Safety Week with some kind of media event.
 - Increase Columbus participation in District meetings.
 - Increase the number of members taking classes, advancing grades.
 - Get some of our classes, particularly seminars, utilizing the Squadron distance education video system.
 - Conduct a major member recruiting effort.
 - A lot of progress has been made with Public Relations/Marketing. I want to increase our efforts even more in this area.
 - Conduct a major member survey to assess issues, problems, challenges members have about our organization.

More specifics about my goals will be presented at the Change of Watch.

APPOINTED OFFICERS AND CHAIRS

Commander's Staff – Commander Larry R. Whiting, P.
Flag Lieutenant P/C Larry L. Lowe, SN
Advisors P/C Philip R. Osborne, AP
P/C Ronald DeCapio, AP

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Co/Ch/Merit Mark
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Parliamentarian
Law Officer
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P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP
P/Lt/C Ramonda DeCapio
P/C Roger P. Hankle, SN
P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP
to be selected
Lt Debbie Smith, AP
Lt David Wells, AP
Lt/C Michael Hughes, AP
Lt Theresa Nadolson
Lt Debbie Smith, AP
Lt Mary Mirgon
P/Lt/C James Meyers, SN
Lt Karen "Sue" Nadolson, AP
D/1st/Lt Philip R. Osborne, AP
Lt Wade Grosz, AP
Lt David R. Fannon, AP
P/C David Michael, P
P/Lt/C Ruth Wilcox, S
V/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN
Lt/C John Mattis, S

Administrative Officer Lt/C Bob Prior, S:

All of our prayers and best wishes go to Larry Whiting for his upcoming surgery and a speedy recovery.

Recap of coming events:

- 2 February (Saturday) – Change of Watch – Clarion Hotel
- 6 March (Thursday) – Monthly dinner meeting – Barley's Smoke House, Rte 33 in Grandview
- 12 April (Saturday) – Commander's Ball – Crown Plaza Hotel

There is a very interesting trip written up in the current issue of the *Ensign* that we might want to consider for one of our future rendezvous. The Toledo squadron navigated a portion of the historic Eric Canal in canal boats. Their description of the trip makes it sound like an attractive venue for our consideration. I'd be glad to help plan/organize it if there is any interest.

Speaking of the *Ensign* I believe our trip down the Muskingum River would make an excellent contribution to a future issue. The exposure would be good for our squadron and might entice other boaters outside our squadron to make the trip. I'd be glad to help write it if I can obtain input from others, e.g., photos.

I had a very productive meeting with Michael Hughes, our incoming A/O, yesterday. We discussed all aspects of his new role and there is no doubt that the A/O's post will be in excellent hands. Please know, Michael, which anytime you need assist or information from me, I am as near as the phone.

Educational Officer Lt/C David Clark, AP

Two meetings/tests were held recently to test the remote education video-conference equipment. During the first meeting Larry Whiting arranged for a link-up with Ohio State. Rob Stephens, Larry Lowe and I met at headquarters and found the link-up operational. The image on the monitor was

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excellent. Since no one was in the OSU classroom, we were unable to evaluate the quality of audio or of any movement (i.e., dynamic video). This past Saturday a second link-up was established between headquarters and Larry Lowe's home. One of us was at each end of the link-up. The audit and static – non-moving – video was excellent on both ends. Larry reported that my movements at headquarters were seen clearly and audio was in sync with my face. When Larry moved at home the video seen at headquarters would break up. We decided this was unimportant since the instructor at headquarters needs only to see students to answer questions. We deemed the tests successful. Based on the outcome of our tests I asked Michael Hughes to consider adding a slide on Remote education to the PowerPoint he plans to present next month to the Central Ohio Marine Dealers Association.

Junior Navigation has begun with about six students. We already have five squadron members committed to the Sail course and one student from the Alum Creek Sailing Association.

Past Commander Larry Lowe has asked for a few minutes to discuss a new development with the Squadron Boating Course. Larry Lowe continued by explaining a \$2000 anonymous donation has been made to establish a Judy Lowe Memorial Fund with the funds earmarked to pay tuition for those in the public boating course. The course will now be free. Each year forward there will be an annual \$2000 donation for this purpose.

Secretary Lt/C Steve Smith, JN

Minutes of last month's Executive Committee Meeting (December) were distributed.

A letter was mailed to P/C Harold Beidel, SN, thanking him for his donation of the Weems and Plath dividers.

Treasurer Lt/C John Mattis, S

Copies of the Treasurer's report for December were distributed.

Immediate Past Commander Ronald DeCapio, AP:

(see comments at end of Commander's report)

Rules Committee Chair P/C Donald Delewese, AP:

At the past EXCOMM meeting I distributed the squadron SOPs. I am waiting on comments from the committee for possible updates to the SOP. At the next committee meeting we will be voting to accept the SOPs so please review them and get me any feedback.

Members-a- large reports

Lt Wade Grosz, AP

I worked the last two hours of the boat show on Sunday. It was fun and the hypothermia demonstration was popular.

Lt Michael Hughes, JN

I would like to start a new program by opening up our home to out of town guests who are here to attend the Change-of-Watch and Commander's Ball. This may help improve attendance if people do not require a hotel room. I encourage others to do so.

I would like to make a motion to buy new flags (USA and Squadron). This way the A/O can keep a set for monthly meetings and we also have a set at HQ. This would reduce the

amount of extra driving for the A/O having to retrieve the flags from HQ and then return them each month. After discussion, this motion was passed with a maximum of \$300 for the new flags.

The HQ had a fire marshal inspection. Two discrepancies were noted. They were an extension cord in use and a fire extinguisher in need of a high pressure test. Both discrepancies were corrected and we are in compliance.

Lt Jim Igo, S

Last year eight to ten people signed up for the ABC course online. Unfortunately, the computer subsequently crashed and the historical data was lost.

I worked at the boat show and it was enjoyable.

Lt Doug Jackson, JN

Could the Treasurer show his monthly reports with a summary showing the budget vs. actual expenditures? (The Treasurer agreed.)

I received a letter from the State of Ohio requesting a report on the grant we received.

I have been in contact with the Alum Creek Sailing Association to see if they would like to take our Sailing Course and vice versa. Their course includes a lot of on water practice while our course is all class room.

Lt Ron Lavelly, JN

Work is continuing on the 2008 cruises. At the Cleveland Boat Show I met with Homeland Security and with Leamington Marina. There was conflicting information as to documentation required for trailer entrance requirements.

Lt Jeff Mirgon, S

Thanks to Tracy Garrett and Michael Hughes for all of the boat show work.

We still need help with the squadron boating course. It will be held on Monday evenings starting 25 February. If you can help out in the class, please show up. I would appreciate a phone call if you know when you can help.

Lt Debbie Smith, AP

Steve and I worked the boat show. I would encourage all of you working the boat show to keep in mind the age of the children to which you are presenting the hypothermia demonstration. Reading from the notes card is above the comprehension of younger children.

Steve and I attended the Toledo Squadron Change-of-Watch. The weather was good and the turnout was good as well. There were about 110 in attendance for the evening.

I have not received much response so far for our Change-of-Watch. Please get your reservations in.

I would like to work on updating the job descriptions of members-at-large. I feel we can make some improvement in this area.

This is my last meeting as a member-at-large. I have held this position for the three years and it has been enjoyable and a learning experience. Thank you.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL COMMITTEES:

Nominating Committee Chair: P/C Robert Van der Wissel, AP

Regarding the summer trailer boat trips, if you have room on your boat for any additional people, please let Michael Hughes know so that others who do not have a trailer boat can attend.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Sea Gals: Lt Debbie Smith, AP

- 22 February – Valentines party at the home of Michael Hughes & Tracy Garrett.
- 22 March – St. Patrick's Day party at Dave & Sherry Ehrbar's home. This is also a Sea Gals membership drive.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

MARKETING: Lt Tracy Garrett, S

- 7-10 February boat show, we need workers
- week of 10 February the SQ ad will appear in the SNP publication
- at the next EXCOMM meeting we will be voting on the entries in the coloring contest

Member Involvement: Lt Ron Hupman, S

Barbara and I are working on a new member kit using existing publications available at HQ.

Outreach: P/C Philip Osborne, AP

The Commander's Ball will be held on Saturday, 12 April, at the Crown Plaza Hotel (off Frantz Road). The same place the Fall District Conference was held. The theme for the Commander's Ball is "Making Headway," and the attire will be "Beach Formal." The optimum word there is "Beach." The entertainment will be the "176 Keys Dueling Pianos." This dueling pianos show is a unique form of entertainment you can't find anywhere else and each performance is specifically tailored to us and the audience.

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There will be a short demonstration on a CD at the Change of Watch as a preview.

Recessed at 2030 and reconvened at 2045

As the meeting reconvened, the new board assumed their places at the table with interim Commander Larry Lowe, SN, at the head of the table.

New Business

The Interim Commander made a motion to accept Commander Whiting's appointed officers. The motion passed.

Commander Lowe set 7 February as the date for his next emergency meeting. It will be held at HQ at 1930.

Sick Bay:

Commander Larry Whiting, P.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on 26 February 2008 at 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035. The meeting adjourned at 2145.

FROM THE CSPS LIBRARY

"OFF THE SHELF"

This year, March brings in many changes: Daylight Savings Time on the 9th, Spring on the 20th, a full moon on the 21st, plus Good Friday and Easter. March is also the time to prepare for this year's boating season. In preparation for the season, you might want to borrow a book or a video (VHS). To do so, simply make your selection and sign it out on the orange clip board located on the library shelf.

Another option is to take a class. If you haven't taken any advanced classes, consider taking Seamanship which starts in May. To sign up for any class, simply contact our Squadron's Educational Officer, David Clark.

Of special interest this month is the JUDY A. LOWE EDUCATIONAL FUND. This fund means our squadron can offer our 8-week Basic Boating Course free of charge to nonmembers. This is an exciting development as "This Basic Boating Course is the Hallmark of our Community Service". After all... we are the "PhD" of boating classes and now we are able to share our wealth of knowledge freely! SPREAD THE WORD! BOATING EDUCATION SAVES LIVES!

Along those lines, the OFF THE SHELF topic is on Merit Marks from the CS&PS Handbook. Merit Marks are awarded once a year to members of the CS&PS who have volunteered their services as the "USPS offers no monetary compensation to any member". Recommendations are submitted by the Squadron Commander and every submission is reviewed and then awarded by the Chief Commander. After five merit marks, one receives the status of Senior Member. Have you earned a Merit Mark? Volunteering is fun! Just ask or let us know how you would like to help!

Looking forward to a GREAT 2008 boating season...and... Looking forward to seeing you at a Squadron Event!!! Questions are welcome...just leave a message for me at 740-397-8385

Lt Sue Nadolson, AP

SAVE THE DATE: 22 MAY, 2008

As a parent it is hard to believe when your offspring turns 50. In 1958 The Columbus Sail & Power Squadron helped form the new Marion Power Squadron from its members who were living in the Marion area. On Thursday, May 22, 2008 during their regular monthly meeting, the **Marion Squadron will celebrate its 50th birthday!** To make this year even more special for the Marion Power Squadron and for the entire USPS, one of its charter members, P/D/C Ralph Behner, SN aka Father Neptune will be the Commander! Marion is only about a 45 minute drive north of Columbus so plan on attending. If you remember any stories of this event, please forward them to P/C David Michael, P

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