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**Have you seen our Clubhouse / HQ lately?
It is looking fine!!!!**



A hearty pat on the back and big thanks to Tom Doyle for all the time he put into making the new windows and signage a reality. Talk about earning a Merit Mark!! Attaboy, Tom!!!



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Monday October 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 12 Saturday USPS Virtual Governing Board Meeting
- 16-22 Wed-Tue Lake Cumberland Rendezvous
- 22 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm – Location TBA

OCTOBER

- 1 Thursday ABC of Central Ohio Dinner Event – Location / Time TBA
- 3 Saturday District 29 Fall Conference – Location / Time TBA
- 5 Monday November 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 27 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm – Location TBA

NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday Merit Mark Information due to P/C Bob Van der Wissel
- 2 Monday December 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 5 Thursday ABC of Central Ohio Dinner Event – Location / Time TBA
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm – Location TBA



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Sherri Haring, P



I hope you all have enjoyed some good boating adventures over the summer. Lee and I have been spending a lot more time on the lake this summer, much more since it is a perfect way to "social distance". We have noticed that many other boaters have also realized this since there are remarkably more boats out on the lake this summer.



But with more boaters, there are more inexperienced boaters out on the lake. It has been quite an adventure and challenging at times maneuvering around all the incoming and outgoing boats, especially when there are boats that clearly do not know the rules. There is definitely a need out there for more boater education. Although we may not be able to conduct in-person classes, this can be a great opportunity for our organization to

market and provide online boater education.

Since we have been on the boat more this year, Lee decided we needed to update our boat stereo, amplifier, and speakers. Lee also decided that we should try to install them ourselves - another one of her cost-saving measures. She also decided that, since I had taken Marine Electronics, I would be able to help her figure it all out. I was a little apprehensive at first but once we delved into it, my previous education made all the difference and we are now enjoying our new system.

We need to communicate all of the value we offer with our own stories of success. We can recommend our own national educational online seminars at: <https://www.americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education>. Students have a lot of different educational topics from which to choose. We can educate our fellow boaters to ensure safe boating, boating maintenance and conservation of our shoreline.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Bob Goelz, S



When you go to the ramp with your boat what is your first thought? "...OMG... I hope I can get this thing launched safely". Or "Is this doable at all today?" Whatever your emotion, it is essential to put the boat in the water, navigate the launch ramp, dodge other boats, park your tow vehicle and trailer, jump into your boat and get out on the main body of water.

Every boat owner experiences the dreaded boat ramp whether it is only when you launch your boat in the spring and retrieve it once the season is over at the marina, or you are a trailer boater as I am and you are familiar with experiencing this blood pressure raising task all too often.

Let's examine some of the behaviors that can help you reduce the stress:

- Be READY - prepare your boat BEFORE it is your turn to launch: lines secured, fenders deployed, rear tie downs off, and, most importantly, the front tie down remains secure. (Once watched a boat slide off the trailer on to the cement ramp.)

- When it's your turn back SLOWLY into the water - start your engine first (as this is the best



time to determine if there is a problem), unsecure the boat from the trailer and back off.

And here is the "CLINCHER" - Get out of the way! - Move to the outside of the docks (otherwise known as the "Guest Dock" to tie off and HURRY back to move your tow vehicle and

trailer. BETTER YET: teach someone else to drive your boat into the water and come back and pick you up at the dock.

Repeat the whole process in reverse when your boating day is done.

Maybe we should publish this set of rules and distribute them at the boat ramp? OK - maybe not because as Forrest Gump's mother said, "Stupid is as stupid does." But at least we would be attempting to make a nasty situation better. Courtesy to your crew and other boaters will serve you well and make for a better day on the water.

EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Paul King, JN-IN



Welcome back! I trust that all had good boating this summer. I had an opportunity to get on the water at Lake Erie. Unfortunately, it was not the most perfect day to be on the water. The weather called for cloudy with winds WSW at 2 – 4 knots, waves 1 – 2 feet. Well, it was cloudy with rain showers; winds were WSW more like 7 – 10 plus knots and the waves were more like 3 – 5 feet. But, whose to complain, I was on the water and a good time was had by all.

At this time we have six candidates enrolled for the America's Boating Course scheduled to begin on September 21st. But because of the current COVID19 situation we will not be giving this course in an in-classroom environment. The SEO and the ASEO are looking into providing ABC in a virtual classroom setting or having candidates take the course online. We are still working out the details and will keep all concerned informed.

I would like to report that we have a full



educational schedule for next year but with the way things are now and going to be into the foreseeable future in-classroom education will be limited. Boat Handling which usually follows ABC can also now be taken as an online course. As I have in the past, I encourage you to consult the America's Boating

Club webpage; select the LEARN drop down; then choose ONLINE BOATING EDUCATION to see what courses, seminars, virtual classroom and webinars are available. Then take a class to improve or hone your boating skills.

Wishing you all the best for the rest of your boating season.

Until then: "Any way the wind blows...Doesn't really matter."

SECRETARY

Lt/C Ron Hupman, S



America's Boating Club of Central Ohio - Columbus Sail and Power Squadron Minutes of the Executive Committee 26 May 2020

Due to the coronavirus, this meeting was conducted by teleconference.

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

Cdr Sherri Haring, P, called the meeting to order at 19:00. The prayer and pledge of allegiance were omitted. Roll call was taken by voice and the Secretary, Lt/C Ron Hupman, S found that a quorum was present. The following Executive Committee members were present: Commander Sherri Haring, P; Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Goelz, S; Administrative Officer, Lt/C Tiffany Francis, S; Education Officer Lt/C Paul King, JN-IN; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Asst Education Officer P/C John Seaver, SN; Asst Secretary 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P; P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; Lt Sue Goelz, S; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/C Larry Lowe, SN-CN. Guests present: Mari Seaver. The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Commander Sherri Haring, P

National would like us to donate \$500 or more to keep them solvent. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work over the past few months.

Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Goelz, S

Tom Doyle deserves a hand for his hard work.



Education Officer Lt/C Paul King, JN-IN Asst E/O P/C John Seaver, SN

Planning ABC class for fall but might not be here at that time. John and Mari Seaver will help but I still need someone to head this up. I believe ABC and Boat Handling are also on-line now.

Administrative Officer Lt/C Tiffany Francis, S

- No report
Asst. A/O 1st/Lt Ruth Kubinski, P - Absent



Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S
Asst Sec 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P

All officers are asked to prepare written reports and email reports to hupman1@att.net.

Treasurer P/C Dick Sorensen, SN – Absent.

Immediate Past Commander P/C Dick Sorensen, SN – Absent

Members at Large Reports:

- P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN – No Report
- Lt Sue Goelz, S – No Report
- Lt Joe Huffman, P - Absent
- Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP – Absent
- Lt Glen Kubinski, AP – Absent
- P/C Larry Lowe, SN-CN – On water certifications have been canceled as well as VSEs.
- Lt Ralph Newman, SN - Absent
- P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN – No Report
- Lt Beth Perchuk, P - Absent
- Lt Ruth Wilcox, S – Absent

General Committees

Nominating Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/C Dick Sorensen, SN – No Report

Audit Committee: Lt Doug Jackson, SN
Complete - Absent

Rules Committee: P/R/C Harold Beidel, SN; P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP – No report.

Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Lt/C Ron Hupman, S – No report

Housing Committee: 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P – Plans to go with middle blue lettering on the windows based on feedback.

Planning Committee: P/C David Canale, P; P/C Bill Lehner, SN – Absent

Law Officer: P/C David Canale, P – Absent
Merit Marks Committee: P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP – Absent

Property Officer: 1st/Lt Thomas Doyle, P, acting – See Housing

Sea Gals: Cdr. Martha Beidel – Absent

Special Committees:

Technical Committee: P/C John Seaver, SN – Still working on the website and checking equipment.

Social Media Committee: Lt Beth Perchuk – Absent

Investments Committee: Lt/C Bob Goelz, S; P/V/C Joe Mesenburg, SN – A security breach was thwarted. Investments are down about 22% due to the pandemic.

Boat Shows: P/C Dick Sorensen, SN – Absent

Roster: Lt Douglas Jackson, SN – Absent – Send updated info to Doug and he will update roster and National.

Boating Activities: P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN – No Report

Vessel Safety Check: Lt John Pruitt, AP – Absent

ABC Class Committee: Need Chair

Old Business:

Cdr Haring is trying to get a list of boaters from ODNR to use for advertising.

New Business:

National's request for a donation was discussed and the feeling was negative.

First Horizon:

None

Last Horizon:

None.

Sick Bay:

Joyce Hankle, Martha Beidel is doing well, Scott Shaw

The meeting concluded with an online presentation by Erica When who has 20 years of experience in direct mail marketing and couples that with social media. The key is for the squadron to decide what its goals are. A meeting will be scheduled in a couple of weeks to discuss this further.

Announcements:

Next ECOM meeting is August 25.

Meeting Adjourned:

20:45



Herbert Beidel	Larry Lowe
Martha Beidel	James Meyers
David Canale	Linda Moss-Edwards
Patricia Carpenter	Elias Murphy
Denise Cribben	Phil Osborne
Sherri Haring	Joyce Rogers
Michael S. Hughes	Clark Scheerens
Doug Jackson	Bob Van der Wissel
Wendy Louthen	Ruth Wilcox

Member Anniversaries

Here are the squadron members who joined the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron / America's Boating Club of Central Ohio in September. This completes our group's 80th anniversary celebration. A big thanks to all for your dedication and participation over the years! May our club continue its mission to educate the boating public in the future!

Mary Rayburn 2012
Larry Lowe 1993
Ralph Newman 1984

FIRST HORIZON

Henry Dwight Humbel, grandson of Bob and Mary Rayburn. Born July 9, 2020, 9 lbs. 9.5 oz.

SICK BAY

Joyce Hankle.

MERIT MARKS

Have you volunteered some time to assist with America's Boating Club of Central Ohio activities this year? Any time you put in on behalf of the club from November 1, 2019 to October 15, 2020 can be included in your Merit Mark total hours. Please send your name with a list of the activities with which you assisted and the time spent on each to P/C Bob Van der Wissel at rvanderw@columbus.rr.com. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2020. Don't be shy! USPS is pleased to recognize your dedication. Get your list to Bob soon before you forget.

USPS GOVERNING BOARD

The United States Power Squadrons Governing Board scheduled to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina on September 9-12, 2020 has been converted from an in-person event to a virtual meeting due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The main meeting will be held on Saturday, the 12th. More information on connecting to this event will be provided via E-Blast when it is received.

DISTRICT 29 FALL CONFERENCE

The previously announced Fall PENTA 2020 Conference scheduled for October 2-4 at Kalahari in Sandusky has been postponed to Fall 2021. In lieu of that event, District 29 has tentatively planned a one-day fall conference for Saturday, October 3rd. More details will be forthcoming.

The Headache Highway

By Dick Sorensen, SN

We're all agreed on two things. First, having Lake Erie two hours to the north is a blessing. Secondly, having to drive two hours to get to the Lake is a 'pain.'

Recently I entered into a boat partnership with Bob Van der Wissel. 'The Sojourner' is moored in East Harbor. Exactly 114 miles door-to-door. Not bad at first but after a few weeks, it's getting a little old. Which reminded me of a suggestion I made in an earlier *Galley Gossip* article (April 2012). I think it's appropriate to revisit my musings.

Ohio is spending 3.2 billion dollars on road projects this year. Everything from new interchanges, re-surfacing roadways, to buying buses. Ohio Department of Natural Resources is spending 4.5 million on refurbishing marinas, creating more docks, dredging the harbors, along with restoring the Maumee spawning beds so that Lake Erie fishermen have something to fish for. But they aren't doing a darn thing about making it easier getting us boaters to the Lake!

Every time I drive to East Harbor I have to drive thru the mess on Route 23, then hit the stop sign at Waldo (always rolling up my window so I'm not tempted by the scents wafting from G&R Tavern's fried bologna sandwiches) Then into the Y-Turn in Bucyrus and then the boring section getting to Sorrowful Mother Shrine turnoff. All the while not getting killed by some farmer's house size combine or a kid in his 'souped-up' Subaru. Something is wrong with the highway situation to the lake; has been for 60 years.

I've got a solution. Create a four-lane divided highway to East Harbor! It's time for Central Ohio boaters to demand it. No more slowing down for Chatfield, Carrothers, Attica, Reedtown, Caroline, Bellevue, Castalia. Just make sure there is an off ramp for the 3rd Base Beer & Bait Drive thru north of Castalia.

I can almost make it to Indianapolis in the same time it takes to get the boat. I'm part of the seven million other visitors whose expenditures put 9.75 Billion into the States coffers each year. The state slices off a bit from every purchase we make; boat registration, gas for both car and boat, road taxes and all the businesses we support along the way. Isn't about time to make it easier for us to get to the Lake?

Now, I'm not unreasonable. If a divided four-lane is out of the question I have an alternative. Make both lanes of northbound 98/4 one-way on Friday and then reverse it on Sundays after 1 pm. How does that sound for an easier way for us central Ohio boaters to get to the water and back?

It is an election year. I can't help but predict that if any of you wanted to run for Governor and promised to fund this highway, you'd be carried into Office in a tsunami landslide. You'd get every fisherman's vote!



Dick Sorensen is thrilled to be spending lots of time on Lake Erie. He is absolutely ecstatic to have discovered Toft's 51 flavors. Especially Sweet Dark Cherry!

Tips from Michael T...

Boating stuff to pass the time –
<https://herreshoff.org/lima/>

And for you weather junkies, a series of free recorded content –
<https://cruisingclub.org/article/weather-seminar-videos-2020>

A Friendly Reminder

Please be sure to make certain that your email address is current and correct with USPS. You can check what is on record for you by going to the member site at www.unitedstatespowersquadrons.org and using your E Number to log in and verify your information on file. Don't miss out on new information coming your way from National!



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