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**T**he leaves are falling  
Our boats are in bed  
Taking a rest  
For the winter ahead.

**W**ishing you the best  
As the months go by  
With hopes for spring  
In everyone's eyes.

**I**t will warm again  
And we'll all be  
Unwrapping our craft  
And back out to sea.



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## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Sunday Merit Mark Information due to P/C Bob Van der Wissel
- 2 Monday December 2020 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 24 Tuesday Virtual Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm
- 26 Thursday Happy Thanksgiving!

### DECEMBER

- 5 Saturday ABC Toledo Christmas Party – Location / Time TBD
- 6 Sunday ABC Fort Wayne Christmas Party – Location / Time TBD
- 7 Monday January 2021 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 11 Friday Happy Hanukkah!
- 12 Saturday ABC of Central Ohio Christmas Party – Location / Time TBD
- 13 Sunday ABC Sandusky / Port Clinton Christmas Party – Location / Time TBD
- 22 Tuesday Virtual Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm
- 25 Friday Merry Christmas!

### JANUARY 2021

- 1 Friday Happy New Year!
- 4 Monday February 2021 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 9 Saturday Toledo ABC Change of Watch – Time/Location TBA
- 23 Saturday Findlay ABC Change of Watch – Time/Location TBA
- 26 Tuesday Virtual Executive Committee Meeting – 7 pm



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Sherri Haring, P



This month, I thought I would start off with a light brain-teasing riddle. The answer is at the end of the article so no peeking.

*You see a boat filled with people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is that possible?*

Now we need to start thinking about what November has in store for all of us. If you haven't been living under a rock, there is a major election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, let's celebrate our veterans and thank them for their service to our country. And then, it's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner on November 26<sup>th</sup>. For many, this holiday season may look and feel different this



year, but it is a good time to be creative and it can still be just as meaningful.

Now that we know what is ahead of us, I want to reflect on a great accomplishment of our club in October. We have finished our first virtual America's Boating Course class via Zoom. I want to thank all of the people that took time out of their busy schedules to organize, teach, and support the class. And congratulations to the graduates!

As of the writing of this article, there have not been any nominations for the River Rat or Bungle Jug awards, but there is still time! Please send or call me with your nomination(s).

We will continue to meet virtually to keep all of our members safe. I realize that many of us are experiencing COVID fatigue but keep the path and stay strong. Be well!

*(Answer: All of the people on board are married.)*

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Bob Goelz, S



Good day to all and I hope this article finds you well, safe and about ready to put your boat up until next season.

What are you thankful for? I am thankful for the right to vote and I assume you all have done that? More than ever, we need to express our freedom and accept the responsibility to make choices that affect this generation and all that will come.

I am thankful for all of you as friends and colleagues who have boating and all water sports in common. We need to pull together more than ever to keep our club moving forward, accepting all challenges, and expanding new and safe ways to have fun on the water.

I am thankful for my family who tuck me in every night in the knowledge that we love and honor each other for who we are. My



granddaughter, Lauren, quietly won a very prestigious art award in a local Columbus Art Show. While Izzy, another granddaughter, scored the only goal her team had in a 4 to 1 loss. Lessons about who they are and what they can become.

I am thankful for the gratitude I have toward life, liberty, and happiness to borrow a phrase that fits. Thanksgiving is a time for positive reflection, unity with all and the responsibility to be the best we can be. Save a piece of turkey, noodles, and dressing for each person you touch this season.

## GETTING OUT OF THE COLD

The Central Ohio Rowing Club is searching for a dry space to park their trailer, loaded with rowing shells. Do you happen to know of an available space? Barn, closed retail space, under the bleachers, equipment storage shed, etc. Just until late winter/early spring. Call Dick Sorensen at 614/537-3663 or email him at [zeke0711@yahoo.com](mailto:zeke0711@yahoo.com) if you have any suggestions. Thanks!!



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tiffany Francis, S



Ever since we have been members, OTW (on-the-water) has been one of the most frequent topics with fellow members of the squadron and I think this phrase was coined by Joe Huffman. The COVID-19 impact this year has shown most avid boaters the importance of freedom and independence and given us a renewed appreciation for being OTW.

This was never more evident than the TRUMP parade on the Ohio River this past September when over a thousand boats, in a 6 plus mile in length parade participated from the Manchester Islands, including a Black Helicopter with Gold Trump letters on the bottom. The Simon Kenton Memorial Bridge over the Ohio River was packed with people and a large banner hung from it. The parade of boats made the journey to the famous historic Ripley, Ohio Boat Club.

Regardless of party it was a sight to behold and an unreal experience. The great waters of the mighty Ohio felt like Lake Erie on a good day. Over the decades we have seen historic WWII vessels and even an Ohio-class nuclear powered submarine surface. And if that's not enough a fighter jet did



a few flyby's and buzzed water-craft back in early 1990's. Unforgettable memories OTW!

The recent annual trip to Lake Cumberland was another awesome OTW adventure. The new state of the art marina known as 'Marina @ Rowena' was just completed this year. Several

of our members took advantage of this facility and the food lived up to expectations as well as the presence of a good ship's store. And the annual tradition of fully dressed hot dogs were grilled OTW at the falls. Lots of good food and beverage were had by all as we toured the various establishments OTW around the crystal-clear deep water that is the hallmark of Lake Cumberland.

*Please note: The United States Power Squadrons and America's Boating Club of Central Ohio do not endorse any candidates in the upcoming election.*



The Lake Cumberland Gang - September 2020



In my last report I mentioned that we had six candidates signed up for the America's Boating Course that began on September 21<sup>st</sup>. At the eleventh hour that number multiplied to 19. I also mentioned that we were looking into providing the ABC in a virtual classroom setting. With the advice and assistance of John and Mari Seaver, and Cmdr. Sherri Haring, the class schedule was revised, instructors recruited, and a Zoom link established; the students were advised of our plans we were off and zooming. I am pleased to say that with some minor adjustment the students and instructors worked very well together.

At the time of this writing, we have one more class scheduled and then the final exams. I predict that when you read this the exams will be completed, and all will have passed with flying colors. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize those who made this event a success: Cmdr. Sherri Haring, ASEO & technical advisor John Seaver, Mari Seaver as ABC consultant; Instructors: John Seaver, Dick Sorensen. Matt Murphy, Michael T. Hughes, Bob Rayburn, Cmdr. Sherri Haring; and volunteers: Mari Seaver, XO Bob and Sue Goelz, Bob Van derWissel. More persons may be recognized at a later date because as "they" say, "It ain't over 'til it's over".

This has been a rough year for our educational endeavors. We will be looking into a full schedule of class for next year and how best to present



them. In the meantime, those who have completed the ABC may look into taking Boat Handling online.

Have you ever thought about hauling up your anchor and just going cruising? Just cruising and living aboard? There is a new webinar "Living Aboard While Cruising" that may be of interest to you. I, for one,

am going to look into it.

America's Boating Club is all about educating boaters. If you are a new boater or an old salt, we have courses, seminars, webinars, and virtual classroom classes available. You are never too old or too knowledgeable that you can't learn something new. I challenge every member of America's Boating Club of Central Ohio (formally Columbus Sail & Power Squadron) to take at least one seminar, one webinar, one course (either online or virtual classroom) during the coming year. Once you jump in you will find the water is fine and the learning is easy.

Keep your nose into the wind and your eye on the horizon and be safe.

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

## Squadron Trip to Norris Lake

On Saturday, June 20, 2020, eight members of the Columbus and Lima Power Squadrons left home and traveled to Norris Lake to enjoy the beautiful water and sunshine in the State of Tennessee.

We rented a four-bedroom, four-bath AIRB&B at Deer Creek Resort near LaFollette, Tennessee for the week. We launched the boats and jet skis at Deer Creek Marina, then went out onto the lake for a swim in 78 degree water.

After a little boating and swimming, we were fortunate to find Shanghai Resort a short distance away where we docked our boats for the week. The employees could not have treated us better as they were helpful, friendly, and put us in covered docks. The marina has a fabulous restaurant, beverage bar and ship's store.

The following day, we went to Spring Marina for lunch and later found a spot for swimming.

On Tuesday, it rained a little in the morning, but once again, we got out onto the lake for more

boating and swimming. We had a great lunch at Spring Dock Resort on the Powell River, and I would highly recommend their burgers.

On Wednesday, we went to the dam for ice cream then boated to the Stardust Marina for lunch on the Clinch River to enjoy their great wings. After lunch we went to Mill Creek for a swim.

On Thursday, we went to Flat Hollow Marina for lunch and another swim. Later, we loaded the boats, getting them ready for the trip home the following day.

This is an absolutely beautiful area and there were deer everywhere.

All together, we traveled 123.7 miles on the water with 12.3 hours run time. This was a great week and our second time at Norris Lake as a squadron.

*Thanks to P/C Phil Osborne for sharing this article!*



**America's Boating Club of Central Ohio -  
Columbus Sail and Power Squadron  
Minutes of the Executive Committee  
29 September 2020**

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

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

Cdr Sherri Haring, P called the meeting to order at 19:00. The prayer was given by Lt Mary Rayburn, P and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by X/O Bob Goelz, S. Roll call was taken by voice/sight 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; Asst Education Officer P/C John Seaver, SN; Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S; Asst Secretary 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Tom Doyle, P; Treasurer P/C Dick Sorensen, SN; Lt Sue Goelz, S; Lt Joe Huffman, P; Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; Lt Ruth Wilcox, S. Guests present: Mari Seaver, S; Lt Mary Rayburn, P. The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

**Commander Sherri Haring, P**

We currently have 119 members. There is a one-time amnesty for VSEs. National's office hours are now 0800 to 1630. They are asking for donations to Disaster Relief Fund but Sherri is checking with other squadrons regarding this. D29 Fall Conference is October 17 at 1000 on Zoom for which the squadron needs 5 delegates. There were volunteers for these slots.

**Executive Officer Lt/C Bob Goelz, S:**

The Morgan Stanley account is up 6% over last month. Bob had a good meeting with Joe Mesenburg.

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

A Virtual ABC class is up and running. Twenty students signed up with 14-17 attending the first two sections. The test will be given at HQ.

**Administrative Officer  
Lt/C Tiffany Francis, S  
Asst. A/O 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt  
Ruth Kubinski, P**

A virtual happy hour was held on Zoom at 7:00 pm on September 3.

**Secretary Lt/C Ron  
Hupman, S:  
Asst. Sec. - 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt  
Tom Doyle, P**

All officers are asked to prepare written reports and **email** reports to [hupman1@att.net](mailto:hupman1@att.net).

Treasurer: P/C Dick Sorensen, SN

Reported on average monthly spending. Based on that report, a motion to withdraw a monthly amount from the earnings on the Morgan Stanley account was passed.

**Immediate Past Commander P/C Dick  
Sorensen, SN**

Contacted Central Ohio Rowing about getting decals installed on their boats.

**Members at Large Reports:**

**Lt Sue Goelz, S:** No Report

**Lt Joe Huffman, P:** The Lake Cumberland trip was exceptional. There were 22 people with 7 or 8 boats. Approximately 18 hours were put on the boats. It is time to start thinking about cruises for next year. There is a lot of interest in trying for Nashville again and work will start on that. Also, the other part of Trent-Severn was mentioned and rivers: St. Clair, Ohio, Muskingum.

**Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP:** Absent

**Lt Glen Kubinski, AP:** Absent

**P/C Larry Lowe, SN-CN:** He hauled out his boat last week and is going to Florida next week.

**Lt Ralph Newman, SN:** Absent

**P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN:** No report

**Lt Beth Perchuk, P:** Absent

**Lt Ruth Wilcox, S:** We should get pictures of our activities out to entice new members.

**General Committees**

**Nominating Committee;** P/C John Seaver, SN; P/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/C Dick Sorensen, SN: Most ECOM members will continue for another





year but one slot needs to be filled.

**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  
– Need report comparing this year’s budget with  
expenditures to get started on 2021-2022 budget.  
Treasurer will prepare.

**Housing Committee:** 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Tom Doyle, P - He  
is looking at his responsibilities in this position.

**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:** 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Thomas Doyle, P,  
acting – See Housing

**Sea Gals:** Cdr Martha Beidel – Absent

**Special Committees:**

**Technical Committee:** P/C John Seaver, SN –  
No report

**Social Media Committee:** Lt Beth Perchuk –  
Absent

**Investments Committee:** Lt/C Bob Goelz, S  
– See X/O report

**Boat Shows:** P/C Dick Sorensen, SN – No  
word on local shows. Cincinnati show has been  
canceled.

**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,  
See Joe Huffman’s report

**Vessel Safety Check:** Lt John Pruitt, AP –  
Absent

**ABC Class Committee:**  
Need Chair

**Old Business:**

Need to schedule highway cleanup and look  
again at marketing.

**New Business:**

None

**Comments from Guests:**

None

**First Horizon:**

None

**Last Horizon:**

None.

**Sick Bay:**

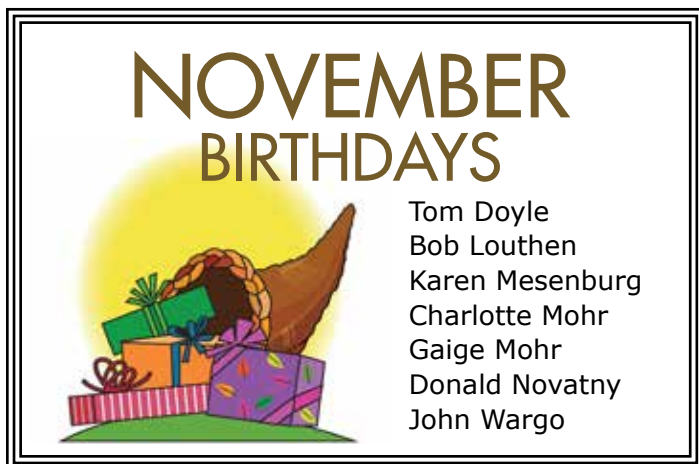
Joyce Hankle, Mari Seaver is having surgery

**Announcements:**

Next ECOM meeting is October 27  
GG articles are due October 12  
Get merit marks to Bob Van der Wissel

**Meeting Adjourned:**

20:56



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# USPS Annual Meeting

As of press time, the USPS 106th Annual Meeting scheduled for February 9-16, 2021 in Ponte Vedra, Florida is still a go. Further details will be provided as they become available.

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# More adventures on the *Aquatron*



This year Melissa and I, along with our son Wayne, decided to go on a new adventure. We registered to be a participant in the Wye Island Challenge Electric Boat Marathon which took place on Friday, 2 October. The 24-mile course begins at the Miles River Yacht Club at the mouth of the Miles River where it empties into Chesapeake Bay. The route then crosses the bay and goes up the Wye River into 16 miles of sheltered water which circles picturesque Wye Island, then back to the start. The eight miles of relatively open water assures the boats have some real world capability while the 16 miles around Wye Island provides an enjoyable and interesting cruise.



*David and Melissa were happy to find one small floating dock at the Miles River Yacht Club. The piers were very high!*

Our hand-built boat *Aquatron* falls into the Class 1 division of single-hull boats with length to beam ratio of less than 6 to 1 and powered by lead acid batteries. This class is handicapped by waterline length. We also entered into the picnic class where quiet, comfort, and company (additional passengers) are judged as well. Other requirements in the class include having at least one cut flower aboard (zinnias from the garden) and, of course, a picnic lunch. We were the only boat entered with three passengers.

We had been on the boat in the Tennessee River several times and were confident of the boat's seaworthiness to handle the wakes and waves

of larger boat traffic, but we'd not had a long, continuous cruise of that distance. To be sure that the batteries and motor were up to the task we tested the boat on Hoover Reservoir on Labor Day. We decided to take four laps around the bridges which are about three miles apart. Most of the day there was a moderate breeze with some whitecaps. Downstream was very choppy and our grandsons, who were with us, enjoyed the bounce and the spray. Upstream cruising was very delightful. We completed our test covering 24.5 miles and averaging 4.6 mph according to the GPS. The batteries showed 28% remaining, which would give us a measure of comfort.

The day of the marathon arrived and only five of the expected seven or eight boats showed up. We knew that the number of entrants were quite a bit fewer because of the Covid crisis. After the boats were launched one of the five boats had an electrical failure on the way to the starting line. What a disappointment for them, as this entrant had built several boats that competed in the past and was a previous record holder.

The day began a little overcast but with a gentle breeze; the water was fairly smooth and we were off. I knew our course heading from the chart, but being unfamiliar with the area we were happy to find that there was a lighthouse at the mouth of the Wye River that was visible as soon as we rounded the shallow-water buoy coming out of the Miles River. It feels like cheating having the Garmin, but we kept our laminated chart in hand which provided a wealth of info on landmarks, submerged piles, etc. Wayne was an excellent navigator and took notes every so often on voltage readings and speed.

We enjoyed viewing the many beautiful waterfront estates along the way, and we were happy to make the halfway point at Wye

Landing where there was a mandatory and for us, necessary, ten-minute stop. After we tied up



*Crashing through the wake of a 50-foot yacht.*

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## *Aquatron, continued*



Tom Hesselink's "Lightning Bug" is a beautiful 15-foot launch.

to the dock, I won the race to the porta-potties that mercifully had been recently cleaned and emptied. I did enjoy my thermos of coffee but was somewhat uncomfortable as we were approaching the stop. We were accompanied around the course by Tom Hesselink, president of the Electric Boat Association of America, in his beautiful 15-foot mahogany *Lightning Bug* from Budsin Woodcraft.

After our stop, we shoved off and had the lunch that Melissa had packed in the antique picnic basket borrowed from her niece. It was perfect weather: sunny and warm, blue skies with fluffy white clouds. We saw several bald eagles, blue herons, and cormorants along the river. We were joined by one of the "chase boats" manned by the editors of *Prop Talk Magazine*, who were covering the event and took many pictures of us from



"Aquatron" finished first in its class. The Fannons were happy with the performance of the boat, which showed about 20% battery power left after the five-hour run.

multiple angles. I look forward to seeing the article in their December issue.

As we exited the Wye River, we saw that boat traffic had increased dramatically from four hours previously. Some of those yachts looked more like ships as they were cruising past at 20 mph or more, creating some fairly large wakes for which even a 30-foot trawler slowed down. We headed across the bay staying clear of large boats that seemed oblivious to our presence. We finished in five hours and 15 minutes official time, including the mandatory stop which, because I am a talker, was longer than the required ten minutes. My GPS log indicated five hours, one minute moving and ground covered was 23.9 miles. We finished first in our class of two boats and had a very fun and satisfying day.

*Article submitted by David Fannon. Thanks and congrats, Dave, Melissa, and Wayne! Cool contest!*



Wayne Fannon, right, was an excellent navigator.



One of the many projects going on at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is the building of the "Dove". The Fannons spent Saturday touring the museum grounds.



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