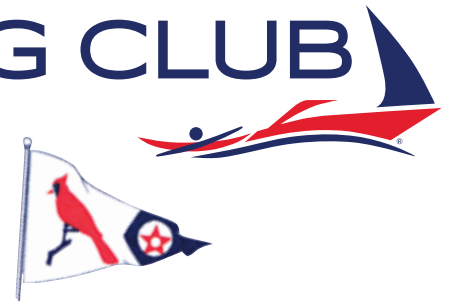


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# Galley Gossip



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## First Annual Fundraiser Picnic Thursday, September 5th 6:00 to 9:00 pm

**Shelter House at New Galena Boat Ramp  
4550 Africa Road, Galena, OH**

**Club will provide hamburgers & hot dogs  
by the famous Chef Glen Kubinski!**



**Bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, and your favorite beverage.  
Games such as Corn Hole, LRC, and euchre will be available.**





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## CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Monday Labor Day
- 5 Thursday Dinner Event – Shelter @ New Galena Boat Ramp – 6 pm
- 7 Saturday Tackle Box / Johnson Island Rendezvous – 9 am
- 11-18 Wed – Wed Lake Cumberland Rendezvous
- 14 Saturday ABC Class – DLZ on Huntley Road – 8 am to 5 pm
- 18 Wednesday Introduction to Navigation Zoom Seminar – 7 pm
- 22-29 Mon – Sun USPS Governing Board Meeting – Pittsburgh, PA
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 25 Wednesday Hands-on Charting and Plotting Class – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

### OCTOBER

- 2 Wednesday Boating on Locks, Lakes, & Rivers Zoom Seminar – 7 pm
- 3 Thursday Dinner Event – Place / Time TBA
- 11-13 Fri – Sun District 29 Fall Conference – Columbus
- 22 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 31 Thursday Happy Halloween!

### NOVEMBER


- 5 Tuesday Get Out and Vote!
- 7 Thursday Dinner Event – Place / Time TBA
- 26 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 28 Thursday Happy Thanksgiving!

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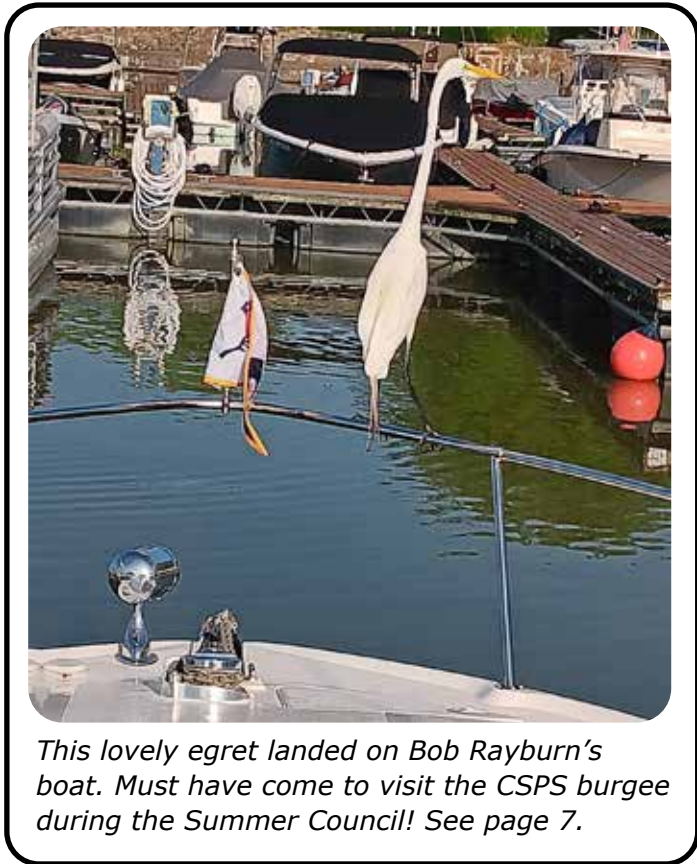
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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our summer successful and fun! I look forward to our dinners, meetings, and classes this upcoming non-boating season!



*This lovely egret landed on Bob Rayburn's boat. Must have come to visit the CSPA burgee during the Summer Council! See page 7.*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**USPS Governing Board  
September 22 - 30, 2024  
Pittsburgh, PA**

**D29 Fall Conference  
October 11 - 13, 2024  
Columbus**

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP



Here we go again...we can see in the horizon the end of another beautiful boating season. Before we can blink an eye, it will be dark at five o'clock in the evening. But that is how the cookie crumbles.

I do hope everyone was out on the water as much as possible this year. I also hope that our boating community members and non-members took the time to have their vessels inspected by one of our certified Vessel Safety Examiners. We had three events up at Alum Creek Lake this year and each was a success. We donated life jackets, throwable flotation cushions, whistles and distress flags, and even a couple of fire extinguishers to our boating buddies just to let them know who and what we are. I want to thank everyone who came out to assist us in this noble cause. And a big thanks to Tracy Garrett and Bob Hern for the work they did getting postcards out to fellow boaters in Franklin and Delaware Counties informing them of the events.

We had a great District 29 Summer Council



meeting up at Huron Boat Basin on Lake Erie. We had all four squadrons participating in the event which ended on Saturday with a steak fry and fireworks for the Fourth of July. At the meeting we discussed the inner workings of the district and how each squadron works together to achieve our shared goal of boating safety and boating fun.

We did change a planned rendezvous which was to go to Lake St. Clair. Instead, we went to Leamington, Ontario, Canada which is roughly 40 nautical miles north of Sandusky. My wife, AKA your favorite AO, and I were very happy that the lake laid down for us each way. If you ever have the chance to go north check out the marina and the nearby beach in Leamington. Both are very beautiful!

We are planning a fundraiser for the first meeting of September. It will be up at Alum Creek at the new Galena Ramp shelter house. Keep your eyes peeled for additional information in the GG or from one of Mary's E-Blasts. Also, take a look at upcoming educational classes and ABC classes that you may want to attend or help out with. Thank you for your friendship and membership.

As a good friend once told me, "If the water is not hard, it's still boating season." Enjoy your time and have fun!



Come join us at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraiser Picnic for 2025 VSC safety equipment.

We will be at the shelter house at the New Galena boat ramp on Africa Road. The club will be supplying hamburgers and hot dogs served up by our own Chef Glen. Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, and your beverage. We will have games to play such as corn hole, LRC, and euchre. The event will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please text me at 614-805-1001 to let me know that you plan to attend and what dish you're bringing. There will be a \$10.00 per person cost for this event that will go toward next year's VSC equipment. Come out and

support our club and the good work it has been doing for our boating community. We will see you there!

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## St. Andrew's Church Event

America's Boating Club of Central Ohio is all about educating the public about safe boating, so when Tom Doyle was approached by St Andrew Christian Church to offer some water safety information at the weekly youth lunch program, it was just a natural "yes" response.

On Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, Coastie, operated by Bob Hern, mesmerized the kids with discussion about water safety. Bob Rayburn taught about the dangers of hypothermia using an ice water filled bucket containing quarters. After holding a hand in the freezing water for one minute, each child attempted to pick quarters up from the bottom of the bucket as Bob explained the dangers of being in freezing water for even a very short time. Janet Hern discussed the importance of wearing a life jacket when swimming and boating as well as demonstrated how to know if the life jacket is just the right "fit".

Thanks to Janet Hern for submitting this article.



**See page 7 for photos of the D/29 Summer Council. Many familiar faces!**

## VESSEL SAFETY CHECK EVENT



ABC of Central Ohio held three successful Vessel Safety Check events at the Alum Creek boat ramps in May and June. Here is some of our motley crew from June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to all who assisted, both Vessel Safety Examiners and support staff!

*Thanks to Janet Hern for submitting this photo.*



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| Martha Beidel     | Sean O'Neil        |
| David Canale      | Phil Osborne       |
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| Janet Hern        | Clark Sheerens     |
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| Doug Jackson      | Bob Van der Wissel |
| Larry Lowe        | Ruth Wilcox        |
| Elias Murphy      |                    |



The boating season isn't over but there are people who wish to build their knowledge of boating practices and skills. We are starting our fall education program with an **ABC class** on September 14th. The class will be held at DLZ on Huntley Rd so that we may accommodate a larger audience. ASEO John Seaver, a company employee, is sure that the meeting room will accommodate close to one hundred people. Let's all encourage people to attend!

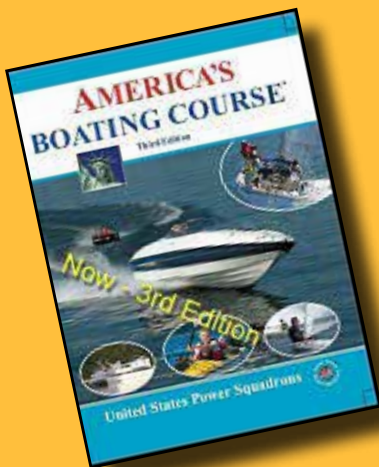


**Introduction to Navigation.** We will offer a Zoom seminar on September 18th. This free seminar is open to members and nonmembers. To allow for questions and to focus on individual participants' concerns, we would like to limit participation to 25. Sign up on the club website at [www.columbussailandpower.org](http://www.columbussailandpower.org). This seminar provides an overview of navigation on the water including chart descriptions, some terms to know, and information on waypoints and plotting a course. While the seminar provides some information on a chart plotter or multifunction displays, it

is not designed to provide a detailed description. This good overview provides a solid foundation to build knowledge and recognition of plotting skills.

On September 25th an experienced sailor will provide **hands-on training** for charting and plotting skills. The **in-person class** is limited to 25 people to provide practice plotting on paper charts. It may seem old fashion to practice on paper charts, but the experience provides time to build understanding of charting practices and to think about checking the course and waypoints for safe navigation. The activities will enhance your abilities when it comes to reading the information on an electronic screen and knowing your location. This is a great opportunity to build a stronger understanding of on-the-water navigation.

On Wednesday October 2nd the club will present **Boating on Locks, Lakes and Rivers**. This free seminar will be on Zoom and open to members and nonmembers. The seminar introduces boaters to our inland cruising world through varied topics such as special navigation rules for rivers, the Western Rivers System of buoys and markers, river currents, "reading" a river, jetties and wing dams, the intricacies of locking through, and communicating with lock masters and bridge tenders. A "must" for any Ohio River trip.



## September 14 ABC Class

We are offering an ABC Class from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 14th at DLZ on Huntley Road. The class is being advertised so we are hopeful that we will have several students sign up. Assistance will be needed with the lunch as well as grading tests and other miscellaneous tasks.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Tracy Garrett at [mtbuckets614@gmail.com](mailto:mtbuckets614@gmail.com). Many hands make light work!! Thank you!

**TACKLE BOX / JOHNSON ISLAND RENDEZVOUS**  
**Just added to the schedule!!!! Saturday, September 7th**

Go to our website to register:

<https://www.columbussailandpower.org/dinner-event-registration>

# POKER RUN

The Buckeye Lake Poker Run 2024 was hosted by Barbara Hupman on July 13th. There were 18 participants who boarded five boats. Nine Buckeye Lake eating and drinking establishments participated by dealing cards and serving the hungry and thirsty boaters. The Poker Run ended with a barbecue and potluck on Barbara's waterfront lawn. It was a beautiful, sunny, and warm day on the lake.

The winning poker hand was four of a kind, Kings to be exact, held by Michael T. Hughes. Michael shared the \$275 pot with Columbus Sail and Power Squadron. Coming in 2nd was Debbie Crothers with four twos and taking home a logo shirt donated by Buckeye Lake Winery.

Many thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Barbara for hosting and for keeping alive the Poker Run tradition that she and her late husband, Ron, began years ago.



*"And the winner is..."*

Thanks to Janet Hern for submitting this article and photo.



## Tips for Towed Sports Safety

The summer is in full swing, which makes the topic of our safety message today even more urgent – Towed Sports Safety. As our waterways become crowded during this time of year, it is vital to identify and implement important measures for safely water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, wake surfing, and tubing.

Videos like this one underscore the need for safety considerations when participating in towed sports. Did you know that according to the Coast Guard, towed water sports account for over 400 boating incidents per year. And let's not forget your life jacket when you're out having fun on the water. In addition to a properly fitted life jacket, get one designed for the type of towed sport you are enjoying.

These measures are presented in the "[Towed Sports Safety](#)" video where viewers learn about proper equipment selection and preparing to tow a person. For instance, tube ropes should be around 60 feet long and heavier than water



ski and wake board ropes that should be about 75 feet long. Also, ski ropes should have more give than wake board ropes. Additionally, the video features tips for operating underway.

Follow the video link above or visit [www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel](http://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel) to find this and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership.

Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating

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# DISTRICT 29 SUMMER COUNCIL

The District 29 Summer Council meeting / rendezvous held at Huron Boat Basin in July was a great opportunity for squadron members from Sandusky, Port Clinton, Toledo, and Columbus to get together and celebrate summer...and boating!!



Thanks to Ruthie Kubinski for submitting these photos.



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