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Monthly Newsletter for Sail, Power, and Paddle Boaters

Looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas Gathering!

Saturday, December 7th

Social & Shopping – 6:00 pm

Dinner – 6:45pm

The Morgan House

5300 Glick Rd., Dublin, 43017

614-889-5703

APPETIZERS:

Cheese & Veggie Cracker Trays with Ranch Dressing

MENU – Buffet Style:

Beef Tenderloin with Hunter Sauce;

Chicken Heinlen with Hollandaise Sauce;

Roasted Potatoes & Veggie Medley; House Mixed Salad;

Rolls & Butter; Mixed Berry Cobbler with Ice Cream

Cost - \$25.00 per person

RSVP to Ruthie at 614-805-1001 or email at
rkubinski62@gmail.com by December 4th!!



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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 Monday January 2025 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 7 Saturday ABC Holiday Dinner Event – Morgan House – 6 pm
- 13 Friday Meet Up - Shawnee Station, Dublin & Zoo Lights - 5:30 pm
- 14 Saturday Toledo ABC Holiday Party – Angelo's Northwest Villa – 5:30 pm
- 15 Sunday Sandusky / Port Clinton ABC Holiday Party – Sandusky Yacht Club
- 17 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm
- 20 Friday Rain Date for Zoo Meet Up
- 25 Wednesday Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

JANUARY

- 1 Wednesday Happy New Year!
- 2 Thursday ABC Dinner Event - Place / Time TBA
- 6 Monday February 2025 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 11 Saturday Toledo ABC Change of Watch – Angelo's Northwest Villa - Noon
- 25 Saturday ABC Class - ABC Clubhouse - 8 am to 5 pm
- 26 Sunday District 29 Virtual Winter Council Meeting – Time TBA
- 28 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

FEBRUARY

- 2-10 Sun-Sun USPS Annual Meeting – Orlando
- 3 Monday March 2025 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 6 Thursday ABC Dinner Event - Place / Time TBA
- 8 Saturday Sandusky ABC Change of Watch – Sandusky Yacht Club
- 22 Saturday ABC of Central Ohio Change of Watch - Location/Time TBA
- 25 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – ABC Clubhouse – 7 pm

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Brian Crabbe, AP



There are times when the stars are in alignment and odd things happen. Such as hitting every light on red in Bucyrus or running into the only unlit ATON in West Harbor.

Things happen to us for a reason; we might not like it, but we can grow from the experience or dwell on



it. During the Christmas season and into the new year, reflect on your experiences from the past year. We have had a great cruising season (only lost one boat), spent time with good friends, and made memories that will last forever. I pray that everyone is still with us this time next year and remember those that have faded away over the past year.

Godspeed on your journeys!

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Glen Kubinski, AP



Happy Holidays, fellow boaters and members of the America's Boating Club of Central Ohio. Was it not summer like two or three weeks ago? Talk about time flying! How about the time change, don't you just love that it gets dark at 5:30 PM? I personally hate this time of year. At least from a temperature point of view the weather has been good. Well, I am sure by now everyone in this area has had their boats winterized and put away in storage. Now it's time to celebrate the holidays and wish for all the boating equipment and toys you went without last year. If you mention what you are wishing for you might get it from Santa this year. Just so you all know, this year I am wishing for an updated GPS and chart plotter. My old one is no longer showing me depths and, as you know, it is good to know how much water you have under your boat. Truly one of the most important parts of boating. Just in case someone out there has deep pockets and wants to put a smile on an old man's face, a Lowrance 8" touch screen would work.



You know for years I have been a member of the original Columbus Sail and Power Squadron now as you know America's Boating Club of Central Ohio. I and my wife, your favorite AO Ruthie, have helped with a lot of events and conferences. Now the club needs more people to step up to the plate and vol-

unteer to help with events, rendezvous, committee positions and even take a position on the Bridge. Throw your hat into the ring and start helping with ideas to increase membership and ways to have fun and celebrate our current membership. Some members may have skills to help with the education part of our club. I know Bob Rayburn, our own SEO, is always looking for people to help in our education program. If that is not your cup of tea then just stop by to a Bridge meeting, normally the 4th Tuesday of the month or sign up for a dinner meeting. Try to make it to the Spring District 29 Conference March 28 -30 in beautiful Sandusky, Ohio. This is a great time to look out over Lake Erie and think maybe this would be a great place to launch my boat and go out to an island and enjoy the day. David Keller is putting together a rendezvous for this coming season from Sandusky to Johnson Island and then down the Sandusky River to the Tackle Box restaurant. A great short trip for new boaters or seasoned boaters to run. If you are trailering, it's an easy drive up Route 4 to Sandusky and launch at the Shelby ramp.

If you missed our last dinner gathering, you

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

DISTRICT 29

Virtual Winter Council Meeting
January 26, 2025 — Time TBA

Spring Conference
March 28-30, 2025
Holiday Inn Express, Sandusky

NATIONAL

Annual Meeting — February 2-10, 2025
Orlando, Florida

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again missed a real good one. Thanks to Ruth Wilcox and her faithful helper, Phil Osborne, we were able to meet again at the Brownfield Ranch, a beautiful location west of Sunbury. We had a great group of 35 members and the event was catered by Dickson Catering. Gary and Ashley did a wonderful job with the food and our members served their finest dishes. Don't miss next month's dinner; it will be another amazing one. This year the Bridge voted on and passed the idea to lower the cost at Morgan House down to \$25.00 per person. If you have been in the past that is a great deal. We wanted to celebrate our membership, and to say Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to our members. If you cannot make it on Dec. 7th, you will be missed. Our prayers go out to you and

yours for a great and happy holiday season.

One last thing that I would like to mention is Janet Hern and I are hoping to get a group together to go see the lights at the Zoo this year. Just a fun and casual get-together with our membership and friends. Dates will be posted on an E-Blast coming soon. Well, I think that is all I got for now, but I am sure there will be more events to come. Thanks, Janet for your excellent work and motivation. May I add she will be the new editor of the GG. She will be retiring soon and we thought she would need something to do. Thanks for raising your hand!!

Take care my friends and remember the winter will not last forever. See you on the water soon.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Ruthie Kubinski, P



Everyone who attended enjoyed the November event at Brownfield Ranch. See the pictures below.

Looking forward to enjoying the Morgan House with all of you on December 7th!



Thanks to Ruthie Kubinski and Ruth Wilcox for submitting these photos.



On October 24, 2024, several club instructors met to consider future planning for the education program. This was an open discussion to consider which courses, seminars and other educational activities we should consider for the future. The group discussed content choices, training, advertising, delivery methods and other items of interest to our group of instructors. The key question addressed is how we make our program more attractive to today's recreational boaters.



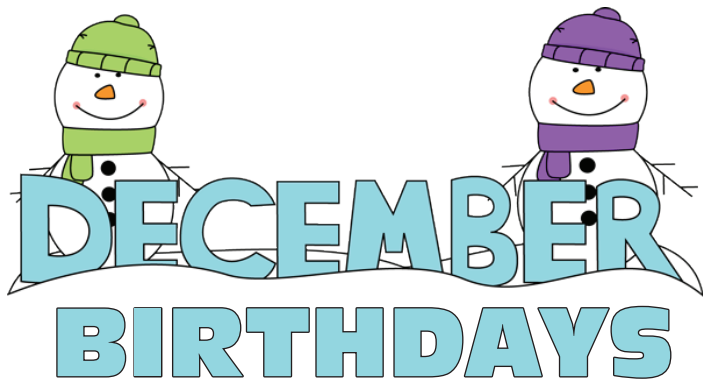
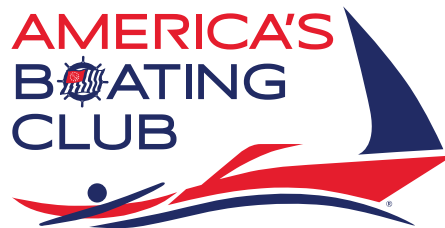
Several suggestions came out of the instructors' meeting. Case in point: accept that we must add teaching equipment and software to deliver content online. As one instructor stated, "Zoom is here to stay." One of the first suggestions was to create a Zoom Studio (presentation room) in one of the classrooms.

Another suggestion was to focus on the course materials that would attract local boaters. (Boat Handling – AP plus electives such as Engine Maintenance). Accept that we will have smaller classes.

There was discussion concerning the audience that we should focus on attracting as well as an interest in discovering who would be in that audience. Note that the national organization hired a firm to research the audience which would be attracted to our organization. That information is available to share. Much of the discussion focused on marketing and advertising. Doug Jackson recommended that we consider RevLocal, the digital marketing company, and contact R J Lowery. This is a local company which helped the Great Lakes Cruising Club with marketing efforts.

The final topic was about each member becoming an ambassador for the club. How do we attract and not repel members during meetings or other activities. Being welcoming means having a positive focus on the person. This is something we have the most control over!

Instructors are looking to make changes. While this is only the start of the journey, it is a good start.



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NAUTICAL DECK QUERY

Originally appeared in the U.S. Coast Guard's *Proceedings* journal.

Which are the two most effective generating forces of surface ocean currents?

- A. Temperature and salinity differences in the water.
- B. Wind and density differences in the water.
- C. Water depth and underwater topography.
- D. Rotation of the earth and continental interference.

Find the answer later in this issue!

Sandusky and Port Clinton Power Squadron

Christmas Party

Sunday December 15, 2025
 12 - 1 pm Social hour
 Buffet 1 pm
 Cash Bar available
 \$30.00 per person

RSVP Required by 12-10-25 to Sue & Bob DuBray
 1005 Brittany Drive, Huron, 44839
suedubray54@gmail.com or 419-433-3054
 Make Checks payable to Sandusky Power Squadron

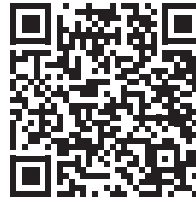


NAUTICAL DECK QUERY

B. The surface circulation of the world's oceans is mostly wind-driven ... The primary generating forces of ocean currents are wind and differences in water density caused by variations in heat and salinity.

SHIP'S STORE

Lt Sue Goelz has worked with Lands End to create items for ABC of Central Ohio. The QR Code which takes you to the site is below. Once there you will be prompted to create a username and password to view the items available for ordering.



- * No minimum order
- * Pricing will include sales prices where applicable
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DISTRICT 29 SPRING CONFERENCE

March 28-30, 2025
 Holiday Inn Express
 At Thirsty Pony
 1515 Cedar Point Drive
 Sandusky, OH
 Room Rate \$109.00
 Free Hot Breakfast

Seminars

- New technology for boating
- Books for boat on the lake
- Fishing – The Do's and Don'ts
- More topics coming!



2024 Trip to the Ohio River Moundsville, W.V.

Four boats and seven boaters left for the Ohio River at Moundsville, West Virginia on a bright sunny day in August.

Upon arriving in Moundsville, we went to the launch area and were met by Will, owner of the 101 Marina where we would be docking our boats during our weekend rendezvous. Will's dock was approximately a quarter mile from the launch area, and as we all launched our boats, Will took our tow vehicles and trailers one at a time and parked them on his lot.

After launching our boats, we went downstream for a couple miles then stopped for lunch as we drifted ever so slowly downstream on a flat calm river. Later, we continued the trip downstream to Hannibal Lock and Dam, but did not lock through. Construction workers were working on the large chamber which required the tugs, barges and pleasure boaters to go through the same smaller lock. After floating for a period, we headed back upstream to our docks. Upon arriving at the dock, we tied up and drove to the Holiday Day Inn Express to check in.

We stayed at this Holiday Inn Express on another rendezvous and found the rooms were clean, spacious with friendly staff. After showering, and changing clothes, we went to the Prima Marina Restaurant for dinner. Everyone seemed to have

had a pleasant meal, as no one had complaints about what they ordered or the quality of their meal. The food was great, and I would highly recommend the restaurant.

The following day, we boated upstream through Wheeling, West Virginia where we observed the USS LST 325, the last fully operational landing ship tank that participated in several battles during World War II, including the Invasion of Normandy. We then continued upstream to the Pike Island and Dam, located in Yorkville, Ohio.

Upon returning to the hotel, they served everyone a delicious chicken pot pie with homemade biscuits in the lounge area at no cost. I don't believe any of us ever experienced anything like this in the past and the hotel kept bringing out slow cooker after slow cooker of chicken pot pie. Later a birthday cake appeared with ice cream to top off the dinner, and I would like to thank all our boaters for their well wishes. After eating as much as we could, we decided to go to the hot tub and pool which was a pleasing adventure.

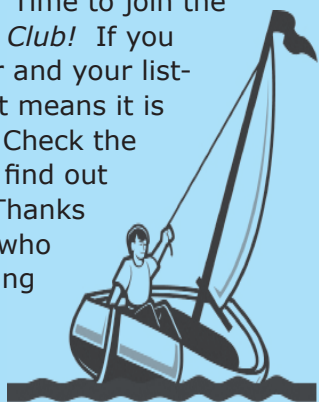
The following day, we again boated upstream to Wheeling, WV on a near glass smooth river, with not a ripple on the water.

For the three days, we traveled 112 miles and had six hours, forty-two minutes on the water. What a great three days!

Thank you to Phil Osborne for submitting this article.

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It's that time again! Time to join the *Galley Gossip Sponsors Club*! If you were already a member and your listing is no longer there, it means it is time for you to renew. Check the back page of the *GG* to find out how to join or renew. Thanks in advance to all those who support America's Boating Club of Central Ohio in this manner!





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