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Dinner Meeting — October 5, 2017

Schmidt's Sausage Haus -- German Village 240 E. Kossuth St. (2nd Floor) Columbus

Meet and greet at 6:00 pm — Bavarian Buffet at 7:00 pm

Menu: Schmidt's Own Fresh Pork Bratwurst, Famous Smoked Bahama Mamas, Garlic Knockwurst, German Potato Salad, Hot Sauerkraut with Pork, Green Beans with Bacon, Chunky Applesauce, Fresh Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea Includes Mini-Puffs, a smaller version of Schmidt's World Famous Creme Puffs!

Program - United States Navy Officer Training Program

Presented by Lt. Luke Marshall from the Training Detachment at The Ohio State University

Price -- \$23.00 per person

Cash Bar

RSVP by Monday, October 2nd

to zeke0711@yahoo.com

No Shows will be billed.





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CALENDAR of COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 5 Thursday CSPS Dinner Meeting – Schmidt's – 6 pm
- 9 Monday November 2017 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 12 Thursday Instructor Recertification Class – CSPS Headquarters – 7 pm
- 19 Thursday Instructor Certification Class Begins – CSPS Headquarters – 7 pm
- 24 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting -- CSPS Headquarters – 7 pm
- 31 Tuesday Happy Halloween!!

NOVEMBER

- 1 Wednesday MERIT MARK SUBMISSION DEADLINE
- 2 Thursday CSPS Dinner Meeting – Location/Time TBD
- 5 Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends — Fall Back!
- 6 Monday December 2017 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 17-19 Fri.-Sun. District 29 Fall Conference – Sawmill Creek, Huron
- 28 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – CSPS Headquarters – 7 pm

DECEMBER

- 2 Saturday Toledo PS Christmas Party – Location/Time TBA
- 3 Sunday CSPS Christmas Party – Berwick Party House/Time TBA
- 9 Saturday Lima/Findlay PS Christmas Party – Location/Time TBA
- 10 Sunday Fort Wayne PS Christmas Party – Location/Time TBA
- 11 Monday January 2018 *Galley Gossip* Articles Due
- 17 Sunday Port Clinton/Sandusky PS Christmas Party – Location/Time TBA
- 25 Monday Merry Christmas!!
- 26 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting – CSPS Headquarters – 7 pm



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Philip Osborne, JN



We had a busy weekend at the District 29 Summer Council Meeting at Lakefront Marina, Port Clinton, Ohio. The weather wasn't the best as we had a couple windy days, but on shore it was warm and sunny. We had several people in attendance and I believe everyone had a good time.

The August trip to Lake Cumberland apparently went well as Joe sent several pictures back of stripers caught by him and Linda. I only hope they left some for the CSPA rendezvous!! So far we have 28 people signed up for the September Lake Cumberland trip and it appears this one will also be a great time. Lake Cumberland has a lot to offer and we have always enjoyed the area.

I would like to thank the Findlay Power Squadron for the invitation to their squadron's Pirate Party at the 1812 Restaurant in Port Clinton. There were some wild costumes; the food was



fantastic; and the venue was outstanding.

For the next *Galley Gossip*, we will have an article about the rendezvous in the North Channel. I really did not have time to put one together now because we just got back from Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri.

Right now I am sitting in the Wyndham Hotel and looking forward to the Wright Patterson Museum tour tomorrow. We will be having dinner later this evening then go on the tour tomorrow. I have never been here before, and due to the hurricane, several more Air Force planes are here.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Edward Mack, SN



The weather is still nice and there is plenty of time to go boating. Many of you have boats while others are looking to purchase a boat. If you are going to purchase a boat, the best place to begin is to talk to members of our squadron. They more than likely know of available good used boats and can steer you in the right direction to purchase a new or used one.



Each boat requires the following: registration, insurance, storage, fuel and maintenance. Prior to purchase, test drive it on the water. Problems can exist with both new and old vessels.

This is where the similarity ends. New boats

can be expensive and used boats can be less costly. New have warranties; old typically do not. New boats have all systems in operation and are safe to be on the water. Used boats may or may not, and typically have decayed wooden or steel structure where you cannot see it. Corrosion is also a problem.

It doesn't matter if you are looking for a power or sail boat. Get a good one and have immediate fun or get a fixer upper and have fun twice!

Don't forget to talk up CSPA! As I speak to new acquaintances, even those who boat, they typically have not heard of us or the United States Power Squadrons. Give them one of our business cards or information on how to contact us. Invite them to events and dinner meetings. Let's work to build our organization!

As always, boat safely and have fun!

~ D29 Fall Conference is Coming ~

USPS District 29's Fall Conference is coming up on November 17-19 at Sawmill Creek in Huron, Ohio. You won't want to miss this fun and educational outing in a lovely, relaxing atmosphere. The conference will include an opportunity for both children and adults to try scuba diving in the Sawmill Creek pool. More details as well as the registration form for the conference will be included in the November 2018 *Galley Gossip*. Why not consider attending!!



Greetings, Boaters. While most of us are high and dry here in Buckeye-land, many of us have a Florida presence. I know that Mike Brown has his boat moored and is keeping his fingers crossed. Hopefully, his lines held and his fenders did their job.



and take action early. Have a 'get-out-of-Dodge' plan. What are we going to take if we have to go fast? How about insurance? Put a list with photos of your valuables on a thumb drive.

Mike shared that he is going to find out if he bought the right insurance policy. This planning ahead attitude works good on dry land and is absolutely required while at sea. This type of natural challenge can happen to any of us. Keep safe!

We can all learn from Hurricane Irma. Prepare

Upcoming National Events:



USPS National Meeting
February 18-24, 2018
Orlando, FL



USPS Governing Board
August 12-18, 2018
Minneapolis, MN

MERIT MARKS

Hey, all you volunteers out there! The date to submit your merit mark hours for 2017 is fast approaching. Please send your name with a list of the activities in which you participated and hours spent to Bob Van der Wissel at rvanderw@columbusrr.com no later than November 1st so he can report your name to USPS. Don't be modest...you deserve some recognition for donating your time to CSPS and promoting boating safety!

20th Annual Youth Poster Contest

Did any 6- to 14-year olds you know create a poster for the United States Power Squadrons 20th Annual Youth Poster Contest while on summer break? If not, there is still time to participate.

This year's theme is "Welcome to the Neighborhood!" Artwork should capture the spirit that all types of boats and boaters are welcome in USPS and that we welcome every new boater by sharing our skills and safe boating knowledge. Each poster is initially judged locally then the winners proceed to the district and possibly national levels. Cash rewards are given in three age groups: 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14. Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper size 15" x 20" or 14" x 22".

Entries are due by September 30th. For more information or to get a copy of the submission form, contact Ruth Wilcox at Commander@columbussailandpower.org or **614-384-0245** and leave a message. *Happy drawing and good luck!!*



Upcoming Classes:

Course: Engine Maintenance

Member Fee: \$55 **Nonmember Fee:** \$85

Dates: Monday evenings 9/18/2017 to 11/20/2017 (10 weeks)

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: CSPA Headquarters
8492 Cotter Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

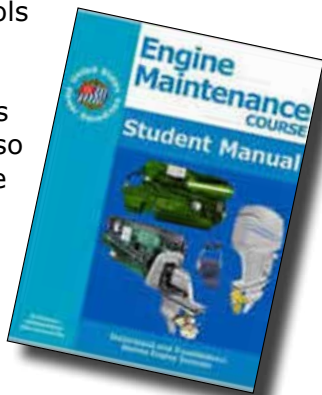
Course Covers:

- Basics of engine layout & operation
- Diagnosis of modern systems
- Gasoline & diesel engines
- Outboards, inboards, I/O
- Repairs
- Steering, propellers, controls
- Spare parts & tools

The Engine Maintenance course stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation.

Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work.

Modern engines offer high reliability and good



performance through the use of computerized systems for fuel delivery and engine timing. Most of these systems are "black boxes" that can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics with ordinary tools.

The course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform,

teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. It also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls. The last chapter discusses solutions to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility.

If you are interested in teaching a seminar, please contact me ASAP to sign up for one that interests you. We have a variety of seminar options available. There will be an education meeting for all instructors to discuss seminar schedules on 9/26/17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Visit our website to see what classes are coming up at <https://www.columbussailandpower.org>.

2017-2018 Educational Courses

The following classes are planned for the education season beginning in September. Please watch the web site (www.columbussailandpower.org) for updates and register early and often. We have a great line up for the coming year. Weekday classes and seminars begin at 7 pm at the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron located at 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center OH 43035. Weekend classes and seminars will have times listed. Please arrive 15 minutes early on your first night to complete the registration process.

CLASS LINE UP

Instructor Recertification (Rayburn)	Thursday 10/12	Members Only / No Cost
Instructor Certification (Rayburn)	Thursdays 10/19 to 12/7	Members Only / No Cost
America's Boating Course (various)	Saturday 2/10 or 3/10	\$50/includes lunch/location/hours TBD
Seamanship (various)	Tuesdays 3/20 to 5/8	Member \$55/Non-member \$85
Engine Maintenance (M. S. Hughes)	Mondays 9/18 to 11/20	Member \$55/Non-member \$85

SEMINAR LINE UP

The following seminars will be offered during 2017-2018. Dates/Times/Fees TBA

Emergencies on Board (TBD)	Anchoring (M.T. Hughes)
Charting (J. Seaver)	Cruise Planning (J. Seaver)
Crossing Borders (Lowe)	Practical Marine Engine Maintenance (M.T. Hughes)
Weather (Sorensen)	Trailer Tune-up and Trailering (M.S. Hughes/Mohrman)
Paddling (Haring)	



**Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Minutes of the Executive Committee
22 August 2017**

(These minutes will be approved at the September 2017 Executive Committee meeting)

Cdr. Phil Osborne, JN-IN called the meeting to order at 1900 at the Squadron headquarters, 8492 Cotter Street, Lewis Center, OH. Cdr. Phil Osborne, JN-IN led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by sight and Assistant Secretary, 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P confirmed a quorum was present. The following Executive Committee members were present: Cdr. Phil Osborne, JN-IN; Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S; Assistant Secretary 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P; Administrative Officer Lt/C Dick Sorensen, N; P/R/C Harold Biedel, SN; P/C Larry Lowe, SN; Lt Bob Goelz, S; Lt Ruth Wilcox, S. Also Present: P/C Matt Murphy, JN; 1st/Lt Mary Rayburn, P; Lt Sue Goelz, S. The minutes of the May 2017 meeting were approved.

Commander Phil Osborne, JN-IN

Since our last meeting we had an Operations Class and I would like to thank Rear Cdr Robert Rayburn for teaching it. Ed Mack, Dick Sorensen & Sherri Haring attended the class. I would like to thank each of you for taking the initiative to complete this class.

Ruth and I attended the Lima Cook-out at Indian Lake in June and it was well attended. We also took a nice ride around the lake on a pontoon boat.

As printed in the September *Galley Gossip*, we had a very nice, but different rendezvous to Cincinnati in June.

We attended the Port Clinton / Sandusky Steak Cook-out at the Huron Boat Basin over the July 4th weekend, and were once again treated to great fireworks from across the river.

Also, last month we went to Tobermory, Canada, Little Current, Killarney, Gore Bay and Sault Saint Marie for our CSPS rendezvous. There were members from Columbus, Lima and Findlay Power Squadrons on the trip and we had a great time. I will do that one again, but will probably start out at Sault Saint Marie and go east to Perry Sound next time. The Georgian Bay and North Channel are a great place for boating.

Earlier this month Ruth and I attended the District 29 Summer Council meeting at Lakefront Marina in Port Clinton. It was a very good



meeting; we had a good time and came up with some new entertainment for future meetings. Despite the weather, I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

Last weekend, Findlay had their dinner meeting at the 1812 Restaurant in Port Clinton with members from four different squadrons in attendance. It was a very nice affair and the meal was outstanding.

**Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Mari Seaver, S
Asst. Ed. Officer – 1st/Lt Mary Rayburn, P**

Thanks to Matt Murphy for the use of his boat for safety maneuvers.

2017 – 2018 Course Curriculum:

- Seamanship..... Start on March 20, 2018
- Piloting Start on Sept. 11, 2017, but there is no instructor. This class will probably be cancelled.
- Engine Maintenance..... No instructor or date set yet.
- Crossing Borders Seminar ... Larry Lowe
- Charting Seminar John Seaver
- Weather Seminar..... Dick Sorensen
- Anchoring..... To be held at Cabela's

Executive Officer Lt/C Ed Mack, SN

Absent

**Administrative Officer Lt/C Dick Sorensen, N
Asst. Admin. Officer – 1st/Lt John Daulton, P**

The first meeting of the fall will be held at the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB on September 9, 2017. See the *Galley Gossip* for details.

The October dinner meeting will be on October 5, 2017 at Schmidt's Sausage Haus. The speaker will be a naval officer with the ROTC program at OSU. He is expected to discuss the recent collisions between US Naval vessels and commercial ships. This officer also asked if we would be willing to give a seminar to the midshipmen at OSU on celestial navigation. Ralph Newman is currently scheduled to teach this seminar on Oct. 17 and 19, 2017.



Treasurer Lt/C David Canale, P

Absent. According to the Financial Report, we are doing very well.

Secretary Lt/C Ron Hupman, S

Absent

Asst. Sec. – 1st/Lt Tom Doyle, P

Officers are asked to email their reports to Tom Doyle at tdoyle2@columbus.rr.com

Imm. Past Commander P/C John Seaver, SN

Boat Donation to Dublin Crew – Two Jon Boat “Launches” were donated to the Dublin Crew. They had two older, unsafe Jon boats that they were forced to use, but could not afford to replace. Polar was behind in shipping, but provided the boats in July in time for the summer ‘learn to row’ series. Consideration has been given to the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron on the Dublin Crew site, food trailer and boat trailer – we just need artwork and decal/stickers.

Dublin Crew Safety enhancements:

All Coxswain have whistles for alert during emergencies – provided by Harold Beidel and West Marine.

Seasonal swimming test was implemented.

USPS Digital Media Library Filming Crew was in town for filming.

Thanks to Matt and Debbie Murphy, Michael S. Hughes and Tracy Garrett and Bob and Sue Goelz for loaning their boats for filming.

Thanks also to Michael S. Hughes, Tracy Garrett, Charlotte Mohr, Gage & Perry Mohr, Bob Rayburn, Sue Goelz, and Katrina Seaver – for their great acting skills.

Weather was tough over the two-day filming session, but we got through all scripts except for one.

Members at Large Reports

P/R/C Harold Biedel, SN: No report

P/C Larry Lowe, SN: Life is good now that he got his sailboat engine running.

Lt Bob Goelz, S: No report

Lt. Sherri Haring, S: Absent

Lt Ruthie Kubinski, P: Absent

Lt. Jana Mack, S: Absent

Lt Michael T. Hughes, AP: Absent

Lt Mary Jane Lauer, P: Absent

Lt Ruth Wilcox, S: The fall district meeting will be held November 17 – 19, 2017 at Sawmill

Creek Resort. There will be SCUBA classes again for children and adults. The cost is \$49/person. We guaranteed them at least 5 children and 5 adults. The Youth Poster Contest information is in the *Galley Gossip*. Posters will be judged at the November meeting.

Committee Reports

General Committees:

No reports

Standing Committees:

Housing Committee – P/C Matt Murphy, JN: The hot water at headquarters smells. Matt will flush the tank, but we may need a new hot water tank. Matt is trying to arrange fire extinguisher training with the Orange Township Fire Department. In return, they may want some boating training from us.

Merit Mark Committee – P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP: Send your merit mark hours to Bob as soon as possible.

Property Officer – P/C Matt Murphy, JN: We took part in the Orange Township parade.

Sea Gals – Cdr. Martha Beidel – Absent - Harold Beidel reported that the August picnic had a good turnout and weather.

Special Committees:

Technical Committee – Lt/C Edward Mack, SN; P/C John Seaver, SN: Web page is up and running. We can now take reservations for classes and payment on line.

Marketing – looking for ideas for marketing – professional marketing firm.

Old Business:

Ed Mack is to look into new locks for headquarter - digital.

New Business:

None

First Horizon:

Madalyn Grace Murphy – Matt and Debbie Murphy’s granddaughter.

Announcements:

Our Lake Cumberland rendezvous is scheduled for Sept. 20-24, 2017. Anyone wishing to depart on Monday, Sept. 25, there is no extra charge.

Meeting was adjourned at 1950.

"Who Knew?"

By Dick Sorensen, N

Bill Lehner and I met in the mid-eighties. I think it was at the Seamanship Class in the Methodist Church on Zollinger Road. Good first impression. Nice guy. Kinda like Falstaff. Gregarious. Over the years our educational paths were parallel. Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Junior Navigation. Again, nice guy, great classmate. I thought he was a salesman of some sort; asphalt, plumbing supplies, paper. *Who knew?*

We started Navigation together. We didn't finish Navigation together. The two-body fix, in spite of Roger Hankle's herculean teaching effort, was as complicated to me as trying to figure out a hospital bill. I bailed. Not Bill. He passed and went on to get the highly coveted Senior Navigator designation. Me? My business demanded more attention and the services of an architect. Bill Lehner, AIA was recommended. *Who knew?*

We became business acquaintances besides students of all things nautical. He likes Scotch and I love Scotch. He owns a sailboat and I love guys who own sailboats. Sailboaters never seem to have enough line-pullers and I'm a great line-puller. This discovery led to his inviting me for a three-day sojourn around the Islands. He even invited my sailing neophyte kid sister to come along. *Who knew?*

We cleared Sandusky Bay on Bill's *Molly E.* and turned our bow towards South Bass Island. Clear, soft summer day. Gentle southwestern breeze. Barometer steady. On a lazy port tack heading for a glass of Scottish perfection while showing my kid sister all the sights of Put-in-Bay. *Who knew?*

Bill first saw the dark clouds over the Perry Nuclear Power Plant as we passed Kellys. Not too threatening but spreading back towards the Detroit River Light. Ballast Island dead ahead. Yet the winds began to rise as lighting was seen. Bill's head seemed to be like Linda Blair's in the movie, "The Exorcist". He was doing 360's. The squall line was well developed by this time. So much for a quiet day sail to South Bass. *Who knew?*

All of a sudden somebody I had never met emerged in the cockpit of the *Molly E.* Coolly and calmly he exerted his authority. In a level voice without any drama he issued his orders. Foul weather gear on. Engine on. Jib rolled in tight. Mainsail dropped and extra lashings secured. Loose gear below stowed away. Portholes dogged down. All lines brought taunt. The rookie kid sister sent below to sit on the cabin sole. Main hatch boards in. Suddenly, the wind shifted from west to east and the *Molly E.* plunged directly into the rearing, rain generated black menace. Our location was approximately three miles southeast of South Bass and north northeast of Catawba Island. Plenty of sea room. Captain Bill's hands on the wheel. *Who knew?*

The squall hit us hard. The *Molly E.* lurched almost on her beams' end. Perry's monument was gone from view as well as the island on which it stood. Catawba was gone. All we had was screaming wind, punishing rain pelting us and a very confused sea. Captain Bill's hand was on the wheel as he stayed wedged between the pedestal and the stern rail. Not a command from him as all hell broke loose around us. Down and up the *Molly E.* plunged. The bow pushed off to the right and then hit with a wind roundhouse that drove it to the left. Waves tall and hitting us from every direction. Maelstrom in biblical sense. No visibility past the bow which didn't matter because the driving rain made opening our eyes virtually impossible. So much for a quiet day sail to South Bass. *Who knew?*

What seemed like an hour later the *Molly E.* emerged safe and sound. Can't say the same for my sister who had ridden out this storm hanging over the head. We had been blown quite a distance off South Bass. With the engine still turning over Captain Bill spun the wheel due north to bring us back on course for Put-in-Bay. Looking around the horizon we were the only boat visible. *Who knew?*

Bill Lehner was exemplary. Quietly competent and an inspiring captain. No shouting. No drama. Just competence in everyway. I had only known him as a fellow student, lover of Scotch and a fine architect. Now I knew him as a real sailor. *Who knew?*



Dick Sorensen, N, was delighted and surprised that Bill Lehner extended this invitation to cruise with him. After all, it was Bill who gave Dick 'The Golden Albatross' Award in 2016. Richly deserved it seems.



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CSPS WEB PAGE

Have you been to the Columbus Sail and Power Squadron website (www.cpsboater.org) lately? It has a whole new look!! Ed Mack has completely redone the site to make it more accurate, up-to-date, and user friendly. Stop by next time you are surfing the web and check it out. It sure has changed!

COASTIE SIGHTING

It has been reported that our very own Coastie was recently seen in the Orange Township Parade. Thanks go to Matt Murphy and Michael S. Hughes for taking him out for a spin.

FIRST HORIZON

Madalyn Grace Murphy -- Daughter of Elias and Ariel Murphy and granddaughter of Matt and Debbie Murphy. August 8th, 7 lb., 7 oz. Welcome to the world, little one!

Building the *Aquatron*

By Lt David Fannon, JN

For quite some time I have had it in mind to build a boat. But what kind of boat, and would it float when it was done? Would it look more like a work bench

or would it have graceful lines? These were the sort of questions Melissa and I had in the beginning.

So we went to an annual gathering of boat builders in Guild, TN, at Nickajack Lake on the Tennessee River to talk with people who had built their own boats in search of answers.

What I learned gave me encouragement. Most had built their beautiful boat starting out with no special abilities. They had bought their plans, followed the instructions and learned as they went from fellow boat builders. I was encouraged to begin. We live near Hoover Reservoir, a horsepower restricted lake, Melissa likes to bird watch, and I have always been intrigued by things electrical, so why not an electric boat? We found plans from Glen-L Marine Designs for a four-passenger electric launch called the Amp Eater. It came with full-size patterns which made cutting out parts easier. It was of stitch and glue construction which would speed construction of the hull significantly.



We purchased four sheets of 1/4" marine plywood for the hull, traced the patterns and cut out the hull pieces. We then encapsulated all the plywood in epoxy resin to give waterproofing, then stitched the pieces together with short pieces of copper wire. The boat was taking shape. All seams were reinforced on both sides with fiberglass cloth and the outer hull was covered in fiberglass. We had a hull with about 80 hours of work. Work progressed steadily and in a year and nine months we were finally ready to launch. Our first day was a success. Only one little leak around the drain plug that was quickly repaired with silicone sealer.

We took the boat in August on it's first big adventure to Old Hickory Lake near Nashville, TN, to see the total eclipse of the sun. We camped with about 20 other family and friends and spent

two days giving boat rides. What fun! Nearly eight hours of boating on one charge of the batteries.

September 14-16 we returned to the Gathering of Boat Builders at Nickajack Lake with the boat I had built. Melissa and I stayed in one of the floating cabins where we could tie up our boat to the dock right outside our door. It was nice to be able to get up at the break of day and get in the boat and go for a nice quiet ride, watch the fog lift and the sun rise over the mountain.

Each meal at the Gathering was like a buffet as people would put out the food they had prepared and shared up and down the dock. On Friday,

we all left to go upstream 42 miles from Hales Bar to Chattanooga for lunch. I got a ride on a 23 ft. seven-passenger Belle Isle mahogany speed boat for this trip. We docked the boats at the public docks in downtown Chattanooga and walked up to the Big River Grille for lunch.



Melissa and I cruised that weekend for a little over 30 miles in our little Amp Eater that we have named *Aquatron*. We averaged 4.2 mph using approximately 4 kw of power. At about 133.33 watt hours per mile we are getting about 262 mpg equivalent. Not bad efficiency if I do say so myself.

Though some finishing work still needs to be done, we already appreciate our quiet little boat and look forward to years of happy moments aboard.





2017-18 Sea Gals Schedule of Events

MONTH/YEAR	EVENT	SPONSOR	DATE
October 2017	Wine Tasting	Grosz	10/21 ?
November 2017	Craft Night w/ Poker & Pizza	Mattis	11/10
December 2017	Christmas Party	Williams	12/8
January 2018	Night at the Movies	Card	1/20 ?
February 2018	Dinner at Hofbrauhaus	Beidel	2/16
March 2018	St. Patrick's Day Party	Ehrbar	3/17
May 2018	Night at the Races	Mattis	TBA
August 2018	Picnic	Clark	TBA

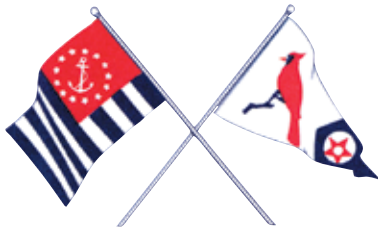
OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ramonda DeCapio	Jack Kuhn II
Dave Ehrbar	Leonard Marryott
Stephen Eichorn	Douglas McCray
Mary Gray	Kyle Mokma
Charles Groll	Mary Rayburn
Janet Hiestand	Preston Schultz



BUNGLE JUG/ RIVER RAT AWARDS

Looking for stories of your, or even better yet, a buddy's mistakes on the water or in the garage or while towing a boat. Send them to Dick Sorensen at zeke0711@yahoo.com. He will then prepare a wonderful presentation to completely humiliate the culprit by adding his or her name to the famous Bungle Jug or River Rat Award. Hurry...the November meeting is the grand reveal!!!



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