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Columbus Sail & Power Squadron Commander's Ball Saturday, April 12

Honoring Commander Larry Whiting

Dublin Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Metro Place North

Cash Bar at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Program at 8 p.m.

Please mail reservation by 4 April to Steve or Debbie Smith,
535 Pointview Drive, Westerville, OH 43081-3432, and enclose your check.

Price \$43 per person.

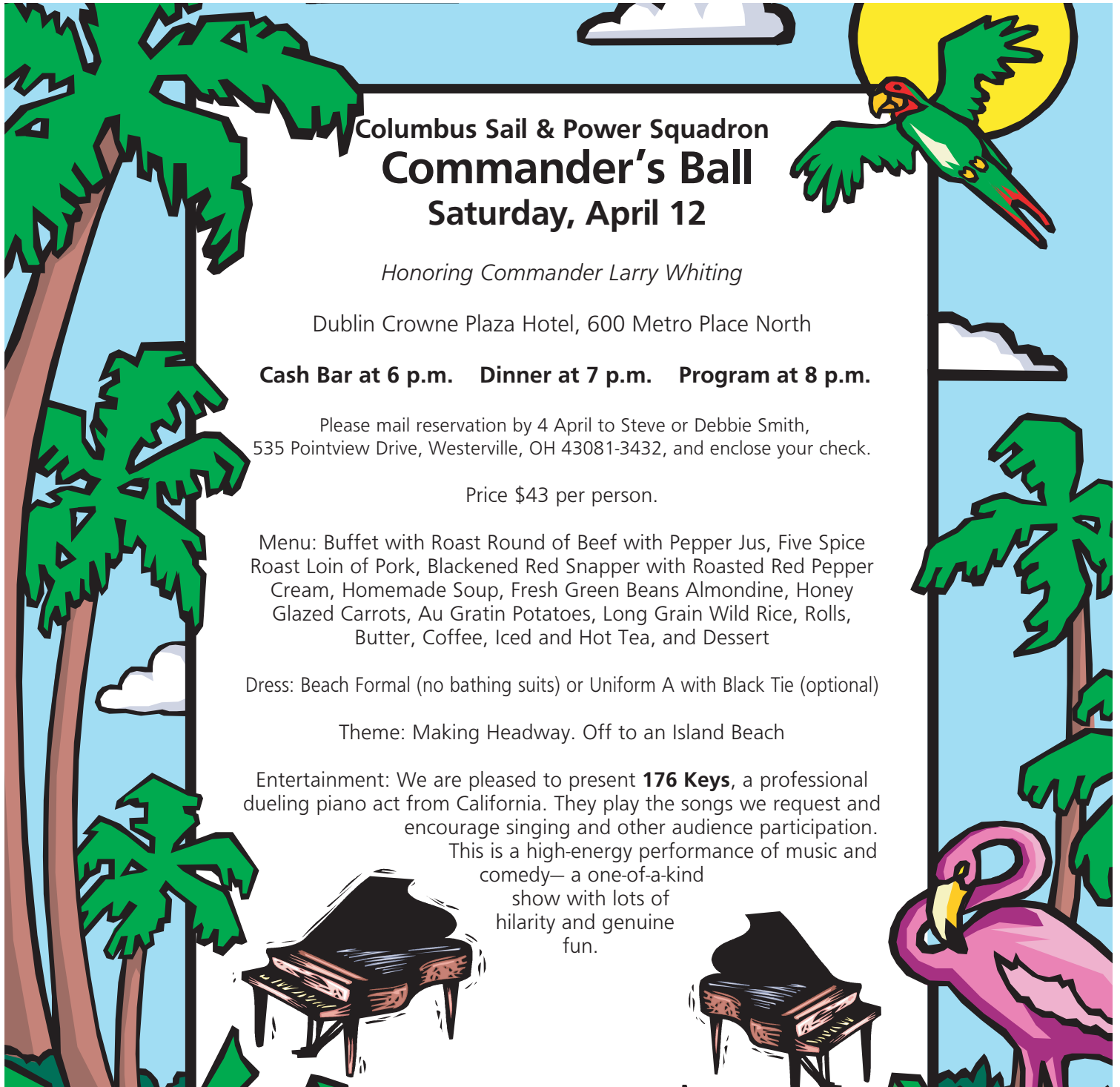
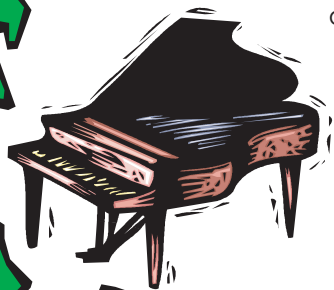
Menu: Buffet with Roast Round of Beef with Pepper Jus, Five Spice Roast Loin of Pork, Blackened Red Snapper with Roasted Red Pepper Cream, Homemade Soup, Fresh Green Beans Almondine, Honey Glazed Carrots, Au Gratin Potatoes, Long Grain Wild Rice, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Iced and Hot Tea, and Dessert

Dress: Beach Formal (no bathing suits) or Uniform A with Black Tie (optional)

Theme: Making Headway. Off to an Island Beach

Entertainment: We are pleased to present **176 Keys**, a professional dueling piano act from California. They play the songs we request and encourage singing and other audience participation.

This is a high-energy performance of music and comedy— a one-of-a-kind show with lots of hilarity and genuine fun.

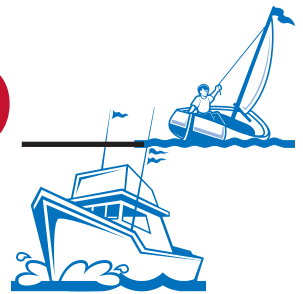




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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 7,14,21 Monday Public Boating Class - Grandview Heights HS 7:30 pm
- 12 Saturday Commander's Ball - Crown Plaza, Dublin
- 22 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting - HQ

MAY

- 1 Thursday Monthly Dinner Meeting - HQ
- 3 Saturday Ice Breaker Dinner - Nor' Easter, Catawba Island
- 5 Monday Seamanship Class Begins - HQ
- 17-23 Sat.-Fri. National Safe Boating Week
- 20 Tuesday Executive Committee Meeting - HQ
- 22 Thursday Marion Power Squadron 50th Anniv. Celebration

JUNE

- 12 Thursday Monthly Dinner Meeting - TBA

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Larry R. Whiting, P



"Making Headway" is our Squadron theme for the year, and after the February Executive Committee meeting I feel we are indeed making headway to achieve our goals for the year.

The trend is great: We have a goal of 100 vessel safety checks. We already have five additional squadron members who want to become certified as vessel examiners. We have 56 students registered for the public Safe Boating Course. That's the highest number we have had in several years. And, the evidence indicates about a third of these students learned about the courses from the boat show, a third from newspaper advertising, and a third from Squadron members or others. Our classrooms are active with a couple dozen members taking and teaching Squadron courses. The web site is current with several new features. I am hopeful the Roster will be updated very soon. We have some interesting and modestly priced dinner meetings coming up in an attempt to increase attendance. Larry Lowe's leader-



ship in looking at Squadron challenges is reaping some new ideas for membership recruitment and involvement. Bob Prior and Larry Lowe are also going to head a committee to develop a five-year strategic plan. And, this spring we will be teaching a seminar between Headquarters and a second location with our Remote Education System. We also have an exciting array

of rendezvous planned for both Lake Erie boaters and trailer boaters.

We are "on a roll." Let's keep it going. Let's come together and celebrate at the Commander's Ball 12 April.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Robert L. Prior, S



Your Executive Committee agreed in the February meeting to press forward with the creation of a comprehensive *Strategic Business Plan* for the squadron. This undertaking is designed to construct a road map to guide and focus the activities of the squadron for the next 1-3 years and a committee is being formed to write it.



The completed plan will contain the following components:

- I. HISTORY. An historical account of the squadron and how it evolved into its present role in the market place.
- II. CORPORATE PHILOSOPHY. A series of statements about what we stand for that typically starts off with "We believe that...followed by, "we therefore will." An example: "We believe that our members are our single most important asset; therefore, we will endeavor to treat each other with courtesy and respect at all times."
- III. MISSION STATEMENT. A short definition that clearly states and summarizes what business CS&PS is in.
- IV. MARKETING SUMMARY
 - A. Environmental Scan - - a discussion of market conditions
 - B. Competitive Analysis - - who do we compete with; what are their strengths and weaknesses?

V. OBJECTIVES, STRATEGY AND TACTICS. Defines what is to be done - - when and how.

VI. CONTINGENCY PLANNING. A listing of *potential disasters* that might strike the squadron and what actions must be taken in response in order to insure that the squadron survives into the future.

In as much as the squadron does not have a Strategic Plan in place, it will undoubtedly take several months to complete. Our goal is to wrap it up by late fall.

Larry Lowe and I have agreed to chair this project and we are enthusiastic about its possibilities. Looking at the above list of components, if you find one that particularly interests you, please contact Larry or me; we would welcome your assistance.

SAVE THE DATE: 22 MAY, 2008

As a parent it is hard to believe when your offspring turns 50. In 1958 The Columbus Sail & Power Squadron helped form the new Marion Power Squadron from its members who were living in the Marion area. On Thursday, May 22, 2008 during their regular monthly meeting, the **Marion Squadron will celebrate its 50th birthday!** To make this year even more special for the Marion Power Squadron and for the entire USPS, one of its charter members, P/D/C Ralph Behner, SN, aka Father Neptune will be the Commander! Marion is only about a 45-minute drive north of Columbus so plan on attending. If you remember any stories of this event, please forward them to P/C David Michael, P.



I would like to thank everyone who attended the March dinner meeting. Attendance was beyond my expectations and the program was quite entertaining for all. We had so much fun we were all in knots. The April event is the Commander's Ball at the Crowne Plaza in Dublin. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in their beach formal wear while being entertained by 176 Keys. May 1st will be a catered dinner at squadron headquarters. Look in this issue for RSVP information. The Sea Gals will host the June dinner meeting. Location TBD. Come have fun with us on the water and out on the town.

As I look outside to see the snow falling, all I can dream about is getting my boat out of storage and hitting the local waters. Before the spring launch, I must do a few things to prepare for the season. My primary concern is safety for my boat, crew and passengers. I plan to get my boat a free Vessel Safety Check (VSC) by one of the 5 current examiners within our squadron.

Before I have my boat examined, I must verify a few items. First I want to make sure my registration numbers are in good shape and the registration sticker has not expired. Then I will check my PFD's to verify I have enough on board for all passenger sizes and they are in good and serviceable condition. I want to make certain they are readily accessible in case of an emergency – not stowed in plastic bags or a locked cabinet.

Next, I check my visual distress signals (flags and flares) for their shape and expiration date. All fire extinguishers should be readily accessible and properly charged. Any dry chemical extinguishers should be removed from the bracket, turned upside down and shaken. This will dislodge any solids from the bottom. The sound producing devices for distress signaling include the horn, a whistle and a siren. A loose wire could cause a malfunction and I would not pass my safety check.

I will check that my blower is working for ventilation purposes. I do not want gas vapors in the bilge since they could cause an explosion. I must check my backfire flame arrester on top of the carburetor to verify it is still there and is in clean, working order.

My boat should be able to display its navigation lights and an all around anchor light between sunset and sunrise and also in conditions of reduced visibility. I will check all lights and replace as needed burned bulbs and fuses.

The pollution placard and the MARPOL trash placard are



required for boats 26' and over. Even though my 20' boat does not require these two items, I do have them on board. The maximum capacity placard is available to view as well.

Since my boat does not have a head, the sanitation device requirements do not apply. However, make sure yours is Coast Guard approved and the overboard discharge outlet is capable of being sealed. For boats over 39'4" or larger a current copy of the navigation rules are required.

Now that my boat is ready for inspection, I want to check my trailer. Even though this is not part of the VSC, common sense tells me to check my tire condition and pressure, the wheel bearings, brakes including lines, and my lighting system.

With this pre-check complete, I feel confident my boat will pass the VSC. My next step is to contact one of the 5 current examiners within the Columbus Sail & Power Squadron. I understand there are 2-3 CSPA members who are studying to become examiners for the 2008 season.

I encourage each of you to contact one of the following examiners for your FREE Vessel Safety Check: John Pruitt, VSC Chairman (614-236-5074); Jim Meyers (614-882-2269); Larry Lowe (614-885-3601); Matt Murphy (614-866-6732); Larry Harris (614-755-9733).

Needed:

2 or 3 assistants for the Public Relations Officer. Energetic, self motivated people to help on specific public relations duties by contacting the media and local/boating publications. Some examples that PR handles are the Delaware Dam PFD painting in June, *Galley Gossip* Sponsorship club, promote vessel safety checks, promote public boating classes (Feb) and squadron classes (Sept-June), National poster contest with judging in July, and assisting with the boat shows held in Jan/Feb in Columbus. If you would like to find out more information about a specific opportunity or would like to volunteer to help, please contact me at 614-488-4758. Thank you,
Tracy Garrett.

Thank you to P/C Don Delewese, AP for his generous donation of two beautiful cherry storage cabinets for headquarters. Michael Hughes met with Don's gorgeous assistant, Mz. Colette Cramer-Daum, a HQ this week for delivery. Now the Sea Gals and CSPA have more room to store documents. Thank you Don.



Winter/spring courses have begun. The first of these is Junior Navigation taught by Ralph Newman. The new JN is well-liked by both the instructor and students. Sextant work is already scheduled for March. We plan to follow JN with the new Navigation course, beginning in October, 2008.

The Chapman Award rewards excellence in teaching. Larry Lowe was nominated from our squadron for consideration by District 29 in 2007. The District 29 winner of the Chapman Award was James Sommers of the Toledo Squadron. His name was submitted to the National panel of judges and it was announced that Jim was selected as one of the National winners. This is a great honor for Jim and for District 29. We extend sincere congratulations to Jim and to the Toledo Squadron.

The bridge approved a proposal presented by Larry Lowe and David Michael to partner with the Alum Creek Sailing Association (ACSA). In response, Doug Jackson - who co-instructs our Sail course with Ken Spilke - and I met last month with Tom Wehrung of the ACSA to discuss the details of the cooperative effort between our two organizations. Tom is a certified U.S. Sailing instructor and along with several other members of ACSA, teaches a U.S. Sailing Keel Boat Certification course. Their course consists of 12-14 hours of on-the-water instruction with only 2-3 hours of classroom work. In contrast, the USPS Sail course has no on-the-water training but over 20 hours of classroom work. This is an experimental partnership effective for this year



The Junior Navigation course is off to a good start. From left to right, in the back row are Michael Hughes, Doug Jackson, Michael Cohee, Steve Smith, Tom Morehouse, Don Delewese and Bob Van Der Wissel. Seated are Ralph Newman (instructor) and Sue Nadolson.

only. The relationship allows ACSA members to pay the course fee, receive the course materials and attend classes. They will be issued an exam if they become USPS members. Tom will visit our Sail course later in the year when the weather is more conducive to outdoor instruction to present a personal invitation to our class members to attend the ACSA U.S. Sailing course.



Congratulations to Sue Nadolson and Michael Hughes for passing Cruise Planning. Congratulations are also in order to Michael and Tammy Cohee, Charles Delay, Ron Lavelly and Dennis Neidert for successfully completing Engine Maintenance.



The Sail Class from left: Doug Jackson (Co-instructor of the sail class) Jim Grueninger (CSPS) Byron Waugaman (ACSA) Sue Hughes (CSPS) Dan Libby (CSPS) Ralph Dvorak (ACSA) Kacey Calich (ACSA) Mike Cousino (ACSA) Not pictured: Ken Spilke - Lead instructor Bob Prior

Congratulations to:
Lt Ron Lavelly, JN, on passing Seamanship,
and
P/C David Michael, P, on passing the
Instructor Qualification Course.

CS&PS Spring Class 2008

Course	First Class	Length	Instructor	Cost
Seamanship	Mon May 5	9 wks	Staff	\$30.00

Headquarters address: 8492 Cotter St., Lewis Center, OH 43035
For registration call Dave Clark 614-891-4120 or email clark.32@osu.edu



**The Columbus Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting
26 February 2008
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Cdr Larry Whiting, P, Lt/C Robert Prior, S, Lt/C John Mattis, S, P/C Larry Lowe, SN, Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN, Pam Carr-Jackson, P, P/C David Michael, P, Michael Cohee, AP, P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP, Lt Theresa Nadolson, Bob Wells, AP, Lt Jeff Mirgon, S, Lt Jim Igo, S, Tracy Garrett, S, D/1st Lt Phil Osborne, AP, Ron Hupman, Lt Sue Nadolson, AP, Lt Wade Grosz, AP, Lucy Grosz, P

1935: Call to order: Cdr Larry Whiting, P

Invocation: P/C David Michael, P

Pledge of Allegiance: Executive Officer, Lt/C Robert Prior,

S

Roll Call/Quorum Certification: Assistant Secretary, Wade Grosz, AP, established that there was a quorum

Order of Business: Cdr Larry Whiting – The order was changed to expedite the meeting.

John Mattis made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. The second was made by Michael Hughes. Motion approved.

Commander's Report

April 12th is the Commander's Ball and is our major social event of the year. The committee has been working very hard on this event and the entertainment will be "off the charts". I hope you will be attending and encouraging others to attend as well.

At the USPS National Meeting in Dallas, membership was the biggest concern. Our organization needs to be able to accommodate potential members who want to join on-line through the web site. This is being discussed at the national level. Next year's meeting will be in Anaheim and several Columbus squadron members are already making plans to attend.

The D-29 Spring Conference is March 29-31 at Maumee State Park, Oregon, OH. I hope we can have good representation there.

Lt Ron Lavelly is now officially recognized as a JN. Sue Nadolson has received the Educational Proficiency which recognizes progress in education. Congratulations to Ron and Sue for their achievements.

The January issue of the *Galley Gossip* is on the web site. The next GG deadline is Friday, 29 February 2008.

Larry is working on revisions to the job descriptions. Please review the descriptions and let him know of any changes you suggest.

Report of Officers

Executive Officer, Lt/C Robert Prior, S

National Safe Boating week be May 17-23 and Bob is the chair for the event. Information about this event is available at <http://www.safeboatingcampaign.net/welcome.htm>. The theme continues to be "Wear It" to emphasize the need for



wearing life vests. The goal of the squadron is to complete 100 vessel safety checks this year as part of this event. The squadron is looking into incentives for both inspectors and participants. Larry would like us to increase from 5 to 7 inspectors in our squadron.

Bob has sample newsletters from other squadrons and gave them to David Michael for review and to add to our archives for future reference.

Bob distributed a list of ideas from the USPS meeting in Dallas that might benefit our squadron.

Asst. Education Officer, Michael Cohee, AP

There are 58 people registered for the public boating class. An additional 12 people pre-registered but did not attend the first class. A special thanks goes to our PRO, Tracy Garrett and to Jeff Mirgon, our boating class chairman.

Administrative Officer, Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN

The March 6th Dinner meeting will be held at Barley's Smokehouse on Dublin Road. Surveyor Dan Libby will talk about buying and selling a boat, water damage to a boat, and assessing the health of a boat. With a meal price of \$11, we are hoping for a great turnout. I am hoping to see all board members in attendance.

The April dinner meeting will be the Commander's Ball being held at the Dublin Crowne Plaza. Our May meeting will be at Headquarters and catered by Hoggy's. The June dinner will be hosted by the Sea Gals.

I have my staff in place for the year to help address the issues of membership recruitment, involvement and retention. If you would like to help in any way, please give me a call.

I have a group of over 20 strong individuals ready to work a phone calling committee to spread the word about our events. This work is dependent on having an accurate roster.

The Public Boating Course will end on April 21st. We anticipate gaining new members from this large graduating class. My personal goal is 12 new members. Please seek out any new members at dinner meetings, outings, and introduce yourself to them.

Kanawha River Trip – June 20-22. Rooms are \$89 per night. Reservations must be made by May 15th in order to receive this rate. Contact the Holiday Inn Charleston House at 304-344-4092. Mention the US Power Squadron to obtain the \$89 rate. We have an exciting weekend planned with the Kanawha River Power Squadron. If you need a boat to ride on, a crew for your boat, or more information about this trip contact Ron Lavelly at rlavelly@columbus.rr.com or 614-879-7388.

Member Benefits:

Membership in the squadron entitles you to save with discount programs. For further information, please see the USPS web site.



Treasurer: Lt/C John Mattis, S

Financial reports were distributed to the committee. John needs to have receipts for last year before the audit takes place. He wants to reconcile all events with the grant funds we received.

John plans to have the audit completed and a report available by the March Executive Committee meeting.

Immediate Past Commander, P/C David Michael, P

The squadron currently has a \$10,000 bond on the Treasurer. David plans to get estimates for increased amounts and present his findings at the March meeting.

There will be a new boating class available in mid-2008 to replace the current ABC class.

David distributed ideas on membership to the committee.

David met someone from the Ohio Game Fishing organization and they are interested in linking with the squadron for education. Their web site is <http://ohiogamefishing.com>.

Rules Committee Chair, P/C Bob Van der Wissel, AP

Now that his committee is identified, Bob is planning a committee meeting.

Members-at-Large Reports

Lt Pam Carr-Jackson, P

Pam is interested in becoming a vessel safety inspector. She also reported that she is no longer getting e-mails as she did before.

Lt Jeff Mirgon, S

There were 15 CSPS members at the public boating class on Monday night. Students were well-tutored, thanks to the help of everyone there. According to the information provided during registration, most of the students have trailer boats.

2055 Break

2104 Reconvened

Reports of General Committees:

Audit Committee: Lt/C John Mattis, S

There are 2 members of the audit committee who plan to have their work completed for the March Executive Committee meeting.

Nominating Committee: P/C Larry Lowe, SN

Larry is working on next year's slate of officers.

SRE Committee: P/C Larry Lowe, SN

Joe Hetzel is assisting Larry with remote education. Larry would like to use the equipment for remote education in April.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance Committee:

This is an appointed committee, designed to concentrate on the budget. Larry Whiting will address the duties of this committee.

Special Committees

Strategic Planning: P/C Larry Lowe, SN and Executive Officer Bob Prior, S

Bob, Larry Lowe and Larry Whiting met and decided to create a 4 to 5 year strategic plan. Larry Lowe and Bob will co-chair this effort. Bob reviewed the parts of the plan's format.

Marketing: Tracy Garrett, S

There was a nice article in the Arlington suburban newspaper about the public boating course.

Voting took place on the coloring contest from the boat shows and winners were declared.

Tracy requested that everyone who manned the booth at the boat shows fill out the grant form as quickly as possible.

Tracy needs public relations volunteers. Please contact her for more information.

Theresa Nadolson reported that she is working with national to get more server space for our web site. Costs range from \$4.95 - \$12.95 per month, depending on what we will need.

Member Involvement: Ron Hupman

Ron is working on items for a new member packet, as well as incentives for new members. He will have more information at the March Executive Committee meeting.

Roster: Theresa Nadolson

Theresa is to get information from Kevin on the roster. The calling committee will be assisting with verification and to keep the information updated.

Property Officer: Lt/C Michael Hughes, JN

Please advise Michael if your key is headquarters is missing or damaged, return keys that are no longer needed and let him know if your key is lost. Also, all trash needs to be emptied when leaving the building.

Old Business

John Mattis made a motion to approve the staff listing. Jeff Mirgon gave the second. Motion approved.

New Business

Michael Hughes made a motion to appoint Theresa Nadolson as Assistant Treasurer. Pam Carr-Jackson gave the second. Motion approved.

Michael Hughes made a motion to approve the SOP of 11/2007 (25039701). Bob Prior made the second. Motion approved.

Michael Hughes made a motion to move the e-mail committee from the AO staff to the Secretary. This will put e-mail and the roster under the same staff member. Tracy Garrett gave the second. Motion approved.

Announcements

The next Executive Committee meeting will be 25 March 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 2150.

Getting all tied up in Public Boating



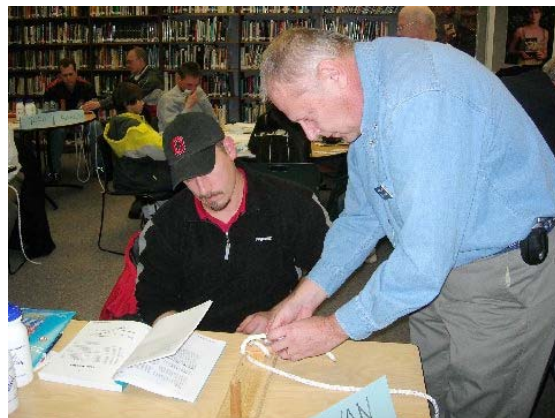
Students at the Public Boating Class practice the bowline.



David Michael instructs a student with the cleat hitch knot.



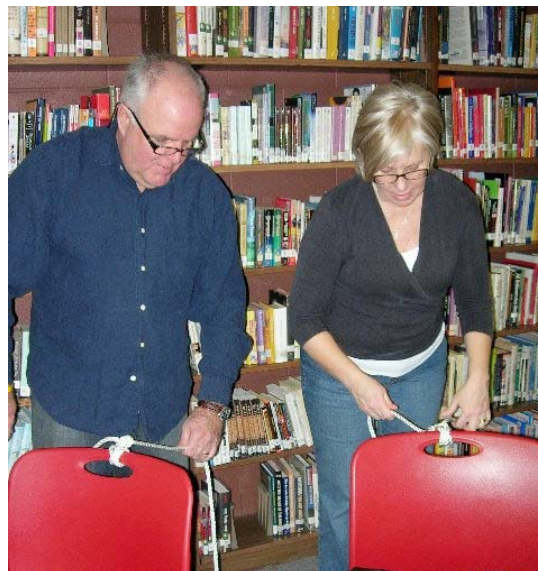
Students watch the knot tying demonstration.



Mike Cohee gives a student some help.



Practice, practice, practice!



Students work on the clove hitch knot.

Dinner Meeting at Barley's Thursday, 6 March



Joe & Mary Hetzel



Tammy Cohee, Ron Lavelly, Sue Nadolson



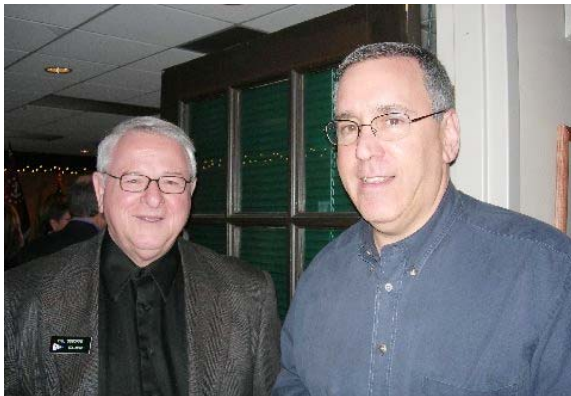
Melissa & David Fannon



Sanford Flack, Jane & Jim Jenkins



Joyce Mattis, Larry Cope, John Mattis, Kathy Cope.



Phil Osborne and Dan Charna



Jim Igo sells merchandise at the Ship's Store while Wade Grosz observes.



Bill Perfect & Mary Lauer



Left: Bob Wells, Ron Cole, Mike Cohee

Inflatable PFD'S... Automatic or Manual

The boating season is only about a month away and if you are considering buying a new life jacket (PFD), here is a question you should ask yourself before swiping your credit card.

Should I buy an automatic or a manual inflatable PFD. The inflatable PFD's are much less cumbersome and easier to wear than a standard PFD. Here are some things to consider before you go to your local marine supply store to purchase one.

Before deciding between water activated (automatic) and a manually activated (pull cord, blow up) PFD, consider the storage and maintenance aspects.

The automatic (water activated) triggers used in inflatable PFD's are dependent upon a water-soluble bobbin. This bobbin is used to retain a spring which, when released, impacts the firing pin of the inflator valve causing the CO2 cylinder to be punctured and inflating the air chamber of the PFD. When the PFD is inflated manually, it is a simple pulling of a ripcord that causes the firing pin to activate. Both styles of PFD's also have an oral inflation tube that allows you to fill the chamber by blowing into it.

In the event of an unconscious victim, automatic inflation is desirable. It is important to know though that these systems must be maintained. Automatic systems are known to be unstable because of the constant force of the spring in combination with the bobbin that is affected by temperature and humidity. These variables have been known to cause PFD's to suddenly inflate without immersion, as well as to not inflate due to changes in the bobbin that render it insoluble.

Which ever PFD you decide is best for you, the decision will be a good one.

GIT-R- ON
P/C Larry Lowe, SN

Thank you to Harold Beidel for donating over 350 feet of new 3/8" line for the Public Boating Course. Because of Harold's generous contribution, everyone at our February 25th and the March 3rd class had a new 6' piece of line to practice their knot tying requirements. Thanks Harold!!!



*Let us entertain you at
The Commander's Ball!*

Nautical Dictionary: Lunch Hook

A nautical expression pertaining to anchoring for lunch, or a short period of time in which the boat will not be left unattended. In this situation the "lunch hook" can be a smaller anchor than used for overnight or unattended anchorages in calm water. When dropping the lunch hook, a scope of 5:1 is often used instead of the usual 7:1 or larger. In using the smaller anchor and shorter scope, retrieval is easier.

The Lunch Hook Rendezvous (previously known as the Lake Erie Anchor Out) on 23 August, will be an ideal place to use this tactic. Be sure to check next month's *Galley Gossip* for more details on this fun-filled one-day event.

Cruise Report

The **Spring Ice Breaker** 3 May is coming up fast. It will be held once again at the Nor'Easter Club on Harbor Island. The address is 2801 Nor'Easter Cove Drive, Port Clinton Ohio. Festivities start at 1800 hours with a cash bar and dinner at 1900 hrs. Prior to April 26, it's \$25.00 per adult and \$12.50 for children under 12. It's one dollar more per dinner if not paid by April 26. Contact Sherry or Dave Ehrbar dre1353@yahoo.com .

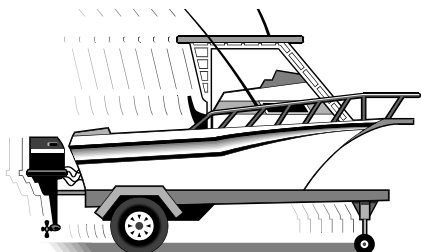
June 20-22 is the **Kanawha River Trailer Boat Cruise**. We will be launching our boats in the Ohio River at Gallipolis and then traveling up the Kanawha River to the bustling port city of Charleston WV. You need to think about making your hotel reservations soon, because this is a busy week for our destination of Charleston WV. Charleston will be celebrating their week long "River Front Festival" while we are there. To make reservations contact "Holiday Inn Charleston House, 304-344-4092. Rooms are \$89 per night if you mention the US Power Squadron when making reservations. The Charleston Sail & Power Squadron is welcoming us with open arms for this event. Mike Hughes mtbuckets@aol.com and Jeff Mirgon will be hosting this event.

BobLo Island 4th of July Cruise is July 3-6. Decorate your boat in its finest Red, White and Blue. Boats will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Let's show this Canadian Island how proud we are of our country. This cruise will include a trip to a local casino to see if anyone can break the bank there. The BobLo Island Marina crew went out of their way last year to make our trip very enjoyable. Ramonda DeCapio ramonda20@sbcglobal.net and the gang will be hosting this event.

July 12-20 will be the **North Channel Area Trailer Boat Cruise**. This will be a new cruise for the group. They will be trailering their boats to the North Channel Area of Ontario Canada. This exciting event will include stops in Tobermory, Little Current, and Perry Sound. This will be a trip to be remembered for a lifetime. Contact Ron Lavelly to get your name on the list for this great trip. Phil Osborne and Ron Lavelly rlavelly@columbus.rr.com will be co-hosting this event.

If would like to attend one of these events and do not have boat appropriate for the voyage, we will solve that problem. We will attempt to match anyone who wants to go with members that could use an additional couple extra crew members. Or if you have a tow vehicle we can match you with someone that needs their boat transported. This is our new "Ride Alone" program

Ron Lavelly home 614-879-7388, cell 614-595-1762, rlavelly@columbus.rr.com



FROM THE CSPA LIBRARY

APRIL—The First Day for Fools! The Twelfth for the Commanders Ball! The Rest to Launch the 2008 Boating Season.....

OFF THE SHELF

On August 27th, 1966, Chichester sailed around the world from Plymouth returning on May 28th, 1967. The book, **SIR FRANCIS CHICHESTER - Gipsy Moth Circles the World**, is the account of the sixty-five year old navigator's 226-day lone voyage. The book includes a narrative of his adventures, pictures, log book with sight reductions, and even lists of stores and stowage! Note that "for him, to dream is to determine, and to determine, to achieve."

"...No one has to travel daily on the 8:15. We get caught in the ruts of life because we let ourselves get caught. This is the Chichester's we salute. He has lived not alone his own dream but ours too!"

As we enter the 2008 boating season with our own dreams, help us educate boaters through the Squadron's own Boating Course...AND remember, the Basic course is now FREE thanks to the **JUDY A LOWE EDUCATIONAL FUND!** Also partake in our rich advanced courses by contacting SEO David Clark, AP @614-891-4121. AND do NOT forget to have your VESSEL SAFETY CHECK by contacting Lt John Pruitt, AP @614-236-5074.

Wishing you a Wonderful 2008 Boating Season!

Lt Sue Nadolson, AP
Member-at-Large

Renew Your Opportunities!

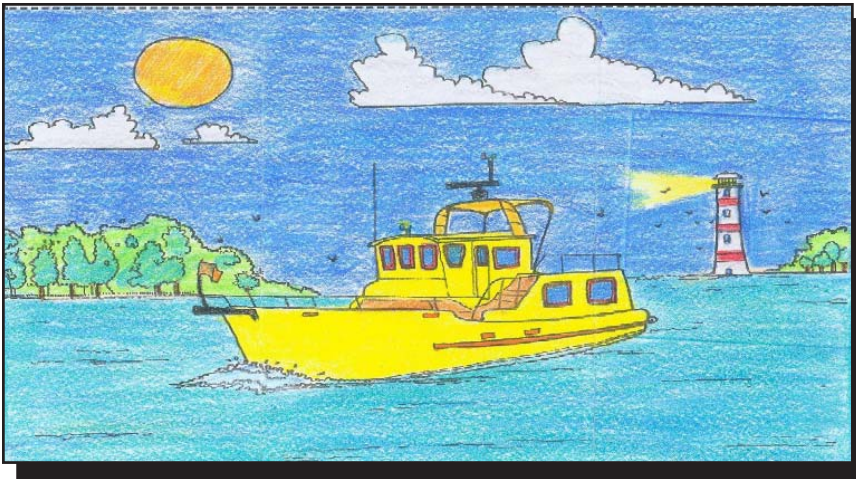
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Providing assistance to others
Shared experiences are lasting

Many opportunities to learn and lead
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Share experiences by taking someone boating
Happy memories

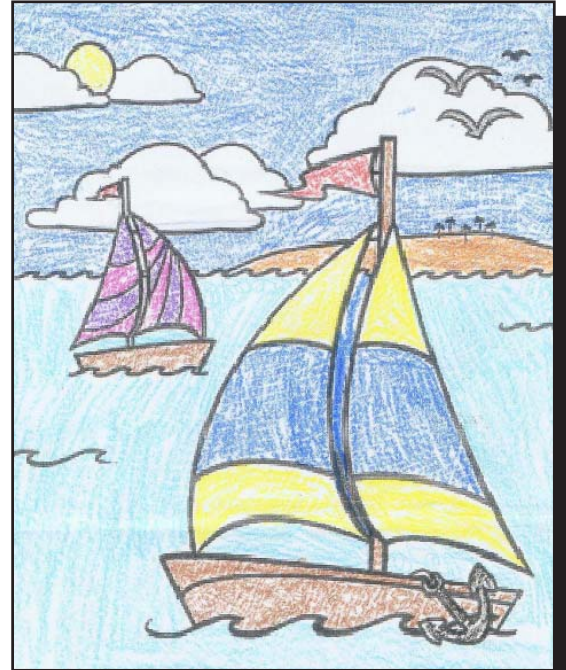
Involvement with community outreach benefits others and enriches your life

Pay back the squadron for help received



Congrats to the CS&PS Coloring Contest Winners!

The Columbus Sail & Power Squadron would like to congratulate **Madison Lee Carey**, age 6, (at right) of Loudonville and **Emma Ivanauskas**, age 10, (above) of Westerville for the winning entries in the coloring contest. Entries were available at both Columbus boat and vacation shows in January and February. There were over 80 entries in the 5 week period. Each winner received at \$25 Target gift card.



1 May Dinner Meeting Preview!

May 1st Dinner Meeting will be held at Squadron Headquarters

Dinner from 6:30-7:15pm.

Program begins promptly at 7:15pm

This event will be catered by Hoggy's Smokehouse.

Menu: BBQ Buffet - BBQ Pulled Pork and BBQ Pulled Chicken, Green Beans with Bacon and Onions, Award winning Mac 'n cheese, fresh coleslaw. Desserts include cookies and turtle brownies.

Cash bar includes beer, wine, pop, water at Power Squadron prices.

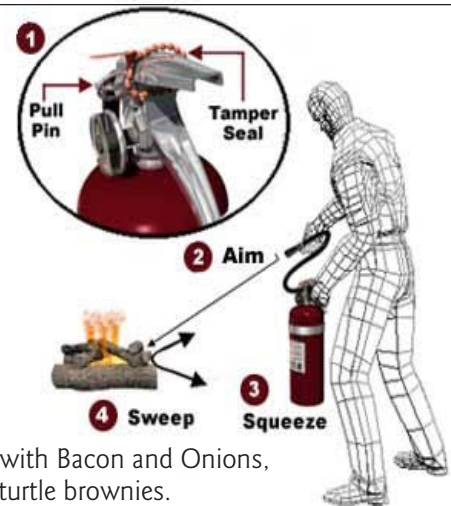
Program: Have you ever had to use a fire extinguisher? Have you ever had to shoot a flare gun? Here is your chance!!!

In cooperation with the Orange Township Fire Department, we will have a hands-on fire extinguisher discharge demonstration and distress flare demonstrations. Get all the information you need to save your life before you need it.

Items to bring: expired flares, your flare gun, lawn chairs, money for 50/50 raffle, friends and family members.

Cost: \$20 per person includes catered dinner and program materials.

RSVP: Michael Hughes 614-488-4758 or mtbuckets@aol.com BEFORE April 25, 2008



**BONUS: The first 30 families who RSVP before the deadline will receive a gift.
Don't delay, RSVP today!**

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Leamington Rendezvous

August 29, 2008 to September 1, 2008

A trip back in time to the days of the Drive In Movie
Dress your boat as one of those good old movies— or any
one you choose

Remember these.....

Beach Blanket Bingo—**Gidget Goes Hawaiian** (Hey
Moondoggie!!) —How to Stuff a Wild Bikini—I Was a Teenage
Werewolf— Rebel without a Cause— House of Wax — **Blue
Hawaii**— High Noon — Creature from the Black Lagoon!

Prizes for best decorated boat, best costumes, best hors
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There will be games and more. Please email Ron Lavelly @
Rlavelly@columbus.rr.com

Or Ramonda DeCario @ Ramonda20@sbcglobal.net if you'd
like more info or to sign up!!

ICE BREAKER 2008

The time is near and it's time to make your reserva-
tions for the Ice Breaker. The weather is warming, the
boats are being waxed, and it's time for a break. Plan to
attend the 2008 Ice Breaker at the Nor'Easter Club on
May 3 on Harbor Island, Port Clinton, Ohio.

We'll start the evening with a cocktail hour at 1800
followed by dinner at 1900. Fun and enjoyment are the
dress of the day to be followed by more of the same if
you want to spend a few moments at the club after
dinner. Cost is \$25.00 in advance and \$26.00 at the
door. Make your reservations now, as we'll be full
soon!!!! Call Dave or Sherry Ehrbar at 614/459-0277 to
claim your spot. (be nice if you'd send us a check too!)
See 'ya there!!

Hello Everyone, As we trudge through the snow, we can only imagine the spring that is just around the corner. Soon we will be cleaning our boats and getting ready for the first splash of the season. In the meantime we have a couple of upcoming Sea Gals events.

April we are going to do the Italian dinner and wine tasting at the Mirgon's house on April 17th. Your favorite Italian dinners and some new ones with special twists!

May is our annual meeting. It is going to be at Clintonville Women's Club on May 20th. We will install our new board and enjoy a great time of fellowship.

The new rosters are completed! We will be giving them out at the various meetings. If anyone would like it on a CD please email mmirgon@yahoo.com

We hope to have it in a format so that we can update it from year to year more easily and get it to everyone more regularly.

Special thanks to Tracy and Micheal for the Valentines gathering. Dave and Sherry for the St. Patrick's Day party. We appreciate you opening your house for our events.

Look forward to seeing everyone in April and May!!!
Mary and Debbie.

Sea Gals want you to join us for a Toast to Spring!!!



Thursday April 17th at 6:30 PM

**Wine tasting and Italian favorites at the Mirgon's
Dinner is \$12.00 per person**

We ask you to bring your favorite bottle of wine to share.

If you want something different, feel free to bring it.

**Address: 2614 N. 4th Street
Columbus Ohio 43202
South Clintonville**

So we can plan for dinner, let us know if you are coming by April 14th.

**RSVP to Debbie Smith 614-890-5864 or Mary Mirgon 614-402-0890
mmirgon@yahoo.com or ssmith41@columbus.rr.com**

Great opportunity to bring a friend who may be interested in joining the USPS!!!



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Your Name: _____

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Send your \$20 **per listing** fee made payable to Columbus Sail and Power Squadron to: Tracy Garrett, 1263 Oakland Ave , Columbus , OH 43212 . If you have any questions, please contact via e-mail at mtbuckets@aol.com or by phone at 614-488-4758.

If you wish to be listed in 2008, please complete and mail the request form with your payment. Submissions received before the first of each month will be in print the following month.

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