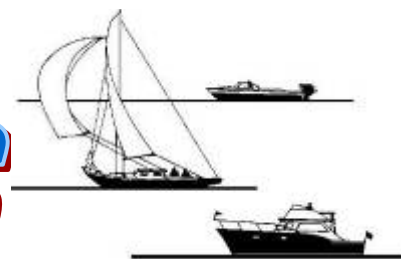




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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr James F Hoffee, SN



HURRAH for the New Year! New dreams begin flowing that first and foremost all share one common thought and that shouts, "Certainly this year could possibly be an even better year yet". Why not? A great start is by going to the Mid-America Boat Show at the IX Center 15 - 19 January. Dreams of summer excursions are delightful and overwhelm the frightful weather just outside the door. Be sure to visit the USPS BOAT SHOW BOOTH. It is our best display yet that unites boating education with boating friendship.

Speaking of which, I just picked our new 1'x10' banner. It displays our SCPS pennant with the following new USPS slogan "Come for the Boating Education ... Stay for the Friends". It goes nice with our other recently acquired banners which were all designed by our own P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN. We thank Irene "big time" for these great designs and creating a PFD format that resulted in a significant cost savings for our squadron. Check our "Soundings" calendar in February for our squadrons celebration of USPS Founders Day. Come and enjoy the good food and celebration.

Special Notice

Please help to get the word out about the upcoming America's Boating Course starting 10 February, 2015 at the Louisville YMCA. See page 5 for details. We have a member that has given a large donation to cover the cost of the materials (a \$30.00 value for each book) so there will be no charge for the class. Please help to grow SCPS!

WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION SEO STF/C KENNETH T. LEQUE, SN

Congratulations to the following members who passed the Marine Electrical System Course I taught. Good work Lynda Leque, Ed Mali, Jim and Cindy Kosmos, Brian Ver-cuski, Richard Wessel, Chip In-gram ASPS, and Lynne Jones

ASPS.

We are now about half way through the Marine Communications Course. This is the second course in the series of 3 courses in the Marine Electronics advance elective.

Please spread the word on our upcoming public boating class in Louisville.

Need some more boating knowledge? Check out this new online seminar from the committee I am on at National. You can take it on your computer at home. This is something nice to do when our winter weather is bad outside and you are stuck inside! There is a new new lower price as well.

Weather for Boaters

A boater's guide to forecasting, winds and storms

Learn how to recognize early signs of changing weather and how to anticipate storms, squalls, fog, and wind shifts. You can check the forecast before you leave, but it might be hours old and doesn't necessarily reflect the conditions in your area. Familiarize yourself with basic weather elements to understand how they will affect your boating experience and much more. Weather makes the difference between a great day and a lousy day on the water. This seminar will teach you to recognize and prepare for weather coming your way and head out with confidence.:

- Be prepared when the actual weather does not agree with the official forecast
- Recognize early signs of approaching weather

- Anticipate storms and lightning
- Interpret approaching cloud formations
- Use a weather map
- Understand weather elements like air masses, fronts, and winds
- Understand how to use a barometer and other forecasting tools

Holiday Promotional Price: \$24.95

Register Now! Sign-up today to learn when the weather may impact your boating.



Send your articles and pictures to:

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Another wonderful SCPS Holiday Party. The night seemed to pass very quickly. Members and guests were welcomed with smiles, friendship, humor and a table full of assorted cookies. Pianist Kevin Klemm filled the room with holiday music and joy.

Some of our guests included P/R/C G. Richard Dunbar, SN and his charming wife Wilma, P/R/C Wayne G. Spraggins, SN and P/R/C Barbara A. Spraggins, JN (Berea), Stf/C Kenneth T. Leque, SN and D/Lt Lynda Leque, N, P/D/C Robert A. Ball, SN and his lovely wife Patty (Akron), also from the (MOV) P/Lt/C Linda M. Milhoan, S and guest Kurt. The prayer and thanks was present-



ed by our own Chaplain P/C Glenn E. Swope, P. The views from the 14th floor of the Canton Club were spectacular and as in the past the food and service provided was exceptional. A heartfelt thanks to all the SCPS members that attended, it was a very enjoyable evening. As you can see by the photos, the smiles were warm and genuine and:

“The Place to be was near the Tree”

Now it's time to look ahead to 2015.

Come join us for the 8 January Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting. Get there 30 minutes early and enjoy a nice bowl of chili, compliments of your SCPS Bridge. Place: The North Canton Acme. Time: 1930.

Cindy and I wish all of you a very Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

“Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends”





Founder's Day Dinner

Saturday, 31 January, 2015
Mama Guzzardi's Italian Restaurant
1107 North Main St., North Canton, OH 44720

Menu:

- Pasta Marinara
- Pasta w/Meat Sauce & Meatballs
- Lasagna
- Sausage, Peppers & Onions w/Spaghetti
- Chicken Parmigiana w/Spaghetti
(includes Fountain Drink, Salad and Garlic Bread)
(Mama G's will allow BYOB)

Time: 1730-social time, 1800-dinner, 1930-featured speaker

Cost: \$15.00 per Person

Reservations: Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email jhancock@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle by Wednesday, 28 January, 2015

Speaker: North Canton Fire/EMS Department



**Stark County
Power Squadron**
presents
**AMERICA'S
BOATING COURSE**
(Third Edition)



Classes start
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
4 consecutive Tuesdays ★ 7:00 pm—9:00 pm

Louisville YMCA
1421 South Nickelplate Ave.
(YMCA membership not required)

Classes are FREE—NO charge!

A great course whether you are new to boating or an experienced boater in need of a refresher course.

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watercraft. This unique boat and
water safety course topics
include:

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- ★ Understanding state and federal boating laws
- ★ Learn about all types of boat safety equipment and how to make your boating experience safer and more comfortable
- ★ Tips on navigation rules and aids
- ★ Trailing, storing and protecting your vessel
- ★ And more!

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stay for the friends!**



**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
STARK COUNTY POWER SQUADRON - DECEMBER 2014**

In accordance with the Articles V, VI, and IX of the bylaws of the Stark County Power Squadron, a division of the United States Power Squadrons, the Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following list of nominations for consideration and voting at our 2015 Annual Meeting to be held 6 February, 2015. As noted below, there are some open positions which need to be filled.

- Commander James Kosmos, AP
- Executive Office Kathy Russell
- Educational Officer Kenneth Leque, SN
- Administrative Officer Glenn Swope, P
- Secretary Cindy Kosmos, AP
- Asst. Secretary Joanne Hancock, SN
- Treasurer Thomas Hancock, P
- Asst. Treasurer - open
- Nominating Committee Chairman (1 year) Joanne Hancock, SN
- Member (2 years) Cliff Long, P
- Member (3 years) James Hoffee, SN
- Rules Committee Chair (1 year) Irene Rodriguez, SN
- Member (2 years) Kenneth Leque, SN
- Auditing Committee Chairman (1 year) Ricardo Rodriguez, SN
- Member (2 years) Richard Dunbar, SN
- Member (3 years) - open

Elected Executive Committee Members (10 + P/C)

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| P/R/C G. Richard Dunbar, SN | P/C Clifton I. Long, P |
| P/C Gerald L. Frisch, P | Lt Karen Long |
| D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN | P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN |
| Lt Tillie Kinsley, P | P/C Ricardo S. Rodriguez, SN |
| D/Lt Lynda C. Leque, N | P/C William A. Wood, SN |
| P/C James F. Hoffee, SN Immediate Past Commander | |

Submitted by
D/Lt Lynda Leque, N
Chairman Nominating Committee



For The Good Of The Order

Please plan to attend the January Membership Meeting on 8 January at the Acme Store in North Canton. There will be free chili and fixings for all that attend. The chili will be served starting around 1900 and the meeting will begin at 1930. Please come out and support SCPS and enjoy the fellowship and the chili!

The Akron Sail & Power Squadron will be holding an Instructor Recertification class on Thursday, 5 February, 2015 at 5:00 PM sharp at the American Legion Post 281, at 1601 Front St, Cuyahoga Falls, OH. This will be a two hour class instructed by Susan Harris.

Anyone in District 7 is welcome to attend this Instructor Recertification class.

The class is scheduled before the Akron Sail & Power Squadron's meeting, and participants are welcome to stay for the meeting and refreshments afterward.

Mike Siwek, District 7 Commander



P/C Gene Popa and Cdr Jim Hoffee enjoying this seasons Holiday Party!



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SCPS 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8 January	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 Come for Chili! North Canton Acme	5 February	Annual Meeting-Board of Directors/General Membership, North Canton Acme
15-19 January	USPS Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency Jacksonville, FL	10, 17, 24 February, 3 March	America's Boating Class Louisville YMCA See page 5 for details
18-25 January	Mid America Boat Show I-X Center Cleveland, Ohio www.clevelandboatshow.com	5 March	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme
31 January	Founder's Day Dinner Mama Guzzardi's Restaurant See Page 4	20-22 March	D/7 Spring Conference Holiday Inn, Independence, OH Hosted by Rocky River

