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FROM THE COMMANDER



Another great start to a new Change of Watch year. As tradition dictates, we had our Change of Watch at La Pizzeria. Great food, sophisticated power squadron members, and interesting conversations contributed to the event's success. As commander, I dismissed my Bridge of their duties. However, immediately, most of them took the oath to serve again for this new year. This year we have a full bridge! A newbie is on the Bridge as Dave Guertal, P has never served on the Bridge. He will assume the Administrative Officer position and is in for a real treat! D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN will replace Ken Leque as Education Officer. This position does have challenges but she will stand TALL to them. My hope as commander is we can tackle these challenges. Perhaps, by setting aside some time at meetings and with our brilliant minds we can brainstorm new ways to advertise education classes.

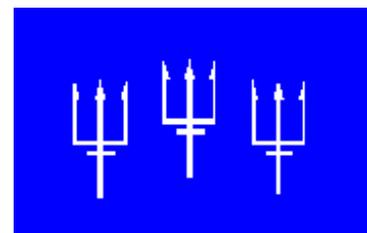
D/Lt/C Jane Brandenstein, SN oversaw the installation of our new Bridge for 2017-2018 which made the Change of Watch even more special. My favorite part of the event was the bridge opening their gift from me which appeared to be a big Hershey candy bar! Everyone held up their candy bar and was ready for the traditional

Cdr Kathy A. Russell



picture to be taken. They all did a good job of putting on a big fake smile indicating they loved the gift. I know they had to be shocked by receiving a candy bar in thanks for all their hard work! After a couple of minutes had gone by, I decided it was time to clue them in that a gift card was hidden inside the candy bar wrapper. After all, I was afraid if another minute went by, I would not have a Bridge for the new year!

We seem to have dodged the bullet for now and looks like we will be around for at least another year as some wonderful old and new faces accepted the invitation to become part of the new bridge. I sincerely thank them. New Bridge in place and another year as Stark County Power Squadron; wouldn't it be fantastic if our squadron grew stronger in educational programming, social events and membership numbers? Well of course, the answer is YES! But "HOW" is always the obstacle confronting us. Let this be the year we tackle "HOW"!





FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Karen R. Long



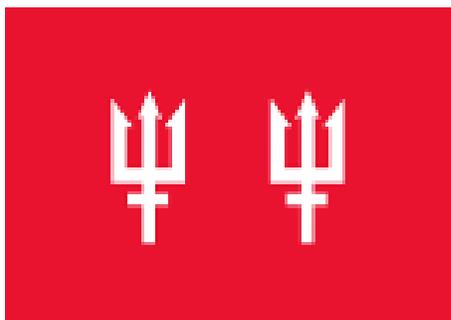
Happy Birthday or Goodbye

Congratulations to the SCPS for just celebrating their 61st birthday and starting year 62!

The Change of Watch not only was a celebration for the Squadron but also honored Dave and Lori Guertal with the Wheel Horse Award for all the work that they do for the Squadron!

My question to all of you, will year 62 be our last birthday? The SCPS 's roster lists 61 members yet I have not seen more than 25 at any event in the past three years. Our regular meetings usually have about 12 members in attendance and our last Change of Watch had 18 members enjoying the dinner. During the January general membership meeting we had a very serious discussion about SCPS's future. Everyone there decided that we would like to continue for at least one more year and many stepped up so that all officer, bridge, and committee positions were filled for 2017-2018.

BUT WHAT ABOUT NEXT YEAR? Maybe we should all consider attending one more meeting or event. Please read about the many opportunities that the SCPS offers. Let's not make this our squadron's last birthday! The future of our squadron is up to all of us!!



P/C Clifton I Long, P receiving his Life Member Award from USPS Chief Commander Louis Ojeda, SN at the recent D7 Spring Conference

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WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION**D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN**

The United States Power Squadron offers a variety of means for learning: formal classroom instruction, on the water training and online courses. There are 13 different classes, 2 webinars and 27 seminars. Stark County Power Squadron has an excellent group of members willing to teach classes. All you need to do to enroll in a class is to contact me with your request.

Over the next year, I thought I would describe some of the different classes offered since a number of courses have been thoroughly redone in recent years.

Seamanship is the typical class taken after the basic boating course. From the National Educational department website, "seamanship provides a foundation of knowledge and skills in boat handling and maneuvering, boat operation, skipper's responsibilities, and boating techniques that will advance your boating enjoyment."

Seamanship is applicable to both power and sailboats and covers topics including: types of boats and how they behave on the water, anchoring in various conditions, docking and line handling, close quarter maneuvering, rules of the road, communication with other boats, how to respond to various emergencies, marlinespike/basic knots and other interesting topics. Successful completion of the course is passing a closed book exam.

Does this class appeal to you? Let me know and we will get a class going!

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER Lt/C David Guertal, P

It's Spring and a new year for the Stark County Power Squadron! I am excited to be part of this year's bridge and look forward to all the good times and great things we will have planned for 2017. I joined the SCPS in 1980 and since then, Lori and I have made many lasting friendships and memories, and look forward to many more.

Lori and I were so surprised and honored to receive the Wheel Horse Award at this year's Change of Watch! Thank you for this honor and we both look forward to continue being active members in our Squadron. Stark County has so many things to be proud of and we want to help continue to keep our Squadron alive. We both hope that you too will be participating in all the great activities planned for 2017. Let's enjoy our squadron together!



**Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting/Launch Party,
Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Sippo Lake Clubhouse
5300 Tyner Ave. NW
Thursday, May 4, 2017
1800 (6:00 pm)**



The squadron will provide tacos and beverage. Please bring a covered dish to share. Bring your own table service and utensils for eating.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Reservations by Monday, May 1st to Joanne Hancock, 330-499-3660,
lilboy@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle





Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting

Price Park - Washington Shelter
1000 W Maple St
North Canton
Thursday, June 1, 2017
1800 (6:00 pm)



The squadron will provide pizza, ice and beverage. Please bring a covered dish to share. Bring your own table service and utensils for eating.
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Reservations by Tuesday, May 30th through Sail Angle or to Joanne Hancock,
330-499-3660 or lilboy@neo.rr.com

We are in the Washington Shelter. Park in the west parking lot and then head south across the walking path to the shelter.





2017 Maumee Bay State Park Rendezvous

Friday, 16 June to Sunday, 18 June

Maumee Bay State Park is located off the Maumee River due south of the shipping channel Marker 29 about 2.5 miles away. The park monitors channel 16 or 69.

You will need to make your own reservations with the park. Contact Sabrina at the front desk to make your reservation. Mention you are with the Hancock party when making your reservations and then check in at the front desk after your arrival. Dockage is \$81.99/night. Any questions, feel free to call me on my cell phone: 330-418-9956. The park's telephone number is 419-836-1466.

Each dock is equipped with power and water, however, the distance to water may be a little long. Bring an extra hose and y-connection if you have them. Each dock is equipped with single 30 amp service. Bring a splitter if you require more than 1 electrical hookup.

There is no bathhouse/bathroom facility located within the marina so we all will get pass keys to use the lodge facilities, available all times.

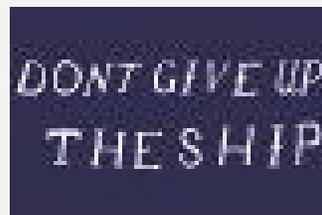
If you are interested in participating in a group Friday dinner, we will go to the Oregon Inn which is located just outside the park borders. Please contact me if you are interested in dining at the Oregon Inn. We will finalize dinner travel arrangements once we are all at the park.

Join us for a cookout/potluck dinner Saturday night. We will eat about 6:00 pm. There will be burgers and Italian sausage and fixings. Bring a covered dish to share. You will also need to provide your own table service, beverage and plates. Cost: to be determined

John Hunter is a vessel safety examiner and is available to give you a safety inspection. The inspection lasts a few minutes and is free.

See you there!

Joanne and Tom Hancock





Stark County Power Squadron's Annual Lake Erie Rendezvous

June 23 - 25, 2017

Sandusky Harbor Marina



FRIDAY

6:30 pm: cook out at the marina picnic area

Menu: burgers, hot dogs and fixings. Bring a covered dish to share. Also bring your own table service, plates and beverage. Bottled water & soda pop will be available.

After dinner: trip to Toft's Dairy for ice cream

SATURDAY

5:00 pm: blender party at marina yacht club clubhouse

6:00 pm: meal by Blue Ribbon catering at the marina yacht club clubhouse.
Menu: pit barbeque with baked chicken quarters, St. Louis ribs, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread and cookies. Bottled water & soda pop will be available.

Cost: to be determined/person

Dockage is free! Please contact Joanne Hancock with boat name & length for reservations by email thancock@neo.rr.com or telephone 330-499-3660 or 330-418-9956 by June 16th.

Other activities available:

Marina pool

Sandusky bike/hike trail

Bring your own jet skis or inflatables for water sports enjoyment





2017 SCPS Change of Watch



Cdr Kathy Russell being sworn in by D/C Jane Brandenstein, SN



SCPS Bridge taking the oath of office



Welcome to the SCPS Bridge



Lori and Dave Guertal being presented the Wheel Horse Award by Joanne Hancock

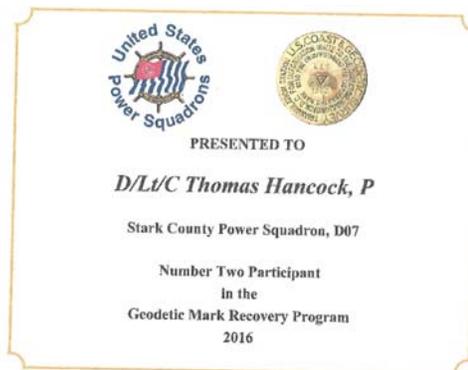
Our Treasurer, Tom Hancock, reports that the 2017-2018 rosters are now ready. Please pick yours up at any squadron event or meeting or contact Tom at 330-499-3660



Stark County Power Squadron has reason to be proud and brag. Our squadron has done very well in the 2016 cooperative charting program in both the nautical and geodetic marker and recovery programs. Tom and Joanne Hancock and Stark County Power Squadron came in 1st nationally for the nautical program and 2nd nationally for the geodetic marker recovery program. Congratulations to our squadron!



D/C Jane Brandenstein, SN and Chief Commander Louis Ojeda, SN presented Joanne and Tom Hancock the Co-op charting awards at the recent D7 Spring Conference held in Hudson and hosted by Akron Sail & Power Squadron



Congratulations to four long time members of Stark County Power Squadron for becoming Life Members at the recent D7 Spring Conference. Twenty-five Merit Marks are required to become a life member. These members' efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated.

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SCPS 2017-2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

6 April	Annual Meeting/Board of Directors/ General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	10 June	Vessel Safety Check Venetian Marina Sandusky 1000
4 May	Board of Directors/ General Membership Meeting Cinco de Mayo Celebration! See Page 4	16-18 June	SCPS Lake Erie Cruise Maumee Bay State Park See Page 6
20-26 May	National Safe Boating Week	23-25 June	SCPS Lake Erie Rendezvous Sandusky Harbor Marina See Page 7
1 June	Board of Directors/ General Membership Meeting/Picnic Price Park, North Canton See Page 5	4-6 August	D7 Rendezvous Middle Bass Island State Park Lake Erie See D7 Website

