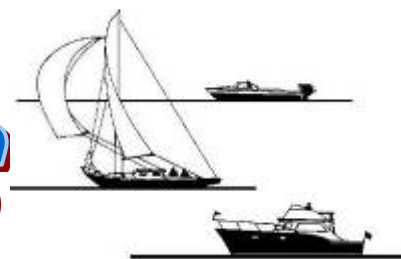




# Stark Soundings



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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr James F Hoffee, SN



February is a month (unless it's your birthday) that goes by accomplishing at least a few things. With it having only 28 days it can go by somewhat faster than other months and ends up gaining roughly an extra hour of daylight in the morning and in the evening. In the middle of February lies Valentines Day. It can be really special and other times it ends up just being.



This year February is the month to announce some important changes that are newly listed in our SCPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS. Our

SCPS CHANGE OF WATCH has been moved to 11 April. This means that our Annual Meeting is moved from the February Board of Directors Meeting to the 5 March General Membership Meeting. This is good news, at least for me. I will be the SCPS Commander for my birthday on 28 March and even more importantly for our upcoming District 7 Spring Conference 20-22 March. The theme is awesome which is based on the Las Vegas Casinos on the Strip. Imagine how spectacular the Ice Breaker and the Hospitality Rooms will be on that Friday night! This time the fun will be much more closer to us. It will be at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn on Rockside Road just south of Cleveland. I can do this! You can do it! WE can do it! "Let's GO" and share some fun!



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

Congratulations to Stark County Power Squadron's newest instructor and now Senior Navigator, our P/C Lynda Leque. A lot of work taking many classes over the years and a long way from when she first joined Stark County as a Women's Certificate Holder. This is a great achievement and I knew she could do it! We are very proud of you!

Lynda just completed the new Instructor Development Course which was her last required class for the grade of SN. As many of you know, Lynda is a retired teacher of over 37 years and will be a wonderful addition to our squadron's team of instructors.

If you have any questions about how you can achieve the SN please contact me I can help you figure out what you need.

Please remember we have a ABC3 public boating class coming up that Cliff Long is teaching in Louisville. We need students so get the word out please! Any questions contact Cliff. Flyers are available as well. We also ask for your attendance the last night of the class on 3 March to meet and greet with the students.

The newest teaching tool we have in USPS, is the interactive online seminar series.

All you need is a computer connected to the internet to take this seminar. I am involved in the development of these seminars for the USPS National Education Department.

Expand your boating knowledge with USPS online courses and seminars. USPS online programs are designed to fit today's busy, time-constrained learning environment. The first of our seminars bringing the fully interactive learning experience is now available. Our newest seminar is "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.

These seminars are open to the public as well. Maybe you have some friends who might like to take one or more of these seminars?

Here is the Link to the web page for all our online classes, <http://www.usps.org/edonline/>.

Please contact me if need any more information.



Send your articles and pictures to:

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MARCH 2015 ISSUE  
IS 20 FEBRUARY 2015**

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Brrrr!

Only a few months until the launch party, and a very good time to update our skills with additional education. And just an FYI, our Educational Officer Stf/C Kenneth T. Leque, SN, can be very helpful in providing guidance and information on available courses.

Thank you for all who attended our 8 January Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting. The outside weather made it a CHILI (Pun intended) evening. The very flavorful chili was prepared by our own Lt/C Cindy Kosmos and accompanied by a variety of desserts contributed by various members, thank you to all.

Congratulations to D/Lt Lynda Leque, SN, for her very impressive accomplishment to Senior Navigator.



Also, a congratulations goes out to Ed Mali, N, Lt/C Cindy Kosmos and myself for attaining the grade of Educational Proficiency.



I hope to see all of you at the SCPS Change of Watch this 11 April. Don't forget to mark your calendars. I am very happy with the nominations submitted for the 2015/2016 Bridge Officers and I just know we are going to have another fun and productive year.

Just a reminder as USPS members, we want to promote safe boating through education, so don't forget to tell all who will listen about America's Boating Course coming in February

***"Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends"***





## *Change of Watch*

Saturday, April 11, 2015

La Pizzeria

3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718

Menu: Family Style consisting of roast beef, parmesan crusted chicken, lightly seasoned scrod, sausage & peppers, salad, fresh beans in oil & garlic, roasted potatoes in rosemary, penne pasta, chocolate kahlua cake and beverage.

Time: 1800-social time, 1900-dinner

Cost: \$37.00 per person

Reservations: Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email [jhancock@neo.rr.com](mailto:jhancock@neo.rr.com) or Sail Angle by Friday, April 3, 2015





**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.

**No pre-registration required,  
just show up!**



For more information

**330.284.4991**

[www.usps.org/localusps/stark](http://www.usps.org/localusps/stark)

A great way to have a fun boating experience  
is to "know before you go".

The course is designed for  
skippers and crew of all types of  
watercraft. This unique boat and  
water safety course topics  
include:

- ★ Introduction to all types of boating
- ★ 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!

**United States  
Power Squadrons**

**Come for boating education,  
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 5 March, 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)**

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 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





District 7 Rocks  
 The Holiday Inn Cleveland South  
 6001 Rockside Road – Independence , OH  
 44131 – 216.524.8050

**Rocky River Sail & Power Squadron  
 Invites You to Join Us At  
 USPS District 7  
 Spring Conference  
 20-22 March 2015**

**Join Us for One Rockin'  
 Party  
 as  
 We Dazzle the District**

From our Friday Night D/7 Casino to the Magic of the Strip,  
 we promise you a spectacular weekend



**Friday, 20 March – Ice Breaker**

**Casino Night on The Strip**

- Gamble Your Night Away – Win a Prize
- Dine at The Venetian Buffet
- Share the Entertainment Magic on The Strip
- Visit “One Rockin Party” as you visit the D/7 Squadrons Hospitality Suites

**Saturday 21 March**

**Dazzle The District**

- Hear the Magic of Keynote Speakers & Visit Our Vendor Expo
- Attend Our Seminars
- Share in the Magic of our Luncheon Speakers and Awards
- Join in the Dazzle of our Rockin Ladies & Family Activity

**One Rockin Party – Saturday Night Dinner**

- Share the Fun & Magic of Vegas
- Toast D/7 at a Cocktail Party, Vegas Style
- Enjoy Change of Watch Dinner at The Venetian
- Presentation of Awards
- Raffle Time
- One last farewell to Vegas

And ..Much...Much More!

- Saturday Activity for those not attending the Conference Meeting

Join us for an entertainment and a fun filled weekend, Las Vegas style on The Strip at the newly renovated Holiday Inn known for it’s excellent food and outstanding service.



**USPS District 7**  
**Spring Conference**  
**20-22 March, 2015**  
**The Holiday Inn-Cleveland South**  
 6001 Rockside Road  
 Cleveland, Ohio 44131  
 Hosted by  
 Rocky River Sail and Power Squadron

Contact: Conference Reservations-**Holiday Inn**-216.524.8050-Ext. 298  
 Room Block: Single/Double/King Sleeping Room \$89.00 plus sales & local taxes/night  
 Hospitality Suites: \$150.00/Total 2 Nights.  
**Hotel Reservation Deadline: 27 February 2015**

Rank	First Name MI	Last Name	Grade	First Conference? (Y or N)
Rank	First Name MI	Last Name	Grade	First Conference? (Y or N)
Address	City		State	Zip
Squadron	Home Phone	Office/Cell Phone	Email	

Events	Number	Advance	Total
<b>Registration</b>			<b>Cost</b>
Friday-Casino Night on the Strip Gala Buffet at the Venetian Door	_____	\$20.00/p	_____
		\$22.00/p door	
Saturday Luncheon-Las Vegas Magic Gala Buffet-Soup/Salad/Sandwich Dessert Buffet	_____	\$25.00/p	_____
Saturday Dinner-One Rockin Party	_____	\$43.00/p	_____
<b>Dinner Choices *</b>			
Chicken Marsala	_____		
Bourban Glazed Salmon	_____		
Herb Encrusted Beef Tenderloin	_____		
Special Menu	_____		
<b>Grand Total</b>			_____

*\* All entrees served with Salad, Starch, Vegetable, Dessert, Rolls, Butter, Coffee & Tea.*

**Food Reservations Due:**  
**16 March 2015**  
 Make Checks payable to Rocky River Sail & Power Squadron and mail this form to:  
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## SCPS 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 February	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	28 March	Cdr James Hoffee's Birthday
10, 17, 24 February, 3 March	America's Boating Class Louisville YMCA See page 5 for details	3 April	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme
5 March	Annual Meeting/Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting / 1930 North Canton Acme Please note date change	5 April	Happy Easter! 
20-22 March	D/7 Spring Conference Holiday Inn, Independence, OH Hosted by Rocky River	11 April	SCPS Change of Watch La Pizzeria 1800 See Page 4 Note date change from roster

