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### FROM THE COMMANDER



The Cinco de Mayo/ Launch Party was fun and it was nice to see all who attended. Thanks once again to D/Lt/C S. Thomas Hancock, P and D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN for their planning and execution of this enjoyable event, and their continuing dedication to our squadron. I would also like to congratulate Matt Fockler and Barry Willms who were awarded an SCPS Honorary membership. We hope to see you and your families again at future events. After our meal P/C Ricardo S. Rodriguez, SN, and P/D/ Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN (Two of our Qualified Vessel Examiners) gave a very informative presentation on vessel safety checks, which included some history and what to expect. This type of information can be very useful to new as well as seasoned boaters. Very well done, and much appreciated. The next SCPS event is the Price Park Pizza Meeting Thursday, 4 June followed by:

Cdr James J. Kosmos, AP

SCPS Lake Erie Cruise at Maumee Bay State Park 19-21 June

SCPS Lake Erie Rendezvous at Sandusky Harbor Marina 26-28 June

D7 Rendezvous at Middle Bass Island State Park 31 July-2 August

**As we enter our boating season, have fun and stay safe.**





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



Well it is now time to practice what you learned in the USPS classes.

Please tell other boaters how our USPS classes helped you and encourage them to join USPS for the great education programs we have! If it helped you, it can help them. If you are glad you took the class they will be happy they did. Sell education, ours is the best!

Please contact me if you want to take any more courses so I can arrange them for you.

Boat safe and enjoy our great water resources!



Rick and Irene Rodriguez gave a very informative presentation at the May Dinner Meeting on VSC inspections and boating safety.



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Lt Karen Long



It is so good to see the sun and feel the warm temperatures. The other day on my drive to work I actually found myself angered by the sun. It was glaring right at me and impairing my vision. I started saying a few choice words. Suddenly, I remembered all the freezing cold and sunless days we had put behind. I got my act together, opened up my squinted eyes and welcomed the near blindness. After all, the glaring sun is a sign boating season is going to begin!

Let that blinding sun follow us for every Stark County Power Squadron event in and out of the water. More sun leads to more boats on the water and most importantly increases vessel safety check opportunities. A thank you in advance to everyone who will perform vessel checks this boating season. I realize when vessel safety is done you encounter boaters who are disgruntled or congenial. Perhaps, you can promote our squadron to the boaters that amiably welcome you on their boat for the check. Just thinking of ways to gain new members.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Launch Party and mingling with all my co-hart squadron members. Food makes me happy and I could not have been happier that night. Joanne and Tom, the tacos were delicious. Maybe we can add Margaritas next year, just a thought.

I applaud Rick and Irene Rodriguez for being our guest speakers with almost no time to prepare. Both of you covered everything imaginable on safe boating. I would have thought you had invested several weeks to prepare your speech not several minutes!

In closing, I want to express "More Sun, More Boating, More Fun, More Squadron Activities to Come!"

Just remember, boating intoxicated is not illegal in some states but stupid in all states.





## *Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting*

Price Park - Washington Shelter  
1000 W Maple St  
North Canton  
Thursday, June 4, 2015  
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, June 2nd through Sail Angle or to Joanne Hancock, 330-499-3660 or [lilboy@neo.rr.com](mailto:lilboy@neo.rr.com)

**Important note:** We are in the Washington Shelter, the same as last year. Park in the west parking lot and then head south across the walking path to the shelter.



Special Guest Speaker: Mike Kosmos Stark Parks Ranger

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR D/LT/C LYNDA C. LEQUE, SN**



**AHOY, NEW SIX MONTH MEMBERS!**

As we begin our 2015 summer of boating, I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage our new members to get involved with Stark County and District 7 boating events! SCPS will hold its annual "pizza in the park" at Price Park on 4 June (see page 4). Our guest speaker, Ranger Mike Kosmos, has a vast knowledge of many topics of interest to boaters and Ohio residents. Stark County Power Squadron is planning 2 great events on Lake Erie. The first is at Maumee Bay on 19-21 June (see page 6) The second rendezvous will be held at Sandusky Harbor on 24-26 June and we have been offered FREE dockage! You can't beat that!! (see page 7) The many squadrons in our District also offer many rendezvous around Lake Erie and the Ohio River. Check the District 7 website for more information. A membership certificate and member pin are available for all recent new members as well as the wide array of benefits offered by USPS, including boating insurance discounts. Please attend an upcoming event, be welcomed by our members, and receive these new member items.



The following students recently passed the ABC3 class and are new 6 month members of SCPS: **Tim Bielz, Gary & Marjorie Densmore, Dave & Marilyn Hoover, Abigail & Robert Meeks, Walter Miller, Donna Moga, and David Redd**

For more information, contact D/Lt/C Lynda Leque, SN, Membership Chair, at 330-832-9625 or [lyndaleque@sssnet.com](mailto:lyndaleque@sssnet.com).



At the May meeting at Sippo Lake, SCPS awarded Honorary Membership to Matt Fockler from Starboard Marine and Barry Willms from Atwood Lake Marina. They have both supported the squadron by allowing advertising for our upcoming classes and other information on safety and VSC inspections in their places of business. Please support these two gentleman at their businesses.

**Congratulations to Matt and Barry.**

## 2015 Maumee Bay State Park Rendezvous

Friday, 19 June to Sunday, 21 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. Mention you are with the Hancock party when making your reservations and then check in at the front desk after your arrival. Dockage is \$89/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 at the marina. 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: TBA

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!





## **Stark County Power Squadron's Annual Lake Erie Rendezvous**

June 26 - 28, 2015

Sandusky Harbor Marina



### **FRIDAY**

**6:00 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. Cost: TBA

After dinner: bike/walk/drive trip to Toft's Dairy for ice cream

### **SATURDAY**

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

**6:00 pm:** meal by Mesenburg's catering at the marina yacht club clubhouse.

Cost: TBA

Dockage is free! Please contact Joanne Hancock with boat name & length for reservations by email [thancock@neo.rr.com](mailto:thancock@neo.rr.com) or telephone 330-499-3660 or 330-418-9956 by June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Other activities available:

Marina pool

Barge party

Sandusky bike/hike trail

Bring your own jet skis or inflatables for water sports enjoyment

# District 7 Middle Bass Island Rendezvous

## 31 July – 2 Aug 2015

By [Akron Sail & Power Squadron - Boating Made Fun](#) · Updated about a week ago  
“Gilligan’s Island”

31 July – 2 Aug 2015

Middle Bass Island State Park Marina

VHF Channel 71



### Dockage

- All boaters must reserve their dock directly with the State Park Marina
- Call 419-285-0311

Ask for USPS D7 Dockage Reservations

All boat dockage must be made 30 days prior to the cruise to be Guaranteed a slip

10% “Golden Buckeye” Discount available – you must tell them when you make reservation (They will ask your Golden Buckeye number)

- \$1.45 per foot per night
- Water & Electric
- No Alcohol on State Marina property – dock or grounds

Registration Form available at <http://www.usps.org/d7/d7cruise.htm>

Deadline July 18

### Schedule:

Friday July 31

- Come as early as You can - Get a Head Start on the Weekend
- Walleyes Island Chicken Dinner
- Wine Tasting/Sharing event at Middle Bass Island Yacht Club
- Party at Walleyes or on D7 Boats

Saturday Aug 1

- Early Riser Fun
- Breakfast/Brunch at Walleyes
- Surprise Island Activity
- Enjoy Walleyes Blue Lagoon Pool
- Dress like Gilligan’s Island Characters
- Tour the Island

Saturday Afternoon

- Commander’s Cocktail Party at Middle Bass Island Yacht Club for everyone in attendance





# District 7 Cruise

Middle Bass Island State Park Marina  
July 31 – August 2, 2015

## “Gilligan’s Island Weekend” Registration Form

Rank/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* All boat dockage reservations are the responsibility of each boat owner and can be made by calling directly to Middle Bass State Park Marina 419-285-0311. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of USPS D/7 or your call will be directed to a different call center. A \$38 deposit is required for your dock reservation. Any docks not reserved by D7 members by June 30, 2015, will be released. Don't miss this opportunity – make your reservation early!**

### Meal Reservations

**Weekend Meal Package:** \$75.00/pp Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Includes Friday night Walleye’s “Island Chicken” Dinner  
 Saturday Breakfast/Brunch, Saturday night Walleye’s “Shish Kabob Dinner”  
 All Other Weekend Events

***Meal Reservation Deadline: July 18, 2015***



**Make Checks Payable to D7 and mail with this form by July 18 to:**  
**PC Bob Moss, SN, 46675 Middle Ridge Road, Amherst, OH 44001**  
 Questions or Information contact Bob Moss at [Bjmoss68@aol.com](mailto:Bjmoss68@aol.com) or 440-988-2514



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



## SCPS 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 June	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting Summer Picnic 1800 See Page 5	31 July– 2 August	D7 Rendezvous Middle Bass Island See Pages 8-9 “Gilligan’s Island”
6 June	Vessel Safety Check Venetian Marina Sandusky, OH Contact Joanne Hancock	22 August	Cooperative Charting / ASPS Picnic Battery Park Sandusky 900
19-21 June	Maumee Bay Rendezvous Contact Joanne and Tom Hancock for details See Page 6	26-29 August	USPS Governing Board Meeting San Diego, CA
27-29 June	SCPS Lake Erie Summer Rendezvous See Page 7 Sandusky Harbor Marina	4 September	Joint Dinner Meeting with Akron Sail and Power Squadron 1800 Location to be announced

