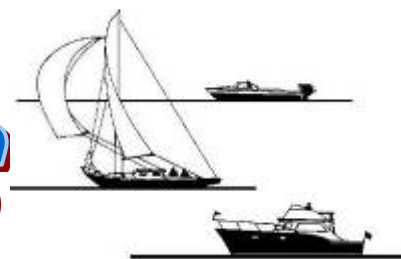




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FROM THE COMMANDER



Lately, many days begin by clearing a path in the driveway for the travel to my auto repair shop. Arrival at the shop shifts attention to the fact that a lot roughly ten times the driveway size needs clearing, just so I can proceed with the usual things the day brings. Later in the evening it can be back home to a driveway that needs clearing again! If not thoroughly cleared over countless times the snow and worse yet insurmountable "ice" can and does accumulate to the point of causing a significant amount of treachery. Don't misunderstand me. I'm not complaining. Could it be that the ridiculously cold temperatures that manufacture all this mess is the real issue? No, it's not that either. The real answer is all the anticipation of the many "good things" that begin to happen in the month of March (my birthday is 28 March). We lose an hour of sleep on the 8th of March as we Spring Forward to Daylight Savings Time. A small price to pay for all the good this brings! On the

Cdr James F Hoffee, SN

20th comes the spring equinox as the sun is directly over the equator. The sunrise and sunset will both come roughly at the same time, 7:30, which is easy to remember. From there on, the sun shines toward our northern hemisphere. All events go fast forward. We can start living a new boating season. We can begin on Friday the 20th! It is the 1st day of our USPS District 7 Spring Conference. It is near-by this time in South Cleveland at the Rockside Holiday Inn. Join us for One Rockin' Party at the Ice Breaker titled "Casino Night on the Strip". Later visit the D/7 Hospitality Suites. Fun Fun Fun! Saturday is full of seminars and lots of delicious dining and cocktails too! Our host, Rocky River Sail and Power Squadron asks us to Share In the Magic and Fun of Las Vegas. Your commander can do it. You can do it. We can do it!



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

A number of interesting presentations were made by the Education Department at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville this year. Here is a list of four of them. Please contact me if you would like to see them and I will send the computer links to you.

- On-the-Water Training Guides with USPS Courses (896KB, PDF)
- Boating Skills Virtual Trainer Seminar/Presentation (36.5MB, PPTX)
- See a brand new YouTube video doing a quick highlight of the functionality of the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer! Much thanks to nautical blogger Robin Coles who took this video at the Marine Dealer Conference and Exhibition in Orlando, FL.
- Social Media: Update on Plans & Progress Since Crystal City (1588KB, PPTX)

Here are some other notes I took at the meeting:

1. The sun transit sight is moving to the JN class from the N class. Manuals are being revised accordingly.
2. There are new correction sheets for both P and AP courses
3. JN manual is undergoing a rewrite.
4. Courses using Captains SW will be replaced with Open CPN Navigation SW
5. There are three interactive online seminars and three more in development.
6. There is a new look for the National USPS Website.
7. The national average for ABC3 class is 5-9 members.
8. A signed release should exist for any identifiable members we post on our Facebook page.
9. The plan is to make all the Education Student Manuals in EBook format.
10. The next USPS Meeting is the Governing Board in San Diego, CA.

Here at SCPS, the Marine Electronics Class members are half way through the Electronic Navigation Class, which is the last class of the ME series. We expect to finish up around the end of March with the review and exam.

A special thanks to Cliff Long for teaching the ABC3 class at the YMCA in Louisville and all those members who will attend the last night on 3 March.

I encourage all SCPS members to attend the upcoming District 7 Conference. Lots to see and enjoy and not too far away in Independence, OH. You know Rocky River SPS always puts on a great conference. Both Tom Hancock and Lynda Leque will be going onto the District 7 Bridge as District Treasurer and District Secretary respectively! That's worth celebrating!

Come enjoy and show your support of SCPS and the District!

3 March is the test night for the current ABC3 class at the Louisville YMCA. All are welcome to meet and greet prospected new members and to help grade tests. The test will not begin until 2000. There are 10 students in the class and you are encouraged to attend.

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This is a call for!....

Now... I know that "Man your battle stations" may be a little extreme but let us Man our Planning Stations!....

As the Stark County Power Squadronwe are the planners and executers of the 2016 D7 Spring Conference. We are currently looking for a person or persons to chair this event. Once we have a chair and complete our brainstorming sessions we will need volunteers! If each and everyone of us just takes on one task this will be a very successful event. Please stay tuned for requests for help and be a chair if you think you can!

Also, please show support for your new bridge by attending the 2015 Change of Watch. It would be so nice to have a great turnout for this 59 year milestone since our squadron was formed..

As future commander, I have a great admiration and respect for our 2015/2016 nominated bridge. The qualities I see are: "A caring for people", "The ability to see humor in unpredictable situations", "Attention to Detail", "Intelligence", "Commitment", "A positive I can do attitude", "Loyalty", and "Pride in our squadron and members"

I would also like to say that there is a lot of planning and help that goes on behind the "curtain" by committed and loyal members that do not always get the recognition that they deserve. You are all appreciated!

Ok,now.. for some new life experiences. While in North Carolina, we had a visit from some very special friends, Tom and Joanne Hancock. Together we visited the historical Fort Macon, and I learned some more of our American history. My thoughts are, "If you want to understand our countries heritage and freedoms, you can never learn too much." I feel that this "Melting Pot" makes our country strong and diverse and able to adapt to change.



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





Change of Watch

Saturday, April 11, 2015

La Pizzeria

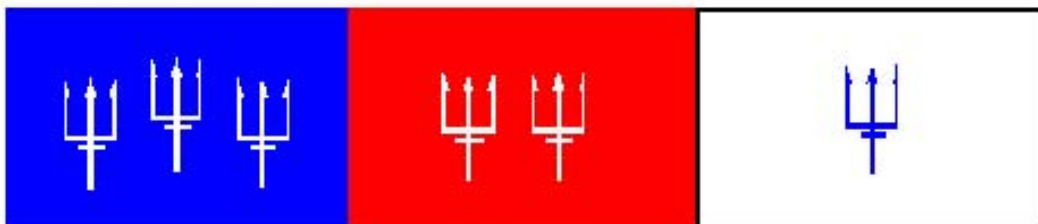
3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718

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 or Sail Angle by Friday, April 3, 2015



USPS ANNUAL MEETING IN JACKSONVILLE, 21-25 JANUARY

Stf/C Ken & myself had the opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting in January. It was fun to make new friends and catch up with old ones! We attended membership and education seminars and learned a lot at the great Expo series! We were happy to welcome four "first timers" from ASPSP, recently installed Cdr David Rice, SN and his wife, Lt Joy and Lt/C Greg Arnold, JN and his wife, Lt Susan, AP. Several members of D7 also attended from Pittsburgh, Akron, Mansfield, South Hills, and Berea, including D7 Cdr Michael Siwek and Exec Officer David Bialorucki.

Many guest speakers, reports of committees, and award presentations were given at the Annual Meeting. We were all especially proud when Pittsburgh won \$1,000 from the Brunswick Advantage Program! Congrats, Pittsburgh! There was also an election for the 2015-2016 Bridge which made the second of a two year term "official". I served as a Chief's aide during the meeting and also helped prepare for two Chief's cocktail parties, as well as organize the Welcome Reception for the National First Timers. I will continue to serve in both capacities and Ken will continue to serve as Stf/Cdr for the Educational Outreach Committee. It was a moving moment at the Annual Meeting when the 100th Anniversary Ensign was retired. It was an amazing 100th year for USPS! Now, on to the next 100!

Ken and I took advantage of our extended time in Florida to visit some of the sites. We spent a day in historic St. Augustine, visited several beaches, took a walking tour of Jacksonville, and enjoyed an assortment of local brew pubs! In one of the pubs, a man recognized Ken's Crew's Nest shirt and told us he sailed to PIB with his grandfather when he was a kid! Small world!

We're excited to attend the Governing Board in San Diego 25-30 August 2015 and the next Annual Meeting in Orlando 14-21 February 2016. We're also looking forward to our own D7 Spring Conference 20-22 March when Tom Hancock and I step onto the District Bridge for 2015-2016. Come and enjoy the great Conference Rocky River has planned!

Aide/CC Lynda Leque, SN



The retiring of the 100th Anniversary Ensign



Akron SPS member Lt/C Greg Arnold, VC Bob Brandenstein, Lt Susan Arnold, Lt Joy Rice, ASPSP Cdr Dave Rice enjoying the Annual Meeting in Florida



Lynda and Ken at the Beach



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)
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Address	City		State	Zip
Squadron	Home Phone	Office/Cell Phone	Email	

Events	Number	Advance	Total
Registration			Cost
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	_____
Dinner Choices *			
Chicken Marsala	_____		
Bourban Glazed Salmon	_____		
Herb Encrusted Beef Tenderloin	_____		
Special Menu	_____		
Grand Total			_____

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

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16 March 2015
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SCPS 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3 March	America's Boating Class Test Night Louisville YMCA	2 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	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 Pizzaria 1800 See Page 4 Note date change from roster
28 March	Cdr James Hoffee's Birthday	7 May	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting TBA Cinco de Mayo Dinner

