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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr James J. Kosmos, AP



The 2015/2016 Change of Watch was a fantastic success thanks to all the planning and hard work from our members and all who attended. A special thanks to D/Lt/C S. Thomas Hancock, P and D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN for their attention to detail in the planning and execution of this event. We had a great turnout and as usual the food and service provided by the staff at La Pizzeria was excellent. Among those who shared this time with us included Wilma Dunbar and her lovely daughter Linda Linder. This made our COW extra special. With the Change of Watch complete, it is now time to look to our very busy year ahead.

The next two SCPS events to spend some time with other USPS members are the launch party at Sippo Lake Thursday, 7 May and the Price Park Pizza Meeting Thursday, 4 June. Please plan on attending.

The 2016 Spring Conference planning is progressing very nicely, and by the time this article is published we hope to have a signed contract for our location, rooms and meals.

"My first week as Commander" or "How did they know?"

The morning after the COW while traveling westbound to an unknown location I noticed that almost every car coming eastbound towards us seemed to be saluting me. How did they know? Now Cindy explained that it was because the drivers were protecting their eyes from the sun. I have to disagree since it also happened to me that evening while I was driving with my brights on. Some cars even flashed their lights at me!. How did they know? The next day while at the grocery store, a young lady approached me and said "excuse me sir, but you are blocking the aisle with your cart"... sir? Hmmmm, How did she know? When I got home with our trash pickup complete, I noticed that for the first time in months that the cans were not down in the wet culvert, but rather standing up straight as if at attention. How did they know? When I opened my Emails, I received one from HealthCare.gov explaining that the tax filing deadline was approaching and that I could owe a fee on my taxes if I didn't have coverage in 2015. It just seems like everyone has my back! There are so many more examples I could list but unfortunately I only get one page in this news letter.

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


We are planning an ABC3 class to be held at Buehler's in the community room. The community room is in the front of the store to your far right, just behind the restaurant seating area. Buehler's is located in Jackson Township on the corner

of Fulton and Wales Road. Flyers are available on Facebook or the SCPS website for download, print and distribution.

If you can please help to get the word out so we have a good size class for Chip Cassidy to teach.

The nights are:

Wednesday 20 May, Friday 22 May,
Wednesday 27 May, and Thursday 28 May, the final night

All 4 nights 6:00 to 8:00 pm

If you can, please come Thursday for meet and greet with the students.

Thank you for your help!



Wilma Dunbar with D/Lt Lynda Leque at the recent Change of Watch



National Safe Boating Week
16-22 May, 2015

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IS 20 MAY**



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I have been a member of the Stark County Power Squadron for a year. My first year was spent being able to put names with faces. Additionally, I was gaining an understanding of the activities within our squadron and at the national level. Little by little, I became more active, such as, contributing to the important munchies at the meetings, working at the boat show, and assisting Joanne in designing a basket for donation. Now I am taking the big plunge and assuming the Executive Officer position on the Bridge. Admittedly,

there was hesitation in the jump, but decided there are plenty of life jackets (members) to keep me afloat. The experience of being sworn in at The Change of Watch with the other Bridge members created a strong backstay! It is a little premature to say it, however, "Get the boats revved up and ships ahoy" as I am excited to serve as Executive Officer.

One thing I am very aware of is SCPS striving for new members and the present members to be more active. The squadron was proactive by members reaching out to members who are not presently actively involved trying to generate participation excitement. The calendar of events was shared at the last meeting and more fun events are to take place this year. Maybe this could be a draw for new members.

I am following past outstanding bridge leaders and will do my best to measure up. Through the generosity of Carole Swope, I received my first Stark County Power Squadron article, a bag from the 2014 Fall Conference. How uncanny, as this was my first conference I attended. After the conference, I became more involved. I must mention though, the hospitality rooms with snacks, alcoholic beverages and super nice members are my favorite! Not to worry, it is not the drinks that draw me but socializing with the members at all levels.

It is Vessel Safety Check Time!

Be sure to get your boat inspected at the beginning of the season to make sure that all of your equipment is up to date and that you have everything that you need to be safe on the water. It is also a time saver if you get your sticker now instead of a busy day on the water at a spot inspection. Contact Vessel Safety Chair Cathy Dunlap at 330-526-8004 and she will put you in touch with one of our inspectors to schedule your appointment.



**Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting/Launch Party,
Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Sippo Lake Clubhouse
5300 Tyner Ave. NW
Thursday, May 7, 2015
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 4th to Joanne Hancock, 330-499-3660,
lilboy@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle



Special Guest Speaker
Mike Kosmos
Stark Parks Ranger

**In observance of
2015 National Safe
Boating Week
Stark County
Power Squadron
presents
AMERICA'S
BOATING COURSE
(3rd Edition)**



**United States
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Come for boating education,
stay for the friends!



**The 4 session course will be held
May 20, 22, 27 and 28, 2015
6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

**Classes held at the
Buehler's—Jackson Twp.
7138 Fulton Drive NW**

**In the community room located to the right side of
the store in the Scenic River restaurant**

No pre-registration required, just show up!

**Class is FREE—No charge!
One course workbook per family**



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Change of Watch 2015





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

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.





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SCPS 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7 May	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting Sippo Lake Clubhouse Cinco de Mayo Dinner See Page 4	19-21 June	Maumee Bay Rendezvous Contact Joanne and Tom Hancock for details
20,22,27,28 May	America's Boating Course Buehler's Jackson Township See Page 5 for Details	27-29 June	SCPS Lake Erie Summer Rendezvous Watch for Details!
4 June	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting Summer Picnic 1800 See Page 7	31 July– 2 August	D7 Rendezvous Middle Bass Island "Gilligan's Island"
6 June	Vessel Safety Check Venetian Marina Sandusky, OH Contact Joanne Hancock	26-29 August	USPS Governing Board Meeting San Diego, CA

