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FROM THE COMMANDER



Since 1956, Stark County Power Squadron has had a long and distinguished history teaching boaters a wide range of courses to make them safe and confident on the

water. Boating safety advocates across the U.S. and Canada have teamed up to promote safe and responsible boating, including consistent life jacket wear every time boaters are on the water. U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was the reported cause of death in three-fourths of recreational boating fatalities in 2014, and 84 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.

Captain Ward invented the first life jacket in 1854 and it was made of cork. It's really quite strange to think about, but somewhere along the line it became 'uncool' to wear lifejackets while out on the boat. Seriously think about it – when you conjure up pictures of boating along the water, the last thing you'd expect would be to see the captain and passengers all wearing life jackets. We teach America's Boating Course and we need to set an example during this boating season of safe boating by wearing our life jackets.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe boating season and hope to see everyone at some of the upcoming rendezvous, such

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as, Maumee Bay State Park (17-19 June), Sandusky Bay Marina (24-26 June), District 7 Huron Boat Basin (29-31 July) and the one I am most excited about USPS Governing Board, (24-27 Aug.).

Check out the styles of life jackets.
We have come a long way!



FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Karen R. Long



I believe that this past Memorial Day Weekend's weather officially began the summer boating season. Also beginning this weekend, I observed **MANY** boats being stopped for vessel safety inspections by the U.S. Coast Guard. You can save

yourself time and ease of mind by getting your boat inspected by one of SCPS's vessel inspectors.

Please call Cathy Dunlap, Rick or Irene Rodriguez, Bill Wood, or John Hunter. In the Venetian Marina on Lake Erie there is a Vessel Safety Check Event going on all day 4 June.

Have a safe boating season!

Brief Explanation of VSC Required Items:

❑ **1. NUMBERING:** The boat's registration number must be permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the boat characters must be plain, vertical, block style, not less than three (3) inches high, and in a color contrasting with the background. A space or hyphen must separate the letters from the numbers. Place State validation sticker according to State policy. (e.g. FL 1234 AB or FL-4234-AB)

❑ **2. REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION:** Registration or Documentation papers must be on board and available. Documentation numbers must be permanently marked on a visible part of the interior structure. The documented boat's name and hailing Port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height.

❑ **3. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs):** Acceptable PFDs (also known as Life Jackets) must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and in good, serviceable condition. A wearable PFD of suitable size is required for each person on the boat. Children must have properly fitted PFDs designed for children. Wearable PFDs shall be "readily accessible." Boats 16 Feet or longer, must also have one Type IV (throwable) device, which shall be "immediately available." PFDs shall NOT be stored in unopened plastic packaging. For Personal Watercraft riders, the PFD must be worn. An impact rating is recommended, but not required.

❑ **4. VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS:** Recreational boats 16 feet and over used on coast waters or the Great Lakes are required to carry a minimum of either 1) three day and three night pyrotechnic devices, 2) one day non-pyrotechnic device (flag) and one night non-pyrotechnic device (auto SOS light) or 3) a combination of 1) and 2). Recreational boats less than 16 feet on coastal waters or the Great Lakes need only carry night visual distress signals when operating from sunset to sunrise. It is recommended, but not required, that boats operating on inland waters should have some means of making a suitable day and night distress signal. The number and type of signals is

best judged by considering conditions under which the boat will be operating.

❑ **5. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following conditions exists: 1) Inboard engine(s); 2) Double bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with flotation materials 3) Closed living space 4) Closed stowage compartments that contain flammable materials or 5) Permanently installed fuel tanks. Recreational boats less than 26 feet, and propelled by outboard motors are NOT required to have fire extinguishers unless one or more of the conditions (2-5) listed above applies. NOTE: Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable.

❑ **8. SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES:** To comply with Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes all boats must carry a sound producing device (whistle, horn, siren, etc.) capable of a 4-second blast audible for 1/2 mile. Boats larger than 39.4 ft. are also required to have a bell (see Navigation Rules.)

❑ **9. NAVIGATION LIGHTS:** All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working navigation lights and an all-around anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white "running" lights.

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- ❑ 10. POLLUTION PLACARD: Boats 26 feet and over with a machinery compartment must display an oily waste “pollution” placard.
- ❑ 11. MARPOL TRASH PLACARD: Boats 26 feet and over in length, operating in U.S. navigable waters, must display a “MARPOL” trash placard. Oceangoing boats 40 feet and over must also have a written trash disposal plan available onboard.
- ❑ 12. MARINE SANITATION DEVICE: Any installed toilet must be a Coast Guard approved device. Overboard discharge outlets must be capable of being sealed.
- ❑ 13. NAVIGATION RULES: Boats 39.4 feet and over must have on board a current copy of the Navigation Rules.
- ❑ 14. STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS: These requirements must be met before the “Vessel Safety Check” decal can be awarded. A boat must meet the requirements of the state in which it is being examined.
- ❑ 15. OVERALL BOAT CONDITION: As it applies to this Vessel. Including, but not limited to:
 - a. Deck free of hazards and clean bilge - The boat must be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonably clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The use of automobile parts on boat engines is not acceptable. The engine horsepower must not exceed that shown on the capacity plate.
 - b. Electrical and Fuel Systems: The electrical system must be protected by fuses or manual reset circuit breakers. Switches and fuse panels must be protected from rain or water spray. Wiring must be in good condition, properly installed and with no exposed areas or deteriorated insulation. Batteries must be secured and terminals covered to prevent accidental arcing.. If installed, self-circling or kill switch mechanism must be in proper working order. All PWCs require an operating self circling or kill switch mechanism.
 - Fuel Systems - Portable fuel tanks (normally 7 gallon capacity or less) must be constructed of non-breakable material and free of corrosion and leaks. All vents must be capable of being closed. The tank must be secured and have a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap. Each permanent fuel tank must be properly ventilated.
 - c. Galley and Heating Systems - System and fuel tanks must be properly secured with no flammable materials nearby.





Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting

Price Park - Washington Shelter
1000 W Maple St
North Canton
Thursday, June 2, 2016
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 31st 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.



2016 Maumee Bay State Park Rendezvous

Friday, June 17 to Sunday, June 19

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 \$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: 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 24 - 26, 2016

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. Bottled water & soda pop will be available.

After dinner: bike/walk/drive trip to Toff'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: \$25.00/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 17th.

Other activities available:

Marina pool

Sandusky bike/hike trail

Bring your own jet skis or inflatables for water sports enjoyment



*Celebrate Stark County Power
Squadron's 60th Anniversary
on the Nautica Queen*

Saturday, October 8, 2016

Address: 1153 Main Ave

Cleveland, Ohio 44113



Dinner buffet includes prime rib, chicken piccata, pork loin, shrimp cocktail, pasta alfredo, wild rice, salad, vegetable tray, pasta salads, potatoes, fruit tray, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, tea or iced tea. A cash bar with alcohol and sodas is available.

6:30 pm: Boarding begins

7:30 – 10:30 pm: Dinner cruise with DJ entertainment

Cost: \$44.00/person

Please contact Joanne Hancock for reservations by email

thancock@neo.rr.com or telephone 330-499-3660 or 330-418-9956. Mail payment to: 426 Emerson Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720

Reservations and payments must be received by Monday, October 3rd.

Make your reservation NOW, your check will not be cashed until the event.

Parking is available in the FirstEnergy Powerhouse Parking lot. Parking prices range from \$3.00 – \$10.00. The parking lot accepts cash only.





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SCPS-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 2 June | Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting Annual Picnic See Pg 4 Price Park, North Canton 1800 | 20 August | Cooperative Charting/ ASPS Picnic Battery Park, Sandusky Contact: Joanne Hancock |
| 17-19 June | SCPS Rendezvous Maumee Bay State Park See page 5 Contact Joanne and Tom Hancock | 24-27 August | USPS National Governing Board Pittsburgh, PA See SCPS Website for Details |
| 24-26 June | SCPS Lake Erie Rendezvous Sandusky Harbor Marina See Page 6 for details | 1 September | Board of Directors/ General Membership Meeting TBA |
| 29-31 July | D7 Rendezvous Huron Boat Basin, Lake Erie See SCPS Website for Details | 8 October | Nautica Queen Cruise Mark your Calendars See page 7 |

