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FROM THE COMMANDER

Cdr Kathy A. Russell



Thanks for putting your trust in me as your commander. I am looking forward to serving the squadron with the experienced and talented bridge members.

The Change of Watch dinner was fantastic. The food at LaPizzeria was magnificent! A gold bag was handed to all the bridge officers who served under Jim Kosmos. I would like to extend a warm-hearted thank you to Jim Kosmos for the gift given to me as past Executive Officer. I should probably also thank "The Wife", Cindy, as there appeared to be a female touch to the gift. We didn't open them in front of everyone, but I would like to share what was in mine. I pulled out many items out of the bag - nautical glass for drinking OJ or preferably pineapple juice with banana liqueur, mixed nuts with a special seasoning, mud madness (a popular fudge from Canal Fulton), Pepperidge Farm Hazel Nut Pirouettes, and beautiful nautical coasters. I have used the glass (not for OJ), coasters and immediately devoured the treats.

What a big success - the District 7 Spring Conference! We didn't expect such a large turn-out! I must say

"Kudos" to Stark County doing a spectacular job! The Hospitality rooms were very creative. My favorite costume was Cousin It from the Adams Family. It was hand-made and took time to create. The Ice-Breaker food was a hit! Everyone became drunk on root beer floats. We were uncertain how the attendees would react to playing "Name that Tune", but the teams were competitive. Jim's son, Justin Hoffee, did a good job conducting the game and adding personality to it.

Most importantly, Stark County was first in Co-Opt Charting in District 7 and second in USPS! We exceeded our 2014 performance for Boating Class Registration. Enrollment increased to 300% of 2014. Hats off to the Education Department! The weekend ended with us packing up and going out in to snow!

Snow is gone for good and we can look forward to the Launch Party, 5 May, 2016 at Sippo Lake. I hope to see a large turn-out to celebrate the upcoming summer of boating fun!



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



Just a reminder, as our boating time starts, tell your friends and other boaters about the USPS education programs and vessel safety checks!

We love boating with our dog. Mocha and can't wait for the first time out boating.

Before heading out with your canine companion, consider these simple tips for bringing dogs onto your boat and keeping them safe and happy.

- **Purchase a pet life jacket:** Even if your dog isn't a natural swimmer, a life jacket will provide peace of mind for everyone. Pet life jackets are made of high-floatation neoprene or nylon, and they feature reflective trim, rescue handles and leash rings.
 - **Get your dog acquainted with the boat before going out:** Before you take your dog out for the first time, let it check out the boat while it's not underway. If the dog seems comfortable, you may want to start up the motor to get it accustomed to the sound of it.
 - **Put together a pet first-aid kit:** Keep a first-aid kit on board in case your dog steps on a sharp shell or decides to take on a marine animal. In addition to basic supplies like gauze pads, antiseptic wipes, adhesive tape, scissors and tweezers, consider items such as hydrogen peroxide, extra towels, ear cleaning solution, styptic powder, a flashlight and needle-nose pliers.
 - **Bring along fresh water:** Bring along a water dish and extra drinking water so your dog always has fresh water to drink. Even if you're boating on freshwater, it's never a good idea to let your pet drink from the lake.
 - **Don't forget the sunscreen:** Even pets need sun protection. Dogs with short hair or light skin are especially susceptible to sunburn. Ask your family veterinarian to recommend a pet-friendly sunscreen product. Be sure to reapply often.
 - **Potty time:** Whether you're on land or in the middle of the lake, when a dog's got to go, a dog's going to go. An ideal situation would be to train your dog to go on puppy training pads in a certain spot on the boat, but be sure to take lots of pet waste bags along with you on your boating adventures. Paper towels and odor neutralizer are also good items to have on board. Take along some odor neutralizing trash bags, the kind you would use in your kitchen trash can, to dispose of everything until you're near a proper trash receptacle.
- Most importantly, make sure your dog has access to plenty of freshwater, wet towels and shade to prevent heat stroke or heat exhaustion.



Edward J. Mali, SN is receiving his Senior Navigation plaque from SEO Ken Leque at the recent SCPS Change of Watch

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Lt/C Karen Long



My name is Karen Long and I am SCPS's new Executive Officer. My husband Cliff and I have been boating together for 36 years! I don't know what that really means except that we love boating and everything that goes with it. We have two sons and they began boating at about three months of age and continue to do so today as adults. As most of you know, boating is a fantastic family



activity!

To have your boating season go even smoother, make sure you get your boat a safety inspection. This inspection will benefit you in several ways. First, when your boat passes, you know that you have in place the essentials for a safe boating season. Second, it could save you a lot of time. We have been stopped by the Coast Guard out on the water and once they saw our safety sticker from the Power Squadron, they were done and wished us well on our way.

The Stark County Power Squadron vessel safety instructors are Cathy Dunlap, John Hunter, Bill Wood, and Rick and Irene Rodriguez. You can talk to any one of these people to make arrangements for a safety check or if you are a Lake Erie Boater, our inspectors will be at Venetian Marina which is on Sandusky Bay on 4 June. No pre-registration. Just bring your boat to the marina.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Joanne Hancock for placing second **NATIONALLY** in co-op charting and her husband Tom, for placing third!! This is quite an accomplishment for two boaters in NE Ohio.

To all, have a great and **SAFE** boating Season!



Members of the SCPS Conference Committee enjoying the Saturday evening dinner.

**Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting/Launch Party,
Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Sippo Lake Clubhouse
5300 Tyner Ave. NW
Thursday, May 5, 2016
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 2nd to Joanne Hancock, 330-499-3660,
lilboy@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle





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.

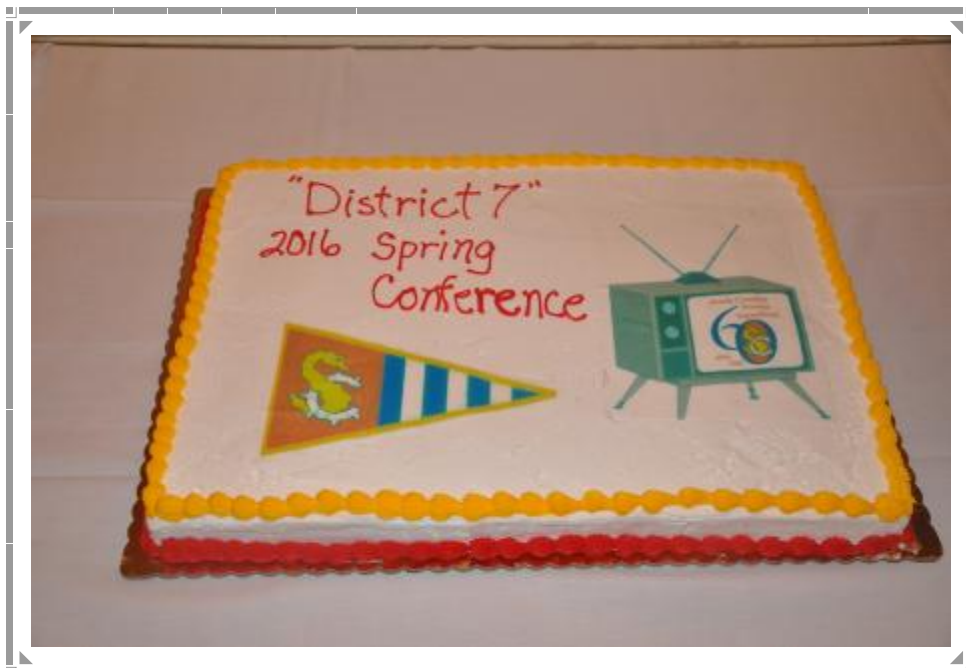
There is no bathhouse/bathroom facility located within the marina so we all will get pass keys to use the lodge facilities, available all times.

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



The SCPS Hospitality Room was very popular



The Addams Family was a favorite



American Bandstand

D7 Spring Conference Hospitality Rooms were very well attended



Granny from the Beverly Hillbillies



Jed Clampett and Jethro



P/C/C Ernie Marshburn with Ellie Mae Clampett



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SCPS-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 May	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting / Launch Party 1800 Sippo Lake Shelter See Page 4	24-26 June	SCPS Lake Erie Rendezvous Sandusky Harbor Marina See Page 7 for details
14-21 May	National Safe Boating Week Be sure to get your boat inspected! Contact Cathy Dunlap for details	29-31 July	D7 Rendezvous Huron Boat Basin, Lake Erie See SCPS Website for Details
2 June	Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting Annual Picnic See Pg 5 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 6 Contact Joanne and Tom Hancock	24-27 August	USPS National Governing Board Pittsburgh, PA

