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FROM THE COMMANDER



Lately, we are seeing more Blue Sky! We all enjoy a clearing in the weather. After days of overcast skies, snow or rain, when the front passes and higher pressure clears the heavens, that blue sky is the prettiest thing we have to enjoy. This time of year Spring is in the air. Birds return to sing to each other, and the sun on the grass dries it and the soil beneath, warming a new round of life and renewal. I have seen the start of crocuses, tulips and other flowers preparing for their spring bloom.

Boats, sailboats, kayaks on the water, Spring Conference, summer rendezvous on Lake Erie and picnic meetings will be here soon. People will be taking classes to expand their on the water knowledge. There are many members in District 7 who are very accomplished in boating and life. All one needs to do is show up at an activity and they will extend the hand of friendship every time. Stark County Power Squadron would love the opportunity to extend a big welcome and share our knowledge with new members joining

Cdr Kathy A. Russell



our squadron. It hasn't happened in a while, but we aren't giving up on the idea. A big thanks to Chip Cassidy willingly teaching the ABC class with hopes of gaining a new member. Another big thanks goes out to Cliff Long for teaching many ABC classes in the past.

We are thrilled to have Jim and Cindy Cosmo back from doing the Loop. They have been sharing bits and pieces of their trip and everyone thoroughly loves listening to their stories. Soon, all of us will be back on the water creating new stories. I can't believe we are getting closer because I am still scraping ice of my car windows. The sun is staying out longer and the days are warming up which gives me belief there will be a summer.





FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Karen R. Long

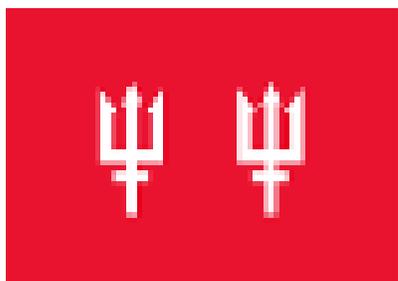


Finally, that time a year when you know that boating season is just around the corner. It's time to go and paint the bottom of the boat and wax the sides! I believe this is the only time that Cliff is excited to wax. We are launching our boat 23 April. I hope all the snow is done by then, but if not, we have launched in flurries before!

I want to congratulate our commander Kathy Russell for receiving the Wheel Horse Award at our Change of Watch. It is well deserved as she begins her third year as the Stark County Power Squadron Commander and all the work that goes with it. Again, Congratulations!

I would like to remind everyone that our General Membership meeting is Thursday, 5 April at the North Canton Acme beginning at 7:30. Let's start the season off right with a good turnout. This is also the last newsletter before our Lake Erie Rendezvous. We have moved the weekend to early June. It will be held once again at Sandusky Harbor 1-3 June which is the weekend AFTER Memorial Day weekend. See details in the flyer on page 5.

The next time you hear from me we will be in our slip at Dock of the Bay in Sandusky. Give us a call and stop by or we will meet you on the WATER! Have a safe and wonderful boating season.



Congratulations to Cdr Kathy Russell for receiving the Wheel Horse Award at the recent Change of Watch

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WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION

D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN



Daylight Savings Time and Spring have arrived. The temperature will be climbing and the snow will disappear. Soon we will be uncovering our boats and preparing them for launch. With our robust economy, there is definitely a higher number of new boaters. Introduce yourself when you meet these new boaters and recommend taking our ABC class, even if it is not through our squadron. In addition to self-education, taking our class helps make our waters safer. Many of our courses, electives and seminars have been revised and updated. If any of these offerings appeal to you, contact me and we will get one going.

With our new bridge year, our squadron has our usual land and water activities planned for the next year. Mark your calendars for these events and plan to attend-you know the saying-"the more, the merrier".

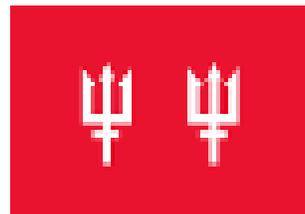
Rosters for 2018-2019 are now available. Pick up your copy at the next squadron event or contact Tom or myself to make arrangements to get one.

We have good news in the Educational Department! Here is an update to our Atwood Lake Yacht Club ABC Class: We have 30 students taking the class on the first day. This is the most we have had in a long time. If you have time on Saturday, 31 March, we will need help on grading tests and talking to prospective new members at approximately 15:30 to 16:30 on that day. A big thank you goes to Chip Cassidy for teaching this class. If you have any questions, just contact me. Thanks!

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER Lt/C David Guertal, P



It is the time of year we have been waiting for! Boating Season is almost here! Remember to be safe on the water this summer. In case you didn't know, the number one cause of boating accidents is operator inattention, and the number two cause is operator inexperience. Excessive speed ranks number four and alcohol use ranks number six. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Also, life jacket use could prevent over 80% of the boating fatalities that occur on the water. So be smart this summer! Pay attention, watch your speed, don't drink and drive, and wear your life jackets. We want everyone to have a fun, safe summer on the water this year. Enjoy boating season! I hope to see you on the water and at our rendezvous.





**Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting/Launch Party,
Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Sippo Lake Clubhouse
5300 Tyner Ave. NW
Thursday, May 3, 2018
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 Tuesday, May 1st to Joanne Hancock, 330-499-3660,
lilboy@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle





Stark County Power Squadron's Annual Lake Erie Rendezvous

June 1 - 3, 2018
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 & pop will be available.

After dinner: trip to Toft's Dairy for ice cream

SATURDAY

6:00 pm: menu to be determined.

Cost: to be determined.

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 May 25th.

Other activities available:

Marina pool

Sandusky bike/hike trail

Bring your jet skis or inflatables for water sports enjoyment





Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting

Price Park - Fitzpatrick Shelter
1000 W Maple St
North Canton
Thursday, June 7, 2018
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 5th through Sail Angle or to Joanne Hancock, 330-499-3660 or lilboy@neo.rr.com

We are in the Fitzpatrick Shelter. Park in the west parking lot and then head east across the walking path to the shelter. This is a different shelter from last year.



Vessel Safety Check

During the summer of 2017, four SCPS vessel examiners inspected 102 boats. Our examiners include Ricardo Rodriguez, Irene Rodriguez, William Wood, and Cathy Dunlap. Start your boating season with a Vessel Safety Check this spring. Contact one of these VEs to make arrangements.

This is our 18th season with the program. In 2000, USPS entered into an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the US Coast Guard to work with the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary. The program was then renamed Vessel Safety Check.

We would like to invite members to think about becoming certified as Vessel Examiners. It is a great way to meet people and introduce them to America's Boating Club. A side benefit is the automatic merit mark examiners receive if they do ten checks in a year. Call Rick or Irene Rodriguez for details.

Rick and Irene Rodriguez
VSC Co-chairs

2018 Change of Watch



Welcome to Cdr Kathy Russell and her Bridge





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SCPS 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5 April	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	1-3 June	SCPS Lake Erie Rendezvous Sandusky Harbor Marina See Page 5
6-8 April	D7 Spring Conference Crown Plaza Hotel , Independence	7 June	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting/ Picnic 1800 Price Park North Canton See page 6
3 May	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting/Launch Party Sippo Lake Club House See page 4	9 June	Vessel Safety Check Event Venetian Marina Sandusky Contact Joanne Hancock for details
19- 25 May	National Safe Boating Week	27-29 July	D7 Rendezvous- Rock and Dock North Coast Harbor, Cleveland

