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FROM THE COMMANDER



I am going to share some statistical information from the US Coast Guard stemming from 2016. They have not concluded numbers for 2017, since the year has not ended. There were 4,062 recreational boating accidents in the United States and its territories in which 626 lives were lost and 2,620 were injured. Almost 76% of the fatal accident victims drowned and of these 85% weren't wearing a life jacket. Eight out of every 10 boaters who drowned were on boats less than 21 feet in length.

Boating while intoxicated is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Additional contributing factors for deaths were hazardous waters, operator inexperience, weather conditions, excessive speed, sharp turns, failure to vent when fueling and violating navigation rules.

The American Boating Association encourages boaters to be serious about boating safety, starting with the proper kind and amount of boater training. A boating mishap or fatality often involves innocent people who share none of the blame, but all the consequences. As a responsible boat-

Cdr Kathy A. Russell



er, the life you save may be someone else's.

Boating season has its set of statistics and also driving automobiles on the roads, especially in winter causes fatalities. The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Traffic Safety Bulletin for 2015-2016 states there were 11,544 crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads in Ohio. There were 9 fatalities last winter. More than two-thirds (68%) of the crashes on snow, ice or slush covered roads were caused by speed-related factor, such as driving at an unsafe speed or failure to control the vehicle. Prepare your vehicle for winter driving by ensuring that your battery, cooling system, tires, wipers and defrosters are all in good condition.

Safety is the key factor in both driving a boat or automobile. We all need to observe the regulations on the lakes, as well as rules of the roads. Have a safe winter and think summer!





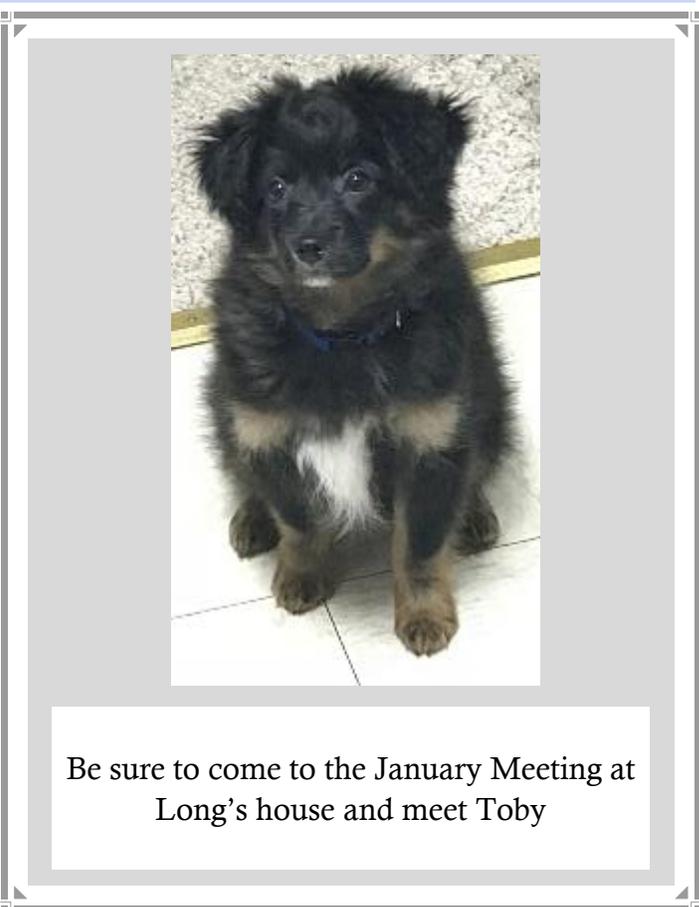
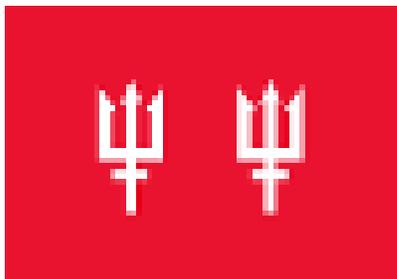
FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER Lt/C Karen R. Long



Christmas is now a memory and we are waiting for 2018 with excited anticipation! Our Holiday Party is also a memory but a great one. We had a good turnout with great food, fun and fellowship. Now on to 2018 and one more year of the Stark County Power Squadron.

Cliff and I are hosting the 4 January meeting at our house. Our address is 1304 Washington Blvd. in Louisville. We will be having soup with fixings, dessert, and drinks. Table service will be provided but if you would like any alcohol you will need to bring that for yourself (or to share). The time is 1800. The Leques are giving a presentation from their Norway trip entitled "Land of the Midnight Sun". Please let Joanne Hancock know if you are attending. The evening should be both fun and informational. We sure hope to see a nice crowd.

2018 also brings many SCPS opportunities such as classes, dinners, meetings, and the Cleveland Boat Show to name a few. Get out and enjoy boating out of the water with fellow boaters during these winter months.



Be sure to come to the January Meeting at Long's house and meet Toby

Send your articles and pictures to:
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WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION**D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN**

Have you heard the news? Stark County Power Squadron is offering America's Boating Course in February at Buehler's in Jackson Township. This class offering is a perfect opportunity to reach out to the public and encourage them to take our class. Print the flyer found in the newsletter and post it where you go – churches, post offices, gyms, grocery stores, libraries, museums, work, bowling alleys, sporting goods stores, marinas, drug stores, etc. Email the flyer (available on our website) to dock mates, yacht club members or anyone else you think would benefit by taking our class. The class covers state and federal boating laws, boating safety equipment and safe navigation. The class is a great way to show off our squadron and how we can have fun while boating safely. Spring launch is only 4 months away so let's see what we can do to make our waters safer.

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICER Lt/C David Guertal, P**

It is hard to believe that 2017 is over and we have now entered into 2018. The winter time is a great time to take a class and brush up on boating safety. It is also a great time to plan your 2018 boating trips. We are in the process of planning three different trips with our boat "Dream On" this coming summer. In June we will be boating over to Pelee Island and Leamington, Canada. In July our trip includes Tobermory, Killarney, and the North Channel, also in Canada. Our August trip will be on the east coast of Lake Michigan around Whitehall and possibly Traverse City. If any of these sound interesting to you, please let us know as we would love to have other boating friends travel with us! We also have the SCPS Rendezvous and the District 7 Rendezvous to look forward to.

To help get you through the doldrum days of winter we have several great activities coming up including the Cleveland Boat Show at the IX Center in January, the SCPS Founders Days Dinner in February and SCPS Change of Watch in March. These events are always fun and we hope you will attend.

Lori and I wish the best to you and yours this new year and we look forward to seeing you in the coming months!



Chili Cookoff

Thursday, January 4, 2018
At the Long House
1304 Washington Blvd., Louisville

Time: 1800

Menu: Chili, Soup and fixings. Table and plastic ware will be provided.
BYOB

Cost: no charge

Presentation: Land of the Midnight Sun, Leque trip to Norway.

Reservations: Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email lilboy@neo.rr.com





**Stark County Power Squadron
Annual Founder's Day Celebration**

**Members And Guests, Come And Commemorate Founder's Day
Let's Have Fun In An Italian Way.**

**Papa Bear's Restaurant Is Very Well Known For Their Italian Food
Certainly Will Create A Celebratory Mood!**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018 - Dinner at 1800
Papa Bear's Italian Restaurant
4990 Dressler Road N.W.
Canton, OH 44718**

**We will be ordering off the menu.
Please R.S.V.P to Kathy Russell by January 26, 2018
krussell1544@gmail.com or 330.212.3669**

**Guest Speaker: Christopher Gillcrest
National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo
Topic: Edmund Fitzgerald – What Really Happened?**





**Stark County
Power Squadron**
presents
**AMERICA'S
BOATING COURSE**
(Third Edition)



Classes start
Monday, February 5, 2018
**4 consecutive Mondays★ 5th, 12th, 19th &
26th 6:00 pm—8:00 pm**
Buehlers Community Room
7138 Fulton Dr. NW Canton, OH 44718

Classes are **FREE—NO charge!**
Instruction manual is **FREE**
(1 free manual per family)
A great course whether you are new to boating or
an experienced boater in need of a refresher course.

**No pre-registration required,
just show up!**



For more information

**330.499.3660 or
330.833.5452**

www.usps.org/localusps/stark

**A great way to have a fun boating experience
is to "know before you go".**

The course is designed for
skippers and crew of all types of
watercraft. This unique boat and
water safety course topics
include:

- ★ Introduction to all types of boating
- ★ Understanding state and federal boating laws
- ★ Learn about all types of boat safety equipment and how to make your boating experience safer and more comfortable
- ★ Tips on navigation rules and aids
- ★ Trailering, storing and protecting your vessel
- ★ And more!

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





Change of Watch

Saturday, March 3, 2018
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 (cash bar), 1830-dinner

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Reservations: Joanne Hancock 330-499-3660, email lilboy@neo.rr.com or Sail Angle by Monday, February 26, 2018





STARK COUNTY POWER SQUADRON – January 2018

In accordance with the Articles V, VI, and IX of the bylaws of the Stark County Power Squadron, a division of the United States Power Squadrons, the Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following list of nominations for consideration and voting at our 2018 Annual Meeting to be held 1 February 2018.

Bridge Position	Candidate
Commander	Kathy A. Russell
Executive Officer	Karen R. Long
Educational Officer	D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN
Administrative Officer	David P. Guertal, P
Secretary	James F. Hoffee, SN
Assistant secretary	D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN
Treasurer	S. Thomas Hancock, P
Nominating Committee Chair (1 year)	P/C Clifton I Long, P
Nominating Committee Member (2 years)	P/C James F. Hoffee, SN
Nominating Committee Member (3 years)	P/C James J. Kosmos, AP
Rules Committee Chair (1 year)	P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN
Rules Committee Member (2 year)	Lt/C Karen R. Long
Auditing Committee Chair (1 year)	David P. Guertal, P
Auditing Committee Member (2 years)	Elaine M. Cassidy

Board of Directors (8 + P/C)	Jim Kosmos, AP-P/C
P/C Donald J. Cassidy, JN	P/C Ricardo S. Rodriguez, SN
P/C Clifton I. Long, P	P/C Frederick J. Spring, SN
Lt Edward J. Mali, N	Vivian S. Wood
P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN	P/C William A. Wood, SN

Submitted by
P/C Clifton I. Long, P
Nominating Committee Chair





2017 HOLIDAY PARTY



Thanks to everyone who attended the Holiday Party at Skyland Pines in December. The turnout was great and everyone enjoyed themselves. The food was great and we have already booked the room for next year. Be sure to mark your calendar for 1 December, 2018!

Be sure to mark your calendars for 1 February. That is the date of the SCPS Annual Meeting. It is very important that we have a good turnout to vote in the 2018-2019 Bridge Members. Please support the members that keep SCPS functioning through out the year.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**



2018 SPRING CONFERENCE HOSTED BY BEREA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

“Celebrating our Past and Propelling D7 into the Future”

Friday, 6 April 2018

1200 TO 1800 Hours Registration & Room Check in

1900 Hours - The Party Starts: Ice Breaker & Meet & Greet with Live Band and Buffet Dinner & Cash Bar

2130 Hours - The Party Continues - Hospitality Rooms

Saturday, 7 April 2018

700 Hours Breakfast on your own
800 Hours Bridge Officers Meetings
Past District Commanders
Breakfast

900 Hours Breakout Sessions
1030 Hours Breakout Session

1200 Hours Lunch & Keynote Speaker

1400 Hours District 7 Business Meeting
1800 Hours Social Hour with Cocktails
And Hor D'oeuvres

1900 Hours Dinner and Change of Watch
2130 Hours Hospitality Rooms

Sunday, 8 April 2018

800 Hours Breakfast on your own

900 Hours D7 Bridge Officers & Commanders Meeting

1100 Hours Depart for home

It's Party Time





2018 SPRING CONFERENCE HOSTED BY BERE A SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
"Celebrating our Past and Propelling D7 into the Future"

Registration for D7 Spring Conference – 6, 7, 8 April 2018 – Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort, Independence, Ohio

Rank/Name _____ Grade _____ Guest _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Squadron _____ Phone _____ Email _____



Is this your first conference? Yes No

Event	Number Attending	Cost	Total
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Friday Night Party

Includes Buffet and Entertainment	_____	\$10.00	_____
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Saturday Lunch Selections

Roast Beef Bistro <i>Shaved Roast Beef with Bistro Sauce on Marble Rye bread with Lettuce, Tomato and Baby Swiss Cheese, Amish Potato Salad, fresh fruit and homemade cookies.</i>	_____	\$22.00	_____
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Grilled Veggie Wrap <i>Fresh Zucchini, Yellow Squash, Sweep Peppers & Red Onions with melted Mozzarella Cheese and Honey Mustard Dressing in a Grilled Spinach Tortilla, Amish Potato Salad, fresh fruit and homemade cookies.</i>	_____	\$22.00	_____
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Chicken Salad Croissant <i>Chicken Salad made with Walnuts and Apples on a Jumbo Croissant, Amish Potato Salad, fresh fruit and homemade cookies.</i>	_____	\$22.00	_____
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Saturday Dinner Selections

Sliced Bistro Tender <i>Tender Roast Beef topped with Burgundy Demi-Glace, whipped potatoes, house salad, rolls, vegetable, and Strawberry Cheesecake or Chocolate Mousse for dessert.</i>	_____	\$45.00	_____
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Raspberry Stuffed Chicken <i>Almond Encrusted Chicken Breast stuffed with Fresh Raspberries and brie cheese, whipped potatoes, house salad, rolls, vegetables and Strawberry Cheesecake or Chocolate Mousse for dessert.</i>	_____	\$42.00	_____
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Vegetable Puff Pastry <i>Grilled and Roasted vegetables in a cream sauce topped with a puff pastry, whipped potatoes, house salad, rolls, vegetables and Strawberry Cheesecake or Chocolate Mousse for dessert.</i>	_____	\$42.00	_____
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Registration fee*	_____	\$10.00	_____
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**(Required for each person attending one day or weekend)*

Total Enclosed \$ _____

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Make checks payable to Berea Sail & Power Squadron and mail with this form by March 20, 2018 to: Commander Kathleen Barber, AP, 439 Cranston Drive, Berea, OH 44017.

Questions to P/C Larry Spraggins, AP at 330-467-1323 or 330-840-4450 or Biglard3@aol.com

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hotel & Resort, 5300 Rockside Road (I-77 & Rockside Road), Independence Ohio. Rooms: Deadline for reservations is March 20, 2018 to get the Conference Room rate. Call 1-866-840-0582 and give them the group code: USP Rooms are \$92.00 / plus tax.

Hospitality Room: To reserve a Hospitality Room, please contact Larry Spraggins. Rooms are \$75/night.



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<http://starkcountyps.org>



SCPS 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4 January	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1800 Long's Home - See page 4	5,12,19,26 February	America's Boating Course Buehlers Community Room 6:00 to 8:00 PM - See page 6
18-21 January	Mid-America Boat Show IX Center Cleveland, Ohio	18-25 February	USPS Annual Meeting Rosen Center Orlando, Florida
1 February	Annual Meeting/Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme	1 March	Bd of Directors/General Membership Meeting 1930 North Canton Acme
3 February	Founder's Day Dinner 1800 Papa Bear's Italian Restaurant See page 5	3 March	SCPS Change of Watch La Pizzeria 1800 Social 1830 Diner See page 7

