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TRAINED SKIPPERS MAKE BOATING SAFER

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Construction underway at the new Caesar
Creek Marina.

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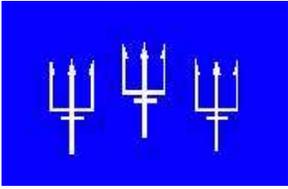
LOOKING
AHEAD

7 June 2015
Executive Board Meeting
270 Regency Ridge - Centerville

11 June 2015
Annual Picnic
Bob & Jeanne Hanseman's

2 July 2015
Executive Board Meeting
270 Regency Ridge - Centerville





COMMANDERS CORNER
THOMAS E. DAVIDSON, JR

I was extremely pleased with the COW at Kohler Center. I'd like to thank everyone who helped, especially Melanie Hitch, Rob Rothman, Bill Pell, David Hitch and mostly Fran. I was really pleased that David Hitch was awarded the bungle jug. He has joined a long list of Past Commanders who deserved the honor. We were pleased with the meal and service from the Kohler staff and several of our members and District guests commented that they enjoyed the evening. We thank Julie and Dick Remski for their past work creating simple and functional accessories for present and future COW's. We were pleased to learn that the Kohler center offers a Hawaiian Luau meal option and plan to book them for our September dinner meeting.

Spring is here at last and we anticipate many opportunities to join together on the water. But first many of you will need to launch your boats. Please be careful and safe. We need every member healthy and active. I also hope Mother Nature cooperates and water levels quickly recede at the ramps and docks where we boat. My sincere appreciation to the Vessel Safety Check Volunteers for organizing multiple opportunities for the public to receive free inspections. Please take advantage of their service as well.

I am really excited about the coming boating season and our calendar of events. I am pleased that Dan Beckman has volunteered to organize the Lake Erie boating activities this summer. Fran and I plan to join the Fleet for the events. Hope you plan to join in on the camaraderie. Also Jim and Debbie Davis will be organizing the Ohio River Cruise again this fall. So come on aboard and join in the fun. Thanks to Roy Horvath for organizing the Trailer Sailor Cruise to the North Channel again this year. The date is set for 16-23 August. Roy will be tailoring Haven while some of the less adventurous of us (Davidson's, Kimberly's,

Graf's and Chabannes) are chartering out of Gore Bay. If you are interested in joining us, contact Roy or me.

The 21 May dinner meeting will be held at the St Leonard's facility. The program is Canal Boating but we are not sure if it will be US, Canadian or English Canals. Join us for the surprise answer!!

Hope to see you at the 21 May dinner meeting and again on June 11 at the Annual Squadron Picnic sponsored by Bob and Genie Hanseman . Thanks to all for the landslide election results and especially to the New Bridge and board members who agreed to help this coming watch year.



NEARSIGHTED MONKFISH

by Shaun Morey

While leaning over the rail of a boat off the Belgian coast, Gosselin Deleus lost his prescription glasses. A month later, the glasses were discovered in the belly of a monkfish.

Deleus learned of the discovery while reading a local fishing magazine that had reported the catch. He contacted the fisherman, who returned the glasses.

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Dayton Sail and Power Squadron

Dinner Meeting
September 18, 2014

St Leonards

8100 Clyo Road, Centerville

Chaminade Hall - Dining Hall - 2nd Floor

Social Hour - 1800 — Cash Bar — Wine and Beer (\$2.00)

ON THE BUFFET

Waldorf Salad

Bar-B-Q Ribs

Fried Chicken

Mac-n-Cheese

Corn on the cob

Strawberry Short Cake Alamode

Coffee, Tea, and Water

\$23.00

Program:

The program will be on “Canal Boating”



EDUCATIONAL NEWS

P/C Dan Beckman, AP
SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER



Our boating season is underway as I launched the boat April 29 and it's resting comfortably at its' new marina on Catawba Island. Pat and I are looking forward to this boating season and plan to enjoy the boating lifestyle.

Well this is my first Binnacle article since being sworn in as Squadron Education Officer at the April Change of Watch. I want to personally thank Bill Pell for all of his contributions to our squadron as the past SEO, and also for helping to prepare and train me for this office.

I have created a 2015-2016 Squadron Education Plan which will be reviewed with our Squadron Executive Committee at our May 7 meeting. This is an aggressive plan which will be focused on attracting prospective new students from outside the squadron, while still providing opportunities for our members to continue their education and to advance their grad level.

I think it is important to publish the class schedule. If in the end we don't have enough students for a class we simply will cancel it. The class schedule will be advertised heavily, including the Binnacle, the USPS National and our own squadron website, ODNR Division of Watercraft, and social media.

One class that I think will be of interest to many of our current members is the newly revised Cruise Planning course. Several of us have reviewed the new test and it is much improved over the previous Cruise Planning text.

I had an interesting opportunity to teach boating safety on a personal, one on one level during our Vessel Safety Exam event at Lighthouse Point Yacht Club on the Ohio River this past weekend. An individual had just purchased an old 32 foot Marinette cruiser. He didn't even have his registration document yet but he still was eager for me to conduct the exam of his boat even though he obviously would not meet

the requirements for the decal. Although he had owned a boat before, he knew very little about boating safety and the required safety equipment. I explained each of the required 15 safety items, their purpose, how they were to be operated and maintained, and why they were an important safety item. He asked good questions, and said he would use the VSC list of required items to purchase the needed items. I am convinced he will follow through and in the end will be a safer boater. Its experiences like this that provide a lot of satisfaction as a vessel examiner, and it's one of the main reasons why I joined the squadron.



CUBA LIBRE?

Not Quite

With the recent thaw in diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba, many cruisers are inevitably eyeing the possibility of some day soon setting off, legally, for the most exotic destination a day's sail from our shores. However, don't rev your engines or hoist your sails just yet. The legal situation, according to the State Department's website, still remains clear: "Tourist travel to Cuba is prohibited under U.S. law for U.S. citizens and others under U.S. jurisdiction." But watch this space. As news is updated about legal travel to Cuba by recreational boat, we'll report it here.

—A.D.

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Dayton Sail and Power Squadron

2015 - 2016 Calendar of Events

Bridge/Exec Meeting	270 Regency Ridge	7 May 2015
Safe Boating Week	Caesars Creek	16-22 May 2015
Dinner Meeting	TBD	21 May 2015
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	270 Regency Ridge	4 June 2015
Dinner Meeting	June Picnic at Hanseman's	11 Jun 2015
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	270 Regency Ridge	2 July 2015
Lake Erie Rendezvous	Spitzer Marina (Lorain OH)	17-19 July 2015
District Rendezvous	Craig's Creek, KY	31 July 2015
D24 Summer Council	Craig's Creek KY	1 Aug 2015
National Fall Governing Board	San Diego, CA	25-30 Aug 2015
Trailer Sailor Cruise	Lake Huron	TBD
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg	270 Regency Ridge	3 Sept. 2015
Dinner Meeting	Hawaiian Luau (TBD)	17 Sept 2015
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	270 Regency Ridge	1 Oct. 2015
Dinner Meeting	TBD	15 Oct 2015
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg	270 Regency Ridge	5 Nov 2015
D24 Education Seminar	Louisville, KY	13 Nov 2015
D24 Fall Conference	Louisville, KY	13-15 Nov 2015
Dinner Meeting	TBD	19 Nov 2015
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	270 Regency Ridge	3 Dec 2015
Christmas Party	Kohler Center	10 Dec 2015
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	270 Regency Ridge	7 Jan 2016
Dinner Meeting	TBD	21 Jan.2016
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	270 Regency Ridge	4 Feb 2016
USPS National Meeting	Rosen Center , Orlando, FL	14 Feb 2016
Dinner Meeting	TBD	18 Feb 2016
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	270 Regency Ridge	3 Mar 2016
Dayton-Florida Reunion	TBD	7 Mar 2016
Squadron Annual Meeting	TBD	17 Mar 2016
D24 Spring Conference	Hoosier Power Squadron TBD	19-20 Mar 2016
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg	270 Regency Ridge	7 Apr 2016
Squadron Change of Watch	TBD	9 Apr 2016

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STORYCORPS FOR BOATERS?

You might be familiar with National Publics Radio's oral-history project, called StoryCorps, whose mission is to honor and celebrate the lives of everyday Americans by recording and archiving their stories for posterity. Well, now there's something similar for boaters. The National Sailing Hall of Fame is aiming to collect and preserve the stories of America's Yacht clubs and sailing organizations for future generations. The Yacht Club Story Project, which started last summer, has already profiled 50

yacht clubs on its Sailors & Stories webpage, where they'll serve as a permanent history chronicling the legacy of American sailing. Go to www.nshof.org for more information and to add your club history to the archive.

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VESSEL SAFETY CHECK PROGRAM — MAY 2015

by P/C Bill Pell, SN

I guess I just thought I was through writing columns for the Binnacle, but I have found another topic to fulfill my need to be published.

Four years ago the first Vessel Safety Check program was launched by the Squadron. We have blossomed, especially as a landlocked squadron, into one of the most productive programs in the nation. With the departure of Dick Remski and for a couple of other reasons we are down from our high of 11 Vessel Examiners to only 8 but a great 8 at that.

For the last three years we have been at Caesars on Saturdays during chilly mornings beginning in late March through to the first Saturday of boat safety week. However this year Caesars has been drawn down by 13 feet and none of the boat ramps are currently accessible or usable. Construction of the marina caused the draw down and the lake will be allowed to come back up to project height when dredging and other construction of the marina is completed.

We do have several projects in mind and planned for the year. On May 2 and 3 several of us will be at Lighthouse Marina to conduct inspections. It is anticipated that the demand for our exams will be very high. Thanks to Bob Rothman for making these arrangements. An interest has been expressed for us to do something similar for Rocky Forks but that is still embryonic.

We will be working in cooperation with ODNR, Watercraft on 16 May, the first Saturday of Boat Safety Week, to do exams all morning of that day and to man a booth for Watercraft at C. J. Brown Reservoir in Springfield. A big emphasis by Watercraft and the National Safe Boating Council for that day is an attempt to set a Guinness record for wearing pfd's. We plan to assist in setting that record.

In connection with Boat Safety Week and the WEAR-IT" campaign I have just received the 2013 boat fatality statistics. Of great importance is that the number of fatalities continues to decline. There were

924 boating fatalities in 1991 and every year since has mostly shown a decline in fatalities from 1991. 2013 statistics (2014 not out yet) was down to 560. 398 of the deaths were from drowning and 328 of the fatalities were not wearing a life vest. 172 of the drownings without life vests were from open motorboats and 15 were from cabin motorboats you can see why everyone involved in safe boating recommends always wearing a pfd.

Interestingly PWCs only had 13 drowning deaths in 2013 but those operators are required to wear a pfd at all times even so 5 operators died while wearing a vest and despite the law 7 were not wearing the required pfd.

Let's have a safe and fun boating season check your boats checked and wear your pfd's.

YOUR PFD — WEAR IT

Caesar Creek Marina Update

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NEWS

by Brian Burgett
April 21, 2015

Stage 1 of construction at Caesar Creek Marina is well under way. Construction is ahead of schedule and phase one should be completed by September of this year. The marina will be ready for boats in the spring of 2016. Information on dock rental is still not available at this time. The current water level is down thirteen feet for the project. The lake will see the beginning of the refilling process on April 25 with summer pool achieved by May 29. A boat can still be launched at Wellman Meadows Boat Ramp at your own risk.





Construction at Caesars Creek



Boat For Sale??

Seen at St Rt 122 and St Rt 741 by Davy Jones





Kentucky River Locks 1 through 4 set to reopen Memorial Day Weekend

<http://finance.ky.gov/offices/kra/Pages/default.aspx>

The Kentucky River Authority is nearing completion of a major rehabilitation project on Locks 1 and 2 on the Kentucky River. The project which began in June of 2014 is the first major rehab of those navigation locks since 1986.

It is similar in scope to the repairs made by the Kentucky River Authority to Locks 3 and 4 in 2012. The rehab work included lifting the nearly 20-ton steel lock gates from the river in order to make repairs to the steel structural members, emptying and filling valves and oak timbers that bear against the original stone masonry lock walls.

Together, these locks are the oldest on the Kentucky River system, having been originally built in 1835. The reopening of Locks 1 and 2 on Memorial Day Weekend will mark the first time since 2007 that boats can travel unimpeded from the Ohio River, up the Kentucky River as far as Lock and Dam 5 and vice-versa. In all, 82 miles of the Kentucky River will once again be navigable from the Ohio River. Locks 1 through 4 will be open beginning Memorial Day weekend through the last weekend of October. Operating hours are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 10am to 7:30pm. Please see the Locking Information link on our web page for additional hours and information about using the locks. We look forward to seeing you on the river in 2015!

Locking Information

2015 Kentucky River Lock Schedule

Kentucky River Lock 1 (Carrollton), Lock 2 (Lockport), Lock 3 (Monterey) and Lock 4 (Frankfort) will be operated from May 22nd until October 25th, according to the following schedule:

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays — 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Additional Holiday Lockage Hours:

Monday, May 25 — 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Monday, July 6 — 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Monday, Sept. 7 — 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Beginning September 11th locking hours Friday- Sunday will move back one hour and will be from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM

Kentucky River Locks 5 through 14 are closed until further notice.

ED Note: In addition to the lock openings above, they can try to arrange a “volunteer runner” to open the locks during the week. Click on the link at the top of the page to the “Kentucky River Authority” to get more information.



Cruise Potentials on Lake Erie

The Dayton Sail and Power Squadron members have been invited to participate on a single cruise of your choice with the members of the Harbor Bay Yacht Club during the 2015 summer season. This is offered to our members as a courtesy to the DSPS. The HBYC's home port is at the Sandusky Harbor Marina. Several of our Squadron members also dock at SHM. This year, one of our members is the HBYC's Commodore. Although there are several mild restrictions and some cost to the member, none should present a real obstacle to our membership. An application for the participating on a cruise can be found at: <http://www.harborbayyachtclub.org/> under Cruising for Non-Members. A listing of the cruises can be found below.

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Destination Marina</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
Kelleys Island	June 5-7	Seaway Marina	Known as the K-9 cruise
Toledo Beach	June 19-21	Toledo Beach Marina	New this year – Dock price break
Leamington	July 2-5	Leamington Municipal	Day after Canada Day
Loraine	July 17-19	Spitzer Marina	First leg of Week Long Cruise
Mentor	July 19-22	Mentor Lagoons	Send leg of Week Long Cruise
Cleveland	July 22-25	North Coast Harbor	Third leg of Week Long Cruise
Vermilion	July 25-26	Vermilion	Fourth leg of Week Long Cruise
Pelee Island	July 31-Aug 2	Scudder's Marina	Canada's "Key West"
Bay Week	July 30-Aug 2	Put-In-Bay	ILYA sponsored Bay Week Regatta
Circus	Aug 3-4	Kelleys Island	Kelly Miller Circus on Kelleys Isl
Middle Bass	Aug 21-23	Middle Bass State Pk	New marina, favorite for many
Vermilion	Sep 5-7	Vermilion Docks	Labor Day
Put-In-Bay	Sep 18-20	Park Place	New location at Put-In-Bay

Dayton Sail and Power Squadron members also have the opportunity of a "day sail" on board ON CALL 2 for any United States leg of the described cruises by contacting David or Melanie Hitch. There would be no cost to the member for this "day sail".



Roy and Pat Horvath aboard "HAVEN" by Dan Beckman