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TRAINED SKIPPERS MAKE BOATING SAFER

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The “Spirit of Dubuque” from Iowa will be the new “Spirit of Cincinnati” in May 2017. It is an authentic dual paddlewheeler.

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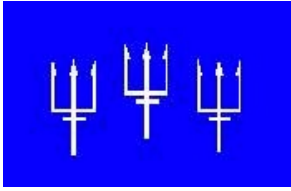
**LOOKING
AHEAD**

1 June 2017
Executive Board Meeting
Mimi's The Green - Beavercreek, OH

29 June 2017
Annual DSPS Picnic
The “Hansemon's” 2360 Trebein Rd.

6 July 2017
Executive Board Meeting
Mimi's The Green - Beavercreek, OH





COMMANDERS CORNER

Robert R. Rothman, AP

Well, it is that time of year again; Boating Season. Although many of us like to believe that the season starts March 1st and runs through November 30th the weather really dictates when the season begins and ends. Our first boating season (we bought the boat in Late August after much discussion on how large a boat to buy and with what features) the weather cooperated and we were still camping on the boat in late November. The next year we launched in mid-March but called it a season in early October. It is the last weekend in April now and, although we started the engines and de-winterized the boat two weeks ago, the weather has kept us at the dock in the cruiser. At least we have been able to launch the pontoon boat three times already. Happily, "Island Time" can be achieved at the dock, and even on dry land since it is a state of mind rather than a geographical location. Sometimes "Island Time" begins as we back out of the driveway. "Island Time" was achieved on Rt. 42 in Lebanon on Friday night at 5:47 p.m., around the time I quit answering my cellphone. At this month's Dinner Meeting on May 18th (at Wellington Grill in Beavercreek) I will invite members to share their "Island Time" experiences, since to me at least this is the whole reason to own a boat or recreational vehicle. Bring your stories to share.

As I begin my year as your Commander I want to share my one real goal. We are an aging group of people, many of whom are retired, almost retired or at least on Medicare. This does not bode well for the future of our chapter or our National organization, unless we can attract new members. P.C. Tom Davidson has volunteered to be the new Membership Chairman, a position for which he is both highly qualified and well suited given his cheery outgoing personality and can-do spirit. We will be launching a marketing program aboard the party barge at Caesar's Creek and CJ Brown this Spring and

Summer. My hope is to get the word out to local boaters that they need to have taken the ABC Course in order to operate their boats safely in Ohio. The ABC Course is our best opportunity to get new members involved with the chapter and encourage them to pursue additional education as well as participate in our activities.

After much research, The United States Power Squadron_R has decided to adopt the name America's Boating Club_R in order to bring our image in line with the changing boating preferences of America. There are way too many canoes, kayaks, sailboats, paddle boards, etc. to continue identifying us with only power boats. More information on this change will be forthcoming from National in the upcoming months. Dayton Sail and Power Squadron is now part of America's Boating Club_R. Share the good news!

SCUPPER TROUBLE

Many boatbuilders fit their boats with plastic cockpit scuppers and drains. Plastic is subject to degradation by the sun and may crack over time as a boat flexes.

A cracked or broken fitting can allow rainwater to drain into the bilge, which can make the boat so low in the water that it backflows through the fitting.

Inspect your cockpit drains this spring and periodically throughout the year. Sometimes they're hard to access, so a good mirror or even a small camera can make the job easier.

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Dayton Sail and Power Squadron Meeting Notice

May 18, 2017

The Wellington Grille

2450 Dayton-Xenia Road
Beavercreek, OH 45434

Social Hour - 1800 — Cash Bar

Dinner - 1900

Choose from the fabulous menu

<http://www.thewellingtongrille.net/menus/dinner>

Order and pay for your meal and drinks at dinner

Please RSVP intent to attend to:

Fran at steady72@aol.com or 937-609-0956

Program

The speaker will be Nancy Beall from Hoosier Squadron. Her topic is Carbon Monoxide poisoning on power boats as well as sailboats.

Nancy has taken on the task of getting the US Coast Guard to recognize the seriousness of this problem on any boat that has a motor.. She is lobbying to have marine carbon dioxide detectors on board.



EDUCATIONAL NEWS

*P/C Dan Beckman, AP
SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER*



Our ABC class wrapped up with the final exam on April 11. Our class began with eight students but two dropped out along the way. So we ended with six students taking and passing the final exam. And as I reported last month we welcome four new members from this class! We have no classes scheduled this summer as everyone is busy with boating, vacation travel and many other activities. We will resume with Seamanship class in the fall.

Our boat PatSea was launched in mid-April without any issues. Unfortunately the weather has not cooperated. We've tried two fishing trips with few fish but we had fun on the water anyway.

Our May dinner meeting will be held at the Wellington Grille in Beavercreek on May 18. Pat and I hope to see you there.

CONSUMER ALERT

If it's time to apply for, renew, or reinstate the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) documentation for your boat, be aware that the top hit on an online search for the official USCG documentation website may not belong to the Coast Guard.. What often does turn up, however, is an official-looking site that offers USCG documentation services, but at a very high price.

For example, the USCG charges \$133 for initial documentation, but you may be charged nearly \$500 by a third-party service. Documentation renewals through the USCG cost \$26; a third party service may charge three times that.

Typically, only a tiny disclaimer at the bottom of the page alerts consumers that the site is not the USCG's. These companies won't get your documentation any faster, but they will lighten your wallet.

—Charles Fort

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ED note.

Last week I received a very official looking notice in the mail from "U.S. Vessel Documentation" who knew what my Documentation Number and Expiration date was, advising me that it was time to renew. When I looked at their website I found that it was not the actual Cost Guard Documentation Office which I knew was located in "Falling Waters, WV. And they were charging \$75 to renew through their service!

In the ongoing battle between objects made of fiberglass going tens of miles per hour and the shore going zero miles per hour, the shore has yet to lose!





Calendar of Events 2017/2018 Watch Year

Event	Location	Date
Squadron Meeting	Wellington Grille, Beavercreek	18 May 2017
Safe Boating Week	Caesars Creek Life Jacket Wear	20 May 2017
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	1 June 2017
Annual DSPS Picnic (Hanseman's)	2360 Trebein Rd, Xenia OH 45385	29 June 2017
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	6 July 2017
Lake Erie Rendezvous	TBD	July 2017
District Summer Rendezvous	Riverboat Inn & Suites, 906 East 1st St, Madison, IN 47250	21-22 July 2017
National Fall Governing Board	Dallas, Texas	10-17 Sept 2017
Trailer Sailor Cruise	Lake Huron	TBD
Ohio River Cruise	Ohio River	TBD
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	7 Sept. 2017
Squadron Meeting	Hawaiian Luau (TBD)	21 Sept 2017
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	5 Oct. 2017
Squadron Meeting	TBD	19 Oct 2017
D24 Fall Conference	Fort Harrison State Park Inn 5830 N. Post, Indianapolis, IN 46216	20-22 Oct 2017
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	2 Nov 2017
Squadron Meeting	TBD	16 Nov 2017
Christmas Party	Kohler Center, 4572 Presidential Way Kettering, OH 45429	7 Dec 2017
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	4 Jan 2018
Squadron Meeting	TBD	18 Jan.2018
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	1 Feb 2018
Squadron Meeting	Mardi Gras TBD	15 Feb 2018
USPS National Meeting	Rosen Hotel, Orlando, FL	18-25 Feb 2018
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	1 Mar 2018 D24
Spring Conference	Indianapolis Ind.	9.-11 Mar 2018
Squadron Annual Meeting	TBD	15 Mar 2018
Bridge/Executive Comm. Mtg.	MiMi's Cafe The Greene	5 Apr 2018
Squadron Change of Watch	TBD	22 Apr 2018

