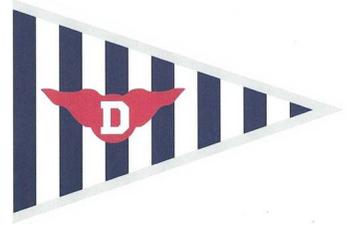




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Tom's wife and the Trailer Sailors enjoying
Happy Hour

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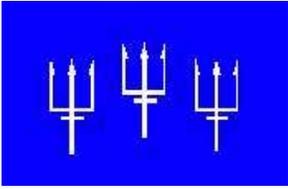
**LOOKING
AHEAD**

5 November 2015
Executive Board Meeting
270 Regency Ridge - Centerville, OH

13-15 November 2015
D24 Fall Conference
Louisville, KY

19 November 2015
Squadron Dinner Meeting Meeting
TBD





COMMANDERS CORNER
THOMAS E. DAVIDSON, JN



The Trailer Sailor trip in August was a great cruise with 4 boats and 13 eager sailors. The cruise included 2 chartered sail boats from Canadian Yacht Charters out of Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island. Two trailer boats from our Squadron were sailed by Pat, Roy, and Doug Horvath aboard Haven and Cinda and Tim Pinkerton aboard Wind Bear. Becky and Rene Chabannes and Vicki and Dick Graf shared the helm of a chartered 42 foot Hunter Sicilia. Tim and Effie Kemerley joined Tom and Fran Davidson aboard a chartered 36 foot Hunter Margaritville.

The week long trip included great weather, unseasonably warm water and above normal depth for Lake Huron. The cruise included overnight visits to Gore Bay, Kilarney, Little Current, and Spanish. The highlight of the trip was a fabulous dinner at the Kilarney Lodge where Al Capone once dined.

Fran and I increasingly enjoy chartering over trailering. We have gained enough experience and knowledge from the years of classes and cruising with the Dayton Sail and Power Squadron to charter with increasing confidence.



This year's Ohio River Cruise aboard Jim and Debbie Davis's River Critter was an enjoyable and very exciting adventure. We enjoyed a morning cruise and delicious lunch aboard and started our

return just in time to avoid a squall. On the return however, we lost power to one engine. While navigating the narrow channel to the dock, we also ran aground!! With 27 souls aboard, we were able to shift weight to the bow and lifted the stern out of the mud so that Jim could proceed to the dock. We then lost both engines!! But the Captain quickly restarted one engine and expertly maneuvered us safely into our narrow slip. Can't wait for next year's exciting River Cruise to be continued.

Our first dinner meeting included a Hawaiian Luau at the Kohler Center. The buffet was excellent. The ladies looked gorgeous in their leis and colorful dresses. Linda Bales took home the prize (pineapple) for the best Hawaiian dress. Debbie Davis should have won a pineapple for the best hula skirt. We plan to award her prize at next year's luau.

We have exciting education news thanks to Dan Beckman's efforts. We will conduct our first ABC course at Carroll High School starting 4 November. We are also starting a cruise planning course on Monday's beginning 2 November at the Davidson's and Beckman's homes. We hope to plan a cruise the Squadron might actually take someday. If you are not signed up and would like to take the class contact Dan Beckman. We may hold the First Aid/CPR lessons in conjunction with the cruise planning course and invite the membership to attend those sessions.

October's dinner meeting will host John Rich who will present an interesting program on the Ohio Indian Mound builders. It will be held at St. Leonard's 15 October at 1800. Our Nov. 19 dinner meeting will include Mike Ward's five Major Challenges on his Atlantic sail and two year European sail adventure. Fran and I hope to see you at both dinners.



Dayton Sail and Power Squadron

Dinner Meeting
October 15, 2015

St Leonards

8100 Clyo Road, Centerville

Chaminade Hall - Dining Hall - 2nd Floor

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

In keeping with the Oktoberfest Theme they will also have Bock Beer available

ON THE BUFFET

Tossed salad — Pretzel rolls

Carved maple Dijon pork loin

Sauerbraten

Red Vegetable lasagna

German potato salad

Mashed potatoes with gravy

Green beans almondine

Apple Kuchen ala mode

Coffee / Tea

\$23.00

Program:

John Rich will present and interesting program on the Ohio Mound Builders.



EDUCATIONAL NEWS

P/C Dan Beckman, AP
SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER



September is my favorite month of the year for boating and fishing on Lake Erie. The weather is generally sunny and warm, and it's even better when one has the flexibility to choose the days based on a favorable weather forecast. The fishing has been pretty good so far this fall. My son, brother-in-law and I have had several successful fishing trips and have caught enough perch to stock the freezer with perch filets for later this winter. It's hard to beat perch for good taste! I'm planning to haul the boat out in late October just before the marina closes so I hope to have a few more fishing trips before I put PatSea away for the winter.

Our education initiatives are beginning to bear fruit! We will be conducting our ABC course for the Carroll High School community (students, parents, and staff) beginning on Wednesday November 4. The course will be held at Carroll High School. Tom Davidson and David Hitch will share the teaching duties. This course was initiated based on an inquiry through our web- site from the mentor of the Carroll High School student fishing club. We have another ABC course scheduled to begin on February 23rd after the conclusion of the Cincinnati Boat Show.

There are nine squadron members who have expressed an interest in taking the Cruise Planning course. This course takes about 8 sessions and will begin on Monday November 2 at Tom and Fran Davidsons' home in New Carlisle. We plan to rotate the classes among several members' homes. Class size is limited to twelve people so we still have space available for a few more students. Call or email me by October 11.

We also have fourteen members who have expressed interest in a two hour First Aid class. It will be developed and taught by Drs. Hitch and Wise. We will keep you advised of the date after it is firmed up.

I've had at least three inquiries from the public about our ABC course and Sailing course in the last month. Two inquiries came through our Dayton web site and one came through our ABC course listing on the Ohio Division of Watercraft site of boating courses offered in Ohio. I am convinced that we must use all available media to reach out and gain visibility about our organization and our boating courses. I plan to expand this approach to include other media as well.

Sailing With My Dad

-Mark Corke

Fifty-five years is a long time, but I still remember my first sail like it was yesterday. Dad had his hand on the tiller, and I, lying on the bottom of the boat, gazed up on the expansive white sails. There was almost total silence. But I wondered how we could be moving? There was no throb of a motor. No splashing of oars. Just the gentle chuckle of the small bow wave as we glided along. This has to be magic, I remembered deciding.

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Dayton Sail and Power Squadron 2015 - 2016 Calendar of Events

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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Alone Across The Stream

Every day of the 15 years I've sailed my Catalina 34, *Ukiyo* - Japanese for "the floating world" - I've dreamed of crossing the Gulf Stream, a passage that fascinated and frightened me. First mapped in 1770 by Benjamin Franklin and romanticized by Ernest Hemingway in his novels, the Stream's raw beautystrechtes from the Yucatan to the United Kingdom like a great wall needing to be breached for one to earn access to the islands of the Caribbean or Bermuda. For me, it will be my first time across the world's largest, deepest river, alone.

From Memory Roct, in the Bahamas, it's 58 miles, a full day, across the stream to Florida's St. Luce Inlet. At five knots, it will take *Ukiyo* about seven hours to reach the streams esat wall from my position, a little bus shelter of an island named Mangrove Cay, in the Bahamas. I get under way in the gloaming at 2000. The wind is southeast at 10 knots, waves about a meter. My temperamental autopilot won't hold a steady cours, so I steer by hand through the inky dark. For hours I peer into the night for the light on Memory Rock, which lies at the western edge of Little Bahama Bank. I never see it, and I carry on. Within minutes, the waves increase

and the depth sounder goes from 15 feet to bottomless as we sail over the edge of the Bahama Banks and off soundings, the distant glow of Miami providing reference for my strained eyes.

On the lookout for ships and fishing boats, I feel subtle changes at about 0300. The water darkens, the tempetature rises, and *Ukiyo* speeds up to seven knots. We'RE in the stream now! A global conveyer belt of heat, its cerulean waters race northward at up to five knots and affect weather patterns as far as 60 degrees latitude, allowinglemons to grow in Devonshire and northern Norway to enjoy balmy winters.

The night drags on as we fly along. I resist looking at my watch. Finally, feint wisps of pink and purple appear in the northeast. Half an hour latter, I check our position. The Stream has pushed us north. I adjust our landfall to the next inlet north, Fort Pierce. At 1220, tiny square smudges pop up over the horizon - condos! I aim for them, and at 1600 I'm splitting the jetties of the boisterous inlet. Soom the anchor is down. With one of the boating goals of my life complete, it's time for a hot meal and some blessed sleep.

-Robert Beringer

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