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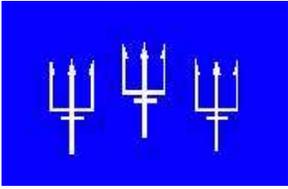


3 December 2015
Executive Board Meeting
270 Regency Ridge - Centerville, OH

10 December 2015
Squadron Christmas Party
Kohler Center

7 January 2016
Executive Board Meeting
270 Regency Ridge - Centerville, OH





COMMANDERS CORNER
THOMAS E. DAVIDSON, JR

Cold weather is around the corner. By now your boats should be winterized and covered. It's a good month to join us on Nov. 19 at the Kohler Presidential Banquet Center for an Italian dinner. Our program for the evening features Mike Ward presenting his journey of 14 months on a small sailboat. He visited 20 countries; ten thousand miles thru 7 time zones with countless experiences. The dinner meeting will be in one of the rooms in the larger building next door to the building we usually use for COW and Christmas Party.

We were pleased with the first session of Cruise Planning. A class of 12 attended. We also held our first ABC class at Carroll High School Wed. 4 Nov. with 8 students. Dan Beckman did a great job arranging for the members of the Carroll High School Fishing Club to receive instruction. There a parents as well as a teacher attending and they seemed pleased to be taking the course.

We have been notified that the building at Regency Ridge where we have the Bridge meetings as well as some classes is to be auctioned on Nov. 20, 2015. If the minimum price is met, we will have 30 days to vacate the premises. Dick Graf has offered space to hold meetings and classes at his HGH Bldg. if the property sells. We still have considerable items stored at the Miller Valentine Bldg. and will consider relocating our tables and chairs from the Regency back to Miller Valentine if the auction is successful. The Bridge is considering ways to downsize the quantity of items we have accumulated and moved over the years. If you have donated items to the squadron and would like to reclaim them (rather than the Squadron selling or regifting them) please contact me. Without a permanent facility, we needlessly move unused decorative items and equipment from one facility to another without benefit to our organization.

We have updated signatures on our Dayton Power Squadron Certificate of Deposit (0030565998613) with 5th 3rd Bank. The current redemption value is \$8,619.96. Signatures are Commander Thomas Davidson and Becky Chabannes (Finance Committee chair).

Have a delicious Thanksgiving with all the trimmings and enjoy being with family and friends.

Hope to also see you at the Christmas Party on Dec. 10. Bring a beautifully wrapped white elephant gift and maybe benefit from some of our regifted Squadron surplus.

**Pointing The Finger At
Illegal Laser Use**

Following an incident this summer, the U.S. Coast guard is warning the public that pointing handheld lasers at U.S. Coast Guard boat and aircrews is dangerous and illegal. While responding to a report of a disabled boat in Panama City, Florida, the Coast Guard's boat crew reported multiple laser strikes in the vicinity of the search area, from at least two different sources, all originating from shore. Two cerwmwmbers were struck directly in the eyes and had to seek medical attention. Pointing a laser at a vessel is a federal crime; if found guilty, offenders could be fined and sentenced to up to 20 years in prison. Besides compromising the operator's ability to safely maneuver, potentially putting all on board in danger, laser strikes can result in permanent damage to a person's eyesight.

— A.D.

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Dayton Sail and Power Squadron

Dinner Meeting
Thursday November 19th

Kohler Party (Presidential) Center

*4572 Presidential Way
Kettering, Ohio 45429
(Large Building)*

Social Hour - 1800 (Cash Bar) - Dinner 1900

Italian Buffet

Tossed or Caesar salad with grated Parmesan Cheese
Antipasto Salad

Italian Blend of Vegetables

Assorted Pastas w/Marinara, Alfredo and Clam Sauces

Chicken Breast Chianti

Italian Sausage w/Green Peppers

Hard Rolls and Garlic Bread

Coffee - Ice Tea

Cannoli

\$21.00 per person

Program:

Our Speaker is Mr Mike Ward who will present “[Fourteen Months on a Small Sailboat](#)”
His journey through 20 countries; 10,000 miles through 7 time zones; with countless experiences>

RSVP by 16 Nov. To Tom or Fran Davidson at

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EDUCATIONAL NEWS

P/C Dan Beckman, AP
SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

Dayton



Well another boating season has come and gone and the PatSea is now resting peacefully under a cover of plastic shrink wrap in the boat yard. But that doesn't mean that all boating activities are complete as I have a fairly long list of off-season boat projects to complete before next April rolls around. One of those projects is to rebuild the toilet pump and motor which was making some awful sounds toward the end of the season. I've done this rebuild once before and it's really not as bad as it sounds!!

I'm happy to report that we currently have two education classes underway. We have thirteen students enrolled in the Cruising and Cruise Planning course which met for the first time at the Davidsons' home recently. This seven week course will meet at several members homes and will end on December 14, prior to the holidays and prior to several member heading south for the winter. The course includes a group exercise to apply what we have learned by creating a cruise plan for two or more vessels to the destination of our choice. Who knows, we may decide to actually complete the cruise next spring or summer! It should be a fun cruise planning exercise. Instructor duties for this class are being shared by Tom Davidson, George Schumacher, and me.

We also have completed the first class session of the ABC course being taught at Carroll High School. This course was organized through the student's Fishing Club. We had eight students, staff, and parents in the first session and may add one or two more for the second session. This course will also be completed before the holidays on December 5. The instructor duties are being shared between David Hitch and Tom Davidson.

I want to thank Tom Davidson, David Hitch and George Schumacher for stepping forward to teach

these courses and share their years of experience!

I'll use my power of the pen (or is it computer?) to encourage you to attend two upcoming social events which should be fun evenings. Our November 19 dinner meeting at Kohler Center will feature Michael Ward's program called "Fourteen months on a sailboat My journey through 20 countries, 10, 000 miles, with countless experiences".

On December 10 we will have our annual Christmas Party at the Kohler Center. See the ad in this Binnacle for more details. Plan to join us for both of these events.

Celina Rotary Lighthouse

The Celina Rotary Lighthouse is a unique light, not because of its age or history, but because of its location. While lighthouses are usually constructed to provide aid to vessels navigating dangerous open waters or shores, Celina stands on the west bank of Grand Lake St. Marys, a man-made lake near the city of Celina, Ohio.

Built in 1986 as a project of the local Rotary Club, this forty-foot lighthouse is functional, but acts more as an observation tower than a navigational aid. On occasion, however, the small marina does take advantage of the light's fifty-foot focal plane as a private aid to navigation. The conical tower sits on a circular stone base, which functions as an observation platform. A wrought iron staircase curls around the base and a banister circles the observation deck. Simple in appearance, this lighthouse does not have as rich a history as others in the state, but it provides a beautiful view of its historic surroundings.

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Dayton Sail and Power Squadron 2015 - 2016 Calendar of Events

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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The area in and around Grand Lake St. Marys played an important role in developing the Northwest Territory, and consequently, the state of Ohio. In 1825 the Ohio Legislature approved funding for the construction of the Miami-Erie Canal, a 250-mile waterway that linked Lake Erie near Toledo to Cincinnati. Work on the canal was carried out over a twenty-year span from 1825 to 1845, and laborers were paid a whopping 30 cents a day, plus food, shelter, and whiskey. Grand Lake St. Marys, along with two other reservoirs, was constructed to help maintain the required five-foot depth of the canal, to which it was connected by a three-mile feeder. The advent of the railroad brought an end to the canal system, and the last section was closed in 1929.

Oil was discovered near Grand Lake St. Marys in the 1890s, and the lake was soon home to world's first offshore oil well. The lake was dotted with oil derricks while the black gold was plentiful, but the only reminder of that era is a pile of rocks near the lakes center, which marks the spot of the

last producing well.

At its completion in 1845, Grand Lake St. Marys was the largest man-made reservoir in the world, and it remained so until the construction of Hoover Dam and Lake Mead. Along with other canal feeder lakes in the state, this 13,500-acre reservoir was one of the first areas to be dedicated as an Ohio state park in 1949.

The lake remains a popular attraction for fishermen, boaters, swimmers and campers. Many species of wildlife can be found on and around the reservoir and its wildlife refuge, including water birds, fox squirrel, mink, raccoon, beaver, coyote, white-tailed deer and the long-absent bald eagle.

A second light, the Northwood Lighthouse, or "Eddystone Lighthouse," is also found on the banks of Grand Lake St. Marys, on the north side. The lighthouse is apparently part of Ohio's haunted history as the Spiritseekers of Ohio has listed the Celina Rotary Lighthouse in its Haunted Ohio

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Christmas Party Invitation

Dayton Sail and Power Squadron

Thursday, 10 December 2015

Kohler Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering

Social hour with cash bar 1800, Dinner 1900

Entrees

Greek filled chicken breast with feta cream \$29

Herb butter sirloin strip steak \$29

Spinach filled Gulf red snapper \$31

Vegetarian entrée to be determined \$23

Meals include classic Caesar salad, broccoli spears, potato gratin, rolls and butter, and dessert table

We will have the ever popular "Gift Auction" with a few "surprise" items from our squadron history! Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped gag gift for this auction.

Please respond to Pat Beckman with your entrée selection by Saturday December 5. patbeckman@woh.rr.com or cell (937) 216-0923 or dbeckman4@woh.rr.com

