



The Scupper

The newsletter of the Erie Power Squadron

A unit of the United States Power Squadrons



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Next Informal Board/Dinner Meeting

Thursday, April 13th at 6:30pm at the Siebenbuerger Club
Thursday, May 11th at 6:30pm at the Siebenbuerger Club
(dinners will move back to Erie Yacht Club when possible)

Bridge Officers

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Secretary	Open	

Important Internet Links

Erie Power Squadron Website	<u>https://www.usps.org/localusps/erie/</u>
District 7 Power Squadron	<u>https://d7usps.org/</u>
United States Power Squadron Website	<u>https://www.usps.org/</u>
America's Boating Club Website	<u>https://americasboatingclub.org/</u>
Erie Power Squadron – Facebook	<u>https://www.facebook.com/EriePowerSquadron</u>
America's Boating Club – Facebook	<u>https://www.facebook.com/uspowersquadrons/</u>
America's Boating Channel – Youtube	<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg</u>

The ABC3 public boating course is in full swing. We have 24 students and are halfway through the class. We can always use more help with proctoring if anyone would like to volunteer. It is a good way to earn a merit mark and a good way to review your own boating knowledge before the start of the season. If you are interested in helping, the class will be continuing for 4 more Monday nights from 7pm to 9pm at the Bayfront Maritime Center. We would be glad to have you there.



Are you aware of the legal requirement for using an engine cut-off switch (ECOS)? This is a requirement that could save your life. For an overview of the importance of specialized safety equipment for recreational boating that will shut down the engine in an emergency, such as the boat operator falling overboard, take time to view a video on the subject. America's Boating Channel™ has produced two videos to help viewers learn about traditional lanyard type devices, as well as the new wireless systems. View "Engine Cut-Off Devices" and "Wear an ECOS" at

<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel>.

These and other safe boating videos are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to [America's Boating Channel on YouTube](#) as a fun and educational introduction to what our organization has to offer.

America's Boating Channel Urges Use of Engine Cut-Off Devices

Are you aware of the legal requirement for using engine cut-off devices? This is a requirement that could save your life.



The requirement to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) took effect on April 1, 2021, and applies to all U.S. waterways, with fines of \$100, \$250, and \$500 for the first, second, and third offenses, respectively. State and local authorities may choose to enforce the law differently, but using an engine cut-off switch is now the law for qualified vessels everywhere in the United States.

The law applies to all personal watercraft and recreational boats under 26 feet with motors capable of 115 pounds of static thrust (a little under 3 horsepower). Boats not currently equipped with an engine cut-off switch are exempt, but that grandfather clause is closing fast. Another recent federal law required manufacturers to install engine cut-off switches on all new boats starting in January 2020.



Videos are available that offer an overview of the importance of specialized safety equipment for recreational boating that will shut down the engine in an emergency such as the boat operator falling overboard. America's

Boating Channel™ produced these videos to help viewers learn about traditional lanyard type devices, as well as the new wireless systems.

Watching videos like "[Engine Cut-Off Devices](https://youtu.be/3J3M8dMzqTk)" (<https://youtu.be/3J3M8dMzqTk>) is an excellent way for boaters to prepare for safer experiences on the water. America's Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled "[Wear an ECOS](https://youtu.be/i0Nu7Gu-JG0)" (<https://youtu.be/i0Nu7Gu-JG0>). It covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities.

You can follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.



Available on YouTube, America's Boating Channel offers quick and easy access to professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

District 7 Spring Conference

March 31 -April 1, 2, 2023

Your D/7 Conference Committee cordially invites you to attend the District 7 Spring Conference. "Let's Get Nautical" will be a fun and informative conference and a celebration featuring the traditional Change of Watch and presentation of awards! The Friday evening Ice Breaker will be a fun party and we are excited to announce that Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin will be our special guests! (Check them out on [www.facebook.com/ FrankDeanandthensome](http://www.facebook.com/FrankDeanandthensome)) Nautical is the suggested attire. Think red, white and blue, lighthouses and anchors or your best sailor suit. There will be a light dinner and a nautical contest. Afterwards, we will adjourn to the D/7 Hospitality Room for dessert. The Hospitality Room will be available for the weekend for all members and guests. Another surprise is that there will be no registration fee for the Conference thanks to the D7 Reverse Raffle! Saturday brings officers meetings and presentations by Guest Speakers and D/7 members. Daytime attire will be Uniform G (short sleeve uniform shirts with black pants). First up is P/D/C Brian Logan, SN who will speak on "Membership is our number one job!" Next, ODNR will present "Hazards of Lake Erie". Award-Winning Island Author, Bob Adamov, will be our key-note speaker for the luncheon. His mystery adventure stories are based in the South Bass Island resort town of Put-In-Bay, the "Key West of the Midwest". Following lunch, the Chief's Representative will share news of all the exciting changes coming for America's Boating Club at the D7 Town Hall Business meeting. Be sure to keep up-to-date on National and District news. The Change of Watch Banquet will salute out-going Commander Roger Hall, SN and welcome incoming Commander James Mason, SN. Uniform A with bow ties or appropriate attire. After dinner, there will be awards and the traditional Change of Watch ceremony. We will have 50/50 raffles on both Friday and Saturday. This helps us make ends meet and keeps costs down while providing a fun ending for the day's events. On Sunday morning, there will D/7 Bridge and Squadron Commanders meetings to wrap up the conference. Please save the dates and make your reservations early. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Spraggins at barb6195@cox.net or Kathy Barber at kmkckenna@bw.edu. The registration deadline is March 25 for the Conference. The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton is offering sleeping rooms at just \$99 plus tax. The hotel deadline is March 22, 2023. Call the Double Tree at 855-610- 8733 to reserve your room. Mention USPS District 7 for the conference rate.



Let's Get Nautical

Registration for D/7 Spring Conference - 31 March - 1-2 April, 2023

Certificate Number	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Grade	Squadron

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Is this your first conference? Yes No



Ice Breaker	\$23 x _____	= _____
Choice of the following sandwich & french fries. Please circle your Choice. Hamburger - Chicken - Fish		
Lunch Selection		
TURKEY CROISSANT	\$25 x _____	= _____
HILTON COBB SALAD	\$25 x _____	= _____
VEGETABLE WRAP	\$25 x _____	= _____
Change of Watch Dinner Selection		
BREAST OF CHICKEN PICCATA	\$37 x _____	= _____
HERB CRUSTED TENDERLOIN	\$49 x _____	= _____
CHEF'S CHOICE VEGETARIAN	\$30 x _____	= _____
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS Please explain:		
Total Amount Due		\$ _____

Make your check payable to District 7 - USPS and mail with this form to:

Tom Hancock, 426 Emerson Ave., North Canton, OH 44720-2308 by **25 March 2023**.

DoubleTree-Cleveland South, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, OH 44131: Hotel reservations should be made directly with the DoubleTree at 855.610.8733 by **22 March 2023**. Please identify yourself as a member of D/7 USPS to receive the special rate. Room rate: \$99/night + taxes.



REGISTRATION FORM

District 7 Summer Rendezvous

20-23 July 2023

Geneva State Park Marina

The Lodge at Geneva-on-The Lake

4888 North Broadway
Geneva-on-the-Lake OH 44041

Rank/Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Squadron	Email	Cell Phone	
		Number	Amount
Thursday	Optional Dinner at The Lake House	_____	_____
Friday Afternoon	Shuttle to Wineries (12:30 PM-4:30 PM) (Must book ahead-1-440-466-7100 EXT 0)	\$50.00/pp +Tx _____	_____
Friday	Pizza and snacks- BYO Beverage	\$ 7.00/PP _____	\$ _____
Saturday AM	Continental Breakfast -Fruit, Donuts, Danish, Coffee, OJ	\$ 5.00/PP _____	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner	At the Lodge-Served		
Choices:	DUO of 4oz grilled Petite Filet and Herb Roasted Chicken Breast	Total Dinner _____	_____
	Braised Beef and Cremini Mushroom Ravioli	Total Dinner _____	_____
	Oven Roasted Walleye	Total Dinner _____	_____
	Vegetarian	Total Dinner _____	_____
<i>Includes Appetizers, Dessert, Reg/Decaf Starbucks Coffee, Assorted Hot Teas Iced Tea, Lemonade, Gratuity Cash bar available</i>			
		\$55.00/PP Total Dinners _____	\$ _____
Sunday AM	Continental Breakfast	\$ 5.00/PP _____	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDED			\$ _____

Please advise any special meal needs: _____

Checks made payable to NCOSPS

Send reservations with this form before 1 June 2023 to:

P/C Harry Barnes, AP
29605 Osborn Rd
Bay Village OH 44140

DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY JUNE 1

America's Boating Channel Smart TV App

The app is officially up and running. There will be a public announcement in April. Currently, it is definitely on Roku TV. There are various individual channels inside the app. Following is a list of what is there.

America's Boating Channel (Seasons 1 – 4)

Boat Fails

Water Sports Foundation

Boating News

American Canoe Association

Boat Races

National Safe Boating Council

US Sailing Team

The Corps Foundation

Boating TV Programs (Flipper and SeaQuest, etc.)

American White Water

Movies for Boaters (Mutiny on the Bounty, etc.)

NASBLA

Cooking on Board

Sea Tow Foundation

Boating Cartoons

Water Solutions Group

Military Films

Safe Kids Worldwide