

Next Meeting: FSPS General Meeting May 4th 2013  
1812 Food & Spirits Restaurant Port Clinton, Oh

May 2013 Issue

## POOP-DECK



### THE NEWS LETTER OF THE FINDLAY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Check out our FSPS Website at

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/findlay>

Next FSPS General Meeting

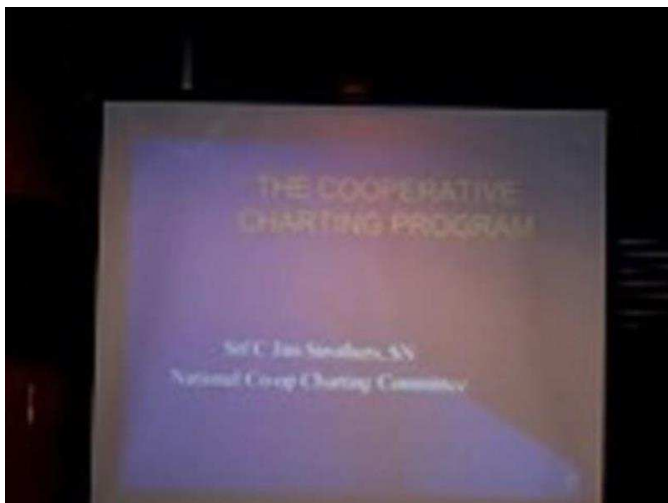
Saturday May 4th 2013

1812 Food & Spirits Restaurant (formerly Island House) in Port Clinton, Oh

It's the same day as the Kentucky Derby, so wear a Derby Hat.

<http://www.1812foodspirits.com/>

Wednesday April 3rd 2013 Findlay Sail & Power Squadron General Dinner Meeting  
held at Steve's Dakota Grill Findlay **Presentation on Cooperative Charting Program**  
By Don Stein



*Findlay Sail & Power Squadron  
General Dinner Meeting April 3rd 2013*



## **JOIN THE FSPS SCHOONER CLUB!**

*The Schooner Club is a group of FSPS members who give a "little extra" to support the squadron and its educational and social activities.*

### **Members receive:**

- Recognition in each issue of the "Poop Deck" newsletter*
- An extra chance to win at each of our raffles*

*Beginning with the first squadron raffle after June 1, 2013, the money donated will be divided into thirds: one third to the squadron, one third to the holder of the winning ticket, and one third to a member of the Schooner Club (if, and only if, that member is present).*

*After the winning raffle ticket has been awarded, a name will be drawn from a bag containing names of all members of the squadron. If the winning member of the squadron is not present, that third of the raffle money goes back in the bag and it will be added to the third of the raffle money collected at the next raffle.*

### **2013 FSPS Schooner Club Membership Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name as you want it listed in the Poop Deck (your name, your boat name, etc)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return with \$25 membership fee to: Dan Clinger

2526 Foxbury Lane  
Findlay OH 45840-7110

**DUE JUNE 1, 2013**

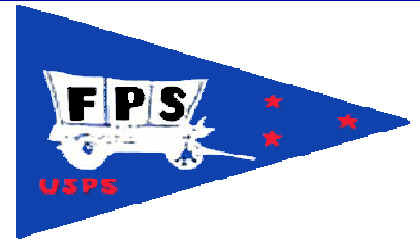
### ***The following are the Schooner members to date.***

- 1. Lucy Won III*
- 2. Milt & Carol Peters*
- 3. Hack 5*
- 4. Thomas Dietsch*
- 5. Kentucky Woman*
- 6. Marilyn & Doug Kerr*
- 7. Liberty 3*

# USPS District 29 Spring Conference 05, 06.07 April 2013



*Findlay Sail & Power Squadron  
Bridge Officers 2013*



*Commander: Connie Leatherman, S*



*Executive Officer: Lu Ann Vandemark, P*



*Administrative Officer: Doris J. Critzer, SN*



*Education Officer: Rick Vandemark, AP*



*Asst Education Officer: James Clemons, AP*



*Secretary: Thomas Dietsch, P*



*Treasure: Daniel Clinger, AP*

*Do you have your boat in the water???? Yeah, neither do I, but I have a little work to do first. Even if you have put your boat in the water, double check a few things.*

*Those things are:*

- Do you have spare dock lines onboard? Are they in good shape and the correct size?*
- Is your anchor rode in good shape?*
- Are your fenders in good condition, clean and free of dirt and debris?*
- Is the overboard pump-out closed and locked?*
- Has the freshwater system been sanitized?*
- Trailer brakes been serviced?*
- AND.....Have you have your vessel check???? (We do that, you know. Contact one of the members to have that done)*

*One good thing is that I went to great sessions at the District Conference at Perrysburg Holiday Inn during the first weekend in April.*

*This session told me not only what to use to clean my boat, but better, what not to use.*

*The other session gave me the opportunity to get my MMSI number. Do you have yours? Get in touch with Rick Vandemark if you would like to have yours.*

*A big BOO RAH for Tom Dietsch for the two awards won at the conference, one for the newsletter and the other for the website. WAY TO GO, TOM!!*

*I hope to see everyone at the "Break the Ice" get together at the Island House in Port Clinton on Derby Day, May 4. It should be a good time!*



Cmdr. Connie Leatherman

*Special Notice*

*Please make sure to call someone or call the restaurant when you can't make it to dinner meeting. We get charged for no-show and we don't want to bust our "bust our budget"...*

*Thanks!! Cmdr. Connie Leatherman*

## **IT'S TIME TO BREAK THE ICE!!**

On May 4 the 2013 Icebreaker dinner will be held at the 1812 Food and Spirits Restaurant located in the Island House Hotel at 102 Madison St in downtown Port Clinton, OH 43452.

This event has grown over the years from a few Lake Erie boaters prepping their boat for another season and getting together for Saturday dinner to one of the premiere meetings of the year. This no business agenda dinner is just a great time socializing with all of your boating friends at a great location overlooking beautiful Lake Erie. Come out for this combined dinner meeting with Columbus, Marion and Findlay.

We have a fantastic buffet menu that includes Chicken Marsala, Fresh Lake Walleye Sautéed with Garlic Butter Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce and Cheese, Broccoli Au Gratin, Tossed Garden and Caesar Salad, Fresh Baked Bread and Butter, Choice of homemade Crème Brulee, NY Style Cheese Cake or Godiva Choc Cheese Cake; Non-Alcoholic Beverages Included

Price \$33.00

RSVP by May 1<sup>st</sup> to Ruth Wilcox at [614-425-8577](tel:614-425-8577) or [ruthwilcox@aol.com](mailto:ruthwilcox@aol.com) if you plan to attend the dinner.

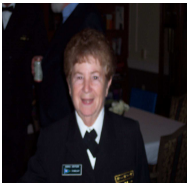
In addition to breaking the ice, it is also Kentucky Derby Day! So dust off those hats ladies and gents, as prizes will be given for the best derby day hat.

Social time and Derby watching 530-7pm

Dinner 7pm

Derby Hat awards 8pm

Want to stay at the Island House for the evening? We have six hotel rooms reserved for those that will be staying the night, 4 king rooms @ \$99.00/night and 2 queens @ \$89.00/night. So book early to reserve your room by calling [419-734-0100](tel:419-734-0100) and tell them SAIL to get the reduced rate. Cutoff date for room reservations is Saturday April 20, 2013. Go online at [www.port-clinton-ohio-hotel.com](http://www.port-clinton-ohio-hotel.com) for more information about this historic hotel



AO Doris Critzer

## **MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

By now, you have probably received your Power Squadrons membership renewal notice. For most of you it is due by the end of May. I ask you to please renew. The Findlay Sail and Power Squadron is a great organization for you and me. In it we have the opportunity to be with boating friends who have interests similar to many of our own; many of these fellow members turn out to be life long friends. We have the opportunity to learn more about our number one hobby - boating; we learn through contact with other boaters, by taking classes or by listening to speakers at a meeting. We have the opportunity to go out to dinner with a friend or spouse about once a month and have a nice meal and pleasant conversation especially during the winter doldrums. All of these benefits are surely worth the cost of membership which is less than 30 cents a day.

**Now go and get your membership renewal letter and re-up, please.**

If you have questions, call me 419 423 8485.

Next ABC class will be 18 May 2013 at the Millstream Adult Education room. Registration is at 7:30, and the class starts promptly at 8:00 AM. I would like a volunteer to teach the personal watercraft section.

The squadron owns a Davis Mark 25 Master sextant serial number F87306. The sextant is in good and serviceable condition. It is, in fact, an excellent instrument that we can be proud to own. The sextant is available to squadron members for learning purposes.

National continues to tease the SEOs with the promise of a new Cruise Planning Course, but no release date has been announced. When the new course is released it will be offered to the squadron.

All of our courses will be online through Boat US, so anyone, member or not, can take any course they want any time they want. I assume the prices will be different for members and non-members. I looked today and still no mention of USPS courses on Boat US, but they will be coming.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Vandemark, AP  
SEO FS&PS



Financial	
Checking Balance 3.21.13	\$4,290.65
Income	
April 50/50	\$48.00
Schnooner Club	\$75.00
Interest	.11
Expenses	
ABC Coures Advertising	\$100.80
April Speakesr Dinner	\$27.94
USPS Shipping	\$20.76
Rick Vandemark shipping	\$24.77
Ending Balance 3.21.13	\$4,234.49



**Treasure:** Daniel Clinger, AP

*FELLOW MEMBERS -- Have you had a change in address, phone number, email, boat name, harbor, marital status, etc. ?*

*If you have any such changes, email them to Doug Kerr ([dougkerr@woh.rr.com](mailto:dougkerr@woh.rr.com)) and he will update the records.*



### Springtime at the Lake

What a beautiful day! I'm writing this on Monday, April 22, and I just got back from a trip to the lake {Port Clinton/Marblehead). I was checking out a house that the family has rented for a reunion this summer. What a great day to be at the water and get excited about boating season!

Buddy and I took a stroll along the path at the launch ramp across from Lakefront Marina. Ah, spring! Ah, water! I'm not sure which one of us enjoyed it more.

I drove past Commander Leatherman's place, but didn't stop. Being a Monday I assumed she was at work. Then I drove past the 1812 Food & Spirits in Port Clinton where we will be having our Ice Breaker dinner party on Saturday, May 4, with the Columbus and Marion squadrons. I hope you all will be there, too.

And I came home with the good news for Rick that Brown's Dairy Dock in Marblehead will open on April 26.

### Change in the Raffle

You all know we have a 50/50 raffle at our meetings. The Executive Committee has decided to add a new twist to this fundraiser. The money taken in will now be divided in thirds. One third will go to the winning ticket drawn from the tickets purchased and one third will go to the squadron treasury.

The new twist is that the final third of the money will go to the member whose name is drawn from a bag containing the names of all paid members. You do not have to buy a ticket to be in this part of the raffle. Every member is included.

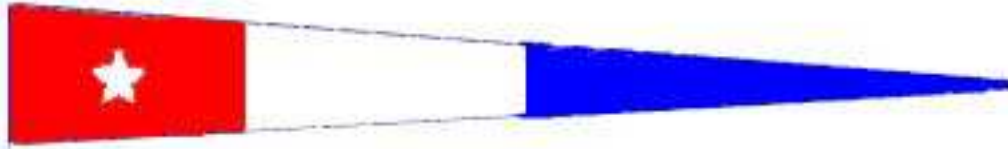
**You must be present to win.** If the winner is not present, that third of the money will be held and added to the total for the member's name drawn at the next raffle. So, it may pay you to come to meetings.

*See you in Port Clinton in May,*

*Lu Ann Vandemark, Executive Officer*



# Findlay Sail & Power Squadron Activities 2013



## FSP Calendar for 2013

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>March</b>			
6th Wednesday	General Meeting	Dinner	Brugeman Lodge
18th Saturday	ABC Class Millstream Career Center		
21st Thursday	Executive Board		Daniel Clinger's Office
<b>April</b>			
3rd Wednesday	General Meeting	Dinner	CoOp Charting Don Stein
5th-7th Fri-Sun	D/29 Spring Conference		Perrysburg
18th Thursday	Executive Board		Daniel Clinger's Office
<b>May</b>			
4th Saturday	Summer Kick-Off		Dinner/Derby Day Island House Port Clinton
16th Thursday	Executive Board		Daniel Clinger's Office
<b>June</b>			
15th Saturday	Rendezvous'		Huron Boat Basin & HYC
<b>July</b>			
26th-28 Fri-Sun	D/29 Summer Council		Sandusky Yacht Club
<b>August</b>			
17th Saturday	Rendezvous' Dinner		Nor'Easter Club
<b>September</b>			
14th Saturday	General Meeting		Annual Fish Fry
<b>October</b>			
2nd Wednesday	General Meeting	Annual Steak/Chicken BBQ	Marina Del Isle
17th Thursday	Executive Board		Daniel Clinger's Office
<b>November</b>			
6th Wednesday	General Meeting	Dinner	
21st Thursday	Executive Board		Daniel Clinger's Office
<b>December</b>			
7th Saturday	General Meeting		Christmas Party
<b>January</b>			
16th Thursday	Executive Board Planning Meeting		Daniel Clinger's Office
25th Saturday	General Meeting		Change of Watch

