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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*"The Indian Lake signs are installed!"*



Hello to all! We have GREAT news! The Indian Lake grant signs are now installed. I really feel these signs are going to have a very positive impact on the life of the USPS. It will really help put the USPS, the Lima Power Squadron and most of all, BOATING SAFETY at the top of boaters' minds. Our sincere thanks go out once again to P/C Tom Schmersal, Lt/C Brad Barton & P/C Rick Kogge for installing them and P/D/C Bill Lewis for marking the locations and taking photos. Also, a big thanks to Tracy Garret of the Columbus squadron for helping us to obtain the grant for these signs....Thanks Tracy!!!

We are attempting to apply for another grant that is available to spread the word on boating safety. If we receive this grant we will use it to do some repairs on our Coastie, run some ads and buy some re-useable banners. We need to do what we can to continue to promote our squadron and the USPS.

Fall Conference is Oct. 21-23, so if you haven't signed up, please do so today. Toledo is putting it on and has provided each squadron with a kit to build a small ship. Our very own Brad Barton did the honors of building the ship....Thanks Brad! The ship also needed to be decorated. Debbie Birt used her wonderful, artsy talent to decorate the ship....Thanks Debbie! It's teamwork such as this that helps to make our squadron thrive!

*Remember: The more involved you are*

*-The more fun you have!*



COMMANDER PENNY KOGGE

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6 OCTOBER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: PANGLE BUILDING

13 OCTOBER

DINNER MEETING

TIME: 1830

PLACE: CASA LUAL

21-23 OCTOBER

D29 FALL CONFERENCE

PLACE: FRENCH QUARTER, PERRYSBURG

3 NOVEMBER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

TIME: 1930

PLACE: PANGLE BUILDING

12 NOVEMBER

DINNER MEETING



### BRIDGE OFFICERS

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**Treasurer:** Bea Zuppardo, AP 419-229-7591

# DINNER MEETING

13 OCTOBER 2011

## CASA LUAL

2323 N. West St., Lima

1830 Social

1900 Dinner – Limited menu

2000 Business Meeting

Speaker: Travis Martin,  
Indian Lake Watercraft Officer

**DINNER MEETING**  
**RSVP - card**

### Important Note....

We know everyone is busy and it's hard to make a decision on the spot when the dinner meeting callers call you, so.....

You will NOT be getting a call for your reservation.

You will instead receive a reminder card by either snail mail or email. Then it will be up to you to contact us to let us know if you can make the dinner meeting. We hope this change will make it more

convenient for everyone.

Thank You

Hope to See You Soon!



TO COME TO A DINNER MEETING  
BECAUSE...

**I have an important item  
to present to you.**

P/D/C DENNIS ROETTGER

P/C PAUL BASSINGER

P/C STEVE McCLINTOCK

GENE SCHRAM

PHIL TREGLIA

KEN STARR

ROLLAND ETTER

FRED EVERS

ALAN CLARK

MICHAEL COFFMAN

MICHAEL HAMLIN

RICKEY HAMLIN

JOSHUA HEPPEARD

VICKI LAMERSON

JEFFREY LANE

STEVE MILLER

BROC PATTON

CARLOS PATTON

HALEY QUINONES

MARCUS QUINONES

AIDEN QUINONES

SEAN QUINONES

CLINTON TOLLAND

CODY ROLLAND

**Hope to see you soon.**

Cdr. Penny Kogge

### Special Note:

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

"bust our budget"....

Thanks!!! Cdr. Penny Kogge

### EDUCATION DEPT.

Hope everyone had a summer full of boating. I hate to see summer come to an end, but I guess we have next year! It is a sad time when we have to winterize our boats and send them to storage. But now is a good time to take a class or two.

The Lima Power Squadron educational department will be offering Engine Maintenance this fall. The class will be starting on October 18th (Tues.) at the Ford Training Center in Lima. The classes should be completed by Christmas. Please contact me if you are interested in this class. My phone number is 419-233-0973.

After the first of the year we will be offering Seamanship classes. Please watch The L for more information on classes in the coming months.

SEO P/C Tom Schmersal, JN

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**LIMA POWER SQUADRON  
1 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
PANGLE BUILDING**

**Commander Penny Kogge** called the meeting to order at 1930, with the following members in attendance: Penny Kogge, Brad Barton, Bea Zuppardo, Bill and Lea Lewis, Wally and Jim Chamberlin, Jim Bowers, Mike and Debbie Birt, Tom Wilkins, Stan Maxson, Armin Diller, Mike Lyons, Tom Schmursal and Jim Vorst. The minutes from the last meeting were distributed to those attending, and were approved as written.

**Executive Officer, Lt/C Mike Birt, P:**

**Public Relations Officer, P/C Armin Diller, SN** reported he has been working on a government grant request to cover costs associated with advertizing, signs/banners, working on Coastie and the like. Armin made a motion, seconded by Mike Lyons, which reads, "I move the Executive Board of the Lima Power Squadron authorize, empower, and direct the Commander and Squadron Education Officer to execute and deliver, on behalf of this Squadron, any and all assurances of compliance with the ODNR 2012 Boating Safety Education grant program and to execute any and all documents, on behalf of this Squadron, to that end." The motion was passed unanimously.

**VSC Chairman, P/C Mike Lyons, SN** reported the Vessel Safety Checks are winding down for the year, and he has no final count.

**Educational Officer: P/C Tom Schmursal, SN** reported the ABC course is scheduled for Mondays, 7, 14, 21 Nov 2011, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Red Cross building. Seamanship will follow, starting 28 Nov. The Weather course is on hold for want of an instructor, but Armin agreed to teach Engine Maintenance starting 18 Oct 2011.

**Administrative Officer: Lt/C Jim Bowers, S** reported the next dinner meeting will be 13 Oct 2011 at the Casa LuAl in Lima. Social is at 1830 with dinner at 1900. Travis Martin, a State Watercraft Officer, will speak on search and rescue procedures and law enforcement as it relates to boating. Bea will send out the reminder cards.

**Membership chairman, Tom Wilkins, SN** reported he will get a list of the new "6-months free" members together for a letter to be sent, inviting them to the dinner meeting. Jim Bowers said he will do the letters.

The **Lake Cruise** went well, with 7 or 8 boats making the trip to Put-in-Bay. The remnants of Hurricane Irene made for more wind than was needed.

Lt/C Mike Birt, P commented that Louisville, KY has been mentioned as a destination for next year's **River Cruise**.

**Ways and Means, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP** said she will have a raffle at the next dinner meeting.

**Treasurer, Lt/C Bea Zuppardo, AP** reported we have \$6,223.96 in our CD, and \$6,940.85 in the Fifth Third account, for a total of \$13,164.81 as of 31 Aug 2011.

**Commander Penny** asked for delegates to the Fall Conference, with the following result: Delegates are Penny Kogge, Tom Schmursal, Dan Mullane, Debbie Birt, Brad Barton, Carmen Mullane(alt.), Rick Kogge( alt.)

**Webmaster P/C Armin Diller, SN** reported the fall class offerings are on the website, as well as some recently suggested changes from National. Check it out.

**Old Business:** Armin said that work on the changes to the bylaws continues. He has a couple of e-mails out, and would appreciate whatever help anyone can offer in this effort.

**Commander Penny** asked for a volunteer to paint and decorate the model boat for the contest at the Fall Conference. Debbie Birt said she would give it a try. Anybody wanting to help, contact Debbie or Penny.

**New Business:** It was noted that National is getting pickier about merit marks. Just holding a seat doesn't get you one.

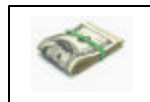
Thank you to P/C Bud Poling, AP for the use of the facility. Motion to adjourn by Tom Schmursal, seconded by Jim Bowers. Commander Kogge adjourned the meeting at 2036.

Next E-Board meeting: 6 Oct 2011

Respectfully submitted, Brad Barton, JN, Secretary



# WANTED – REWARD OFFERED!!!



Have you seen any vessels flying the USPS ensign? As a proud member of USPS, do you fly the ensign? Read on to find out how to participate in the D29 \$100 Ensign Raffle.

At the District Fall Conference scheduled for 21 October, a raffle drawing will be conducted to determine the winner of the \$100 prize. To participate in the raffle, your vessel has to fly the USPS ensign and be reported as spotted by another member subject to the following directions and rules.

- 1) If you spot a boat flying the ensign on the water or even in a marina or yacht club, hail the boat on channel 9, identify yourself and move to a working channel for further contact.
- 2) Get the name of the vessel, its owner, the home port and squadron, and submit it to D29.
- 3) If you are also flying the ensign, provide the appropriate information pertaining to your vessel and ask that it be forwarded in accordance with these rules.
- 4) Identify the location where the contact took place (longitude/latitude, proximate port, etc).
- 5) Submit the detail of the encounter, including your name and squadron to District 29 by email to [safeboatingclass@aol.com](mailto:safeboatingclass@aol.com).
- 6) On receipt of the submission, you and the other vessel will each be added to the list of participants. If the other vessel also submits the information, you will each get 2 chances to win. NOTE: Multiple submissions are admissible as long as sent by different members and at different locations. Sightings at District 29 functions are acceptable also.

**419-** - All participants will be contacted to confirm eligibility. Drawing will take place Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the Fall Conference. You need not be present to win the \$100 prize; however, if you are present, an additional \$25 will be paid to you.

Our organization promotes camaraderie and this program certainly seeks that objective. Help us make it a success.

Any questions may be addressed to D/Lt Tracy Garrett at [safeboatingclass@aol.com](mailto:safeboatingclass@aol.com) or by phone at 614-488-4758



## LIMA ROSTER CHANGE(S) or CORRECTIONS

The roster is printed at the first of each year so if you have changes throughout the year turn them in and it will be corrected for the next roster printed.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Hailing Port \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you have changes that need to be in the next  
**ROSTER**

Please report them to:

P/C Mike Lyons at [mlyons@wcoil.com](mailto:mlyons@wcoil.com)

Or mail them to:

Mike Lyons 519 King Ave. Lima, OH 45805

Thanks! Cdr. Penny Kogge

## ROSTER CHANGES

These are some recent roster changes that I'm not sure everyone has. Please update your roster as follows:

Don Berlin's email address –  
[dberlin@cobridge.tv](mailto:dberlin@cobridge.tv)

Gene Schram's address –  
**10472 Office Dr., Ottawa, OH 45875**

Jim Vorst's email address –  
[jim@vorstcustomcabinets.com](mailto:jim@vorstcustomcabinets.com)

Ron & Shauna Ziegler's address & phone –  
**5466 Wilson Dr., Celina, OH 45822**  
**937-916-6092**

It is with great sadness that we have lost two members this year.

**Odos Craig & Virginia Forest**

Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES



Try to get involved as much as you can so that **YOU** have more chances to get **YOUR** name drawn. Have **YOUR** membership **DUES** paid by the squadron!

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

It is time to put your yard signs out. If you don't have one, I can get one to you. Also tell your boating friends about our class starting in November as you take your boats out of the water this month. These are no-cost ways to promote our classes. Help us fill up our class enabling us to fulfill our goal of safe boating thru education. Also we might get a few new members from the class.

P/C Armin Diller, SN

## BYLAWS

Lima's bylaws were updated in 2004. National wants them updated again because there have been several changes, mostly in wording and member categories.

I have used the national model bylaws to update ours. Lima made no changes; all changes made are from National.

We must now start the process of approving the bylaws. I will have some copies at the November dinner meeting and the January dinner meeting. We will vote on them at the January dinner meeting.

I would like to keep the cost of print down, so I can email the new bylaws and a list of the changes to anyone interested. If you want a copy sent to you email me at [dillera@centurylink.net](mailto:dillera@centurylink.net).

P/C Armin Diller, SN

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 JAN LOWE  
 SEA HORSE  
 KEY NORTH  
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 BIG MAX  
 ESCAPE  
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Do you have boating equipment or nautical items that you'd like to buy-sell-trade???

Email your info to me and we'll get it listed - [penkogrocks@yahoo.com](mailto:penkogrocks@yahoo.com)

# USPS D/29 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

21, 22, 23 October 2011

The Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio

Host:

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron

Please read carefully:

Anyone attending this Conference must register using this form. Anyone attending and not partaking in the meals, please complete this registration form and send in. The District Conference Committee is surveying numbers for future conferences. **Delegates must use this form to register.** Your squadron will send your fees directly to the D/29 Treasurer.

Is this your 1<sup>st</sup> District Conference? Yes \_\_\_

If yes, please plan to attend First Timer's Reception, Friday evening, 21 October @ 2030.

Lunch Menu – Deli Lunch Buffet includes sliced deli meats, assorted cheeses, cole slaw, tossed salad, assorted bread/rolls, chips and condiments, hot/cold tea, lemonade, reg/decaf coffee.

Dinner Menu – Please choose one hot entrée listed:  
Smothered Chicken Breast with Cheese  
Vegetarian Pasta  
Swiss Steak

Dinner includes: Betty salad (Ranch or Betty's dressing), Garlic mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, warm rolls/butter and beverage. Dessert: Rainbow Sherbet.

Special dietary needs? Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: For Lunch only: \$12.00 For Dinner only: \$21.00 Both Lunch and Dinner: \$31.00**

Please print & fill in the information below and mail to the address indicated.

Rank	Name	Grade	Lunch	Dinner			Delegate?	
				Chicken	Pasta	Steak	(circle) yes no	yes no
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Guest	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Guest	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please send this completed Registration Form and Check – payable to USPS District 29.

**DEADLINE: REGISTRATION AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY 17 OCTOBER 2011.**

Mail to: D/Lt/C Gerald R. Smetzer, JN; 4863 Woodland Dr.; Port Clinton, OH 43452

For any questions, please direct them to:

D/29 Conference Chairman, P/D/C Dennis Roettger, SN @ 937.538.0316 or P/D/C Wm C. Hall, AP @ 419.341.0747

## Hotel Reservations

Call the hotel directly for room reservations @ 888.874.2592; mention group code "POW".

**All room rates are \$80 per night** plus the tax of 9.5%.

Call in your room reservation as soon as possible for your personal room choice!

Room types available\*\*: Jacuzzi King, Holidome King w/sofa bed (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> floor), Standard King w/sofa bed, Standard King with sofa bed (smoking), Standard 2 double beds, King w/sofa bed (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> floor).

\*\* Some room types are limited in number (call and reserve early).



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