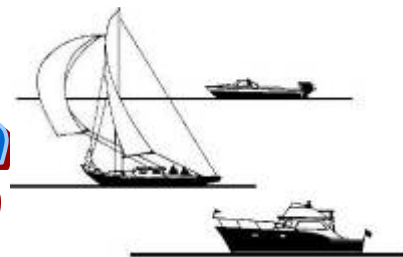




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FROM THE COMMANDER Cdr James F Hoffee, JN



The month of May has all the necessary ingredients for us as boaters. SCPS conducts a 4 night ABC Safe Boating Class to help prepare some of us in this area during National Safe Boating Week. It will be instructed by our Education Officer, P/C Chip Cassidy, JN. Spread the word. We can and will make sure our water-craft will pass a Vessel Safety Check. Our boats are as safe as it gets when they don't get used. To resolve this matter, this month we can begin by preparing" ourselves" and our watercraft for a launch and water test. Temperatures are perfect for short sleeves and shorts for all the effort needed. It may take several sea trials to get everything working well for our new boating season. At times this can easily take up a significant part of June as well. WE can't have that, so 'Let's Get Started'. I suggest that you look everything over thoroughly and if it looks seaworthy and safe, float it so you can get an early start on enjoying it. At this sea trial you, LOOK, LISTEN,

and FEEL as you go and constantly give thought for comparison to what has been familiar and comfortable to you last time out. Pay particular attention to NORMAL power and smoothness, the cooling system and battery/voltage. If something doesn't seem right we'll fix it for our next sea trial, right? And, if you are a trailer-er, get to those wheel bearings before you tow for more than 20 miles the 1st travel out for the launch. Hopefully you will somehow enjoy all this drama as I do, so we can be ready to enjoy the PARTY at arrival time, instead of sitting or selling it.

Speaking of the party- a-float, SCPS has many activities planned. Check our Calendar of Events! 8-10 June- Maumee Bay, 29 June ! July- Bay Point Resort in Sandusky. (THIS IS A SCHEDULE CHANGE). This is also an event that EVERY SCPS member with guest can enjoy by wheels and/or any size water-craft! I feel this area, rich in sand and warm water, offers the most and best of our (Continued on page 2)



WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION SEO P/C DONALD (CHIP) CASSIDY, JN**Class update for Spring 2012.**Navigation

Instructors – Joanne Hancock, SN, Fritz Spring, SN

The participants – Jim Hoffee, JN – Linda Leque, JN - Ed Mali, JN – Bill Wood, JN are meeting at the ACME Grocery Store and

continuing the course.

Thanks to these members for being involved in continuing education!

Seamanship

Trey McCoy has completed the Seamanship exam, and we are waiting for the results. Thanks to Bill Wood, JN for mentoring him in this process.

Piloting

Henry Kofol, S, is continuing this course. Again, thanks to Bill Wood, JN for mentoring him in this process.

ABC

Again, we will offer ABC – Safe Boating on 22, 24, 29, and 31 May (during National Safe Boating Week) at the North Canton ACME Grocery Store. The address is: 1474 North Main Street – North Canton, OH 44720. The class will be held in the “community room” at the rear of the store. You enter the main doors at the front and walk through the store to the back. This class will be taught by P/C Chip Cassidy, JN, and will begin at 1900 hours until 2100 hours on each of the four evenings with the exam being given on the evening of 31 May following a review. This four-session course in two weeks will meet the NASBLA safe boating course requirements.

Class update for Fall 2012.

Seamanship Instructor – Bill Wood, JN

Begin date is 11 September (usually lasts six to eight weeks) Cost: \$47.00 for the workbook. (\$62.00 for non-members) Location: TBD (probably GlenOak High School)

Piloting Instructor -- ????????

Begin date is 11 September (usually lasts six to eight weeks) Cost: \$51.00 for the workbook. (\$66.00 for non-members)

Location: TBD (probably GlenOak High School)

Please call me if you are interested in instructing Piloting or taking another elective or advanced course. Thanks.....

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fortunate to have North Coast. SCPS would be pleased to see our new members enjoy all this beauty and fun! On 3-5 August we have a THREE River ROMP Rendezvous that SCPS shares with all of District 7, packed full of fun-filled events all three days! In a Welcome Letter from the Mayor of the City of Parkersburg, West Virginia it seems like the city is offering everything but a free motel room. There is a lot of enthusiasm here and a chance to burn more fuel and money with your water-craft than you ever dreamed of on that smoooooth & never ending Ohio River. I can show you how. Again, new members show up and bring what ever watercraft you might have, we'd like to see you share the fun in this event, with your kayak or something that might use a lot of fuel. One more thing that should be ready by the end of May will be a Boating Events Schedule for all D/7 Squadrons activities planned. Any SCPS member is welcome to share these activities as well. See you a-float.



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**DEADLINE FOR THE
JUNE 2012 ISSUE
IS 25 MAY 2012**

Board of Directors/General Membership Meeting
Price Park Shelter
1000 W Maple St
Tuesday, June 5, 2012
1800 (6 pm)



The squadron will provide pizza and beverage. Please bring a covered dish to share.
Bring your own table service and utensils for eating.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Reservations by Monday, June 4th through Sail Angle or to Joanne Hancock
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER D/LT JOANNE HANCOCK,SN

The boating season is rapidly approaching (it has already started for some members) so mark your calendars for the most immediate activities and functions.

Wednesday, 2 May, 1800 (6 pm), Meeting at Sippo Lake

Tuesday, Thursday, 22, 24, 29, 31 May, Public boating course at North Canton Acme store

Tuesday, 5 June, 1800 (6 pm), Meeting at Price Park

Friday – Sunday, 8 – 10th June, Cruise to Maumee State Park

In conjunction with our safe boating philosophy, contact Cathy Dunlap, our squadron vessel safety chair, to schedule a vessel safety inspection. Offer to schedule a safety inspection for your dock friends to increase boating safety on our waters.

Plan on participating in our squadron co-op charting activities. Let's inform NOAA and the Army Corps of Engineers of chart discrepancies to increase boating safety on our waters.

Consult the current Soundings or read your Sail Angle announcements for details on all upcoming events.

We have an exciting year planned, full of activities and fun, so plan on attending, participating and helping out. If you have any suggestions or ideas to make our squadron even better, feel free to speak to any bridge member. See you on the water!

**Roster News**

The 2012-13 Stark County Power Squadron Rosters are now available. Obtain your copy at any upcoming meeting and/or event because we are not mailing copies this year to minimize mailing costs. This year a PDF version of the roster will be available on Sail Angle. Use the following link to access the PDF version.

http://www.sailangle.com/uploads/group/files/2069/0aa3723cc086_stark%20county%20power%20squadron_rost.pdf

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

D/LT LYNDA C. LEQUE, JN



The goal of District 7 and Stark County Power Squadron is **MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND MEMBER RETENTION**. We are excited to welcome our recent ABC3 graduates as new members and encourage them to become active in boating education, fellowship, and events. We are also eager to encourage each of our members to renew and continue their participation in the activities of our Squadron. Together, we can continue to share the pleasures of boating! Life is good when it involves boating!!!



3 SCPS Past Commanders recently at Ft. Myers Beach, Florida
P/C Larry Staudt, 1983 P/C Lynda Leque, 2010-2012
and P/C Fritz Spring, 1987

Please note the date change of the SCPS Bay Point Rendezvous from the date posted in the roster to 29 June to 1 July. We had a scheduling conflict with Bay Point and had to move the event to one weekend later. Please mark your calendars accordingly and watch for details in the June *Soundings*. This is always a great event and Bay Point has much to offer for boaters and non-boaters alike.

Three River Romp 3-5 August 2012

D 7 Summer Rendezvous and Cruise "A Network of Friends and Fun"

The Mid-Ohio Valley Sail and Power Squadron invites you to join D/C Wayne Powers and the District 7 Bridge for a weekend of boating and fellowship on the Ohio, Little Kanawha and Muskingum Rivers.



Schedule of Activities

Friday, 3 August

Enjoy the rivers at your leisure; visit our museums; shop at the Mall (Parkersburg, WV) or Front Street (Marietta, OH)

1730-1930 Check-in, Dinner and Fellowship at the Boathouse Bar BQ (218 Virginia St., Marietta, OH)

Saturday, 4 August

1100-1400 Visit with D7 boaters at the Pavilion on Blennerhasset Island.

1100-1300 Enjoy brunch at the Pavilion

1300-1400 Visit the Blennerhassett Mansion or tour the Island by horse-drawn wagon (tickets can be purchased on the Island)

1400-1600 Join the D7 Raft for the time of your life as we float down the Ohio River together

1730-2030 Frolic at the Commander's Cocktail Party and Dinner at Buzzy Dils Park on the river in Vienna, WV

Sunday, 5 August

1000 Tailgate brunch and meeting at Point Park at the confluence of the Ohio and Little Kanawha Rivers

1100-1400 Little Kanawha River Cruise with lunch on your own at the Corral on the river

Enjoy the three rivers

Before leaving Parkersburg plan to visit Fort Boreman Park for a fantastic view of the rivers, island and city.

If you have questions please contact MOVSPS Commander Dick Hansel (304.863.6332) or D/7 Cruise Chair Barbara Fish (304.485.4443)

**In observance of
2012 National Safe
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Stark County
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**Safe boating through
education.
Safe boating saves lives!**



**The 4 session course will be held
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May 22, 24, 29 and 31, 2012
7:00 PM—9:00 PM**

**★No pre-registration required—just show up★
Classes held at the North Canton Acme Store
1474 N. Main Street
in the 'community room' located at the
rear of the store**

**Instruction is FREE
a \$35.00 charge covers the coursework
& testing materials or pay a \$5.00 fee to
take the exam without purchasing
coursework materials (the exam will be
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SCPS 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2 May	Board of Directors/ Membership Meeting/ Launch Party Sippo Lake Park 1800	8-10 June	SCPS Maumee Bay State Park Rendezvous Contact: Joanne Hancock
21-27 May	National Safe Boating Week	28-29 June 1 July	SCPS Lake Erie Rendezvous Bay Point Resort Note date change Watch for more info next month
22, 24, 29, 31 May	America's Boating Course North Canton Acme, Rear of Store See pages 2 and 7 1900-2100	3-5 August	D-7 Rendezvous- Ohio River See page 6
5 June	Board of Directors/ Membership Meeting: 1930 Price Park North Canton	25 August	Co-op Charting/ APS Corn Roast Sandusky Contact: Joanne Hancock

