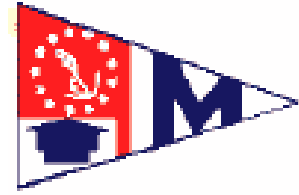




# Mansfield YACHTSMAN



May/June

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2021

## From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Jay Wells, AP

### Hello from stay home Ohio.

Hello from the bridge. It is getting close to spring, and that means time to prepare our boats for the water, and summer boating season.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first, and hopefully only, virtual Change of Watch. The new bridge will be installed, and we want to welcome our new SEO, Denise Tenison. We want to thank our long time SEO Shirley Fort for many years of faithful service. Shirley has promised to be of assistance as Denise assumes the new position. When we asked Shirley how long she had served as SEO, she said she wasn't sure, but we know it has been many years. Thanks Shirley, for a job well done.

We are going to try to get back to a more normal year this season, starting with the publication of the Yachtsman. It has been a difficult time to try and do our normal or any new functions this past year. I feel and hope that we can begin to work our way back into doing things near normal this summer. We are going to schedule activities, and if they don't work we can cancel later, but I hope with vaccinations getting better we will feel comfortable getting together again. It sure would be nice to see you in person instead of on a small screen.

We will be scheduling our May exec. and member meeting at the Red Cross on May 11, at 6:30 pm. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. If anyone has suggestions of activities to do or places to go, please contact P/C Lynn Fortman Administration Officer. We are always open for new ideas. I would also like to add some speakers or anything of interest to our member meetings if anyone has some ideas for that, please let us now, and we would be excited to have something of interest for you to take part in.

I hope you all have a great spring and summer. I will be looking forward to seeing you on land or on the water soon.

Cdr. Jay

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Welcome to a new year with the Mansfield Power Squadron! I hope that you've kept yourself healthy, busy and productive during our hiatus from activities during our last year. Hopefully, our social outings this year will join our new members/ABC graduates with our current friends.

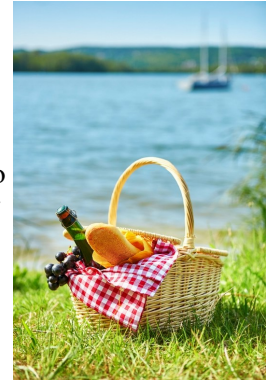
**We will begin our experiences together on Saturday, May 15 at 1200 when we will meet at the newly opened and very impressive Kingwood Center Gateway Reception Building.**

The cost to enter Kingwood is \$5.00 per person which includes parking. No entrance fee is charged for children under the age of 12. There are tables located outside on the patio where we can enjoy our lunch from the Gateway Cafe beginning at noon. We will then plan a walk around the grounds and a tour of the greenhouse on our own. Wear your most comfortable walking shoes and bring your phone/camera to get ideas for your home's landscaping. Please RSVP to Lynn Fortman at 419.975.9724 by Wednesday, May 12.



**Our second outing for May will be our annual Education Awards Picnic to be held on Thursday, May 27 with Social Hour beginning at 1700.**

Lt/C Denise Tennison, SN, our new Squadron Education Officer, will be in charge of the awards for this event when we recognize the accomplishments of our members in their quest to become safer boaters. To honor our members and newest ABC graduates, we will be catering the meal for the evening. Your only responsibility will be to bring yourself, your table place setting and your beverage. If you do plan to eat, please be sure to RSVP at 419.975.9724 by Wednesday, May 26.



**June brings us to Mohican State Park on Saturday, June 26 at 1200** as we meet at the covered bridge with our own chairs for a brown bag lunch brought from your home before we embark on a hike after lunch. RSVP at 419.975.9724 by Wed. June 23.

See you soon and be sure to stay well!



## From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, SN

### EYE SAFETY



Having been a five year old child when I received my first pair of glasses, it only seems natural to place great value on my eyes while doing anything, especially boating. Dealing with all of the natural elements, especially the glare of the sun off of the water, can be a challenge that we all face while considering eye protection while boating. After some brief research I was able to see that there are a myriad of types and brands of eyewear to choose from. So how do we make the best choice?

I read recently about an experience that was had by Anderson Cooper. It seems that he was boating in 2012 without sunglasses and got a case of photo keratitis (sunburn of the cornea, commonly known as “snow blindness”). He later said that he would wake up in the middle of the night and it felt like his eyes were on fire. “Ouch”! When I worked around welders in the factory it would be common to have a similar problem. This happened to me once and it can be a bit frightening. Of course this can be a common problem for anyone that spends much time in areas covered in snow, ice or water as the sun reflects off of these surfaces. While the symptoms of redness, discomfort, gritty feeling in the eyes and extreme sensitivity are short term, over time, exposure to excessive UV rays can do long-term damage to your eyes. According to the American Optometric Association, the more your eyes are exposed to solar radiation, the greater the risk of developing cataracts or age-related macular degeneration. So, for boaters in particular, having a good pair of sunglasses is critical.

There are two essential attributes all sunglasses should have from the protective perspective: They should block out 99% of the sun’s UV-A and UV-B radiation and they should cut visible light transmission by at least 75%. Many manufacturers

specify how much visible light transmission their lenses block. This may help with your choice. Boaters should add a third feature, polarization, as a matter of safety. Polarization in and of itself doesn’t offer your eyes additional protection, but it’s glare restricting effect does help you see through water more clearly. That means you are more likely to spot things like sandbars or logs just sitting under the water’s surface.

Another feature of course in comfort. The sunglasses won’t help you if you can’t wear them. Everyone’s head is different so you have to choose the style that is right for you. A good rule of thumb though is that lighter sunglasses are less likely to cause discomfort. Size matters too. They must fit well. Wrap around glasses seem to work best for most boaters.

How about lens color? Here’s some information on this:

**Gray-** Minimum color distortion, good all around choice for various conditions.

**Blue-** Best in very bright light.

**Green-** Good for enhanced contrast in bright light.

**Copper-** Good intermittent choice for varying bright and low light conditions.

**Amber-** Best for low and indirect lighting, such as peering through the water at obstructions.

**Rose-** Good for enhanced contrast in varying bright and low light conditions

Bearing all of these factors in mind, at least now you know what is important as you consider which new pair of sunglasses will provide you with the best view for you.

Yours in safe boating,

P/C Dan Fortman, SN



#### Yachtsman Donor

If you are interested in helping to support the printing and mailing cost, a \$10 or \$20 donation is always appreciated. Please send your contribution made payable to Mansfield Power Squadron to: P/R/C Tom Etwiler, SN  
2581 Millsboro Rd. E. Mansfield, Ohio 44903-8784.

## From the Education Officer

Lt/C Denise Tenison, SN



### “JUST DO IT!”

Thank You One and All

Squadron Education Officer and Shirley Fort are synonymous.

Shirley has served as SEO of the Mansfield Power Squadron for many, many years. She is just not sure of exactly howmany.

When asked what she enjoyed the most about being SEO, she responded, “I liked teaching...the navigation teaching part...the old-fashioned things.” Also, “I liked doing the awards...like the Perry Millikin - Burke Brewer Award for teaching excellence!” The most fun class Shirley remembered came quickly, “The Engine Maintenance Class for Women. John (Fort) taught it.” There were about 25 women who took the class. He had to start with the basics – like identifying a wrench. He wasn’t allowed to use the words, “You know where”, (because it couldn’t be assumed one knew), or he had to buy dinner. The most frustrating part of the job according to Shirley, “There is so much to be learned” and few wanting to learn it. “I have all these great instructors ready to teach.”

Many of the great instructors Shirley speaks of are included in the following list, but several have taught (or can teach) or have assisted with other courses (including Shirley) in addition to those beside their names:

ABC Course	P/Stf/C Garry Schroeder, SN; Chandler Stevens Jr., AP
Boat Handling (formerly Seamanship)	P/C Dennis J. Figley, SN
Marine Navigation (Piloting)	P/C Michael A. Siwek, SN
Advanced Marine Navigation (Adv. Piloting)	P/C Mike Siwek, SN
Offshore Navigation (JN)	P/Lt/C Wayne Hammond, SN
Celestial Navigation (N)	P/Lt./C Wayne Hammond, SN
Engine Maintenance	P/C John E. Fort, SN
Marine Electrical Systems	Cdr Jay D. Wells, AP
Marine Communications	Cdr Jay D. Wells, AP
Electronic Navigation	Cdr Jay D. Wells, AP
Sail	P/Lt/C James E. Jackson, SN
Weather	P/R/C Thomas C. Etwiler, SN

Shirley did get some students who did wish to learn however, maybe just not as many as in the past. Those students appreciate the excellent job she has done and her hard work and the work of the many other fine instructors. Dan and Lynn Fortman, my husband, Dennis Tenison and I, recently completed all the courses required to achieve Senior Navigator (SN). We are grateful Shirley and a fine team was there to guide us on this journey as we set sail on a course to each class and navigated to our destination. We thank you Shirley! Thank you all!

I look forward to continue to promote and provide boater education to the public and all in the Mansfield Power Squadron!

The Mansfield Yachtsman is published every other month.

The editor reserves the right to edit any articles submitted for size, clarity, spelling and grammar. The editor also reserves the right to omit any submitted article due to space limitations.

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Send your articles and pictures to Irene Rodriguez at [rodriguezri@artistirene.com](mailto:rodriguezri@artistirene.com)

Deadline for the Yachtsman articles is the 15th of Dec, Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct.



## **EVENT SCHEDULE - MANSFIELD POWER SQUADRON**



### **2021-2022**

Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, all plans are tentative. For the safety of all members, we will continue to respect the need for masks, social distancing and handwashing at all of our future events based upon current CDC Guidelines.

### **2021**

- March** 9 Executive/Membership Meeting on Zoom at 1830
- April** 9-10 D/7 Tele-Conference
- 13 Executive/Membership Meeting and Change of Watch at 1830 on Zoom
- May** 11 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830 at the Red Cross Building
- 15 Kingwood Center Outing – Lunch at Kingwood Center’s new Gateway Reception Building at 1200 followed by a Kingwood Garden Walk. Five dollars to enter Kingwood and parking is free as are children under age 12. RSVP by Wed. May 12.
- 22-28 Safe Boating Week
- 27 Education Awards Picnic at Lexington Reservoir #2 Shelter; You must provide your own beverage and table service. Under Covid guidelines, picnic dinner will be provided. Social hour begins at 1700. RSVP by Wed. May 26.
- June** 8 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830
- 26 Rocking by the River- Meet at Mohican Covered Bridge; Bring your own picnic lunch, beverage and chair. Social hour to begin at 1200. Hiking will be an option for those interested after lunch. RSVP by Wed. June 23
- July** No Executive/Membership Meeting
- 11 Sunday Snacks and Music outside at The Red Fern Inn/Rocky Point Winery in Marblehead at 1400. RSVP by Wed. July 7
- 30- Aug. 1 D/7 Rendezvous to Middle Bass Island (Reservations due to D/7 by July 22)
- August** 10 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830
- TBD Geodetic Marker Search (weekday afternoon) and lunch.
- Sept.** 14 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830
- Fall ABC Classes/Advanced Grade Classes begin- Contact SEO Denise Tenison, SN
- 23 Fall Equinox Party outside at the North Pavilion in Shelby; 1700 Social Hour. RSVP by Wed. Sept. 22.
- Oct.** 8-10 D/7 Penta Conference at Kalahari Resort
- 12 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830 “Pass the Hat” for Mansfield Food Bank
- 16 Ferry to Kelley’s Island for a scavenger hunt on golf carts-early dinner on Island. Leaving from Marblehead Ferry Dock at approximately 1000. RSVP by Wed. Oct. 13.
- Nov.** 9 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830 Salute to Veterans Dessert Banquet
- 24 Madrigal Feast at Ashland University-early RSVP/payment required by Sept. 22
- Dec.** 5 Christmas Party at the Lexington Depot
- 14 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830



## 2022

- Jan.** 11 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830  
Spring ABC Classes/Advanced Grade Classes begin- contact SEO Denise Tenison, SN  
Boat Show West, Cleveland- Check D/7 Website to help
- Feb.** 8 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830  
National United States Power Squadron Meeting
- March** 12 Executive Mtg at 1600/ Annual Mtg at 1700; Potluck Dinner at Lexington Depot.  
Social Hour begins when the Annual Mtg. is adjourned.
- April** 12 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830  
23 Change of Watch at a local Mansfield Restaurant

\* Contact your Administrative Officer, Lynn Fortman, at **419.975.9724 for all RSVP requests**. If you are interested in a venue for a rendezvous at another date/location, we can always add to our activities if there is interest from our membership.

\*\* Members with email addresses will be reminded of upcoming events. If you do not have an email address and you have questions about an event, please call 419.975.9724.





# D7 Cruise to Middle Bass Island

30 July—1 August 2021

**“LET’S GET NAUTI-CAL”**



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

**Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Dockage available after May 15, 2021. Contact Tom or Joanne Hancock (see below) to register for dockage at MBI State Park Marina and more information.

D7 Cruise/MBI, 30 July-1 August Weekend Package: includes Friday evening Pizza Party & BYOB at MBIYC, Saturday MBIYC Steak Fry & entertainment, Saturday & Sunday light breakfast, & all other weekend events. (Please indicate if you require vegetarian.)

All for only \$67.00 per person



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!**

**Make checks payable to District 7 and mail with top of form to:**

**R/C Tom Hancock, 426 Emerson Ave., NW North Canton, OH 44720**

**Phone: Call 330-499-3660 or text 330-418-9956**

**Reservation deadline: 22 July 2021**

**Reservations received after this date will be charged  
 a \$10.00 late fee per family unit.**

Ferry information at <https://www.ohio-put-in-bay.com/sonnys>

**Accommodations on the island are limited. You may want to check the following sites:**

<https://www.vrbo.com> or <http://www.booking.com>

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