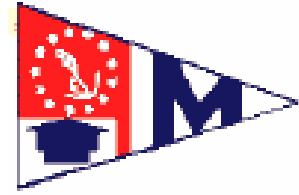




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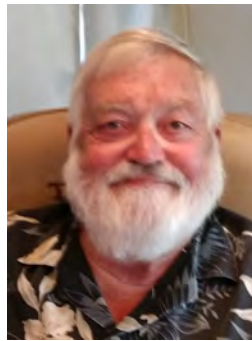
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From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Jay Wells, AP



Well here we are in the fall season once again. I'm not sure where summer escaped to, but it seems to have gotten away again. What a beautiful end to the summer with such nice warm weather, that it seems a shame to be putting our boats away for the winter. My first clue that the time has arrived is that our boat is the only one left floating on our side of the channel. Even the charter fishing boats have disappeared. I guess we should join them.

As we prepare our boats for winter storage, remember this is a good time to do some of those things we have bypassed during the season, and things that might be helpful in preparing to launch next spring. I know I have a few things I put off doing that I need to do before spring arrives next year.

I hope you all had a good summer season, and even though we may not be ready for fall, the holidays are coming quickly, and will probably be here before we are ready for them. We still have a few activities on our schedule, so check the calendar to see if you might be available to join us. Especially the Christmas party that is coming up in December.

We also are looking for some relief officers to help fill the bridge assignments for next year. Please consider giving some of our long serving officers a break if you can. You will be surprised how well you can fill some of these spots, and the help would be greatly appreciated.

With the onset of the holiday season, I wish for each of you the chance to enjoy Thanksgiving with your families, and may you have the most joyous Christmas ever. Happy holidays and stay safe. Jay

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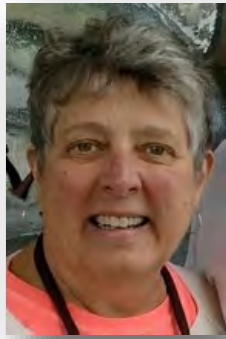
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It's always a good meeting when you can go away with something that you haven't used, is free, and provides many helpful tips to your boating repertoire. I'm talking about a FREE, yes FREE app that was explained in detail at our first Penta Conference at Kalahari on October 8-10.

Five squadrons met and brought their best instructors to explain various facets of our organization and the changes that have been happening. Although I enjoyed learning about the changes at our national level from Chief Commander Abbott, it was also informative to learn about the ways in which our organization is trying to meet the ever changing demands of today's boater.

For example, the America's Boating Club App. Yes, it's free, to anyone that can download it through their app store and it provides a handy reference for everything from tying knots, to weather reports, to float plans and emergency calling information. If you haven't already done so, get on your phone and search your app store for America's Boating Club and when you've exhausted the information there, try America's Boating Channel. This is a fantastic app that shares actual videos of boating situations such as docking a boat, operating a personal watercraft on plane or helping a person that have fallen overboard. If you are a member of one of our local yacht clubs, be sure to share this information with your members when your season begins next year so that your members and their spouses, children and grandchildren can learn more about proper watercraft handling be it boat, kayak or PWC.

Boats are stored or will be soon and the chill of November's winds will also soon be upon us all. I hope that your summer was enjoyable and that you will be looking forward to spring with anticipation of a great boating season on the water. But until then, we have a few activities that we hope you will enjoy with fellow members of America's Boating Club, Mansfield Power Squadron.



Upcoming events for November and December 2021

Tuesday, November 9 will be our annual Veteran's Appreciation. This year, we have invited our friends at the Elks Lodge in Mansfield, who are graciously sharing their facility with us. This is our general meeting evening and it will begin at the regular time of 1830. After the close of the meeting at approximately 1900 we will have a short program thanking our veterans for their service. During this time, a guest presenter will offer the thoughts of one of our wartime presidents. Refreshments will be served for all attending. No RSVP is necessary.

Friday, November 12 we will meet at 1000 at the Mill Restaurant for breakfast before we begin our Geodetic Marker search. Fall is always a great time to find markers because the vegetation is gone and they are easier to locate. The Mill Restaurant is located on the east side of Ashland inside Buehler's Grocery Store. National Coop-Charting members Tom and Joann Hancock will be there to assist with our search in the Ashland area. After an afternoon of locating markers, we will have a late lunch at South Street Grill in Ashland. It is located on South Street one block south of Main Street. The best place to park is in the city lot "B" which is south of the restaurant. City lot "B" is east of Claremont and west of Luther Street. The restaurant built a bridge to cross Town Creek. **Please RSVP to our google number 419 975 9724 by Friday, November 5.** Dress for the weather and bring your camera phone, complete with GPS, your bucket with gloves, water and a trowel incase the marker is hidden.

Sunday, December 5 will be our annual Christmas Party at the Lexington Senior Center, located at the old train depot in Lexington. The theme is Silver Bells and Garry and Susan Schroeder are ready again to set a lovely table for all of us. This year our monthly meeting, and nomination of bridge officers and committee members, will be combined with our dinner and gift exchange. The MPS meeting will begin at 1600. Social time will follow with dinner being served after 1700. Dinner this year will consist of a pasta dish, garlic bread, salad, and soda/coffee/tea. Desserts are at the whim of each family to bring something to share. (Excellent cooks should also bring the recipe because you know someone will be asking!) This year we will have a donation hat for the cost of your meal. Remember too that our gift exchange is voluntary BUT lots of fun so bring a gift worth about \$20.00 and plan to take home a gift. **RSVPs are necessary and should be called in to Garry and Susan Schroeder, our Christmas Party planners, by Wednesday, December 1. The number is 419 544 8917.**

From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, SN



CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS FOR SAFE BOATERS

The holidays will soon be upon us, and trying to decide what gifts to give to friends and loved ones can feel overwhelming at times. It can be especially difficult if you're trying to find something special and unique for the boater on your list. Since this column is dedicated to mostly "safe boating" issues, I thought that it may be a good idea to put forward some safe boating gift suggestions. For this holiday season, you may consider a gift with a boating theme, or even better, an underlying safety element that may save a life or prevent an injury. So, while you are making up your shopping lists, consider some of the following recommendations:

A runabout tool set or multi-piece tackle box

Boaters can always use a good flashlight. They come in different styles from battery type, rechargeable and the kind that you just shake for power.

Fleece jackets come in all styles, colors and types. These work well on those unexpected cold, wet days on the water.

Binoculars always make great gifts for boaters and they come in all price levels. Compact sizes make storage easier on a confined boat area.

Every boater wants the latest and greatest electronics gadgets. Check out VHF radios, marine grade stereo packages or the current GPS upgrade.

Consider a new boat flag kit to show your national pride.

Buy an annual magazine subscription.

Consider upgrades on your stock of life jackets. Over time, these can fade and are not as appealing to wear for your onboard guests. Add color to add that extra excitement.

Every boater will still admit that fuel costs on the water can be daunting. Why not consider a gas card as a special stocking stuffer?

A monogrammed polo shirt or other name gear can give that styling feeling.

Other items that need replaced periodically include: a maintenance book, new log book, new charts

for those areas that used to be familiar to you.

For topside, consider new deck seats or cushions, ladders, fenders, paddles and hooks, extra anchors, new lines (new ones each year are not a bad idea).

For the angler on your list, this one's a no-brainer. There's not a fisher-person alive who doesn't love getting new rods and reels.

There's no better way to tell a boater that you care than to get them safety gear like an emergency signaling device. You have several options these days ranging from electronic flares to EPIRBs.

Sailboat owners have their own set of unique needs, and something that they may want which you wouldn't find on power boats are harnesses. A light comfortable harness is a critical piece of safety gear that will definitely be appreciated.

The holidays are just around the corner, so make sure that you're ready with all the best gifts designed for the safe boater. Be creative and you will come upon that perfect gift for this season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!

P/C Dan Fortman, Safety Officer



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We will also be having a donated raffle basket available at the dinner with tickets selling for 6/\$5.00 or 20/\$10.00. All proceeds from the raffle will go to support the Shelby Helpline Food Pantry.

Nominations for bridge candidates are being accepted now so that we can have our complete roster of 2022-2023 bridge nominees ready for distribution in February, 2022. Mansfield Power Squadron needs your support. If you've already held an office, then you're already trained in the organization's protocol. If you haven't held an office and you are interested in supporting the club with your leadership skills, there are members willing to follow and help. Please contact one of the bridge members with your intent.

From the Education Officer

Lt/C Denise Tenison, SN



Changing With the Times

Several of us represented the Mansfield Power Squadron at the District 7 Fall Conference 2021 on October 9th. As the Squadron Educational Officer, I was impressed by the focus on education. There were many presentations and a good number centered on things like learning activities, learning stations, on-line learning information, teaching on-line, what is working for instructors, new educational materials, and how to produce meetings on-line.

Given the fact that we had 0 people sign up for our fall ABC class tells us that we must make some changes. Classes coming back during COVID, or after COVID, are going to be a challenge. Offering blended learning (part on-line and part in person) may be an option. On-line teaching through ZOOM may be another option. Changing the time frame of classes may also be something to consider to better accommodate student schedules and needs. We will be giving these kinds of things serious consideration in the near future.

On a lighter note, I have included a nautical puzzle in the Yachtsman which was shared at the conference. I had fun completing it, and I am passing it on to you for your enjoyment!

Wishing you a happy, healthy autumn!

Hope to see you all at the Christmas party!



Courtesy of www.americanboating.org

"When will you admit the boating season is over?"



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"...And that, in simple terms, is how you winterize your boat."



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"I don't understand why you're upset. It's only for the off-season."

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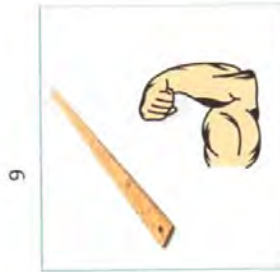
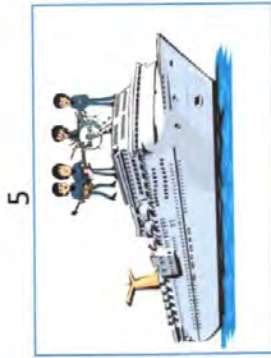
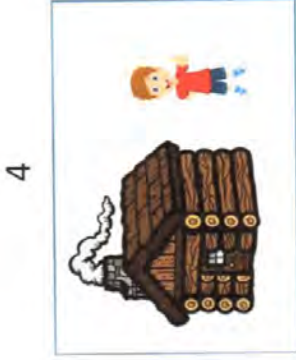
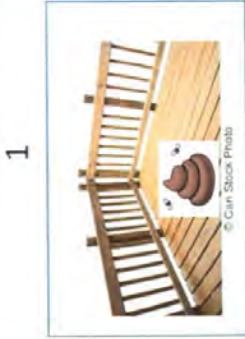
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Please submit articles either as a Word document or in the body of an E-mail.

Send your articles and pictures to Irene Rodriguez at rodriguezri@artistirene.com

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

Nautical Puzzle



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2. _____
3. _____
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5. _____
6. _____
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8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

Have Fun Testing Your Knowledge of Nautical Terms!

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.

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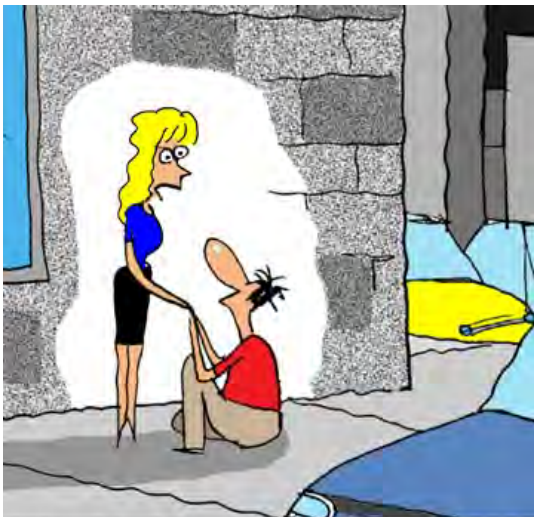
- Nov.** 9 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830 at Mansfield Elks Lodge
 Salute to Veterans Dessert Banquet
 12 Geodetic Marker Search (RSVP to 419 975 9724 by Nov. 5)
 24 Madrigal Feast at Ashland University- Cancelled by Ashland University
- Dec.** 5 Christmas Party at the Lexington Depot
 14 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830 at Mansfield Elks Lodge

2022

- Jan.** 11 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830 at Mansfield Elks Lodge
 Spring Advanced Grade Classes - contact SEO Denise Tenison, SN
 Boat Show West, Cleveland TBD- Check D/7 Website to help
- Feb.** 8 Executive/Membership Meeting at 1830 at Mansfield Elks Lodge
 19-27 National United States Power Squadron Annual Meeting- Ponte Vedra, Florida
- March** 1 Spring ABC Classes begin
 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 at Mansfield Elks Lodge
 23 Change of Watch at The Cabin 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.



"Usually when a man gets on his knees, he has something romantic to ask, not ask if I'll help him winterize his boat."



Nautical Puzzle Answers :

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. poop deck | 7. marlinspike |
| 2. backstay | 8. red-right-returning |
| 3. bowline | 9. yardarm |
| 4. cabin boy | 10. hydroplane |
| 5. abandon ship | 11. weigh anchor |
| 6. gunwale | |

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