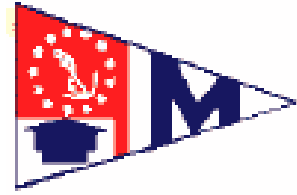




Mansfield YACHTSMAN



May/June

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2022

From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Jay Wells, AP

Greetings from the bridge. As you read this, the change of watch will have occurred. You may notice, there really is no change from last year's bridge. This is not because the current officers are greedy or power hungry. It is because it is becoming increasingly difficult to find anyone who is willing to take officer positions. We are all becoming what Tom Etzwiler calls dinosaurs, and many of us spend winters in southern climates where we are not available for meetings and other events. It is hard to ask people to change their lifestyle to be available for squadron activities. If this trend continues, will soon need to address what we are going to do with the continuation of the squadron. When we can't fill the bridge positions, we can't maintain the squadron. This is a very disturbing topic for me to discuss, because as a long time member of MPS, I hate for us to disband. However we will not be able to continue without member participation. I bring this up because we, as officers, and you, as member, will need to make some difficult decisions in the future about the life of MPS. The current officers are reaching out to the membership to get your feelings about our future, and receive suggestions from you, the members, about what your thoughts are for our future. It is a very difficult subject to address, but one that will need to be addressed in the near future. If we can not fill critical positions, we can not continue in service. Please let us, as your current bridge, hear from you with your thoughts about the situation we face. We would like your input with ideas and suggestions.



On a lighter side, spring is here, and it is time to get those boats in the water and begin using the information you learned in our classes to enjoy time on the water. Remember we have several vessel safety check inspectors in our squadron who are available to do a safety inspection for your boat. Feel free to contact anyone on the bridge to schedule an inspection for your vessel.

As we begin the boating season, may you enjoy calm waters and sunny skies. Be safe on the waters. We hope to see you at some of our summer activities either on the water or on the land as we meet for a fun time. See you soon. Jay

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Spring has finally started to arrive and multiple changes are in the air! First off, at our recent District Seven Conference that was held April 1-3, we were privileged to spend time with the National Commander of the United States Power Squadron and past D/7 Commander from Akron Sail and Power Squadron, Craig Frasier, SN. Chief Commander Frasier held an open forum for discussion for all attendees to outline the current agenda that was decided at the national conference in February. On top of the list of discussion topics was the regional concept for squadrons that would replace our current district format. With changes that have occurred using the internet/Zoom/etc., our proximity to one another has been decreased and national is trying to adjust to these changing times. This is not a new concept and has been discussed in the past, however, it appears that there will be some final decisions coming sooner rather than later. If you are interested in expressing your opinion regarding these changes, read more about it in The Ensign magazine that is on the national website.

Our second change is one that you will see locally. As a squadron, one of the three pillars of our mission and one of our most important responsibilities is to create an environment for learning that can take a novice boater into ocean waters with multiple classes and some dedicated academic work. Because of various responsibilities outside the Mansfield area, the job of Education Officer is a big one and not easily filled. It was discussed at our meeting on April 12 that we would offer some support for our current education officer, Denise Tenison, SN, and that past SEO Shirley Fort, SN, would continue to assist. I will also be helping with contacting marinas to inform them of our classes. If you have a personal connection at your marina, it would help me to know before I made contact. Please let me know at 419 975 9724 of any marina contacts that you feel might be interested in learning more about what Mansfield Power Squadron has to offer for classes.

Roster change: I've been informed that Wayne Hammond has a new email. You should add this information to your MPS Roster 2021-2023. The new email is waynhamm@gmail.com

New Life Members: This year Mansfield had two members who earned the distinction of Life Members. To become a Life Member, they must

attain 25 Merit Marks. Regardless of the number of hours committed to any activity, a member can only earn one merit mark per year. We are proud to acknowledge the past and current efforts of Jim Jackson, SN and Andi Lutz, AP for their dedication to the Mansfield Power Squadron! Your support is appreciated.

D/7 Spring Conference Awards

At our recent conference we were pleased to see that we had accomplished some of the goals established by the District Commander's Challenge. This award evaluates our current member retention, new member additions, and classes for both ABC as well as Advanced Grades. We placed third in D/7! Mansfield Power Squadron also received awards for the following areas that our Webmaster and Yachtsman Editor, Irene Rodriguez, has helped us with and they are Distinctive Communicator for Newsletters and the Distinctive Communicator for Websites. Mansfield also placed 2nd in the Outstanding Publication Award. Due to the leadership of Jim Jackson, SN and Bobbye Jackson, P and the guidance of National Co-op Charting Award winners, Tom Hancock, P and Joanne Hancock, SN, we placed 89th nationally and received an Honorable Mention Certificate for Co-op Charting. Lastly, two members received awards for their submission to the Photography Contest. Lt/C Denise Tenison, SN received an Honorable Mention and P/C Dan Fortman, SN received the award for Excellence in Photography. Check out the District Website for more information and to view these award winning photos and the many pictures from other squadrons that received awards too.

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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.

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Check out the information on the D/7 Cruise “South of the Border on the North Coast” to Huron Boat Basin on July 15-17 that is attached. There are forms to reserve a dock, participate in the golf outing as well as registering for the events. Huron is a great little community that is accessible by land if you are interested in staying at the local hotel. Cost for the weekend meal package is \$45.00, but you can purchase Friday only or Saturday only options too. July will be here before we know it, so be thinking about attending while you have a rainy day to fill at home!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 Education Awards Potluck Picnic

Let's join together to welcome our newest graduates of the ABC Boating Class. Currently, there are 16 students attending the class that is held on Tuesday night at Madison Adult Education Facility. We will be having a potluck picnic with hotdogs/buns/condiments provided by the squadron. The venue will be the same as last year at Lexington Picnic Area #2 on Route 42 on the west side of Lexington. You should follow the handicap accessible signage and park closer to the picnic tables. Social hour will begin at 5:30 and we will share dinner at 6:00 with awards being given following our meal. Bring your own table service, including plates, beverages and a delicious side dish to share. **Please RSVP to me by May 23 419 975 9724.**

Monday, June 6, 2022 First Monday is Free at Kingwood Center

Come and enjoy the Kingwood Garden during the afternoon. For those wanting to view the garden together, we will begin at 3:00 pm at the parking lot entrance of the Kingwood Gateway Center. Weather permitting, we will then venture to La Campestre for possible al fresco dining at 5:30 or inside dining if necessary. The Kingwood Center Garden portion will be cancelled if rain is forecasted. **Please RSVP to confirm either activity at 419 975 9724 by June 5.**

Looking ahead to July, avid boater, P/Lt/C Bob Pompei, P is interested in taking members that no longer have a boat, for a short day trip somewhere off the coast of Marblehead Peninsula. He's looking for other members that have their boats on Lake Erie that may be willing to also bring a few members for a day outing. It was suggested by a “boatless” boater,

that a donation toward gasoline should be considered by those attending. If you are willing to either offer to captain your boat or attend the event, **please let me know before Memorial Day** (419 975 9724) so that we can begin making plans for the day.

In Memoriam

We want to extend our sympathy to the following families whose loved ones have recently passed away. Each named member brought smiles to many faces, joy to those that knew them and an unconditional love of boating as witnessed by their many years as members of Mansfield Power Squadron.

Michael H. Edwards, P was a member for 30 years. He and his wife Cindy, who is also a member, were sailors who docked at Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. You would see Mike helping at clambakes with a friendly smile that will be missed by all who knew him.

P/D/C Russell D. Niebel, SN was a member for 70 years. Russ was the National Merit Mark Leader for USPS with 68, USPS Governing Board Emeritus, and an outstanding teacher who recognized that learning never ends. He will be missed by his many friends and family members for his love of life.



Jeopardy, Acrylic painting by Irene Tobias Rodriguez

May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 The rains fall soft upon your fields,
 And may you never find yourself in these conditions.

From the Education Officer

Lt/C Denise Tenison, SN

ABC America's Boating Course



The spring MPS America's Boating Course was launched on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 with 16 students in attendance at Madison Adult Career Center. Chan Stevens, Jim Jackson, Shirley Fort, and Denise Tenison comprise the teaching team and are enjoying meeting with students weekly and sharing boater education and safety. Current Commander, Jay Wells, and wife Ellen sat in on the class one evening. Their daughter, Patty, is one of the students. While Jeff Keller, a field officer from Sandusky with the ODNR Division of Watercraft visited class on March 29th to review Ohio Specific Boating Laws. It is a pleasure to see so many individuals seriously taking responsibility to learn about boating and boater safety. The course covers a wealth of relevant information which benefits all who venture out on the water, no matter the type of watercraft. Please continue to inform others of the benefits of taking the course.

MPS Learns How to **Zoom**. Members of the MPS were given the opportunity to learn how to Zoom. The nine members present learned how to set up their own free Zoom account, join a meeting, host a meeting and utilize in-meeting settings, and record a meeting.

Instructor, Christina Tenison, a Miami University graduate student and teaching assistant, began Zooming out of necessity and as a requirement at the beginning of the pandemic with her university students. She does not see the use of virtual instruction or virtual meetings going away. Rather, its use will continue as a tool or option for holding meetings or for instruction: in case of a COVID resurgence, for inclement weather, for individuals out of town, for follow-up instruction, for recording for someone absent, or for individuals with busy schedules. Many prefer the convenience of virtual learning and virtual meetings.

Individuals, families, schools, and businesses have found virtual learning and virtual communication a convenient, helpful, welcome, and at times essential tool for staying in touch, for instruction, and for conducting business in specific situations - allowing them to stay healthy, reduce travel, reduce travel time, and reduce costs.

America's Boating Club sought and received approval authorizing ABC "may" be taught virtually early on in the pandemic and set up downloadable materials enabling that to take place. Many squadrons have been taking advantage of these offerings and conducting classes virtually out of necessity and with success (gaining members). Of all the students taking boating classes in the nation today only a very, very, small percentage take in-person classes. The vast majority take online courses. That is a fact. People have been taking classes. Just not our classes. It is important to continue to reach out to the people in North Central Ohio and inform them of the classes we offer. It would appear many do not know they exist.

Note: As pointed out at the District 7 Spring Conference on April 2, 2022 - there is a

difference between "virtual" and "internet" based courses: "Virtual classes are intended to duplicate the content, and student experience of a traditional in-person NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law) ABC approved classroom course as closely as possible using virtual presentation technology and methods. The NASBLA virtual classroom authorization requires a live instructor to be present and available to the students at all times during the class. In contrast, a NASBLA approved internet course does not include nor require any one-on-one interaction between the student and human instructor."

For those who prefer learning a different way during difficult times, we now have the "opportunity" to move forward meeting the needs of those prospective students. By being able to reach out virtually we can still make person-to-person contact, answer questions, and converse. The same challenge remains however. We need to reach out and let others know the opportunity exists.



From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, SN

BOATING SAFETY – IT'S FOR EVERYONE



Tips for Trailering a Boat

As we all know, our squadron has transitioned somewhat from Lake Erie boating to inland boating on our local lakes and reservoirs. Our membership has largely been involved with canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, or simply riding on other boats as they/we are no longer boat owners. For many of those still active however, this may involve trailering the watercraft that they may wish to enjoy. Here are some tips for those that now trailer.

First of all, hitting the road with a boat trailer that has been properly matched with and secured to the vehicle goes a long way toward ensuring a trouble-free trip. If you have done everything from checking the tire pressures to testing trailer lights, and you have given the rig a trial run to make sure that all is well, it is time to hit the highway at freeway speeds. But there are additional responsibilities as you share the road with fellow travelers. The extra weight, length, and axle or two make your rig a bigger threat to other drivers. It is important that you recognize your limitations when you are towing the family boat.

One of the most important considerations is that it will take longer to accelerate and longer to come to a stop, even if your trailer is equipped with surge or electric brakes. This means giving yourself added time and space when you merge into traffic or pass another vehicle. When it comes to time to slow for a turn or to stop for a traffic light, toll booth or traffic, you need to give yourself enough room to do so without excessive last minute braking.

Turning with a boat trailer in tow is different too. Your extended two-piece rig will not corner as sharply as does a vehicle alone. Because your trailer's wheels are drawn closer to the inside of a turn, the wheels of your own vehicle during the maneuver will hit or ride up over curbs – or worse. Don't cut your steering wheel until your vehicle's rear wheels have passed the inside of the curb. Passing also requires factoring in the weight and length of your vehicle and trailer combo. It's going to take longer to pass another car when you are on a single land road so you need to plan for extra time and space to perform this maneuver.

Wind is another factor to consider. Whether it is wind from another passing vehicle or from Mother Nature, you can be pulled or drawn into dangerous situations. Be extra careful around large semi trucks as the drag from them can be intense. If the wind from nature is really bad, you should consider pulling over to safety or plan to travel on another, better, day.

Here is an on the road checklist after your first 50 miles or so. You should stop somewhere along the route to check these items:

Hitch/ball attachment. Make sure that the ball and coupler and tow bar are secure and safety chains are crossed.

Trailer lights. Ensure the stop and turn signals are working properly.

Trailer wheel nuts. Check for tightness.

Trailer wheel's bearing cover. Look for overheating and grease leaks.

Trailer tires. Be alert to overheating or signs of unusual wear.

Boat transom straps. Test for tightness.

Boat interior. Look for signs of load shifting.

Boat engine lower unit. Ensure it has remained in the tilted position and any transom savers are secure.

P/C Dan Fortman SN

Nautical Origins

Footloose = lower edge of the mainsail, the foot, was lashed to the boom. Some barges had no boom and the sail hang loose along the foot.

Gave us the slip = ships escape by slipping ropes or anchor cables silently and secretly.

Get off my back = from the book *Sinbad the Sailor*, the old man of the sea climbs onto his back

Gripe = wind causes sails to flap and speed falls

Groggy = daily ration of rum watered down to 1 part rum to 3 parts water. This grog would still make a person groggy

Hitched = (to get hitched) referring to lines, hitched is temporary while spliced is permanent

Loose End = end of rope that has come unraveled

MANSFIELD POWER SQUADRON HONOREES

Commencing with our last Yachtsman, we began to spotlight and honor members of the Mansfield Power Squadron that have dedicated significant time and talent to the success of our organization. It is an honor to recognize them as mentors and friends that have made our squadron stronger. We hope that you enjoy this new feature and celebrate the contributions that these members have made.

Margaret Ellen Cole, N

Oh the memories Do you remember the squadron activities in its early years when.....

- Membership was larger and activity was everywhere
- Boaters traveled long distances for rendezvous
- Fried turtle was on the menu
- You began small (21') and moved up to a larger and larger (38') boat
- You took classes and wondered who graded the navigation portion
- Women were unable to be members of the squadron so they formed their own auxiliary

Well if you don't, Margaret Ellen Cole, N remembers! She was a huge part of it all! And if you're wondering who Margaret Ellen is, you may know her as "Maggie." A name given to her by a dear friend and was used by other members of the squadron. However, you now know that her given name and name of choice is Margaret Ellen.

Margaret Ellen's involvement began with her husband David Cole in 1953. As we spoke about his involvement, her eyes lit up and her laugh was contagious as she remembered all the good times and sometimes, only a very few times, when there was trouble on the water.

Beginning with a 21 foot Higgins and ending five boats later with a 38 foot Carver, they traveled far and often, usually leaving after work on Friday and returning on Sunday from numerous locations around the Great Lakes. They traveled often to places such as Lake St. Clair, Georgian Bay, Killarney, Metro Beach, Kingsville, Lake Plethora, Tobermory, and Sarnia. She saw it all! Always traveling with groups of friends and their children, life was fun and exciting. She saw black bear and porcupines in the wild. Although handling and tying the lines was one of her teaching responsibilities, IF there was a concern about the line, it would be corrected!

She was one of the first females admitted to the Mansfield Power Squadron in the early 80's when women were first allowed to join the national organization. As an accomplished Navigator herself, she was responsible for establishing the navigation route for the boating trips of her family. In addition, she often was also asked to grade the United States Power Squadron Exams for Navigation that were

submitted to the National Committee. Many times her instructors were Russ Niebel and her husband David; she was a willing student and learned well. As a result, she was the first female Navigator in the Mansfield Power Squadron.

Not only is she intelligent, she also enjoys her family, fellow boaters and loves life and all it has to offer. To this point, she has enjoyed many activities in her life, including being in the Miss Mansfield Pageant in 1942 after high school. Check out the picture!



She's shared so much of her life with so many, her husband David, her children Allen and Susie as well as other close friends and their children in her extended MPS family. Those relationships continue as Russ Niebel's daughter Susie, continues to be an important part of her life. Those that meet her will remember her generous smile and her quick, jovial laugh.



Thank you Margaret Ellen Cole, SN for all that you have done for the Mansfield Power Squadron to make each of our lives better because we knew you and laughed with you too.



EVENT SCHEDULE **MANSFIELD POWER SQUADRON** **2022-2023**



2022

- May** 10 Executive/Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
21-27 Safe Boating Week
24 Education Awards Potluck Picnic at Lexington Reservoir #2 Picnic Area Shelter. You must provide your own beverage and table service. Bring a covered dish to share; the squadron will provide hotdogs/buns/condiments. Social hour begins at 1730. RSVP by May 23.
- June** 6 First Monday is Free at Kingwood Center at 3:00; Dinner afterwards. RSVP by June 5
14 Executive/Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
- July** No Executive/Membership Meeting as per MPS by-laws
TBD Possible Boat Trip by members/for members; Bob Pompei is organizing
15-17 D/7 Rendezvous to Huron Boat Basin (Reservations due to D/7 by July 8)
- August** 9 Executive/Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
TBD Midweek Geodetic Marker Search and lunch
- Sept.** TBD ABC Classes and Advanced Classes begin
11-18 National Fall Governing Board Meeting at Raleigh, North Carolina
13 Executive/Membership Meeting at Elks Lodge at 6:30
22 Fall Equinox Party at Mansfield South Park; 1700 Social Hour. RSVP by Wed. Sept. 21.
- Oct.** 11 Executive/Membership Meeting at 6:30 at Mansfield Elks Lodge
TBD Pumpkin Carving with friends or family at Kingwood Center- free
- Nov.** 8 Executive/Membership Meeting at 6:30 at Mansfield Elks Lodge; Salute to Veterans
TBD Midweek Geodetic Marker Search and lunch
- Dec.** 4 Christmas Party at the Lexington Depot/ Membership Meeting at 4:00

2023

- Jan.** 11 Executive/Membership Meeting at 6:30 – Zoom Meeting
TBD ABC and Spring Advanced Grade Classes Begin
Boat Show West, Cleveland; Check D/7 Website to help
- Feb.** 8 Executive/Membership Meeting at 6:30 –Zoom Meeting
18-26 National United States Power Squadron Annual Meeting
- March** 18 Executive Mtg at 4:00/ Annual Mtg at 5:00; Potluck Dinner at Lexington Depot.
Social Hour begins when the Annual Mtg. is adjourned.
- April** 1 Executive/Membership Meeting at 6:30 at Mansfield Elks Lodge
22 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/outing/dinner 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 before to confirm time, location, etc.

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