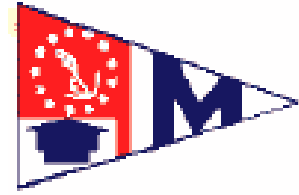




# Mansfield YACHTSMAN



September/October

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2022

## From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Jay Wells, AP

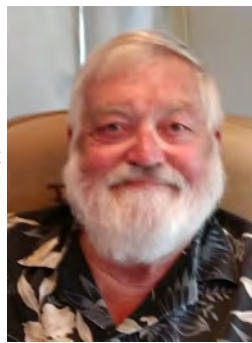
I can't believe it's time for the bimonthly publication. It seems only yesterday that I sent the last article for publication. Now we are on the verge of September, and I am still in mid summer somewhere.

It is time to be thinking about new officers for the bridge. The present officers are all ready to retire from office. Therefore, we need to have some new people step up to take their places. This is a critical need if we are to continue to exist as a squadron. We need to know by the 30th of September if we have volunteers for these positions or whether we should begin to start the process of shutting down and disbanding. It will take some time to complete the process of closing down which will need to happen by the end of December. Please let one of the bridge officers know if you have any interest in volunteering.

None of us want to see MPS disband, but we can't continue without leaders. Please consider carefully where you want MPS to go from here.

It will soon be time to start putting our boats up for the Winter. This would be a good time to plan for any needs your vessel might have before winterizing or launching next year. Planning ahead can make the process easier and faster when the proper time comes. We all hate to think about the end of the season, but it is coming faster than we think. Fall will be here before we are ready to accept it, and Winter will be close behind. Enjoy what little boating season we have left, and be safe on the water.

Jay



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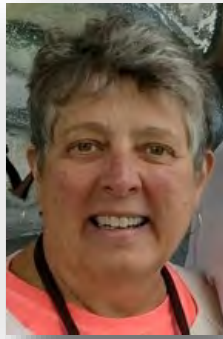
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Thank you to our members, Bob Pompei, Jay Wells, and Don Carroll that volunteered their boats to take fellow MPS members to Huron for lunch on July 21. Since there were only three participants, Bob Pompei, who headed up the outing, was the only boat to go out. Members Wayne Hammond, Gary Watson, and friend Jim Henson all reported that they had a great time and that they were appreciative of Bob's offer of a day on the water at Lake Erie.

Thanks also to Jim and Bobbye Jackson and Stark County Power Squadron members, Joanne and Tom Hancock for their leadership in our Geodetic Marker Search in the Ashland area on Thursday, August 11. Together, we were able to locate nineteen markers in the Ashland area and Tom was able to report them to the United States Geodetic Survey Committee! We ended the day in our usual fashion with a late lunch at the best homemade pie shop in Ashland, the Lyn-Way Restaurant.

Upcoming events:

September 2022: Your boat is finally in the water, family and friends have visited and enjoyed your company and just when you are getting into the flow of being on the water again....guess what, the boating season for Ohio is quickly coming to an end! Enjoy the last sunsets but plan to say goodbye to summer during our Fall Equinox Picnic on Thursday, September 22. Social hour will be at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. Our location will be the pavilion at the South Park Block House in Mansfield located at 100 Brinkerhoff Avenue. Bring a covered dish to share and your own beverages and table service. Beef hotdogs will be served with buns and condiments. RSVP to 419 975 9724 by Wednesday September 21 if you can join us for an evening of fellowship and summer memories.

October 2022: Kingwood Center will be aglow with carved pumpkins from members of our squadron as well as the local community. As more information is available on this event at Kingwood, there will be an email sent out in September informing you of the specifics. If you do not have an email and would like information, please send a message to me at 419 975 9724 before October 1.



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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](mailto:rodriguezri@artistirene.com)

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

## From the Education Officer

Lt/C Denise Tenison, SN



### Gearing Up!

We are gearing up for the **fall America's Boating Course (ABC)**!

We are reaching out and looking forward to meeting current and new members of the boating community. Learning boating education and boating safety makes the water more enjoyable and a safer place for everyone!

The fall 10 week course will be instructed by MPS member, **Garry Schroeder** on Wednesdays beginning **September 14**, from **7-9pm** at the Madison Comprehensive High School, at 600 Esley Lane, Mansfield. Those registering are asked to call the **Madison Adult Career Center at 419-589-6303**.

The **winter ABC** is scheduled for **Tuesdays** beginning **January 24, 2023**. Again, please let friends, relatives, acquaintances know of these important dates so if they are interested in joining us they can work their schedules around these evenings and times!

### Why Should We Keep On Learning?

Learning is the process of gaining new skills, knowledge, understanding, and values. Learning and education help hold human life and civilization together as we know it, making society better for us and those who come after us. Simply put, learning helps different groups share knowledge, agree on mutual values, and understand one another better.

We are encouraged to keep on learning and using our brain and memory. According to Harvard Health Publishing, practicing a new and challenging activity is a good way of building and maintaining cognitive skills like: memory recall, problem solving, concentration, and attention to detail. "The more time you devote to engaging your brain the more it benefits. **You should always challenge you brain to encourage it to grow.** Learning something new engages your brain," says Dr. Morris. Psychological scientist and lead researcher Denise Parks of the University of Texas states, "It is not enough just to get out and do something - it is important to get out and do something unfamiliar and mentally



challenging, and that provides broad stimulation mentally and socially." Prolonged mental challenge is needed, simple engagement is not enough. **So we need to stretch our brains by picking a new and challenging activity.** The more time you devote to engaging and challenging your brain the more it will benefit. "It is the constant repetition of working to improve that can have the greatest impact," says Dr. Morris.

### There are benefits to learning something new.

Here are some of the proposed benefits according to Natalie Sisson.

- you grow as a person
- gain a feeling of accomplishment
- develop your knowledge base and gain access to new and different opportunities
- earn more money from a new skill
- keeps you up to date and relevant in a rapidly changing world
- increase independence
- satisfy curiosity and try new experiences
- to understand
- feel motivated
- do things quicker, easier, save time, energy, and stress
- your brain chemistry changes
- improving performance
- your learning speed increases
- can stave off dementia
- increases your well-being, feel happier, fuel creativity, trigger new ideas



### So keep on learning!

- learn something new everyday
- have a curious mind
- explore different topics
- try new things
- be inquisitive
- acquire new challenging skills

### Keep learning and reap the benefits!

#### "UH-OH" Too Long Didn't Read (TLDR):

Whether it is learning the ropes of knot tying or whatever else floats your boat, it's about time to learn a new challenging skill! It's ferry good for you! You canoe it! Challenge yourself!

Visit our website: <https://usps.org/mansfield/>

Click on Classes Then click on Member Classes - for a list of classes available.

# From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, SN

## Lake Erie Wind Turbine Project Approved

Okay, although this does not technically fall under the category of “safety”, I still want to write about it because of the potential that it presents for the northern Ohio, Lake Erie area. In a way, there may be a safety issue if you are travelling ten miles off shore of Cleveland, but what will be there will be very visible so the concern about a collision should be minimal.

After being considered and discussed for over a decade, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the Lake Erie Energy Development Corp. can proceed over objections from the residents. This project combines efforts from the City of Cleveland, the port authority and other coastal communities to market the electricity that it expects to produce from the six-turbine project called Icebreaker Wind. Due to the long delay with achieving approval for this, it will take some time to complete the project. One third of the power that it will produce is already under contract with the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.



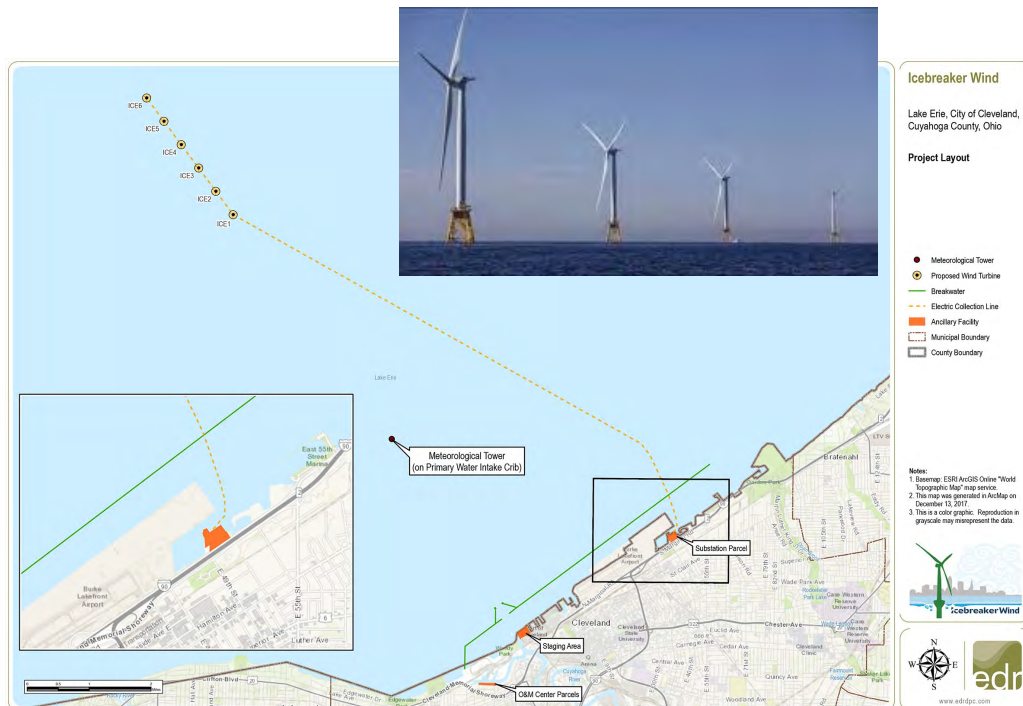
Will Friedman, president and CEO of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority said that they can now focus on marketing the remaining two-thirds of the electricity it will produce. Friedman said one estimate shows there will be \$70 billion plus in offshore wind business in the US by 2030. Officials estimate Icebreaker Wind will have a \$253 million local economic impact and create more than 500 jobs.

The major objection to these turbines being built was environmental. The Ohio Power Sitting Board issued construction permits for the project. After research, they were able to determine that the conditions on the grant of the application were sufficient to protect birds and bats and to ensure that the facility represented the minimum adverse environmental impact.

The Cleveland Foundation has supported Project Icebreaker from its inception because this is about more than clean energy. They feel that this is about a healthy economy and a healthy community. This project shows that Northeast Ohio, and the entire state of Ohio is open for business.

I, personally, am looking forward to future projects like this that can provide clean energy and at the same time help our environment stay healthy. Lake Erie and all that it offers depends on this concept as we all want future generations of boaters to also enjoy life on the lake.

P/C Dan Fortman, SN



## Yachtsman Honoree for September/October, 2022

### Chan Stevens, AP

“Eye on boat”, “rule of thumb” and “learn best by experience” were all phrases that became common to the over 3000 students that Chan Stevens has taught over the last 50 plus years.

Through his father, Chan quickly became involved in boating. After returning from college and a period of time teaching, Chan began to become more involved with MPS. In 1968, Perry Millikan explained to Chan that boating the “right way” was extremely important and that the best time to teach others was when they were young. Consequently, Chan started a Sea Scout Explorer Post with the Boy Scouts which continued for many years.

Students of his have said that Chan’s classes were never boring as he used the many teaching tools that were available as well as ones that he designed. He would bring guest speakers in such as John Fort to explain engine mechanics or Dick Goddard for the weather. He would invite Shirley Fort to step in and participate with portions of the class. All of this was done to maintain student’s interest and to have a focus on things that are important for boating safety.

Chan fondly remembered the rendezvous of the past with many members and boats participating. He also mentioned the times that were not so good that became a learning experience. One example was when the LORAN navigation system went out and 20 plus boats were led home from Leamington with Russ Niebel’s help. There were other times when the adventure of night boating became somewhat fearful for his crew; each time, they made it safely back to their dock.

Those that have known Chan for most of his life are not surprised by his willingness to help others. As a teenager in Elyria he transported children with polio for treatment. In 1964 he helped start Progress Industries Workshops. He became a Catalyst Board member and he was inducted into their Hall of Fame when he retired after 57 years.

When asked his thoughts about today’s students, he feels that things are so different now. Kids have many more options, so it’s harder to get them into a hands-on setting, which in his opinion is the best way to learn about boating.

He said that his involvement over the years has been great. He has been able to assist in sharing his knowledge of boating to thousands of students and hopes that what they have learned has made boating both safer and more fun. He said that he has enjoyed all of it!

Thank you Chan for all that you have done for so many and for being such an integral part of the Mansfield Power Squadron.



### Nautical Origins

Out of the Blue = Totally uninspected. A sudden change in the weather. A demon squall can appear and wreck havoc on the ship.

Over a Barrel = The Royal Navy tied men to be flogged over a gun barrel. In other words, placing someone in a predicament from which there is no escape.

Overhaul = Feed the slack rope back through a set of pulley blocks. When the two blocks met, you overhauled the ropes to start again. It came to mean inspection and repair.

Reach = A straight stretch of the river; to sail with the wind free; to overtake another vessel;

Overreach = Fail by being too clever. A vessel holding a tack to long takes her past her destination and has to retrace her steps.

Pay Off = To pay the crew the wages at the end of a voyage amounted to a sizable amount. Now meaning a handsome return, possibly with criminal undertones.



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



### **2022**

- 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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