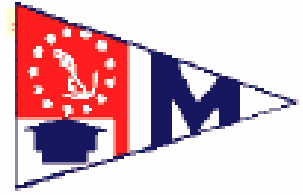




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2023

From the Wheelhouse

Cdr John Fort, SN

:THE COMMANDER WAS IN AWE!



Sailor John



Webb, John, Sail Mom, and Ed Corley

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Ahoy:

My position as the new Administrative Officer is somewhat ironic. Unlike most of the organization's members, I come from a long and proud multigenerational family of "water haters", which I never quite fit in.

According to the family, water is good for drinking, bathing, fish raising and irrigation. Any thought of floating on water was simply taboo. Such a thought would result in a quick rebuke and a reminder of the "Titanic", by a family member. However, in 2021 I did the unthinkable and enrolled in the Power Squadron's basic boating course. I was immersed in like-minded people. It was an enjoyable experience.

However, I was somewhat of an outcast in the class. Most of my fellow classmates either had a boat or came from a family of boaters. The only boat I had was my 1979 Lincoln Continental Town Car. Even though it steered like and gets the same gas mileage of a traditional boat, its floatability is poor. Knowing full well that the two best days for a boat owner are the day it is purchased and the day it is sold, I was in search of a boat. I had reviewed various boats from sail to power and everything in between. It was a rather exhaustive search. However, the search is over. I have decided upon a "Westport 130", once I complete the upcoming navigational course.

As Administrative Officer, I would like to continue Lynn Fortman's 13-year practice of planning educational and fun events. My door is always open for your suggestions. Feel free to think outside of the box. There is no such thing as a poor suggestion. The world is our oyster. Let's set sail together.

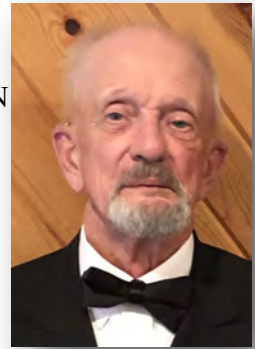
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The classes for the coming Fall thru Spring are coming together and have the dates and venues set.

The **Marine Navigation Course** (old Piloting Course) is the next course in the members series of classes we will be offering our members. This builds knowledge and confidence in the of use of charts and GPS both. It will be presented **Wednesdays Sept. 6, 2023 - Nov. 22, 2023** at the **Mansfield Elks Lodge, 499 Park Ave West** from 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Please contact me to register for this course.

Americas Boating Course:

Fall Course 1: Tuesdays, Sept. 12, thru Nov. 21, 2023, from 7-9 pm at **Pioneer Career and Technology Center**, 27 Ryan Road, Shelby, Ohio. . Registration for this class may be done by calling the Adult Education Dept. at 419-347-7744.

Fall Course 2: Wednesdays, Sept. 13, thru Nov. 15, 2023 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at **Madison Adult Career Center**. Registration to be done thru MACC at 419-589-6363 Ext. 65052

Spring Course: Wednesdays, March 5, - May 14, 2024 at **Madison Adult Career Center** from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Registration to be done thru MACC at 419-589-6363 Ext 65052.

We have acquired another Certified Instructor recently with the approval from National of P/C Lynn Fortman, SN. Again , congratulations to Lynn.

It's hard to believe I'm writing this article in July for a newsletter that will cover fall and into winter of this year. I'm still putting the final plans together for the cruise to the District 7 Rendezvous at Geneva on the Lake. But with that said, let me wish all of you and yours all the best for the upcoming Holidays.

Should you or anyone you know have an interest in taking a course or even a short seminar, please don't hesitated in contacting me. I will do my best to accommodate you.

P/C Charlie Tarbert, JN

From the Safety Officer

Webb Bernhardt

OOPS, it the OPSS

Almost home, but the sloop *Calamity** was in trouble. Her day sail in a moderate and steady breeze had been delightful. Engine power had not been used since leaving the marina and, owing to light channel traffic which allowed tacking for the entire inbound run, was not restarted until the ship was ready to drop sails near the marina inlet. Skipper started the gasoline engine and went topside with Crew to furl the mainsail while Helm held her nose to the wind. As the sail came down, *Calamity* began turning away from the wind resulting in a wildly flapping mainsail and a dangerous situation for Skip and Crew topside. Skip called urgently for a course correction into the wind; Helm replied emphatically that *Calamity* had no steerage. *Calamity*'s engine had died (not immediately noticed in the noise of the angry mainsail) and with sails down, she was without any driving force. While Crew bravely secured the unruly mainsail to the boom, Skip jumped into the cockpit to restart the engine, which would light repeatedly but shut off after two or three seconds. Skip calmly and astutely determined that these brief pulses of engine power would provide steerage (barely... when the wind was in *Calamity*'s favor). So, pop and glide, pop and glide, *Calamity* limped ever so slowly into the marina and safely found her berth.

Troubleshooting of *Calamity*'s Universal Atomic 4 engine began immediately. No engine oil showed on the dip stick and a corresponding volume of oil was discovered the bilge. The oil pressure safety shutoff switch had killed the engine due to low oil in the crankcase. It was further discovered that the threaded fitting which attaches the pressure switch to the engine block had cracked such that the crankcase oil had literally been pumped into the bilge.

Oil pressure safety shutoff switches (OPSS) are required on inboard and I/O marine engines due to USCG concern that ignition switches left in the "on" position while engines are not running may allow electric fuel pumps to spew gasoline through the carbs into the bilge. If the engine is not running, there will be no oil pressure, so the OPSS blocks power to the fuel pump. The OPSS provides the secondary protection of killing the engine if it runs low of oil. Of course, there is no oil pressure when the engine is first started, so a brief time delay is built into the OPSS to allow oil pressure to come up to spec.



Calamity's Skipper took advantage of the OPSS cut off delay to sneak brief power pulses from the Atomic 4 engine. Fortunately, *Calamity* was near the marina entry, she had started her trip topped up with high quality engine oil, and her batteries were in good shape; she suffered no apparent damage from oil starvation and managed to crank the starter enough times to bring her home. The irony of the situation was that failure of the safety device caused the condition for which it was supposed to provide protection.

Moyer Marine has posted a video specific to the OPSS installation on Atomic 4 sailboat engines; however, it contains good, concise information regarding OPSS systems in general: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhyR7gmvsAg>

**Calamity* is not her real name, which has been obscured to protect the identity and preserve the dignity of vessels and/or seamen who may have inspired, influenced, or fabricated this story.

Survive, thrive, and have a safe and joyful season on the water.

Cheerios! WB



The Mansfield Yachtsman is published Three times a year. Spring, Fall and Winter.

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

Deadlines for the Yachtsman articles are the 15th of January, April, and July.

LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE DONE!



ACTIVITIES!



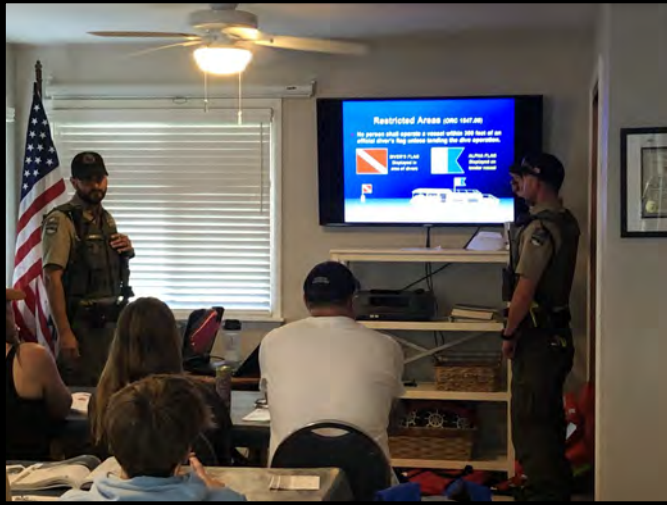
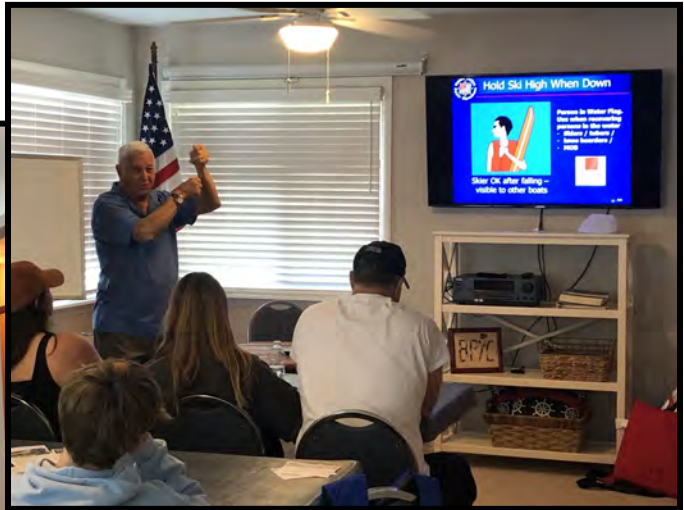
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EDUCATION



**AND MORE FUN COMING TO YOU
THIS FALL!**

Event Schedule Mansfield Power Squadron 2023-2024

Reminder for this year: If we have your email address, you will be sent a reminder about the events for the month. Also, the Google Number that you have been using is no longer available.

All RSVPs should be sent to your new Administrative Officer, Ed Corley at : edwardcorleyemail@gmail.com

2023

- August** 8 Executive and Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
 24 Midweek Geodetic Marker Search; meet at 10:00 am at Harbor Freight Parking Lot in Ontario near Kohl's; Late lunch to follow at Texas Roadhouse; RSVP by August 22
 27- Sept. 4 National Fall Governing Board Meeting; Kansas City, Missouri
- Sept.** 12 Executive and Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
 13 ABC Class for Fall begins at Madison from 6:30-8:30
 21 Fall Equinox Party at Mansfield South Park; 5:30 Social Hour; Meal at 6:00 RSVP by September 19
- Oct.** 10 Executive and Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
 TBD Free Pumpkin Carving with friends or family at Kingwood Center-Watch for email
 17 Jay and Ellen Wells host a Trent-Severn Waterway Program; Meet at Elks at 5:30 for potluck meal of appetizers/desserts; Beverages can be purchased from the Elks. Program to follow meal. RSVP by Oct. 15.
- Nov.** 3-5 D/7 Fall Conference;
 14 Executive and Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
 TBD Midweek Geodetic Marker Search and late lunch; more info will be emailed
- Dec.** 3 Christmas Party at the Lexington Senior Center; Executive and Membership Meeting begins at 4:00; Social Hour at 4:30 with dinner and gift exchange to follow; RSVP by Nov. 21

2024

- Jan.** 9 Executive and Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
 TBD D/7 Participates in Boat Show West in Cleveland; Check D/7 Website to assist
- Feb.** 3-12 National United States Power Squadron Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida
 USPS Cruise to follow to Caribbean Islands for one week
 13 Executive and Membership Meeting at the Elks Lodge at 6:30
- March** 5 Spring ABC Class to begin at Madison from 6:30-8:30
 16 Executive and Membership Meeting at Lexington Senior Center at 4:00;
 Annual Meeting at 5:00 with Social Hour and Potluck Dinner to follow; RSVP by March 14
- April** 9 Executive and Membership Meeting at Elks Lodge at 6:30
 20 Change of Watch; The Cabin Event Center; Social time begins at 5:00 pm



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