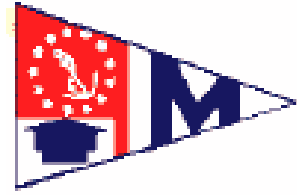




# Mansfield YACHTSMAN



January/February

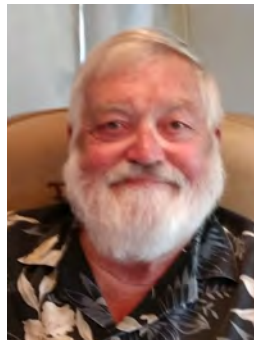
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## From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Jay Wells, AP

By now, the holiday season has passed, and I hope you all had a great and enjoyable holiday season. We are now entering the boat show season, and some of you may be thinking about what needs to be done as far as getting your boat ready for the spring launch. Now is a good time to at least plan on the upgrades or repairs that may be necessary, so we can be ready for the launch season. It will get here before we realize it has arrived.



I just want to remind you that our January and February meetings will be Zoom meetings, since most of the bridge members are in Florida or some warmer climate during those times. I will be sending out a link by email to all the members before those meetings, and you will be able to join us for those meetings from your warm living room without a worry about bad weather or roads to travel. I will look forward to seeing you on my computer and we will be able to conduct any business as needed.

We had an enjoyable time at the Christmas party on December 4 with our host and hostess P/Stf/C Gary and Susan Schroeder assisted by P/D/C Mike and Kim Siwek. The food was great and the fellowship was even better. We had 26 people in attendance, and the swapping of gifts during the gift exchange moved the alcohol around the room several times before the dust settled. It was a lot of fun.

We have some winter classes available this winter, and I'm sure our SEO will fill you in on those. Be sure to let Denise know if you are interested in classes, so we can plan future classes as needed. If it's too late for this present class, we can make plans for future classes for what ever you may be interested in taking at a later date.

Stay warm and safe during this winter season, and we will look forward to seeing everyone in the spring when we can enjoy boating again.

Jay

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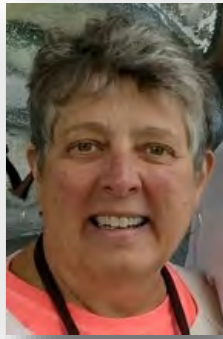
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## Administrative Officer

P/C Lynn Fortman, SN



### Administrative Article

I'm not seeing any snow while I compose this article but from the cold and wind outside, it feels like it will soon be here! In the meantime, our annual Christmas Party was held at the Lexington Senior Center where 30 of our members were scheduled to attend. Extenuating circumstances kept a few at home but the remainder enjoyed some great homemade appetizers and desserts with our main meal selection being catered. Garry and Susan Schroeder were in charge of the day and again, they didn't fail us! The tables were adorned with beautiful table sleighs, made under the creative hands of Sue, using leftover Amazon boxes for the sleighs! Check out the pictures to see how great they looked on the tables. Many members also participated in the gift exchange with some going home with handmade, quilted table runners, food items, wine or holiday decorations. I hope that no one left hungry or too disappointed with their gift exchange choice! Remember, that there is always next year!

Our Geodetic Marker Search was cancelled due to winter storm warnings. Even with this cancellation, some members were able to locate about eight markers for submission later in the month of November and December.

Our event schedule for January and February is limited. I hope that those of you that remain in the area have an opportunity to get together with others in the squadron until we gather again in March for our Annual Meeting. Check out the roster if you need a phone number or address to invite a fellow member to a winter activity. We all received information from District 7 regarding the Cleveland Boat show in January. If you have some extra time and could help out at the booth for District 7, the organizers, under the direction of Eileen Rickard, would appreciate any help that you could offer.

Our monthly membership meetings will be held via Zoom. Commander Wells will be sending out a Zoom link for you to access the Zoom portal and participate in the meeting. Prior to the actual meeting, please remember to have the Zoom App downloaded onto your device of choice: laptop, phone, etc. The dates for the Zoom meetings are Tuesday, January 10 and Tuesday, February 14. Both will begin at 6:30.

Lastly, we will be meeting again in March for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2023. This event will take place at the Lexington Senior Center and it will begin at 4:00 with the Membership/ Executive Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting at 5:00. Social time and our potluck dinner will follow. Bring your own table service, beverages and a delicious dish to share. **RSVP to Lynn Fortman at 419 975 9724 by Thursday, March 16.**

**Please note the date changes in the current calendar. MPS will also be publishing the Yachtsman three times each year. Look for more information in March with the details of our 2023-24 Calendar.**



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.

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

### Welcome!

A hearty congratulations and warm welcome to fall ABC students and **new members: Webb Bernhardt and Cindy Fort!** Webb and Cindy recently moved to Mansfield from Indianapolis, IN, and Cindy and Webb are Shirley Fort's daughter and son-in-law! We look forward to seeing them at upcoming squadron events and classes. Be sure to give them a big MPS welcome!

### ABC

The winter **ABC** course is scheduled to begin **Tuesday, January 24, 2023** at the Madison Adult Career Center in Madison H.S. from **6-8pm**. The class will continue on Tuesdays for 9-10 weeks. (Please notice the time change.) America's Boating Course promotes boater safety and boater education making navigating the water safer for all. Please inform others of the benefits of taking the course.

### Boat Handling Course

The **Boat Handling Course** (formerly Seamanship) is the next class in a series of courses offered by the Mansfield Power Squadron to improve boating safety and provide boating education. It sequentially builds on the material taught in ABC. The course will begin on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023 from 7-9 pm** and continue on Wednesdays for 8 weeks. The class will be held at the **Elks, 499 Park Avenue West**, Mansfield (please enter the side door off Sherman Avenue for access to the **second floor**). Six students have registered with me and more are welcome! Let me know if you are interested!

### Happy New Year!

It's that time again to make **New Year's Resolutions!** I could resolve to spend more time on my boat/ or spend more time on the water. Perhaps I could perform more time on routine maintenance. Maybe I could help keep beaches and waters clean! However, I think I in addition to those things I will resolve to laugh more! ...and share these with you!



## From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, SN

### SAFE BOATING TIPS

#### Winter Ice Safety

It's Holiday Movie Season for those that enjoy the warmth of a fireplace and a warm cup of cocoa, but for those more adventurous souls that enjoy braving the wind and weather of a cold winter's day, it's ice skating, ice fishing or snowmobiling time. So how do our outdoor friends know if the ice will manage their weight if they just want to walk to the other side of the pond? Just like any summer activity on the water to keep safe, start with multiple weather reports to determine if the temperature has been consistently cold enough to freeze water to ice and then do your research about the depth of the ice on the body of water you plan to traverse to keep yourself safe. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the **minimum** depth of new, clear, solid ice to handle a person walking should be four (4) inches!

Even then, on any given body of water, the depth of ice can vary depending upon its location. Be vigilant and look for possible cracks or areas that are less than four inches in depth. This means using your senses to LOOK for cracks or water emerging from the ice as well as LISTENING for ice that may be cracking. Cracking ice and shifting ice sound different. Don't be misled by thinking it's only the ice expanding or settling when it's really a crack starting that will potentially open to a hole which could put you into a dangerous situation.

If you do find yourself in that situation, your first reaction may be to run. DON'T! Try to spread your weight over as much of the good ice as possible. To do this, lie down on the ice while expanding your body with your arms extended and your legs straight (like an airplane). Now bring your arms together and roll away from the cracking sound until you are in a safer area. Do not bend your knees or elbows while you are rolling away. Sure it may sound easy but take all precautions necessary before you put yourself into a life-threatening situation.

Remember that the four (4) inch recommendation for new, clear, solid ice is only a guideline and that there are many other factors which can make ice unsafe. Stay safe on the water because there is no such thing as 100% perfect ice on any given body of water!

Safety Officer, Dan Fortman



## Notice of Annual Meeting

In accordance with the Bylaws of Mansfield Power Squadron, the Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 1700; Lexington Depot Senior Center

### Nominations for Mansfield Power Squadron

### 2023-2024

#### Bridge:

Commander: P/C John Fort, SN  
 Executive Officer:  
 Administrative Officer: Ed Corley  
 Education Officer: P/C Charlie Tarbert, JN  
 Secretary: P/R/C Tom Etwiler, SN  
 Treasurer: Lt/C Georgiann Mathews, P

#### Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee consists of the Bridge, the immediate past commander and the following members:

P/D/C Mike Siwek, SN  
 P/C Jay Wells, SN  
 P/C Robert Mathews, JN  
 P/Lt/C Wayne Hammond, SN  
 Ellen Wells, AP

#### Committees:

Auditing: P/Lt/C Bob Pompei, P Chairman  
 P/Lt/C Jim Jackson, SN  
 Dennis Tenison, SN  
 Rules: P/D/C Mike Siwek, SN Chairman  
 Nominating: To Be Determined



## Event Schedule Mansfield Power Squadron 2023



**January** 10 ZOOM Executive/Membership Meeting at 6:30  
 Boat Show West, Cleveland- Check D/7 Website for more information  
 25 Boat Handling (formerly Seamanship) Wednesday from 7-9 pm- Elks

**February** 14 ZOOM Executive/Membership Meeting at 6:30  
 18-26 National United States Power Squadron Annual Meeting

**March** 18 Executive Meeting at 4:00/Annual Meeting at 5:00 Potluck Dinner to follow at Lexington Senior Center (RSVP by March 16 to 419 975 9724)

**April** 11 Executive/Membership Meeting at 6:30 at Mansfield Elks Lodge  
 22 Change of Watch -Venue to be determined  
 Possibly The Cabin Event Center

\* 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.



## Yachtsman Honoree for January/February 2023

### P/D/C Cloyd McNaull, SN

You can never how a person will develop an interest in something. As a member of the United States Air Force, Cloyd McNaull, traveled by boat under the San Francisco Bridge on his way to the Korean War and became seasick. He promised himself that he would never ride on a boat again! Well, as we know, things can change as time goes by.

Ten years later, in 1961, he and his wife Mary Ann were friends with Dr. Gibbons and they were offered an opportunity to ride on his boat. Cloyd enjoyed himself enough to buy his first boat ten years later in 1971. It was a 25' Owens. This opened up a whole new world to him which then led to significant contributions to both the Mansfield Power Squadron and District 7.

Boating and teaching others became a way of life for him. Cloyd followed up his first boat purchase with 30' Owens, a 28' Bayliner and finally in 1991 a 32' Pacemaker Cruiser. At one time he placed his boat under a huge canvas tent so that he could work on it in the winter.

Like many of the members of the MPS in those years, he and Mary Ann travelled to many rendezvous throughout the seasons. He especially enjoyed the travels around the entirety of Lake Erie, the rendezvous to Put-In-Bay and Kelley's Island and a very enjoyable trip to Mackinaw Island in the 1980s. His many friends on these trips were the Niebels, the Forts, the Allens, the Coles and many others.

Cloyd's contribution to teaching was significant. He taught the beginning boater class (the one we now call the ABC class) for 28 years. He fondly remembers working with Shirley Fort, Chan Stevens, and Rod Allen. He was elected to the position of Commander of the Mansfield Power Squadron in 1982 and District Commander in 1994-1995. As many members would do while holding those positions, he attended National Governing Board meetings all over the country where he remembers making many good, new friends.

When he was asked what his favorite memories were of his power squadron years he responded that "the friendships were the best"...and "Oh yes, the picnics!"

Thank you, P/D/C Cloyd McNaull, SN for all that you have done to help lead the way and build the Mansfield Power Squadron. Those of us that have followed have had our efforts made easier through your contributions.



WHEN I INVITED YOU FOR A SAIL AND SAID YOU'D BE IN CHARGE OF TYING CLEATS, I HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND!



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