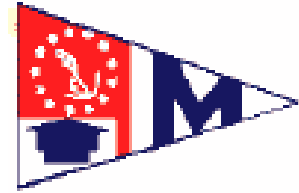




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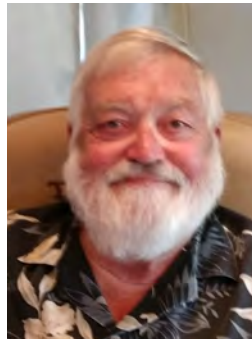
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From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Jay Wells, AP

Hello from sunny Florida. We have settled in at Wildwood near the Villages in central Florida. It has been mostly sunny and warm, although the last couple of days have been cooler than usual. Still no snow to shovel, or no ice on the roadways, so we are not complaining.



We are happy to report completion of a fall ABC class with all passing the test at end of class time. We also have welcomed two new members from the class. It is also exciting to tell you we have an advanced class, boat handling, and another ABC class scheduled for the winter season. It is really exciting to see more people wanting to learn safe boating skills.

The National convention will have happened by the time you read this, but I do plan to attend virtually and Ellen and I will be your voting members for any issues that come up during the convention. I will report later, if there are issues that should be brought to you our members.

Coming events in the near future will be our annual meeting to be held at the Lexington Senior Center March 18, and the change of watch at the Cabin on 22 April. I won't be home in time for the annual meeting, but I do hope to see you at the Change of Watch.

Soon after these event, it will be time to launch our boats for another fun summer on the water. Looking forward to another good boating season. I hope to see you soon. Be safe and enjoy getting your vessel ready for launch. Jay

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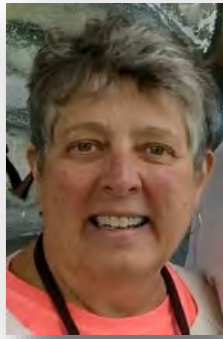
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Our Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023. This event will take place at the Lexington Senior Center and it will begin at 4:00 with the Membership/Executive Meeting, followed by the Annual Meeting at 5:00. Social time and our potluck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

District 7 will have their Annual Meeting and Change of Watch the weekend of March 31-April 2 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Independence, Ohio. There is no registration fee for this conference and hotel rooms can be booked for \$99/night. Information regarding the details of the conference/presenters/meal costs/events was received via an email on February 1 to all members so please check your email or the district website for specific information.

Mansfield Power Squadron will hold its Change of Watch on Saturday, April 22 beginning at 5:00 for Social hour and Dinner to follow at 6:00. This year the squadron will offset the price of the meal by \$20/member. The two buffet choices for our entrées are chicken cordon bleu or prime rib slices au jus. Each entrée will include buttered parsley new potatoes, fresh green beans with applewood bacon, rolls, spinach/strawberry/goat cheese salad with balsamic vinaigrette, and coffee or tea. Appetizers will be fresh fruit and Italian bruschetta; dessert is cheesecake. Cash bar will also be available. Reminder emails will be sent to everyone in April that have an active email address. The cost for the meal to members will be less than \$20 for those interested in attending. RSVP to 419 975 9724 by April 8.

There will be a change to our current publishing schedule for the Yachtsman after our Change of Watch. Due to busy schedules of many of our members, MPS will be publishing the Yachtsman three times per year. You will receive a Yachtsman in May of this year and again in August as well as February of 2024. Don't feel left out because you will be receiving additional notifications about activities that will be sent via email. If your email has changed since the printing of our last Roster, please notify me at 419-975-9724 so that you can receive all necessary information regarding our

events. The May Yachtsman will also include our Calendar of Events for 2023-2024. If you have any questions about our new email procedure, please call me.

From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, SN

SPRINGTIME SAFE BOATING TIPS

With warmer weather on the way, we are all looking forward to that time when we can get our boats back on the water. This is a great time to check your boat and all of its necessary gear to prepare for the new season. The following are some reminders of what you can do to prepare.

- Ensure that your life jacket fits properly. Make sure that the buckles and zippers are still in good working order. You can check the fit by raising your arms above your head and asking a friend to grab the shoulder straps and gently pull up. The life jacket should not be able to rise above your chin or face. A snug fit means that the life jacket fits properly.
- Check your first aid kit and replace anything that is expired or is no longer useful.
- Ensure that all battery powered devices have new batteries.
- Order any replacement gear that may be needed. Never use expired or faulty gear.
- Make sure that you have two communication devices that work when wet, such as a VHF radio and emergency locator beacon.
- Double check your trailer. Tire condition, tire pressure, lights, tie downs, and other equipment should be tested and potentially replaced or improved.
- Take a safe boating course to brush up on your knowledge or to learn new skills.
- Get a vessel safety check to ensure that you are ready to go.

The goal of safe boating of course, is to have as much fun on the water this season for you and your family.

Good luck and be safe!



Dan looking for Geodetic marker in Florida

From the Education Officer

Lt/C Denise Tenison, SN

Welcome! A warm welcome to new Mansfield Power Squadron member **Tammy Brockway!** Tammy is currently taking the MPS Boat Handling class, and we look forward to seeing her at upcoming squadron events and classes!



ABC - The January class was cancelled after no one registered in advance. The next **ABC** will be held **Saturday, June 3, 2023 at Bay Point Yacht Club, Marblehead, OH.** It is a one day all day class. **Fall ABC** has been scheduled to begin **Wednesday, September 13, 2023** from 6:30-8:30p.m. at the Madison Adult Career Center in Madison Comprehensive H.S. and continues for 8-10 weeks. Since the spring ABC was so well attended last year, we are moving ABC back to a spring vs. winter class. **Spring ABC** will begin **Tuesday, March 5, 2024** from 6:30 to 8:30pm. at the Madison Adult Career Center in Madison Comprehensive H.S. and continues for 8-10 weeks.

Boat Handling Course -

The Boat Handling class is under way at the Elks. **Instructor Dennis Figley** is utilizing the new MPS wide screen TV and his computer to run the classpower point program.

Students taking the class include: **Ed Corley, Laura Lindsay, Dre McCruiter, Patty Traylor, Tammy Brockway, Cindy Fort, and Webb Bernhardt!** All seven are new members to the squadron since last spring!

Marine Navigation - The next course in the series of courses is Marine Navigation (Piloting). The class covers electronicnavigation and paper charts, as well as, inland and coastal navigation. Topics include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS - typical GPS displays and information

- they provide, setting up way points and routes, staying on a GPS route
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The "Seaman's Eye" checking simple skills for checking that one is on course

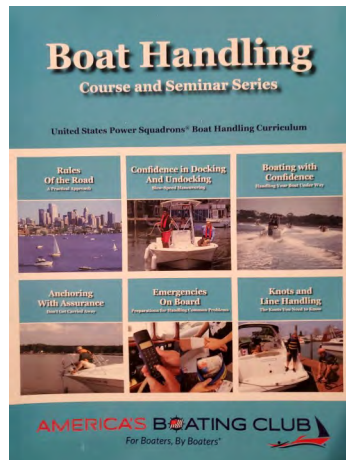
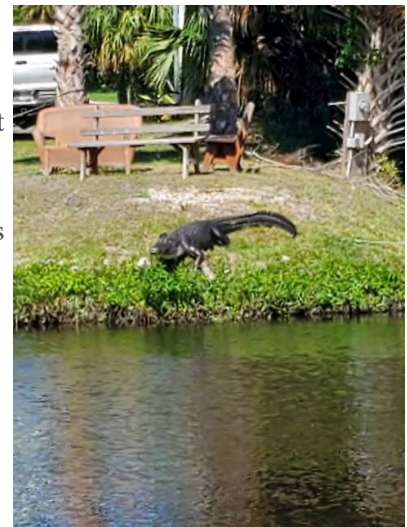
I recommend this course to all who have completed Boat Handling, to all MPS instructors, boat owners or future boat owners. This course is undergoing change and has been vastly updated. It is a necessary component of navigating on the water today. It is an example of meshing the old and the new together -both vital components to safe and practiced boating.

Keep your eyes open  **for when this class will be scheduled!**

Classes anyone? If anyone is interested in specific elective courses for members, go to our website, usps.org/mansfield/ and click on classes, then click on member classes, for the list of elective courses available (as well as advanced courses). Let me know of your interest and we can get a class going!

Safety first.... in this situation! A good reason to stay on the water and not in the water.

An 8-9 ft. alligator sunning itself across the slip 30 yards from our boat and dock. It likes this spot! No falling off the boat allowed!



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.

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