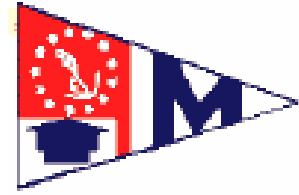




Mansfield YACHTSMAN



Winter

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2024

From the Wheelhouse

Cdr John Fort, SN

What a great time we had at the annual Christmas party: beautiful decorations created by Sue Schroeder, delicious food prepared by Garry and Sue Schroeder, Judy Pompei leading the clean-up crew, and of course all the great appetizers, deserts, and gifts provided by the attendees. The generous teamwork proves once again that for the Mansfield Power Squadron, MEMBERSHIP is Job #1.



As a squadron, we must continually strive for recruitment, participation, and retention. Talk up your squadron. Talk up the ABC (Public Boating) course. Talk up the Advanced Grade and Elective courses. Talk up the friendships, adventures, and activities.

As members, we have the power to shape our squadron according to our individual and collective interests. Above all, participate. Get reacquainted with old friends and greet the newest members. Volunteer according to your skills and interests. Encourage all aspects of boating safety. The life you save might just be your neighbor's.

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Ahoy:

“Happy New Year”. Now that we are in a new year, you have undoubtedly watched your favorite football teams stumble in the bowl games, returned all unwanted

Christmas gifts and securely stored all Christmas decorations and unrealized New Year’s Resolutions for next year. It is now time to prepare for 2024.

In doing so, let us make one big Power Squadron Group New Year’s Resolution. That is, to be the best Power Squadron we can be. In doing so, as in years past, we will seek to offer a variety of unique and interesting events for the Squadron. What events this year?...Well, that is where you come in. We need an all-hands-on-deck spirit to provide suggestions for potential upcoming events. Most of us have event suggestions. All we need is for you to share your suggestions. Once the suggestion is made, we can seek to get it underway.

For example, on April 8, 2024, from 3:08 pm - 3:19 pm, there will be a total eclipse of the Sun. Remarkably, Mansfield and most of Lake Erie are in the direct path of the eclipse. This is a great opportunity for the Power Squadron to plan an event. We just need your suggestions (asap). Don’t hold back your suggestion for the next total solar eclipse. It will not be until 2099.

Also, all organizations need new blood to maintain their vitality. We are no different. Therefore, spread the word about the Power Squadron, who we are and what we do. Also, consider bringing a friend. There are many people out there who would benefit from the Power Squadron.

If you have any event suggestions, please feel free to contact me at edwardcorleyemail@gmail.com or (419) 524-4444.

Edward Corley



Education Officer

P/C Charlie Tarbert, JN

The weather is changing to that of the Christmas season and the boat is put on dry land for the winter. So goes the boating season.

It is time now to turn our attentions to educational classes and gatherings. We have put together 2 ABC classes for February 2024. The first will be held at Pioneer Vocational School in Shelby to start February 6th at 7 PM. The next one will be held at Madison Adult Education in Mansfield to start February 7th at 7 PM. Contact the schools for registration in these classes.

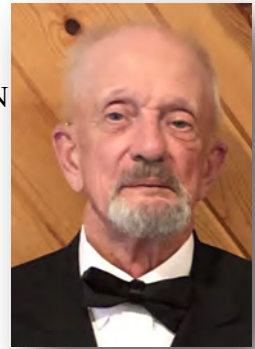
The squadron is in dire need of certified instructors as we have lost a number of them for various reasons. With that said, we will be having an Instructor Qualification course later this Spring. The date is to be determined yet. So please consider becoming a Certified instructor.

We are also working on the request for a Weather class to be offered sometime before 2024 spring launch.

The annual Education Recognition function this year will also bring back the long missing annual Cookout. This will be held on May 18th 2024 at the Ashland Airport. We will meet at our hosts, Jay and Ellen Wells, home. Bring your table service, a side dish to share and your choice of meat to grill. This shindig will start at 4 PM. Please RSVP me at 419-564-7317 as we will need an approximate head count. Coffee, hot water and pop will be furnished. Hard stuff is on your own.

So please stay safe and warm this winter.

SEO, P/C Charlie Tarbert, JN



From the Safety Officer

Lt Webb Bernhardt, S

Holiday Hopes & Memories

Cindy Fort and I took the ABC class in the Fall of 2022. Upon passing the class, we were graciously invited by instructors Denise and Garry and strongly encouraged by In-laws to join the Mansfield Power Squadron. I subsequently “volunteered” to become your SO, not knowing then and still learning what the position entails. It has been a wonderful first year with the Squadron. The welcome and support we have received has helped me adopt Ohio as my new home. The dedication and involvement of many of you is inspiring. It has been nice to get to know new friends (like those below) and we look forward to making more happy memories.



We joined several carloads of members who visited the National Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo. The hardhat tours of the freighter and tugboat were the high points for me. The land-based displays are interesting, too, with focuses on geological, human, and commercial history, with an emphasis on lore of the Great Lakes. Shipwrecks, rescues, life and death are discussed in many of the displays and serve to remind boaters of the responsibility we take on for ourselves, our passengers, and our vessels. The day was capped with a tasty visit to the Tackle Box 2 in Fremont. I recommend both venues and would enjoy repeat visits.



We have attended Squadron meetings, banquets, and parties - all of which have included food and fellowship. As transplants from the Indianapolis BMW Motorcycle Club, whose motto is “Live to Ride. Ride to Eat” the transition has not been difficult. The comradery is enjoyable and easy. If you have not attended recently, we’d love to meet you.

We crewed on the sloop *Swallow's Nest* numerous times this season. We’ve been doing so for over thirty years, and the increased frequency, tutelage, and opportunities to compare experiences have intensified the enjoyment. Lust for a vessel of our own is brewing (despite having assisted in boat maintenance activities). And the Cleveland Boat Show is only weeks away; maybe see you there.



Following our completion of the ABC Safe Boating course, Cindy and I took the Boat Handling course (Thank you, Dennis) and are currently completing and testing for the Marine Navigation course (Thank you, Jim, Jay, and Mike). We also attended a remote seminar covering the science of Foul Weather and Thunderstorm Prediction. Training of this nature would be virtually impossible to access if not for the US Power Squadron. We thank our instructors for their generosity, enthusiasm, and dedication and hope we can help generate interest in addition training; we’d love to learn more. Although as SO I have not yet had the opportunity to assist in the effort, I am proud to say training from the Mansfield Power Squadron makes us safer boaters.

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As the 2023 boating season closes, we look forward to 2024 with hope that all of us will be safe on the water and continue to cherish this most valuable resource, will be blessed with good health and sufficient energy, that MPS members will remain active and generously share their knowledge, experience, and recipes, and that MPS may thrive as

a collection of unique people with a common passion. With respect to all other names by which you may call your Guiding Spirit, I wish you a Merry Christmas and...

Peace on Earth



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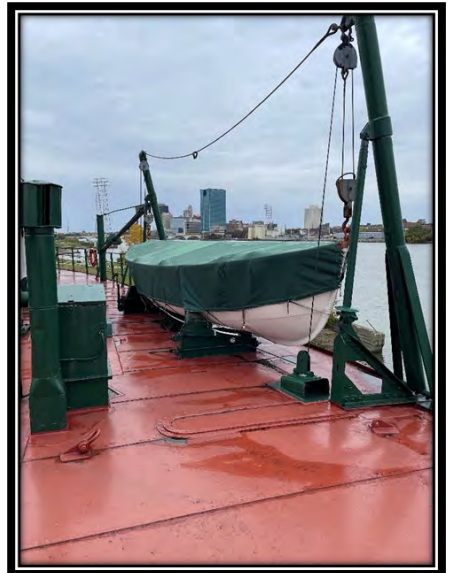
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21 October 2023



Mansfield Power Squadron 2024 Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
January 9	1830	Executive & Membership meeting	Elks
January 18 - 21		Cleveland Boat Show Electronic sign up to work the D7 Booth and/or Boating Simulator: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4AAFA82B0-46323696-2024#/	IX Center
February 6 – April 16	1900	Public Safe Boating (ABC Course) sign up: https://macc.axstudent.com/#/category/B5 or call 419-589-6363 Ext. 65052	Madison High School
February 7 – April 17		Public Safe Boating (ABC Course). Call to sign up: 419-347-7744	Pioneer Career & Technology Center
February 13	1830	Executive & Membership meeting	Elks
February 24?	TBD	Cabin Fever Get Away (stay tuned!)	
March 16	1600	Annual Meeting & Spring Equinox Party	Lexington Sr. Center
March 18	TBD	Spring Equinox Party	TBD
April 5-7		D7 Spring Conference	Independence
April 8	1300	Solar Eclipse. Contact Ed Corley (edwardcorleyemail@gmail.com) to get glasses	Jay & Ellen Wells Hosting Hot Dogs on the Grill
April 13	1600	Change of Watch	The Cabin, Mifflin
May 18	TBD	Education Banquet	Jay & Ellen Wells Hosting
May 18 -24		Safe Boating Week: Vessel Safety Check and other events	TBD
June 1	???	ABC Course at Bay Point Yacht Club	Bay Point Yacht Clut
June 11	1830	Executive & Membership meeting	Elks
June 15-16		Vermillion Rendezvous River Cruise and Dinner	
July 13-14		MPS Rendezvous at Huron Boat Basin	Huron Boat Basin
July 26-28		D7 Rendezvous at Huron Boat Basin	Huron Boat Basin
August 13	1830	Executive & Membership meeting	Elks
August 17-18		Rendezvous at Pleasant Hill Park	
September 7-8		South &/or Middle Bass Island Rendezvous – Tour Stone Lab on Gibraltar Island and South Bass Light House	
September 10	1830	Executive & Membership Meeting	Elks
September 23		Fall Equinox Party	

2024 Advanced Grades and Classes to Schedule

- ❖ Instructor Qualifications (for ABC course)
- ❖ Weather
- ❖ Vessel Safety Check
- ❖ Bridge Operations Training
- ❖ Advanced Marine Navigation

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