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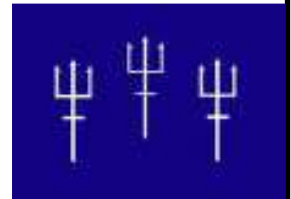


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**February, 2024**

**DAVE KASTL, P  
COMMANDER**



As you read our newsletter Mary Anne and I will be in Mexico and thinking of all of you.

We hope we will see some sign ups from the Cleveland Boat Show in January for our upcoming classes. Spring Conference is April 5 – 7 and I urge you to attend.

Please keep Capt. Ralph and this wife in your prayers as they are still recovering from a past auto accident and other subsequent complications. Thinking of Marianne Cochrane and Roger Cooper and all others in our squadron who need and appreciate our prayers for good health, consolation and care.

I look forward to seeing all of you for the February voting and Save our Sweethearts meeting at Cathe's house or on Zoom.

Everyone, stay warm and comfy through the duration of this winter wherever you may be.

Respectfully yours,

CMDR Dave Kastl, P



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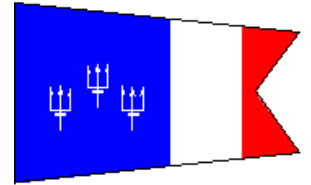
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**P/C Larry Barber, P**

“America’s Boating Club is a nation-wide boating organization. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land. Our members learn boating skills, engage with boating friends, and connect with the boating community.”



**P/C MARY ANNE KASTL, P  
Administrative Officer**



From Mary Anne Kastl, Admin Officer

The January meeting at La Plaza Taqueria in Amherst was fun and I think everyone had to go containers!

February 15, 2024 is Save our Sweethearts meeting, and the Annual meeting where we will be voting on the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers and bridge. Meeting will be at Cathe Radabaugh's home, 73 King St, Oberlin at 1730 hours. For those who are out of town, you can attend via Zoom and Cathe will email the link a few days prior.

Friday, March 22, 2024 is the last meeting under Commander Dave's year. This meeting will be at Martino's International Café, 4415 Liberty Ave, Vermilion. Meet in the small room to the right of the vestibule at 1730 hours. Attendance by Zoom will not be offered.

Change of Watch will be April 18, 2024 at the Wellington Eagles at 1800 hours. Full catered dinner, cash bar and appetizers for \$27.50 per person. Uniform or business casual attire. See the formal invitation in The Ball. Some have already RSVP'd but please do so again so I can get the proper number of dinners ordered.

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

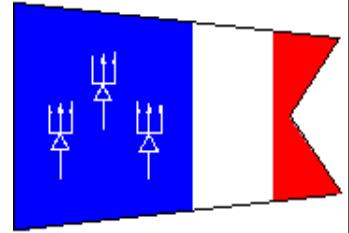
Respectfully submitted,

P/C Mary Anne Kastl, P  
Administrative Officer





**P/D/C DAVID A. BIALORUCKI, SN**  
**SEO and Membership Chair**



## **SEO REPORT**

We will teach three ABC Boating classes after the Cleveland Boat Show.

The first class will start Sat Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at the Power Boats on Liberty Ave, class time will be 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. This will be a three-week class.

The second class begins Monday Feb 5<sup>th</sup> thru March 10<sup>th</sup>, with NO CLASS ON FEB 19<sup>TH</sup>. This class is 6 six weeks in length, two hours each week.

The third class begins March 23, and will be at the Beaver Park Marina for three weeks

On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2024, we will begin the Boat Handling Course at the Beaver park Yacht Club. This class should be about 5 weeks.

You can call me at 440 282 2282 for more info on these classes.

## **MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT.**

### **Birthdays for February:**

BEV SAMS  
TIM SMITH  
JEFF SCOTT

Happy Birthday to all.

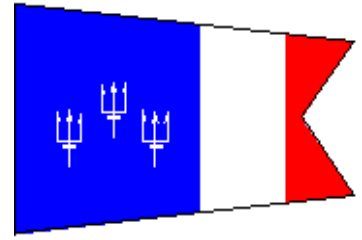


The USPS National Annual Meeting is in Orlando, February 7 thru 11. Any member can attend, and you can also attend online.

Hope to see everyone at the February membership meeting. It's a hybrid format. There will be pizza for those who attend in person; or you can stay comfy where you are, and attend by Zoom.



**P/C CATHE RADABAUGH, N**  
**Executive Officer**



I worked one shift at the Power Squadron's booth at the Cleveland Boat Show, and it was really nice to spend time with other squadron folks from District 7. The virtual trainer was a big hit with the kids; so many folks are too shy to step up to the booth. Kids—they're on it.

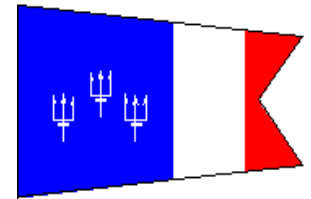
Our February meeting does double-duty as our Annual (Elections) meeting and our Save Our Sweethearts meeting. Rather than rely only on Zoom we'll have a hybrid meeting. You're invited to my house at 73 King Street, in Oberlin, to enjoy some pizza and beverages, and wave at the Zoom folks on the screen. If you're too far away, or would rather not be out and about, then you can eat your favorite foods and Zoom in. Just let me know if you're coming and if you have any particular likes and dislikes on pizza toppings.

Please check out the meeting schedule Mary Anne has set up for the next two meetings, and please let her know which ones you can attend. Particulars are in her report on page 3.





**P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**



**FROM THE DESK OF YOUR TREASURER/SECRETARY**

Barb and I just finished rehab for the car accident we were in last June when I had a minor stroke in October. The doctors are not sure what caused it, but I am going through testing to find out. I had just started rehab when I tripped over a loose carpet and jammed my head into the small dresser we had in the 4-season room. I now have a scar over my left eye and a fractured fibula in my knee. This required 2 weeks of intense therapy just so I could walk with a walker. February 19th I should be back to my rehab for my stroke. It's been a bad year so goodbye 2023 and hope things go well this year.

I will be able to complete the duties for the Vermilion Power Squadron and plan on attending meetings soon.

**Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron**  
**Nominating Committee Report for 2024-2025**

In accordance with our Bylaws, Article 11, & Article 6 – Section 6.8, of Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron, a unit of United States Power Squadrons, the Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for election at the Annual Meeting in February:

**Bridge Officers:**

Commander P/C Rich Barzyk, SN  
Executive Officer P/C Cathe Radabaugh, N  
Admin. Officer P/C Mary Anne Kastl, P  
SEO P/D/C David Bialorucki, SN  
Treasurer/Sec'y P/C Ralph Schaefer, SN

**Executive Committee:**

P/C Tim Smith, S  
P/C David Kastl, P  
P/C Paul Hammel, S

**Nominating Committee:**

P/C Kerry McCullough, AP  
Continuing  
P/C Paul Hammel, P – 2 yrs remaining  
P/C Tim Smith, S – 1 yr remaining

**Rules Committee:**

P/C Larry Barber, P

**Audit Committee:**

P/C Jean Verlotti, P – Chair  
Patti Barnhart, S – Continuing; 1 yr remaining

Respectfully submitted,  
P/C Paul Hammel, S  
Nominating Chairperson

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**VSPS PATRONS—2024**  
Tim Smith

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**Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron  
February Membership Meeting  
Thursday, 15 February, 2024 — 1730**

**Location: Home of Cathe Radabaugh  
73 King Street  
Oberlin, OH 44074  
Pizza from Lorenzo's  
-OR-  
online with Zoom**

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