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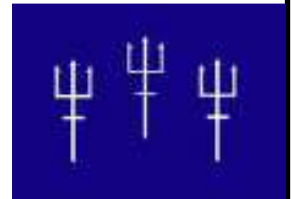


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**DAVE KASTL, P
COMMANDER**



A big Thank-You to Mary Anne for planning and setting up our Christmas dinner at the carriage barn; she did a great job! Thanks to Santa Paul for the candy canes and passing them out. All in attendance had a good time.

Happy and Healthy New Year to you! I hope you all enjoyed your holidays with your family and friends.

I will be able to do the D7 Commander's Conference Call, January 9th, 7:00-8:30pm. The next day, Mary Anne and travel for a week to Guatemala for bill fishing and others. Watch Facebook for pictures. Note the Cleveland Boat Show is January 18 – 21, 2024. We will try to work and attend the boat show and hope others will be there to work and represent Vermilion. We are hopeful for higher class attendance from our advertising that will be in the show program. Thank you again to Cathe Radabaugh for creating the QR code which links to our website of upcoming classes and general information. Note that workers enter for free; see link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4AAFA82B0-46323696-2024#/>

and the link to tickets and general information

<https://www.tixr.com/groups/lemta/events/2024-progressive-cleveland-boat-show-83006>

We are also fortunate enough to “live” in Mexico February through end of March. Therefore, we will not be in person at the February 15 meeting but hope to Zoom in for voting of Officers. I want to thank our Nominating Committee who will present a fine ballot for 2024-25.

I hope you all stay warm and comfy this winter wherever you may be.

Respectfully yours,
CMDR Dave Kastl, P



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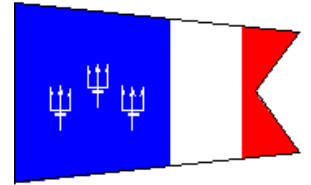
RULES CHAIR

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

Wow! Wow! Carriage Barn Jingle and Mingle! A joyous time in a beautiful historic place. We are so grateful to the Lorain County Metroparks to use their facilities free of charge.

January 18, 2024 will be our regular meeting at 1730 hours at La Plaza Taqueria, 1190 Milan Avenue in Amherst. They also have a very large assortment of frozen treats and ice cream. Canned and bottled refrescos also available.

February 15, 2024 is Save our Sweethearts meeting. March 21, 2024 is the last meeting under Commander Dave's year. We are in Mexico for both meetings, so I ask for your approval to have Zoom meetings for both starting at 1730 hours EST

Change of Watch will be April 18, 2024 at the Wellington Eagles at 1800 hours. Full catered dinner, cash bar and complimentary appetizers. Uniform or business casual attire.

A new year brings new opportunities and adventures for all of us. I wish you all the Happiest year to come.

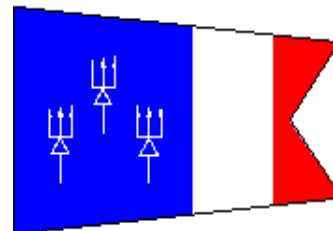
Respectfully submitted,

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 27th 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 5th thru March 10th, with NO CLASS ON FEB 19TH. This class is 6 six weeks in length, two hours each week.

The third class will be at the Beaver Park Marina for three weeks. Exact start date not set at this writing; this class will be 3 weeks in length.

On Saturday, April 6th 2024, we will begin the Boat Handling Course. This class should be about 5 weeks.

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

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT.

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday .

Birthdays for January:
MARIANNE COCHRANE, and JOHN VANEK.
Happy Birthday to all.

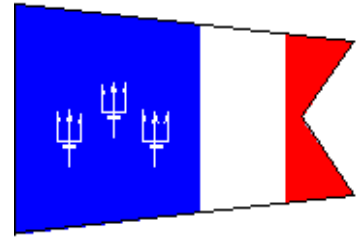
Not much to report on at this point, other than the Cleveland Boat Show this month, and our regular Membership meeting this month. Check Mary Anne's report for the meeting place and time.

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 next membership meeting



P/C CATHE RADABAUGH, N
Executive Officer



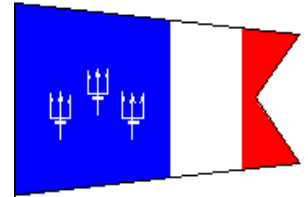
For all of us who miss the boating life during the winter, please consider the Cleveland Boat Show. It runs at the IX Center from Thursday, January 18 thru Sunday, January 21, 2024. Even better, we'd love to have more volunteers from Vermilion working the USPS/Americas Boating Club booth in the show. The signup link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4AAFA82B0-46323696-2024#/> Please check this link for any open spots that may still exist.

More photos from our December meeting—





P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR TREASURER/SECRETARY

We had a great turnout for our Christmas party at the Mill Hollow Carriage Barn in Vermilion. It was no-charge so everyone enjoyed it. Now we have to elect a new bridge for 2024 -2025. Please thank the Nominating Committee for presenting a full slate for the Annual Meeting in February.

P.C. Ralph Schaefer, S.N.

Nominating Committee Report for 2023-2024

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
- P/C Paul Hammel, P – Continuing; 2 yrs remaining
- P/C Tim Smith, S – Continuing; 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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 - Paul Hammel
 - Dave and Mary Anne Kastl
 - Cathe Radabaugh
 - Ralph and Barb Schaefer
 - Tim Smith

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron
January Membership Meeting4
Thursday, 18 January, 2024 — 1730**

**Location: La Plaza Taqueria
1190 Milan Avenue
Amherst, OH**

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