



THE BALL

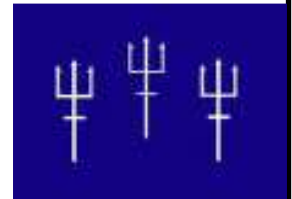


A PUBLICATION OF THE VERMILION SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



November, 2023

**DAVE KASTL, P
COMMANDER**



No more perching as we put up the boat for the season the middle of October. We store at Parker Marine in Sheffield and the trip to the Boat Pad on the Black River (take out point) is always so enjoyable spotting eagles and other wildlife. The Beaver Creek variable depths and log obstructions did challenge us not only on the last trip to the Boat Pad, but throughout the summer. Having purchased all new electronics for the boat this summer, it showed depths of 2 feet and less in some spots. Thus, the engines went into neutral more than once.

Merit mark submission in October is easy for me as so many in our squadron go above and beyond. Thank you all.

Respectfully,
Commander Dave Kastl, P





VERMILION BRIDGE

COMMANDER

Cdr David Kastl, P
1327 Narragansett Blvd
Lorain, OH 44053-3414
440-282-7023
dakmak@roadrunner.com

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

P/C Cathe Radabaugh, N
73 King Street
Oberlin, OH 44074
440-223-8295
ceradabaugh@gmail.com

SECRETARY / TREASURER

P/C Ralph Schaefer, SN
103 Haydens Arbor
Elyria, Ohio 44035
440-319-2341
captralph555@gmail.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C Kerry McCullough, AP
P/C Tim Smith, S
P/C Paul Hammel, S

EDUCATION OFFICER

P/D/C David Bialorucki, SN
2548 W. 37th Street
Lorain, Ohio 44053
440-282-2282
taxi60@hotmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

P/C Mary Anne Kastl, P
1327 Narragansett Blvd
Lorain, OH 44053-3414
440-282-7023
dakmak@roadrunner.com

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

P/C Paul Hammel, S
P/C Bob Moss, N
P/C Tim Smith, S

AUDIT CHAIR

P/C Jean Verlotti, P

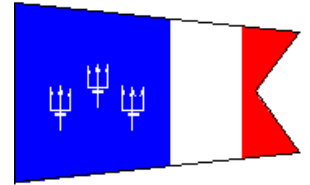
RULES CHAIR

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

The October meeting at Wakeman Elevator was enjoyable and the entertainment and food were good. I still manage to get lost using the GPS!

November 16 meeting will be at Paper Moon Vineyards, Route 60 in Vermilion at 1730/5:30 PM. Order from menu and we will be in either the main tasting room or the heated porch. No need to reserve but I hope we see all of you there.

December 21 Holiday meeting, we are returning to the Carriage Barn at Vermilion River Reservation. Catered dinner (free of charge to all VSPS members and SO's) and nominal fee to others including your family and friends. Let's share the fun with all at this beautiful venue and bring a holiday ornament or item to partake in the optional gift exchange. Bring a holiday dessert (optional).

January 18 meeting venue to be announced. February and March will be Zoom meetings so that we can include the snow birders and avoid going out in the nasty winter weather.

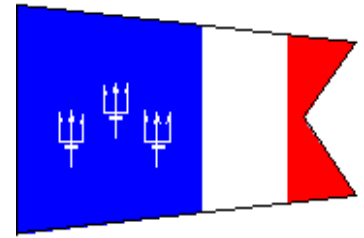
Respectfully submitted,
P/C Mary Anne Kastl, P
Administrative Officer



Mayflower



**P/C Cathe Radabaugh, N
Executive Officer**



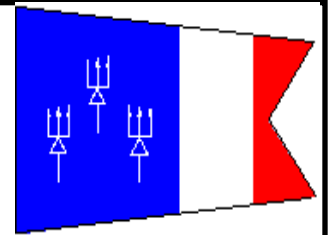
This winter's boat show at the IX Center runs from Thursday, January 18 thru Sunday, January 21, 2024. In case you'd like a sneak peek at the current list of vendors, check out – clevelandboatshow.com. Our squadron will join the other Ohio-based squadrons of our District to have an exhibit area there. In past years, being a volunteer for a shift meant you and 2-3 other volunteers could shoot the breeze with other boaters, talk about our classes and organization, and then stroll the rest of the show after the shift was done. All while saving the price of a ticket. So please consider helping to man the exhibit booth.

New for this year is an ad for our Spring classes, printed up in the Boat Show newspaper. That ad was quite successful for the North Coast Squadron last year, gaining them a number of students, and new members. This year, a number of District 7 squadrons will share the ad space (and the cost). It will be great to get another group of students to share boating knowledge with.





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



SEO REPORT

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone, I hope you have a joyous day.

Our Fall boating class was a bust this year. No students showed up. We plan to offer Safe Boating classes after the Cleveland Boat Show, starting in February.

We are also going to have a Boat Handling class in April, 2024. This class used to be called our old Seamanship class. This is a new version, with only six chapters. We will offer this at the Beaver Park Marina, on the North side.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

This year has really gone by fast, looking at Thanksgiving, then Christmas with the New Year on the horizon.

Check this newsletter for all the upcoming events. This year D7 had a one day conference which is a change instead of a full weekend. It turned out pretty good; all reports were given; we had a nice lunch and then our business meeting; and we were done in record time.

No birthdays to report for November. I hope to see you at this month's membership meeting at Paper Moon Vineyards in Vermilion.

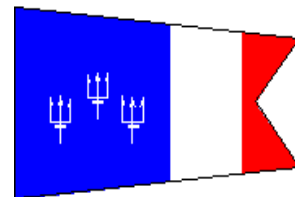


Chasing the Thanksgiving Turkey

Norman Rockwell



P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR TREASURER/SECRETARY

A short report from your secretary. We are still doing rehab from the car accident. Plan to attend the meeting at Paper Moon Vineyards.

P.C. Ralph Schaefer, S.N.



ADD YOUR NAME TO THIS PAGE & HELP SUPPORT YOUR SQUADRON.

BUSINESS SPONSORS—2022-23



VSPS PATRONS—2022-23

Roger and Fran Cooper
Paul Hammel
Dave and Mary Anne Kastl
Cathe Radabaugh
Ralph and Barb Schaefer
Tim Smith

Patron ads are \$10 per year. Sponsor ads are \$30 per year. Please see P/C Ralph Schaefer, SN to add your name or business card.

VERMILION SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
DISTRICT 7
P/C Ralph Schaefer, SN
103 Haydens Arbor
Elyria, Ohio 44035



FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron
November Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, 16 November, 2023 — 1730
Paper Moon Vineyards
2008 State Road, Vermilion**

**RSVP: Mary Anne Kastl
dakmak@roadrunner.com
or text 440-724-9511**