First off, Welcome to April, the time when hope springs eternal and we all start looking forward to heading back to the water or our summer happy places. Also, I'd like to personally welcome our newest Members, Valerie Shuster, Barb and Lance Fragomeli, Sarah & Bill Dziatkowicz, and Cheri Carn.

With the current Pandemic, at least the marinas are considered essential and the boat yards are open and as of April 1st, boats are being launched as the official start of boating season. We didn't get into the water until the middle of June due to weather last year, so we can look at the bright side. With a mild winter, just remember there is still all of that runoff from the early spring rains that like to bring all of that mess just below the waterline.

Our excitement of going to a new Marina this year, Cedar Point is not opening on time. They are waiting on having the entrance way redone and also behind on hiring the summer help. Hope to physical distance on Adagio soon enough.

With us having to cancel the April Meeting, we're going to shoot for our Change of Watch in May.

If you want to go to the Commander's Rendezvous on Kelleys Island at Portside Marina June 19th-21st, you must call and use Vermilion Sail & Power Squadron when making Reservations. THIS IS AN OPEN SQUADRON EVENT. That is, we will open the docks not taken by members to friends and acquaintances of our members on May 15th, 2020. A list of events will be coming and will be coinciding with Maritime Weekend on Kelleys. Portside's Number is 419-746-2668.

I am looking forward to this summer and our planned events. Make sure you check out our Admin Officer's great list for our activities.

We will be conducting an Admin Meeting via the internet and setting all of our summer agenda.

Watch for the information on the Change of Watch that will arrive Via EMAIL as well as in our May Edition of the Ball!

Yours in Boating,
Cmd Kerry McCullough, AP   kerry.j.mccullough@gmail.com
“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.”
Dear members of the Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron.

First, I like to say welcome to the new members. They have successfully completed their classes and started a new sailing life that I hope will also be open this summer.

The pandemic has convinced me to cancel completely my desire to leave this summer for the Great Loop. It will be a wait and see what is ahead, and where it will bring us to.

I had an offer for my sailboat, but the buyer lost his job and the bank refused to finance him. I might have another buyer in line.

What is for us is unknown, but I don’t think it should stop us to prepare just in case. For the first time in my life I feel very concerned.

Quarantine is not very fun, but my optimistic nature tells me that we are more socially connected with our family and friend more than ever before.

With another group where we used to meet for an hour and a half every week, we had to cancel our meeting. We have therefore found a solution to meet anyway virtually, and carry our weekly meeting anyway. It’s working well, we are very happy, and we can see each other on the screen. The APP is called ZOOM and it is very simple to use with either our phone, computers or tablets.

Maybe we can think about something similar for conducting classes or monthly meeting. To have an unlimited of guest and time, it cost $16 per month.

I missed all of you since before Xmas and hope that we can connect soon and enjoy a good meeting together.

The boat should be on the water by April 30th and I intend to enjoy the boating season as much as possible.

No confinement for our beautiful birds!

Gilbert Lorenzo AP
Dear Friends,

We had a great response to attend our Change of Watch this past month (March 19) and look forward to rescheduling once all people of the World conquer the current situation. We were delivered a challenge; we accept it and we are all thankful to get nearer every day to the solution.

Beaver Park North Yacht Club and Marina are both “closed” and our dock partners are getting very anxious. They have been holding cocktail hour in the parking lot staying in their cars and within 6 feet of each other.

I still keep in touch with my colleagues doing consulting and the feelings worldwide are much the same. Everyone is very hopeful and also very sad to not see their parents, grandchildren and grandparents. We are electronically communicating more than ever (too much actually) on Facebook, text, and various messengers. Our former dock partner reads stories to her grandchildren on YouTube.

Upcoming meetings to be scheduled are Change of Watch at BPYC and Bryan Schrock, a marine surveyor to speak at the final dinner meeting at International Café, Vermilion.

Other upcoming events to be reconfirmed or rescheduled:

May 2nd – Black River Clean-up! (Editor’s Note—This has since been postponed indefinitely)

June 7 - KAYAKATHON/SMALL CRAFT BLAST on the Beaver Creek/Beaver Park North Marina.

July 10 – 12 Rendezvous at Beaver Park North Marina Beach Party, Saturday, July 11.

August 14-16 - Scudders, Pelee Island. \More info to follow—and there are some very fine bed and breakfasts and travel by ferry to the island is very easy.

I wish you all good health and stronger love throughout all mankind as we support the fight to win sooner than expected and forecasted.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Kastl, P
Administrative Officer
SEO REPORT

On Saturday March 21st, 2020 we had our final boating class at the Beaver Park Marina (South). There were 12 students taking the test and all 12 passed. We were able to invite Five new members to Vermilion Sail & Power Squadron.

I would like to thank P/C Bob Moss for teaching the class at the Ritter Library and Brian Sams for teaching the Beaver Park class and to P/C Cathe Radabaugh for helping grade the tests at Beaver.

With the current problem with this virus we will have to wait to see when we can offer classes. We have two people in the class that just finished wanting to take the Engine Maintenance Course. With things on hold for now, as soon as we can offer classes I will do so.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

With the ending of our Beaver Park class Vermilion Sail & Power Squadron was able to invite five new members to join our Squadron. The following people who were interested in joining and approved by the Exec Committee are as follows: Cheri L. Carn, William and Sarah Dziatkowicz, Lance E. Fragomeli and Valerie J. Shuster. Welcome aboard were glad you joined our Squadron.’

With the health problems out there right now all of our activities are on hold. As soon as we are allowed to hold our meetings and activities we will be ready to move forward.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Happy Birthday to the following April birthday folks:
FRANCES COOPER,
TRACY PUSTAY,
MICHELLE WILSON and
BETH SUMP.

With the current virus problem we are on hold for now. But looking forward to when we can move forward there is the matter of our Change of Watch, the D7 Change of Watch and our Boating and meetings. An update will be in our Newsletter so pay attention to the Newsletters on future meetings. Stay safe.
FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY, TREASURER:

Greetings from my self-isolation house in Elyria. No, I do not have any virus, but we Americans can’t make light of all this chaos. One thing we will know is every woman’s true hair color after 2 months. All salons are closed as is all nail salons, as my wife reminds me. Cedar Point is closed till mid May, and so are all their resorts and marinas. We boat inspectors will have to reschedule our dates with Marinas. Let’s hope this is over by this article in the Ball.

I will be brief, so please stay home if you can and wash your hands often. I have wipes in each car and at home. Shop early or use their free at home services. Barb and I are ordering out from local restaurants and not food chains because they can use our help getting over this virus. We now exercise at home with DVDs and walk when it’s nice out.

Meier’s here in Avon is open 24/7, and Walmart has senior shopping at 6:00 A.M to 7:00 A.M. Stay away from large groups and social events. We will win this war.

P/C Ralph Schaefer S.N.

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**District 7 Dates to Remember for 2020**

**D7 Rendezvous**
31 July thru 2 August
Middle Bass Island and the MBIYC

**Fall Penta Conference**
5 Districts—7,9,11,24 and 29
2–4 October
Kalahari Resort & Conference Center
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Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron

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Except June, July and August

April Meeting had to be cancelled
(and it would have been great!)