

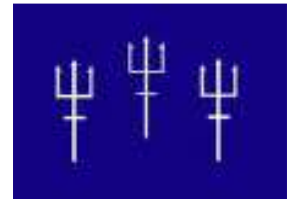
THE BALL



A PUBLICATION OF THE VERMILION SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

April & May, 2025

**RICH BARZYK, SN
COMMANDER**



Fellow squadron members,

Our February meeting was held on the 20th. via Zoom with a quorum on hand. The secretary's report was approved, and the Treasurers report was filed. As required by our bylaws the vote for next year's bridge was conducted, and the proposed slate presented by the NomCom was approved. A run off election was held to fill the vacant position on the Executive Committee, and P/C Larry Barber was elected. Congratulations to next year's bridge, and all supporting committee members. The 2025/2026 bridge members are: P/C Rich Barzyk as Commander; P/C Cathe Radabaugh as Executive Officer; P/C Mary Anne Kastl as Administrative Officer; P/D/C Dave Bialorucki as Education Officer and P/C Ralph Schaefer as Secretary/Treasurer.

Our Change-of-Watch will be April 17th. at the Carriage Barn in the Vermilion Parks reservation at Mill Hollow. Details will be published in this newsletter. Please consider attending tom'meet & greet, the new bridge.

I welcome this opportunity to THANK each of you for your support during my term as Commander. I especially wish to recognize our steadfast bridge for their service to you and their commitment to our squadron. They all have served tirelessly, for consecutive years, all without much fanfare! And I offer my sincere appreciation for your vote this year, allowing me to serve a second year. I look forward to this next year with great anticipation, trusting my recently gained experience will allow for even greater success within our squadron. I would be remiss if I didn't ask that you consider increasing YOUR involvement to our squadron; attend our meetings, actively participate in organizing or joining a social event, or even consider volunteering for a bridge or committee position. Get your monies worth, get involved!

The March meeting was held on the 20th. with seven members attending, satisfying quorum. The Secretary's report was approved and the Treasurer report was un-available. Cathe reported that District will have 3 rendezvous this summer, 1 at Put-in-Bay in June, 1 at Mosquito Lake in August and the July rendezvous will be in Huron.

The District Change-of-Watch will have taken place on the final weekend of March, with Harry Barnes AP from North Coast Sail & Power Squadron being installed as Commander. Dave Bialorucki reported that 1 student took & passed our first ABC class. Our second class, starting soon, is expected to have 3-4 students.

It's not too early to be thinking about launching your boat, and I hope you're thinking about a VSC. Vermilion has 4 certified examiners who are ready & willing to perform your Vessel Safety Check. While I am on the subject, have you ever considered becoming an examiner? We have openings, so if you're interested please do not hesitate to connect with me. It's easy, fun and free. Last year Vermilion's examiners performed 172 exams, and District7 accounted for 948. Be part of this important team; USPS thanks you.

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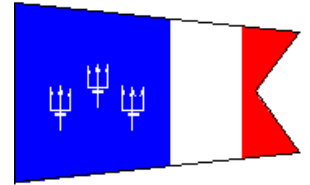
RULES CHAIR

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**



VERMILION SAIL & POWER SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH

Thursday, 17 April 2025

1800 Hours – Installation by P/CC CRAIG D. FRASER SN-CN

1830 Hours – Dinner, \$20.00

CARRIAGE BARN IN VERMILION RIVER RESERVATION

51211 North Ridge Road, Vermilion, OH

Bridge:

**Commander P/C Richard 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, S**

Executive Committee:

**P/C David Kastl, P
P/C Larry Barber, P
P/C Tim Smith, S**

Menu

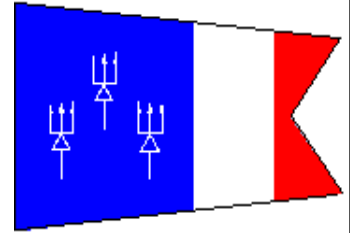
**Swiss Steak
Fried Chicken
Au Grain Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Salad and Rolls
Dessert**

RSVP NLT 11 April 2025 to: P/C Mary Anne Kastl, text 440 724 9511 or dakmak@roadrunner.com





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



SEO REPORT

Our last Boating class is starting on April 5th ending on April 19th. At this point, I don't think I will have anything to start until this Fall. If there is a class you would like before boating season starts, let me know. Call me at 440 282 2282.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Happy Spring to all. Just a reminder that dues notices will be arriving at your home please remit your payment to National. With the new IMIS program you will need to update your email address to be in the system. The process is pretty simple I will get the information to all members on how to get this done. I know that we lost some members because of the new program, and dues notices were not sent out.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Spring is in the air, trees are blooming, birds are making nests, and Boaters are getting their boats ready for the water. Even with all this, we still have two membership meetings left. April brings the C.O.W. on the 17th of this month at the Carriage Barn in the Metro Parks in Vermilion. We will be installing the new Bridge with Past Chief Commander Craig Fraser doing the honors. Please plan on attending the meeting and welcome the new Bridge for the next year. Food will be great; all that is needed is you. The May meeting is in the planning stages and this will be an in-person meeting. Watch for updates in the coming days.

BIRTHDAYs FOR APRIL AND MAY

APRIL:
FRANCES COOPER,
TRACY PUSTAY,
MICHELLE WILSON, and
BETH SUMP.

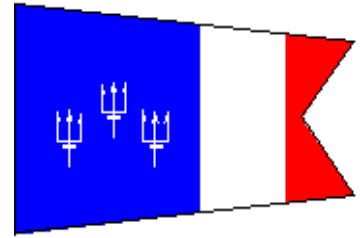
MAY: J
ACKIE COVERT,
KAREN McCULLOUGH,
RUSSELL WILSON and
PAUL HAMMEL.

Happy birthday to all.





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



Hi all!

Dave Bialorucki worked with Yvonne Hill in Raleigh to get familiar with a first-timer's process to log into the new membership system, IMIS. She sent a 2-page document to him, which he's asked me to share.

On page 7 of this newsletter is that document. Bear with me; it took some fussing around to make it fit. If you want to, you can print page 7 and save the document for future reference. Once you've established an account with your preferred email address, your future logins will have the familiar option of declaring you don't remember your password (if that is the case), and you'll be emailed a link to update your password.

So please give it a try. This system lets you pay your annual dues online, as well as your option to update your information in the system.

We've grumbled in the past about the new membership system, but I think they've ironed out the major kinks, so have at it.

Cathe

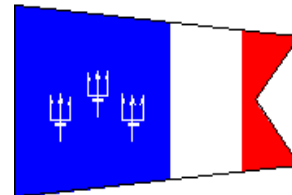
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Celestially speaking for April/May, it's a rather quiet sky, except for two full moons; one on April 13th & one on May 12th. June, however, brings us the long-anticipated summer solstice on the 21st at 02:40 UTC. It is the first day of Summer, it's the longest sun-light day of the year and your noon-time shadow will be the shortest of the season. I do hope you managed to view the Lunar Eclipse on March 14th for it was most "ghostly, and ominous," but surely spectacular. If not, don't fret; the next two Lunar eclipses are; September 7th 2025 and March 3rd in 2026. However after that you will need to wait till 2029 to see a "Blood Moon." Remember this is the last complete edition of The BALL for this season, however we will post a schedule of anticipated summer activities in an abbreviated edition to be emailed in May. ALSO remember, thanks to Marie, you can always follow us on Facebook. Have a wonderful summer,
Safe seas always,
Rich

Fair winds and following seas always,
Rich



P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



This will be a short report for the upcoming 2 months.

My condition is improving, but it's taking a lot of time, and will for a while. I hope to be out of my wheelchair by April-end and into using my walker. Therefore I will not be attending any squadron meetings or the Change of Watch. I will be counting on someone to take notes, and I will transfer them to meeting form.

Barb is making all the squadron's deposits to the bank, so that is not a problem. My bladder cancer is clear so I only have yearly checkups. My orthopedic doctor tells me it may be a year before I'm fully recovered.

Please be safe and no ladders. Hire someone to do these things.

P/C Ralph Schaefer SN

VSPS PATRONS—2025

David Bialorucki
Fran Cooper
Cathe Radabaugh
Ralph Schaefer
Tim Smith
Jean Verlotti

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

New Sponsor and Patron ads are needed for the 2025 year. Please contact Cathe Radabaugh or Ralph Schaefer.

Patron ads are \$10 per year. Sponsor ads are \$30 per year.



If you've never logged into the Member Portal, you'll need to do so if you'd like the convenience of paying dues online. You can always call headquarters at 888-367-8777 and ask to pay over the phone or mail a check to United States Power Squadrans, PO Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622.

Login Instructions

First things first: For security reasons, you need to set up a new password to gain access to your account. To do this, follow the steps noted below.

1. Click <https://portal.americasboatingclub.org> to open the new system. Next, choose "Forgot password?"



2. Enter your Username (Your Username is either your email address or your certificate/e-number – try email first, and if you do not receive your password reset, try your e-number) and click "Submit."



3. Email notification

Check your email for a link to set a new password. Click this link and continue to step 4. Remember to check your junk or spam folder. If you do not receive the email, please [contact us](#).

4. Enter your new password, confirm, and click "Submit".



5. Sign in to your new member portal.

You can now sign in using your username and new password. After doing so, click the arrow next to your name in the top bar to see the dropdown menu. Click "My account" to visit your personal account page.



6. Paying Dues

if you have a family membership, click the blue "Family Name" hyperlink under your name on your account page. This is where you pay dues for the family. Sometimes a family member will have a "Renew Now" button on their personal page, but this is a bug and should be ignored.

Individual members will see a "Renew Now" button on their individual account pages.

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**Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron
February & March Membership Meetings**

**17 April—Change of Watch—1800
Location: Mill Hollow Carriage Barn
More details on page 3
Catered—Cost is \$20 per person**

**15 May—Membership Meeting
TBA**

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