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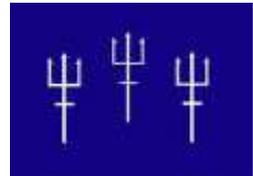


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**COMMANDER
KERRY MCCULLOUGH, AP**



Hope all is well with everyone! Things are a bit crazy and with the COVID starting to rear its ugly head back up, we need to pull back and be safe - so we have decided to VIRTUALLY MEET in November. MaryAnne will be sending out information and the meeting will be online.

For those who I haven't told, Karen and I visited our sons in Florida a couple of weeks ago. We went looking at Destination Trailers, we ended up buying a completely redone Mobile Home in Okeechobee Florida on the Kissimmee River. It's not on the coast like I had hoped, however, it's better, we're right in between. NO WORRIES THOUGH, I will be commuting for work in the winter (and will be here for any in person meetings); and in the summer, we will be on our boat all summer on Lake Erie. We plan on being in Ohio for the summers and Florida when the snow flies.

So, we need to take this winter to really learn about living aboard. We spent most of the summer on the boat but coming home on Sunday night or Monday morning and back on Wednesday afternoon is really not 'living aboard' as we came home to do laundry, work and shopping. Next year, it's a trip to the laundromat weekly and dealing with traffic on the causeway (looks like we'll be shopping in off hours for groceries so we will have that option).

So, it's going to be very interested in how that works. We still are planning a loop trip but with the Illinois River closed until 2022, and realizing we don't want to do this run in our current boat (don't have diesels and realize we really need diesel engines to afford the trip). So, looks like we will be in the market for a loop boat along with a pontoon for the Kissimmee River in Florida. You all are invited down!

Yours in Boating,
Cdr. Kerry McCullough, AP



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LT/C GILBERT LORENZO, AP
Executive Officer



Dear members of the Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron.

Hello, everyone

As I try to erase all the emails about election, voting, in person, by mail, there is no end to the madness of politics, I hope that we all will come together, as friends and no colors in our hats.

Since I immigrate from another country, it took me a great time to understand how ideological our elections are, complex, complicated, illogical, biased, and non-democratic. I really prefer a good lake storm where I must use all my brain and my senses my skipper skills against the raging weather, wind, and waves. I'd rather feel the surge of adrenalin, and the fear of the elements, rather than the madness of that election. The pandemic is also taking a toll on our nerves, especially when we realize that our age is on the wrong side of the population. On a more positive side of our life, I realize that the boat is safe on dry dock. My boating season was wonderful, I met a wonderful woman, and my life goes on quietly.

For your info I will be in surgery Nov 6th and Nov 20 (Carpal Tunnel) nothing grave.

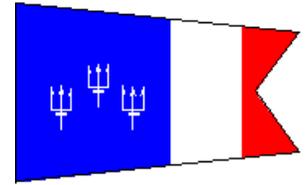
Finally, wherever are you party colors, I wish you a great safe election, with no violence, and happiness in your heart

Gilbert Lorenzo AP





P/C MARY ANNE KASTL, P
Administrative Officer



Our second membership dinner meeting for the 2020-21 year was enjoyed on October 15 at The Boiler Room Restaurant in the Shipyards Event Center. We were all pleasantly surprised with how beautifully they restored the main building of the Lorain AmShip.

November 19, 6:00 PM meeting will be conducted via either Google or Zoom due to the uptick in Covid cases in Lorain County. Please follow your email for an invitation to join this audio visual meeting either through your computer if you have a camera or through your smartphone. As a note, log on to the meeting earlier than start time to make sure you are properly set up.

We have reservations for the Carriage Barn, Vermilion River Reservation for our December 17th meeting. Arrive at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00, departure by 8:00 PM. Capacity under Covid restrictions is 50 which will enable us to social distance. Outdoor holiday activity is planned and we will also have the optional ornament or holiday item gift exchange.

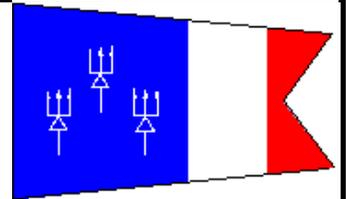
Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Kastl, P
Administrative Officer

Photos from the October meeting





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



SEO REPORT

Hope everyone is doing fine and hoping for a great Thanksgiving day. As of now, we are not able to do classes in a classroom situation. Hoping that after the holiday season we will be able to resume our classes. Let me know if you would like to take one of our classes after the first of the year. You can call me at 440 - 282 - 2282.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Happy Thanksgiving to all and hoping that you will be able to have the holiday with your families.

Vermilion Squadron was able to have two meetings with members present. The last meeting at the Shipyard facility was very good with great food and a wonderful tour of the venue. Many interesting facts about the Shipyard and its history.

Watch your newsletter for upcoming events and try to attend. We are all trying to stay safe at these meetings and if you feel that you cannot attend for safety reasons, that's fine.

We are planning to have our annual Christmas meeting at the Barn in Mill Hollow. This is always a great meeting so plan on coming to this event.

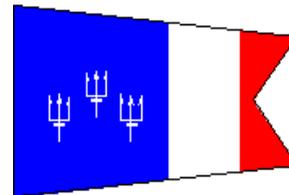
BIRTHDAY LIST FOR NOVEMBER:

ESTHER HAMMEL.
Happy birthday!

Please remember all our members who are having some medical problems and say a prayer for their recovery.



P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY, TREASURER:

P/C Ralph Schaefer S.N.

This past meeting at the new restaurant “The Shipyard” was a great success. We had a new member show up, and we got to swear in our Executive Oofficer Gilbert Lorenzo.

The Shipyard is a revamped facility born from the old shipyard buildings. They have been totally redone in the theme of the old ships that were built there. Several model ships are shown thru-out the many rooms and banquet hall. The hall is nice, and has an old ship’s wheel and engine annunciator on display. There are several bars, and a coffee shop called the Superior which I visited last week. Good coffee and rolls and the staff are very kind. We toured the conference room that has a large screen television layout for power-point presentations.

The treasury has been very slow this year as National has been closed due to Covid. We are sitting on a small surplus, so let’s keep it that way.

There is a November 17th Kayakathon at Findley State Park so B.Y.O. lunch and let Mary Anne know of your plans. [Editor’s note – this event has been cancelled]

The regular meeting is before Thanksgiving, on November 19th.

I have a District zoom meeting Nov. 7th with the D-7 group.

I have contacted Cabela’s in Avon and they will create a space to have a boating class.

Your Treasurer/ Secretary:

Ralph Schaefer



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November Membership Online Meeting

Thursday, 19 November, 2020—1800

Please watch for an email with the details