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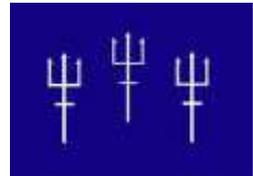


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KERRY MCCULLOUGH, AP



Hope everyone had a GREAT TIME at our last meeting, FANTASTIC JOB to our Admin Officer, *MaryAnne Kastl*, on a wonderful event. Walking down memory lane was a nice trip. In the future, we should consider all of our September Meetings in the park or a park setting. It was so relaxing and so nice to just be social (and a distance at that with these times)

I find that boating with a 'new to us' boat creates plenty of information for articles (and a whole lot of learning experiences). This time? **BATTERY CORROSION**. Cables specifically and what causes corrosion. In my research, I find that we should pay more attention to this, not just in the spring and fall, but all season long.

Battery corrosion is caused by hydrogen gas being released from the sulfuric acid inside the **battery**. As the gasses react to the ambient atmosphere, it begins to produce a **corrosive** environment. ... If **battery corrosion** is present on the positive **battery terminal**, this is a **symptom** of overcharging. Which I believe was the cause, my D8 battery (house battery) had a bad positive terminal. But both terminals were getting corroded. SO, found out that it was UNDERCHARGING as well. (when undercharging, the Negative **battery terminal** corrodes)



How do you fix corroded battery cables?

Mix 1 tablespoon of baking soda with 1 cup of very hot water. Dip an old toothbrush into the mixture and scrub the top of the **battery** to **remove corrosion** buildup. You can even dip the ends of the **battery cables** in hot water to dissolve any **corrosion** on the **cable** ends themselves. You can also use a spray to clean them as well. Once you have them clean, then use a terminal tool to deburr and make a good contact.



Once you have taken the time to make sure your ends are not broken and need replaces (inspect the cables coming into the lugs), you can use some Vaseline on the battery terminal itself to help protect or spray them with a protectant spray. I like the spray for the fact it is visible and makes the contacts protected from the elements. This may also be a great time to change the terminals themselves. Now it is required that all posts are covered in the new Vessel Safety Examinations. So, don't forget those batteries and the maintenance needed all season long!



.Yours in boating,
Cmdr 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

I would like first to apologize for not attending the last meeting, but my sciatica nerve is really taking a toll on me, my patience, and I have been suffering now for over a month. I had to follow seven Physiotherapy sessions to end up with the same result. I am in excruciating pain.

I concluded that I might need to dry dock Old Goat earlier than expected.

I hope that all members are safe from Covid-19 and are in good health. We are having a wonderful fall and soon all trees will carry magnificent colors

It was a good boating season for me because of the Michigan trip, but I did notice that a lot of Marinas have suffered not only by high water levels, but also were pretty empty. I never had to make a reservation. One of the observations I had this summer in Michigan waters was the cleanliness of the marinas' grounds, waters and all the signs to keep marinas clean, they all show a minimum staff, but a lot of guest were respecting the environment.

I wish we could have people do the same for our beautiful Lake Erie. We need to preserve the jewel of our boating life—not only for us but also for the next generations.

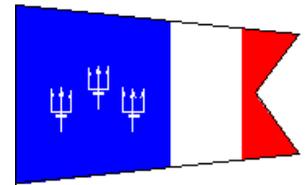
Hope to see you soon

Gilbert Lorenzo AP





P/C MARY ANNE KASTL, P
Administrative Officer



It was absolutely grand to conduct our first “face mask-to-face mask” meeting September 24 at Mill Hollow in the outdoor pavilion. Everyone was elated to see each other and we always enjoy our other squadrons who join us, as well as new members! As promised, I’ll end this article with the Grasshopper recipe which I felt was the proper thing to serve at this outdoor venue J.

Next meeting is back to the 3rd Thursday, October 15 at 18:00 at The Boiler Room Restaurant in the Shipyards Event Center. Address is 500 Shipyard Way in Lorain. We will be in the Ward Room off of the restaurant so that we can conduct our meeting, order from the menu and at 6:30, Mr. Joe Lucas, co-investor in the Shipyard Event Center will speak to us about the history of the American Ship Building Company. **Pleeeeeease RSVP** by calling or texting 440 724 9511 or email dakmak@roadrunner.com If I don’t hear from you, I’ll check on you...

I’ll repeat the info about Amship, and per Wikipedia: “The Lorain, Ohio Yard served as the main facility of the company after World War II and to this day five of the 13 separate 1,000 ft. (300 m) ore carriers on the Great Lakes were built in Lorain, including the M/V *Paul R. Tregurtha* which is the largest vessel on the Great Lakes (1,013’06” long). Built in 1898, the Lorain Yard quickly grew in size and importance. The facilities eventually included two dry docks over 1,000 feet (300 m) long built to handle the largest of the Great Lakes ore carriers. The Lorain Yard closed in 1984 after a series of labor disputes. The land is now being redeveloped as an upscale housing development.”

And now the Grasshopper:

3.4 ounce box instant vanilla pudding

3/4 cups milk

1/4 to 1/2 cup crème de menthe

8 ounces Cool Whip

chopped chocolate optional

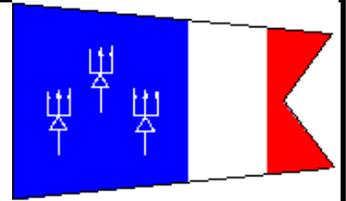
Instructions

Combine the pudding, milk, and crème de menthe and blend with an electric mixer just until it begins to thicken. Fold in Cool Whip. Fill dessert dishes or 2 ounce pudding shot cups. Top with chocolate garnish or a mint leaf. Freeze or chill thoroughly and enjoy!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Kastl, P
Administrative Officer



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



SEO REPORT

At this writing there has been no concrete class room. Waiting for confirmation from Schools and businesses. I am still planning on a weather class but need to know who is interested so I can order material. With the Covid the National office is on a limited time frame and getting materials from National may take some time to get so if you would like to take the Weather class let me know as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

With our first membership meeting in Sept at the Mill Hollow Metro Park as a success there will be another meeting planned for October. Watch for details in the Newsletter.

There will be a D7 luncheon on Nov 7th; details will come from the District and the Vermilion Commander's report. There is a 50 member limit for this meeting and it will be first come with contacting the District to get a confirmation with a time and date for your commitment for the meeting.

With all that is going on it is important to make sure you get your place at a meeting. I would like to say that the meeting at Mill Hollow was well attended and everyone had a good time even though we had social distancing. I hope all is well with everyone and stay safe.

BIRTHDAY LIST FOR OCTOBER:

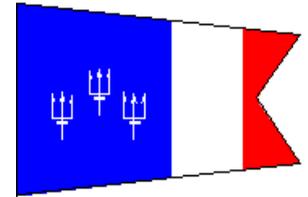
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Happy Birthday to all.





P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SECRETARY, TREASURER:
P/C Ralph Schaefer S.N.

Members, please remember the Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron is alive and well. I hope no one or any loved ones have been affected by the China Borne virus that is changing our entire way of life. My grandkids will be in-class taught but with mask and many breaks. We mask up at stores but have not gone out yet. Now more than ever please support your local businesses as well as all Squadron events if possible. We need to get this thing past us. We have all missed the Boating inspections and I have also missed the Jump Start program. The treasurer has not been very busy as all business is still slow to date. We have a positive cash flow year to date so that is on a good note. Please support all Squadron activities even if it's a zoom meeting. I do hope you were able to attend the September 24th meeting at Mill Hollow.

Many thanks to Mary Ann and her group of helpers as we try to make a normal year out of complete chaos. Please get all your health concerns completed as we approach another flu season. I got my flu shot in August.

All members be aware that the nominating committee may call you to take on a helping role in the Squadron. Remember no new officer will be on their own as the existing bridge members will be there to help you.

Your Treasurer/ Secretary:
Ralph Schaefer

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Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron
October Membership Dinner Meeting

Thursday, 15 October, 2020—1800

Boiler Room Restaurant—Ward Room
Shipyards
500 Shipyard Way
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More details in the Admin Officer's report
In this newsletter

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