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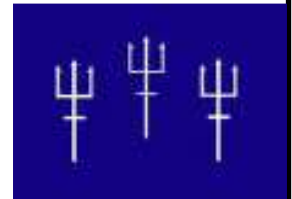


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**DAVE KASTL, P
COMMANDER**



Perching is definitely happening! Folks have pulled perch from the creeks due to the minnow movement. Took a group of 7 out this past week and we did pretty well.

Writing this from the Annapolis, MD Power Boat show which we attended today. We have been enjoying this boat show since early 2000 attending with Al and Lynda Downie, Bill and Linda Kaatz and others. It's so interesting to see many different boats, techniques and gear tailored to those who enjoy the Chesapeake and inter coastal waterways.

We visited the Boat US booth, who no longer gives the free bags with membership renewal; but they do offer a discount which is not as good as the discount you receive being a member of ABC. ABC/USPS was not present at the show, but we did talk to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and gathered more literature.

We plan to attend the fall conference Saturday November 4th, which should be informative and a good meal. Hope more of our squadron will attend.

Again, Mary Anne and I keep all those of you who have had health and other issues, and please know we are here to help where we can. Looking forward to seeing you all at the October meeting.

A picture of a smaller boat we snapped for a friend.



Respectfully,
Commander Dave Kastl, P



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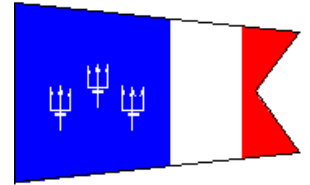
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“America’s Boating Club is a nation-wide boating organization. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land. Our members learn boating skills, engage with boating friends, and connect with the boating community.”



P/C MARY ANNE KASTL, P Administrative Officer



From Mary Anne Kastl, Admin Officer

Writing this from the Annapolis boat show with all of you in mind. Cdr Dave will talk more about the fun we had in Maryland.

Congrats to all who won either a gift card or money from the D7 Reverse Raffle. So proud of Vermilion's ticket sales! Thank you!

Thanks to all who came to the September membership meeting at Erie Steak and Seafood. We were some of their last customers before they close down in October. Hopefully a restaurant with a great customer base and wonderful food will take up residence at the former Erie Steak/Jackalopes restaurant.

The October 19, Thursday, membership meeting will be at the Wakeman Elevator Craft Beer & Wine Barn, address 16 Hyde St, Wakeman, at 17:30. Order from menu, we'll have our business meeting and there will be live music that evening. Use your GPS to get there...

November 16 meeting will be at Paper Moon Winery, Route 60 in Vermilion. Order from the menu; we will be in either the main tasting room or the heated porch.

For the December 21 Holiday meeting, we are returning to the Carriage Barn at Vermilion River Reservation. It will be a 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.

January meeting venue to be announced. February and March may be Zoom but we'll decide as the time nears.

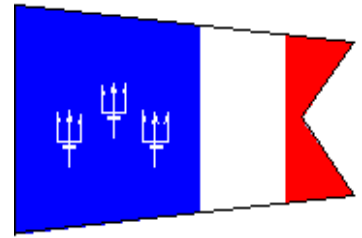
Respectfully submitted,
P/C Mary Anne Kastl, P
Administrative Officer



Wakeman Elevator
Photo Credit: Yelp



P/C Cathe Radabaugh, N Executive Officer



The Fall Conference for District 7 will take place on Saturday, November 4. It will be held at the Reinecker's Party Center in Macedonia.

From 10 to 10:30 is the Check-in, with Coffee and pastries.

The morning meeting is from 10:30 to 1, and features awards to individuals and squadrons. Among those being celebrated is the Berea Squadron for their 50th anniversary, and Vermilion's own Ron Resar for his 50 years of membership.

Lunch is from 1 to 2, with a guest speaker, followed by the business meeting.

A full size registration form can be grabbed from our website—usps.org/vermilion. The fee is for the meals. One can attend the meetings without charge.

Super Saturday Seminar for Squadrons

District 7 Fall Conference
Saturday, 4 November 2023 – 1000 to 1700 Hours
Reinecker's Party Center
8575 Freeway Drive, Macedonia, Ohio

The District 7 Fall Conference will be a special one-day event filled with Squadron information, education, camaraderie, and great food. Registration begins at 1000 with coffee and amazing Reinecker's pastry.

The morning will be filled with individual squadron updates, education, awards and group discussions. At 1300, the highlight of the day will be a fantastic German Oktoberfest Buffet with sides, salad, rolls and butter, beverages and a selection of desserts. Beer and wine will be available at the cash bar.

The luncheon speaker will be a representative of the Cleveland Legacy Foundation who will share the story of the Navy's three prior USS Clevelands. The newest ship was christened in Wisconsin on April 15th and will be coming to Cleveland for her commissioning in the Spring of 2025.

Following the luncheon, the District 7 Conference meeting will cover many important items. You won't want to miss this District event. Not only will you go home with fresh ideas, new friends, and updated program ideas, you will receive a Reinecker's pastry item to take with you! **ALL THIS FOR THE ALL - INCLUSIVE PRICE OF \$30.00 PER PERSON!!**

REGISTRATION FOR DISTRICT 7 FALL CONFERENCE - 4 NOVEMBER 2023

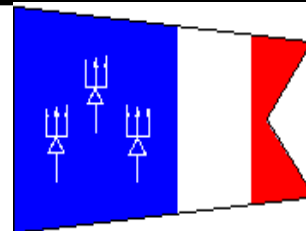
Certificate Number	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Grade	Squadron
			\$30.00 per person	#	Total \$

Address _____
 City, State Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Registrations are due by Tuesday, 24 October 2023. Checks should be made payable to District 7 USPS.
 Please mail to Tom Hancock, 426 Emerson Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720



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



SEO REPORT

Our Fall ABC boating class starts Sat Oct 14th, at Vermilion Power Boat Marina, from 10:00 AM -2:00 PM for three weeks. Two weeks of book work, the third week is the exam.

Later in October, we will have a BOAT HANDLING class (old Seamanship). The class will be held at Beaver Park Marina North. Not sure of the start date because we are waiting for class materials.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Well, here we are. It's almost Halloween, summer sure flew by fast. Check this newsletter for place and time of the October Membership meeting.

Birthday list for October:

CDR DAVID KASTL,
JAMES McQUOWN ,
ANGIE RORICK
, P/C RICHARD RORICK,
LYNNE SCOTT,
MARIE CHANDLER and
SCOTT CHANDLER.

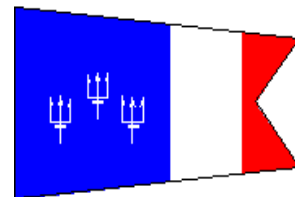
Happy birthday to everyone.

The D/7 Conference will be on November 4th and it will be a one-day event. There will be the regular Officer reports, and a guest speaker, lunch and an afternoon business meeting. If you have never been to a conference, this would be an ideal time to go, meeting other people from different Squadrons and get updates on what's going on with the Power Squadron.

Hope to see everyone at the next Squadron meeting.



P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR TREASURER/SECRETARY

I am happy to report our accident car is fully repaired. It took 2 months plus to repair all the damage. Unfortunately, Barb and I are still hurting and continuing treatment.

We had our first Fall meeting at Erie Steak & Seafood, formerly the Jackalopes Restaurant in Lorain. That restaurant will close at the end of October if no buyer is located. We all thought the service and meals were very good as we all say goodbye.

Please plan to attend our upcoming meetings as Mary Ann has set up some nice venues, including December 21st Christmas Party at Carriage Barn in Mill Hollow. That is always very festive with the large tree and giant fireplace.

Our District 7 is promoting the Fall Conference in Macedonia Ohio as a one-day event, and as an option you can see it on Zoom. This will be on November 4th so mark your calendars.

SEO Dave Bialorucki is setting up an A.B.C. class at Power Boats in October, and a Seamanship class at Beaver Park in November.

P.C. Ralph Schaefer S.N.



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

**Thursday, Oct 19, 2023 — 1730
The Elevator
16 Hyde Street, Wakeman, OH**

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