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From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Mike Siwek, SN

As you read this article, I hope everyone is well and enjoying the winter weather. Mother Nature has been kind to us so far, but I am sure she may get nasty soon.

I am sorry I missed the D/7 Fall Conference, but I had to be in Iowa with my son during his kidney, pancreas transplant. Everything is getting back to normal now and I look forward to the Christmas holidays.

The "N" Club Christmas Party held Sunday December 2nd, was a huge success and well attended, A special thanks to P/D/C Garry Schroeder SN and his wife Susan for hosting the party and serving a delicious ham dinner with all the fixings. Susan hand made all the decorations and went the extra mile for our festive party.

Everyone brought an appetizer or dessert to share and the gift exchange or should I say gift stealing was lots of fun. There were some great prizes.

Thanks to everyone who attended and thanks to those who purchased raffle tickets on the gift baskets. This money also went to the educational fund.

We look forward to the upcoming events scheduled for next year. January 17th is our fund raiser at Applebee's. Dan and Lynn Fortman have scheduled a "Daylight Savings Time" party at their home on March 9th, and our Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 16th.

Please put these dates on your calendar so you will not miss the fun.



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On a sad note, one of our Life Members passed away recently. Chris Reining who had 40 merit marks passed away on October 27th. On his passing, Chris donated \$1000.00 to our Squadron which will be applied to our educational efforts. The check from Chris was presented by his daughter and MPS member Denise Tenison. Our condolences go out to the members of Chris's family and a special thanks for the donation.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Chris Reining (Apr. 17, 1926 – Oct. 27, 2018)

Chris was a member of the Mansfield Power Squadron for 64 years (Russ Nieble and George Loch are the only others I found with as many years listed in the 2017-2018 Roster). Chris served as Commander in 1961, as the Educational Supply Officer for many years, and was active in many other ways (cleaning clams, etc.). He had fond memories of the good people and good times shared in the squadron. In the 50's, 60's, and into the 70's nearly every weekend was spent boating – spring, summer, fall. Home port was Sandusky, but vacations took him throughout the Great Lakes. What rich experiences for Mom (Marjorie), my brother (Phil), and me.



Chris was a man who lived life to the fullest. He served honorably in the US Army in WWII, and soon after the war ended, he started and ran his own business as a painting contractor. Chris worked hard and was always active. He gave up his boating only to continue exploring on land by motorhome for many additional years. In his later years he enjoyed helping maintain the bike trail. He was happiest seeing, doing, and going on adventures.

Dad has charted a new course, and now with Marjorie by his side, cruises the seas of heaven eternal.

In memory of my father, **Chris Reining**
Submitted by Denise Tenison

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Administrative Officer

P/C Lynn Fortman, JN



Coming Events

Happy New Year from your Administrative Officer. I hope that 2019 finds you ready to begin thinking about the boating season and all the activities that are planned for next year. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have a specific idea that you would like to have incorporated into our schedule for 2019. The final schedule of events will be distributed at our Annual Meeting on March 16.

Please mark your calendar for the following activities for 2019:

January 8 - MPS meeting at Red Cross at 6:30

January 24 - Classroom Fundraiser at Applebees from 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

February 12 - MPS meeting at Red Cross at 6:30

March 9 - Daylight Savings Time Euchre Game at Fortman Home 5:00 pm start

This year the plan is to begin at 5:00 with appetizers and dinner to follow. Soup will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. A fast paced

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Send your articles and pictures to Irene Rodriguez at rodriguezri@artistirene.com

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game of Euchre will be held for those interested in competition or you can participate in one of our many board games or play a friendly game of pool.

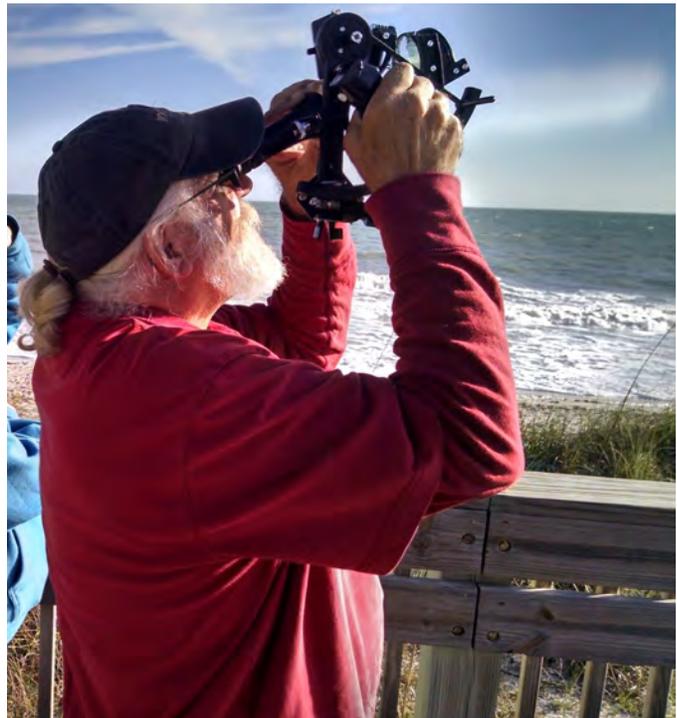
March 16 - Annual Meeting/Executive Meeting combined

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: The Executive Committee determined that the best use of our time would be to reschedule the monthly meeting to Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 before our Annual Meeting. More information about our Annual Meeting will be sent out in February with our Slate of Candidates for 2019-2020.

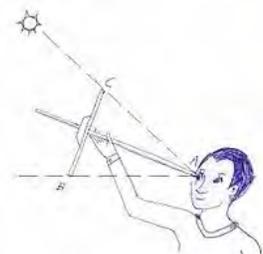
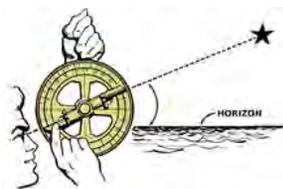
COMPETENCE AND PATIENCE PAYS OFF

I'd like to share with you an exciting tidbit of information from our friends at the Sebastian Inlet Sail and Power Squadron (SISPS) in Florida. As some of you may know, we were heading to this warmer climate immediately after learning how to hold, manipulate and store the sextant under the tutelage of our Mansfield instructors, Wayne Hammond, SN and past Cdr. Russ Niebel, SN,. However, Richland County Ohio didn't offer the best sight reduction opportunities in November or December to practice our new sight-taking skills, so when we arrived in Florida, our SEO Shirley Fort, SN had arranged for us to monitor the Junior Navigation class led by the SEO of SISPS, 1st Lt. "Mag" Mangold, SN. He took over where Wayne and Russ left off and met us on our schedule to help us learn more about finding the sun and the horizon at about the same time. One of Mag's tidbits of teaching wisdom: "The moment you are ready to quit is usually the moment before the miracle happens. Don't give up." Miracle of miracles, between Wayne and Russ in Mansfield and Mag in Sebastian, the miracle happened - our Sight Folders were approved by USPS. But the story doesn't end there nor is it even about our success. It's about Mag Mangold, our Florida instructor. He was nominated through his squadron for the distinguished Chapman Award for Teaching Excellence; you know, the award that the boating 'bible' is named after. The first step of Mag's journey was complete. Next step, his District also felt that SISPS continued to offer multiple classes and consequently their roster of members continued to grow. More safe and knowledgeable boaters on the Intercostal Waterway and the central coast of Florida. Hurray! Mag then became one of 33 nominees for the coveted Chapman Award for Teaching Excellence at the National Level. As we were told by the Cdr. of Sebastian Inlet SPS, this honor is awarded to three members within the entire United States Power Squadron. But to top it off, it was recently learned that the best was yet to come.

Capt. Mag, as he is known by his fellow 100 Ton License captain friends, has been selected as one of three recipients of the national award and will receive this honor at the upcoming national meeting in Orlando, February 2019! This is truly significant for the humble, yet qualified instructor that Mag is for his students. He would continually talk about the history of past sailors and how we "stand on the shoulders of giants." But most importantly for all members of our squadron is the beauty of the organization and the willingness to help others seeking advanced understanding of navigation. USPS members are everywhere. They provide help and encouragement when needed. And as Shirley discovered and Mag has confirmed, "you never know when you toss a pebble into the pond where the ripples will end up." Congratulations to our Sebastian Inlet Sail and Power Squadron instructor and boating friend, Mag Mangold, SN for his well-deserved accomplishment of becoming a recipient of the Chapman Award for



1st Lt. "Mag" Mangold, SN



From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, JN



Myths Dispelled

We have all heard the stories of boating adventures. Mythical creatures control the seas, unbelievable stories of pirates and booty, and stories of brave sailors that have challenged generations of sailors. I have never placed too much thought into these stories, but there are other things that we have been told that I thought were very true, that is, until I read a recent article from Boat U.S. Magazine that made me think that perhaps what we have been told is not fact. Here is a sampling of some of these myths.

Sailboats always have the right of way:

If you wisely took a class through MPS, you would know that this is not true. It is true that sailboats do have the right of way when they are under sail, but as we know on Lake Erie, sometimes there is no wind. If a sailboat is under mechanical power, it becomes a power boat by definition and must adhere to the rules as such. There is a pecking order as to who has right of way and it goes like this, from least to highest privilege: seaplane, power driven vessel, sailboat (under sail), fishing vessel (commercial not recreational), vessel constrained by draft (think ship in a narrow channel), vessel restricted in ability to maneuver (such as a dredge or vessel serving a buoy), and the top of list is a vessel not under command (this could be a vessel drifting due to an engine failure or one that's flooding or on fire).

Drinking aboard is OK as long as there is a designated driver:

Statistics have shown that more than half of all boating accidents involve alcohol. While most of these accidents are blamed on the skipper, there are plenty of accidents where tipsy passengers take a nasty fall aboard, or worse, fall overboard. An inebriated swimmer, especially one that has fallen off a moving boat, may become so disoriented that he or she can drown before the "designated driver" can return. A pitching, bouncing boat is a difficult platform to maneuver on. Throw in some alcohol and things can get dangerous. Your best bet is to wait until you're back at the dock to celebrate a great outing.

Stainless steel doesn't rust:

Whoever named stainless steel must have been an optimist. Stainless steel certainly can and will rust, though if you know why you can avoid using it in

places where it's less suitable. Most marine grade stainless used on production boats is from the 300 series. Type 304 is a good multi-purpose steel. The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is clad with 304. There are a number of higher (granted more expensive) grades that are even more rust resistant. The key to stainless steel is that the chromium in the steel combines with oxygen to form an invisible surface layer of chromium oxide that prevents further corrosion from spreading into the metal's internal structure. Stainless steel actually protects and repairs itself, except in areas where there is low oxygen, such as a stainless steel screw in a damp deck core. This kind of corrosion is called "crevice corrosion". It can eat into the stainless causing great weakening. In some cases, cheap plated steel or zinc fasteners are mistaken for stainless steel and then cursed when they begin to rust or crumble. Use stainless where it won't be starved of oxygen and get a high grade stainless fitting from a known supplier. Stainless steel that is attracted by a magnet is not what you want or want to use on a boat.

Ethanol gas (E10) works fine in my car so it should be fine in my boat too.

Cars go through gas much faster than boats. You probably fill up your car once a week or so. Ethanol's Achilles heel is that it is hygroscopic, meaning it absorbs water. Car fuel systems are close and under slight pressure, meaning they absorb very little water and any small amount will get burned through the engine until it gets replaced by fresh fuel the next week. Most boat fuel systems are open to the atmosphere. That little vent you see in your hull allows air to replace fuel as it is used, but it is also an inlet for moisture. As enough water gets into your boat's gas tank, the ethanol combines with it, and when there is enough, the ethanol/water mixture separates to the bottom of the tank, right where the fuel pickup is. The result is stalling, or even damaged, engine.

You don't need a life jacket if you're a good swimmer:

Maybe this statistic will change your mind. Ninety percent (90%) of drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket. Not some, but the vast majority of drowning victims had no life jacket on. If you fall off a boat, you may strike your head on something leaving you dazed and unable to swim. If the water is cold you may experience caloric labyrinthitis and/or hyperventilation as well as hypothermia. Caloric labyrinthitis is an inner ear disturbance associated with sudden temperature drop and causes a person to become disoriented, which explains why someone thrown into the water may sometimes swim down instead of up. Hyperventilation can cause a person to

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gasp and breathe in water. In very cold water, a swimmer without a life jacket can only survive a few minutes. Even if you're wearing your life jacket whenever you're aboard, you can't predict when you'll fall overboard.

Hoses last forever:

Of course this isn't true. Judging by the hundreds of pictures we see every year of rotten, swollen, leaking hoses, many people think it is. Hoses lead a pretty rough life, especially those that carry fuel. For something that can easily sink your boat if it fails, they don't seem to get the attention they deserve. Most manufacturers say that after 10 years a hose is on borrowed time.

Older boats are money pits

This may have a ring of truth for anyone that tries to restore a "classic." But a well maintained older boat does not have to cost an arm and a leg to maintain and may actually be cheaper to keep than a newer boat. The best older boats to hang onto are often those that were made in large numbers as parts are often easily available and there is usually a large group of enthusiastic supporters online who are willing to share money-saving, parts-sourcing and repair tips

America's Boating Club, USPS Annual meeting

Come join your fellow members from across the country at the Annual Meeting in Orlando Florida from 19 - 23 February 2019.

There will be interesting and fun events offered including the Al Capone Mystery Dinner Theatre, Titanic Artifact Exhibit, a Blue Man Group show, to name a few.

Thursday and Friday will have open committee meetings and seminars. Saturday will be the Annual Meeting.

Rooms are still available at the conference hotel: Rosen Centre, 9840 International Drive, Orlando.

More information can be found on the National Member Website and the upcoming Ensign Magazine.

From the Education Officer

Lt/C Shirley Fort, SN

Awards

At the November Executive/ Membership Meeting, Mansfield proudly celebrated the receipt of both the District 7 Keller Award for Junior Navigation (now known as Off-Shore Navigation) and the Prince Henry Award for Celestial Navigation. These two awards, presented at the D7 Fall Conference, represent the top-of-the-mark education awards in USPS.

Prince Henry of Portugal is generally credited with gathering data, local knowledge, anecdotal experiences, and astronomical observations that formed the basis for sea-going expeditions. While he was probably as interested in the economic returns as the academic issues, fact remains that he and his associates enabled ships to venture far beyond previous boundaries. Think about it: early explorers sailed mostly east or west.

They could pick an angle on a celestial body, maintain that angle, and sail along a latitude line until they bumped into something (like the Americas). Sailing north or south (as along the coast of Africa) required a whole different set of skills and understanding. We sometimes forget the era of "before GPS"!

Seven people in our squadron were specifically recognized for their efforts that resulted in D7's commendations: students Dennis Tenison, N, Denise Tenison, N, Dan Fortman, JN, and Lynn Fortman, JN; and instructors Wayne Hammond, SN, and Jim Jackson, SN. Most of all we recognized Russ Neibel, SN, who so many years ago simultaneously learned and taught celestial navigation, who continues to teach and to train new instructors, and who is still a vital force in our squadron.



Denise and Dennis Tenison with the Prince Henry the Navigator Award at Clear Fork Reservoir

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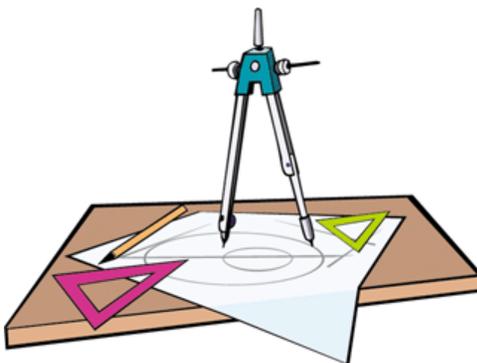
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- January** 8 Executive/Membership Meeting at Red Cross Building at 6:30 PM
 Spring ABC Classes/Advanced Grade Classes begin- contact SEO Shirley Fort
 Boat Show West, Cleveland
 24 Applebees Classroom Fundraiser 11am-9pm
- February** 12 Executive/Membership Meeting at Red Cross Building at 6:30 PM
 National United States Power Squadron Meeting in Orlando
 TBD Applebees Classroom Fundraiser 11am-9pm
- March** 9 Daylight Savings Party at Fortman's
 12 Executive/Membership Meeting at Red Cross Building at 6:30 PM
 16 Annual Meeting at Lexington Senior Center
 TBD Applebees Classroom Fundraiser 11am-9pm
- April** 9 Executive/Membership Meeting at Red Cross Building at 6:30 PM
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* Applebees Classroom Fundraisers have no dates assigned since they can only be schedule 30 days in advance. Emails will be sent when they are not listed in the Yachtsman which is published every other month.

** Contact your Administrative Officer, Lynn Fortman, at 419-631-4842 if you are interested in a venue for a rendezvous at another date/location. We can always add to our activities if there is interest from our membership.

*** Members with email addresses will be reminded of upcoming events. If you have questions about an event, please call.





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