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2019

From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Mike Siwek, SN

Spring Caution, Events and Trivia

After a brutal January, the weather is finally starting to warm up a bit. A few nice days here, and a few cold days there, but that's early spring weather. I am glad to see it warm up a bit. I have a hard time with the bitter cold temperatures.



I just received my ODNR registration stickers for my kayaks and I want to get ready for the upcoming boating season. Be very careful in early spring as the water is very cold and if you happen to fall in, hypothermia can set in very quickly. Wait until the weather warms before boating, especially kayaking.

The MPS Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 16th at the Lexington Senior Center. Please come and support the election of the Bridge Officers for 2019. Please note that the regular membership/executive meeting usually scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month will not be held on March 12th, but will be combined with the Annual Meeting on March 16th.

As a reminder, for the Annual Meeting, all officer reports are due to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting.

We have several Public Boating classes scheduled for this spring. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let our Educational Officer, Shirley Fort know.

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There will be a District 7 Council Meeting on March 7th. If you have anything you want me to pass on to District, please let me know.

MPS has a lot of clam bake equipment in storage. Since we no longer have clam bakes, we need to decide what to do with all this equipment. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

Please mark the dates of April 5th-7th 2019 for the District 7 Spring Conference. Information is attached to this newsletter concerning the Conference.

Also mark your calendar for April 27th. For the MPS Change of Watch at the Cabin Restaurant.

A little bit of trivia to titillate your mind!

Minnesota (land of 10,000 lakes) actually has about 12,000 lakes. If you think Minnesota has the most lakes, you would be wrong. Alaska has more than 3 million lakes.

If you think Maine is the eastern most state, you would also be wrong. Alaska's Semisopchnoi island is so far west, it actually crosses into the eastern hemisphere.

There are 293 ways to make change for a one dollar bill.

Ohio is listed as the 17th state in the US, but technically it is the 47th state. Congress forgot to vote on a resolution to admit Ohio until 1953.

Lake Michigan is the only one of the Great Lakes entirely in the US.

One of the primary reasons the Mayflower ended their voyage in Plymouth Rock was because they ran out of beer (go figure).

Where is the only place in the world you can see the sun rise in the Pacific and set in the Atlantic. The Panama Canal where the Pacific Ocean is east of the Atlantic Ocean.

Have a happy and safe boating season

Website: <http://www.usps.org/mansfield>

P/C David L. Eichhorn, SN, passed away Thursday, January 10, 2019.

David was a master carpenter, working for Cass Construction before starting his own Eichhorn Sawmill & Lumber Company. He built from scratch a 33 foot wood and fiberglass boat, restored many other boats and completed a wide range of specialty projects.

David was a life member, navigator, commander, and cooperative charting chairman of the Mansfield Power Squadron. The Cooperative Charting Award given annually at the D7 conference is named in his honor. He loved boating, exploring the Great Lakes and scuba diving. David and his wife, Connie, contributed much to the vitality of Mansfield Power Squadron.



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The editor reserves the right to edit any articles submitted for size, clarity, spelling and grammar. The editor also reserves the right to omit any submitted article due to space limitations.

Please submit articles either as a Word document or in the body of an E-mail.

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

Deadline for the May/June issue is April 15

Administrative Officer

P/C Lynn Fortman, N



Coming Events

We hope that everyone has recovered from the last snow storm and that you are looking forward to Spring. In that regard, there are a couple of activities that I'd like to invite you to for the months of March.

First is our DAYLIGHT SAVINGS PARTY- It's that time again to come together to celebrate having more light in our lives! You are invited to our home on Saturday, March 9 to enjoy some friendly card playing after dinner. We will provide a hearty soup and sandwich as well as all necessary table service. Your contribution to the evening should be a dessert or appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. Appetizer sharing will begin at 1700 with soup/sandwich to follow. A friendly evening of Euchre starting about 1830 will follow our feeding frenzy. Hope that you can come. Please RSVP to us via email at dfortman70@gmail.com or 419.631.4842 by Wednesday, March 6 if you can attend.

Next on the agenda is the rescheduling of our Executive Meeting that would normally be held on March 12. This has been changed to Saturday, March 16 prior to our Annual Meeting at the Lexington Senior Center. The Executive Meeting begins at 1700 with the Annual Meeting following. Dinner will begin at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Speaking of dinner, please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share, your favorite beverage and your table service. This year the main course will be Vegetable /Meat Lasagna/Rolls/Butter. An RSVP to dfortman70@gmail.com or 419.631.4842 by Wednesday, March 13 would be appreciated.

The Activity Calendar for 2019-2020 will be discussed at the Annual Meeting so if you have a specific request for a location or activity, please let me know as soon as possible.

In closing, please check your last copy of the Mansfield Power Squadron Roster. Read your personal information in the alphabetical listing as well as the Fleet List and if anything needs changed, I would like to know before the end of February.

National Leader in Merit Marks, Past District Commander, Russ Niebel, SN Will be honored at our D/7 Spring Conference

Russ Niebel became a boater in the early 50s. He and a group of friends and fellow boaters were active promoters of Mansfield Power Squadron which dates from 1952. Russ went on to serve in many Squadron offices including Squadron and District Commander. For years he attended Squadron Conferences and Governing Boards wherever they were scheduled and is currently an Emeritus Member of the National USPS Governing Board. He represented USPS when Portugal originally gave the Prince Henry the Navigator Award to each District in USPS. Russ remains a tireless advocate of boating education and has taught all the courses that the Squadron offers. Celestial Navigation is his love and he has trained over 100 Navigators from the Mansfield area. For his teaching efforts, he was awarded the National Award for Teaching Excellence, the Chapman Award.

His boating experience is significant. He owned Lymans and Chris-Crafts, sailing from a boat house in Sandusky. He has been in all the Great Lakes and has cruised the North Channel at least 19 different years. He has crewed and navigated on various sailboat races on the Great Lakes, crewed and captained on deliveries and cruises in the Bahamas and Caribbean, and chartered and crewed in the BVI. For those of you who are familiar with the situation, Russ went off the top deck of the "Willy T" at the age of 80!

Join us at our Spring Conference in recognizing the USPS National Leader in Merit Marks! Included in this newsletter is information regarding our District 7 Spring Conference 5-7 April.



From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, N



PERSONAL FLOATATION FOR THE ONES YOU LOVE

Now that spring is finally here, it is time to dust off the gear, rinse off the boat, and head for your favorite swimming or fishing spot. You don't even have to tell the kids twice.....and away you go.

STOP!! Have you checked your safety gear yet this year? If you are like most of us, probably not. Safety equipment is the most important thing you need to have on your boat each year. It is called safety gear because your life, or that of a loved one, may depend on having it on board, and in good condition. Your requirements are clear and simple. Basically, you need to have one approved, Type I, II, III, or V PFD on board or on the water ski behind you. If your boat is over 16 feet, you must also have a Type IV Throw Cushion or life ring.

You probably had a dealer sell you an USCG package when you bought the boat a few years ago and it is still under the V-Berth seat where you put them. Well that was then and this is now. Has your family grown any since then, in number and/or size? Is your son taking along his best friend? Did you lose a fender last year, causing you to use a lifejacket between boats instead? When it ripped did you throw it away? Do you have children under 6 who are required to wear a lifejacket at all times in a boat, unless in a cabin of one over 25 feet? Does your family dog or cat come along with you? I think you know where I am heading with this. The only constant we have in life is that things change.

One disturbing fact is that the number of boaters who die in boating accidents due to lack of a lifejacket is still four out of five. There is only one way to change this statistic, wear your PFD more often. Are you one that thinks PFDs are too bulky or ugly to be worn? If so, go shopping at your favorite marine or sporting goods store. Style and function are in, and there are many options available to suit your needs and taste. Have enough Throw Cushions (Type IV) to go around the sunbathing crowd. Get your children in the habit of wearing comfortable life vests all of the time, and encourage others to wear them when they are at risk. Keep in mind that a second set of PFDs is well worth the cost to protect your loved ones, and provides a valuable, extra level of security in case of an accident. Please make all of your boating adventures safe ones.

From the Education Officer

Lt/C Shirley Fort, SN



1) Achievements in Education/ congratulations to :

Dan & Lynn Fortman, Dennis & Denise Tenison - passed the Navigation exam;
Dennis & Denise Tenison - passed Engine Maintenance exam

2) ABC classes (Public Boating Class) scheduled:
March 6, 7pm Madison High School 600 Esley Ln. Mansfield; Instructor: Chan Stevens

March 7, 7pm Ashland-West Holmes JVS St Rt 60, Ashland

3) MPS member class:

On the horizon- Marine Electronics, Instructor Jay Wells. time to be coordinated with students and instructor. Call for questions or registration

EVENT SCHEDULE **MANSFIELD POWER** **SQUADRON** **2019**



March

- 9 Daylight Savings Party, Fortman's , 1700
- 16 Executive/Membership Meeting and Annual Meeting, Lexington Senior Center at 1700

April

- 9 Executive/Membership Meeting, Red Cross Building at 1830
- 27 Change of Watch, The cabin Restaurant at 1800

**** 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.**

Notice of Annual Meeting

In accordance with the Bylaws of Mansfield Power Squadron, the Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Lexington Depot Senior Center at 1800.

Nominations for Mansfield Power Squadron

2019-2020

BRIDGE:

Commander: P/D/C Mike Siwek, SN
 Executive Officer: P/C Dan Fortman, N
 Administrative Officer: P/C Lynn Fortman, N
 Education Officer: Lt/C Shirley Fort, SN
 Secretary: P/C Dennis Figley, SN
 Treasurer: Lt/C Georgiann Mathews, P

Nominating: To Be Determined

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

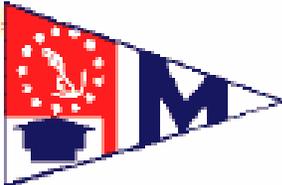
The committee consists of the Bridge, the immediate past commander and the following members:

COMMITTEES:

Auditing: P/Lt/C Bob Pompei, P Chairman
 Denise Tenison, N
 P/Lt/C Jim Jackson, SN

P/R/C Tom Etwiler, SN
 P/D/C Russ Niebel, SN
 P/C Robert Mathews, JN
 P/Lt/C Wayne Hammond, SN
 P/Lt/C Jim Jackson, SN

Rules: P/C John Fort, SN Chairman
 P/R/C Tom Etwiler, SN
 P/C Bob Campbell, SN



**CHANGE OF WATCH FOR MANSFIELD
POWER SQUADRON**

Mansfield Power Squadron will hold our Change of Watch on Saturday, April 27 with Social Hour beginning at 1800. Please join us at The Cabin Restaurant for a relaxing evening complete with an our own celebration honoring the National Leader in Merit Marks, P/D/C Russ Niebel, SN. The following will be offered as our meal for the evening:

Appetizer: Vegetable platter, Crispy Arancini Risotto Balls stuffed with Prosciutto and Mozzarella, and Spinach and Artichoke Stuffed Mushrooms

Salad: Caesar

Entrée: Your choice of either Double Cut Stuffed Boneless Pork Chop (Apple almond double stuffed boneless pork chop served atop sweet mashed potatoes with maple enhanced pan sauce)
OR

Chicken Pancetta (Sautéed breast of chicken topped with fresh tomato, spinach and crisp pancetta bacon served with over angel hair pasta with asiago cheese sauce)

Dessert: Crème Brulee Coffee and tea

The total cost including gratuity will be \$27.00. Please send your check to Dan Fortman by Wednesday, April 23 or bring it to the Annual Meeting in March. Include on your check your choice of entrée either pork chop or chicken.



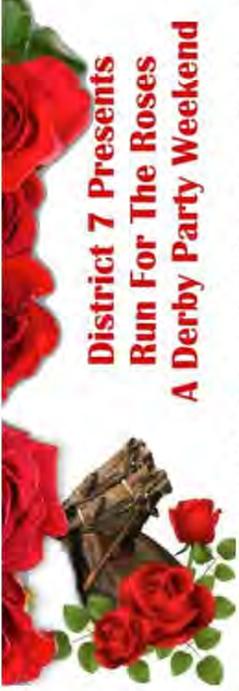
District 7 Presents Run For The Roses A Derby Party Weekend

**District 7 Spring Conference
April 5-7 2019
The Holiday Inn Cleveland South
Independence, Ohio**

- ICE BREAKER : DERBY PARTY
 - Food Stations Serving Appetizers, Entrees, Desserts, Cash Bar
 - Games, Derby Hats Contest (Women & Men)
 - Derby Photo Booth with Guest Entertainers
 - Bet on Your Favorite Horse and More
 - ENJOY EXCITING SPEAKERS: Follow our Publicity for More Info
 - CELEBRATE OUR D/7 CHANGE OF WATCH
 - SHOP AT OUR FAMOUS D/7 RAFFLE
 - MEET YOUR DISTRICT FRIENDS IN OUR FREE GATHERING ROOMS
- ⇒ *Watch your newsletters for more information and registration form.*
- ⇒ *More Information Will Be Available on the D/7 Website and Electronically to the Cdrs no Later than January 31, 2019*

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB 

D7 Spring Conference
April 5 - 7, 2019



District 7 Presents
Run For The Roses
A Derby Party Weekend

Holiday Inn Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Rd
Independence, OH 44131
216-524-8050, ext 298

Important: Registration form & payment must be received by **March 30, 2019**.
Dates: Make your hotel reservation by **March 15, 2019** to secure this rate.

Certificate Number	Rank	First Name	Last Name	Grade	Squadron	Registration \$10	Ice Brkr \$20	Lunch \$24	Dinner \$35

Is this your first conference?

Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____



Total Amount Due: _____

Make your check payable to District 7-USPS and mail with this form to:

Tom Hancock
 426 Emerson Ave
 North Canton, OH 44720

Questions please contact:
 Liz Glassell at 440-333-0768

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Holiday Inn at 216-524-8050, ext 298 and identify yourself as a member of D7 USPS.
 Rates: \$97/night + taxes

Ice Breaker: Food Stations serving everything from appetizers to desserts. Games, Derby Hat Contests, Guest Entertainers and More.

Lunch Selection:
EXECUTIVE CHOICE
 Tossed salad, sliced turkey breast, ham, roast beef, salami, assorted cheeses, old fashioned potato salad, pasta salad, relishes, kettle chips, assorted breads & condiments, cookies & brownies, beverages

Dinner Selections:
BOURBON GLAZED SALMON FILET
 with a Citrus Bourbon Marinade. Served with Mixed Green Salad, Asparagus with Balsamic Glaze, Chive Potatoes with Sour Cream. Churchill Downs Dessert.

ROASTED SIRLON STEAK
 with Mushroom Pinot Noir Sauce. Served with Mixed Green Salad, Asparagus with Balsamic Glaze, Chive Potatoes with Sour Cream. Churchill Downs Dessert.

Special Dietary Needs: _____



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