



Mansfield YACHTSMAN



November/December

L 40° 45' N Lo 82° 30' W

2019

From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Mike Siwek, SN

Boating season is over for this year, except for the diehard perch fishermen. I hope everyone had a great time on the water this year, and are making plans for next year's boating season. I wish I could have spent more time on or near the water. There is nothing more relaxing than being near the water, I guess that's why nearly 90 % of the world's population lives close to the water somewhere.



There are some interesting things in the works for next year. District 7 is working on the Spring and Fall Conferences for 2020. The Spring Conference will be held on April 3, 4, and 5th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Independence. The Fall Conference is being worked on and could possibly be a multi-district conference including D7 (eastern OH, western PA, and W. VA.), D9 (parts of Michigan, and northern Indiana), D11 (NE Ohio and Western PA), D24 (parts of Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio), and D29, (NW Ohio and NE Indiana). This would be a great conference if the multi-districts could be arranged. The proposed site for the conference would be Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky OH. Let the planners know what you think of this idea.

National has also stated that the Districts have the option of having only one conference per year instead of two. This will be looked at by our District.

Congratulations are in order to P/D/C Cloyd McNaull, SN who has been a member of USPS for 50 years. Cloyd will be honored at the upcoming fall conference. Congratulations Cloyd, and thank

(Continued on page 2)

2019-2020 Bridge

Commander

Cdr Mike Siwek, SN
419-526-0534
masiwek@richnet.net

Executive Officer

P/C Daniel A. Fortman, N
419-566-0719
dfortman70@gmail.com

Educational Officer

Lt/C Shirley J. Fort, SN
419-522-2964
johnfort@core.com

Administrative Officer

P/C Lynn Fortman, N
419-631-4842
fortmanlynn@gmail.com

Secretary

P/C Dennis J. Figley, SN
419-895-1534
petitoiseau44805@hotmail.com

Treasurer

Lt/C Georgiann E. Mathews, P
419-883-2191
rmathews@neo.rr.com

(Continued from page 1)

you for your service to Mansfield, District and National.

Remember, merit marks are due in November. Please turn in your merit mark info to Shirley Fort, our merit mark chairperson.

Some upcoming events for our Squadron.

3 Nov - Daylight savings time ends, turn back your clocks.

12 Nov - MPS membership/executive meeting 6:30 PM. Salute to veterans, coffee and desserts will be available

21 Nov - Geo-marker hunt

1 Dec - MPS Christmas Party at the Lexington Senior Center. We will have our usual (or unusual) gift exchange, swap, steal, etc.

11 Dec - MPS Membership/Executive meeting, 6:30 PM

7 Jan - MPS Membership/Executive meeting, 6:30 PM.

Please take notice that we need new Bridge Officers and Committee Members for 2020. Please step forward and serve your turn as an officer. We are always there to help you. Without Bridge Officers and Committee Members we cannot exist!!

Since next year is 2020, lets look at this as a year of VISION!

From the Education Officer

Lt/C Shirley Fort, SN



Congratulations to Dennis and Denise Tenison for achieving the Educational Proficiency Award. This award requires the completion of at least Advanced Piloting plus three electives.

Since they have already earned the Advanced Grade of Navigator, they are well on their way to earning the grade of Senior Navigator. Good work Dennis and Denise. We're proud of you.

Recognition also goes to the graduates of the Marine Electrical Systems class and the Marine Communications Class, both taught by Jay Wells. Dan and Lynn Fortman, Dennis and Denise Tenison, Wayne Hammond, and Jay Wells recently passed this class with excellent marks. Jim and Bobbie Jackson and Ellen Wells audited the class but chose not to take the exam. No matter, it's absorbing the information that really counts.

The next electrical related course in the new series, Electronic Navigation, has been postponed until spring, probably April, to give the students and instructor a chance to rest their brains and take some vacation time in Florida. It gives the rest of our members a second chance to register for this class. This course integrates traditional (old fashioned) plotting skills with all the new and wonderful electronic tools now available to mariners. It looks to be well worth our time and energy. Let us know if you're interested.

There was not sufficient interest to schedule the Weather class as promised. However, we do have the course material in hand. If you would like to do some self-study during these long dark cold winter nights, Tom Etwiler, the Weather Wizard, will be glad to help with tutoring as needed.

Prepare for spring and the boating season: learn something new, take a class.

MERIT MARK RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DUE!

Did you bring food to one of our gatherings? Make arrangements or reservations for dinner? Set up or clean up after an event? Serve on a committee? Find some geodetic markers?

Don't hide your light (or work) under a bushel. Email johnfort@core.com now with your personal information or other member nominations to be sure you earn your "pay." We know it isn't much but those merit marks do add up. More important, it's how Mansfield Squadron works together to get a job done.

Administrative Officer

P/C Lynn Fortman, N



Coming Events

The wind blows, the pumpkin froze, but the boat is safely stored away. But don't stress, there is still an activity that we have planned for our members that would like to enjoy a brisk fall outing to sights unknown only to our Geodetic Marker Leaders, Jim/Bobbye Jackson and National Geodetic Marker Leaders, Tom/Joanne Hancock. We will gather again to search far and wide for markers that have been untouched, maybe destroyed or at least not identified in the last year. We hope that you can join us on **Thursday, November 21**. This time we will begin at the Cattleman's Restaurant in Savannah at 1000 for a light breakfast, search for markers, and then have an afternoon lunch at The Union Town Brewing Company, 105 West Main Street in Ashland. Please RSVP to fortmanlynn@gmail.com by **Monday, November 18** if you will be joining our marker search crew for any portion or all of this outing. Restaurants will need reservations.

Our original 2019-2020 schedule had us attending dinner at Steve's Dakota Grill on Saturday, November 23. This event has been cancelled.

It will be an honor and a privilege to meet on **Tuesday, November 12** at the Red Cross Building at 6:30 for our monthly meeting when we recognize our members and guests that have represented the United States of America as Military Veterans. MPS Commander Siwek's wife, Kim, is heading up the evening with desserts. As an added bonus this year, we will have a short program. P/C Bob Mathews and Lt/C Georgi Mathews will be accompanying their grandson Christian to our meeting. Christian has performed Eisenhower's Address to the Troops before D-Day on many occasions and he has brought tears to many eyes as people remember the sacrifice

of those loyal patriots. I hope that you can join us for this special event.

Our Annual N Christmas Party will be held at the Lexington Senior Center on **Sunday, December 1 beginning at 1700** for our Social Time with dinner to follow. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. P/Stf/C Garry Schroeder and his wife Susan, have graciously volunteered to host this event again. As you remember, Susan has great decorating ideas that embellish the room and tables; seeing the décor is always beautiful and puts everyone into the spirit of the season! This year the theme is "Snowmen." We hope that you can join us for the evening. There will also be our annual "Grab and Go" gift exchange. Bring an item in the \$20 range to give and you'll leave with something new and different. (If your first choice doesn't get taken from you before the end of the exchange!) The dinner will consist of ham, potatoes, vegetable or fruit and coffee/tea/soft drinks for \$ 6.00. There will also be a basket raffle at the registration table if you are interested in helping to support our Classroom Fund Account. If you plan to attend, please contact Garry and Susan at arch300@aol.com or call 419-544-8917 before **Monday, November 25** so that they can begin food purchasing/preparation.

The Mansfield Yachtsman is published every other month.

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

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

Deadline for the Yachtsman articles is the 15th of Dec, Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct.

From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, N

WHY DROWNING DOESN'T LOOK LIKE DROWNING

“In 50% of child drowning, adults are nearby; In 10% of these, Adult are watching but do not know the victim is drowning.”



Lynn, our new Administrative Officer and my loving wife, found this fact and others in an article that totally astounded me. I would like to share this valuable information and some of the facts from the article which she found on “Slate”.

In most instances, drowning is a deceptively “quiet” event. Drowning is not the violent call for help that most people expect. If we only know what we see on television, we will be in for a surprise. The waving, splashing, and yelling that have been led to believe will occur is rarely seen in real life. If you spend time on or near the water, then you should make sure that you and your family know what to look for when someone enters the water.

The **Instinctive Drowning Response** – so named by Francesco A. Pia, PhD, is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water. And it does not look like what most people expect. There is very little splashing, no waving, and no yelling or calls for help of any kind. To get an idea of how quiet and undramatic a drowning can be, consider this: it is the #2 cause of accidental death in children, ages 15 and under (just behind vehicle accidents). Of the approximately 750 children who will drown next year, about 375 of them will do so within 25 yards of a parent or other adult. According to the CDC, in 10% of these drowning, the adult will actually watch the child do it, having no idea it is happening. Drowning does not look like drowning. In an article in the Coast Guard’s “On Scene” magazine, Dr. Pia described the Instinctive Drowning Response like this:

- * Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is the secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled before speech occurs.
- * Drowning people’s mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water. The mouths of drowning people are not above the surface of the water long enough for them to exhale, inhale, and call out for help. When the drowning people’s mouths are above the surface, they exhale and quickly as their mouths start to sink

below the surface of the water.

- * Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water’s surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.
- * Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer, or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment.
- * From the beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response people’s bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs.

This doesn’t mean that a person that is yelling for help and thrashing isn’t in real trouble – they are experiencing aquatic distress. Not always present before the Instinctive Drowning Response, aquatic distress doesn’t last long – but unlike true drowning, these victims can still assist in their own rescue. They can grab lifelines, throw rings, etc.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs – vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back.
- Appear to be climbing an invisible ladder.

So if someone falls overboard and everything looks okay – don’t be so sure. Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don’t look like they’re drowning. They may just look like they are treading water and looking up at the deck. One way to be sure? Ask them, “Are you alright?” If they answer at all – they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents – children playing in the water make noise. **When they get quiet, get to them and find out why!!**



Mansfield Power Squadron
Mansfield Yachtsman
C/O P/C Dennis Figley, SN
50850 State Route 545
Ashland, OH 44303-1354

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

