



# Mansfield YACHTSMAN



January/February

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## From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Mike Siwek, SN



### Past and Future Plans

First of all, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's that time of the year to make those New Year resolutions that few of us keep all year long (including me). I hope to get out in my kayak more this coming year and of course get more exercise. We will see how that goes!

The nominating committee is working on a slate of officers for next year. It looks like we will have a full Bridge. Thanks to everyone for stepping forward so that our Squadron can continue.

The geodetic marker hunt held November 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success. Thanks to Jim and Bobbye Jackson for setting this up, and a special thanks to Tom and Joanne Hancock from the Stark County Power Squadron for helping and reporting the results to National. Also, thanks to everyone who participated in the hunt. It sure was a lot of fun looking for the markers, a lot like a treasure hunt!

The "N" Club Christmas party held December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Lexington Senior Center was also a great success and a lot of fun with our gift (steal) exchange. Thanks to Garry and Susan Schroeder for setting this up, and cooking the ham and all the veggies. Also, thanks to everyone who brought desserts or side dishes. The food was delicious.

Merit Marks submitted by Shirley Fort have been approved and everyone should have received their merit mark by now. Thanks, Shirley for handling this.

The next Membership/Executive meeting is scheduled for 14 January at our classroom in the Red Cross building.

The USPS Annual Meeting will be held 9-16 February in Ponte Vedra Beach FL, near Jacksonville. If you plan to attend, you can make reservations online from the USPS website.

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The MPS Annual Meeting will be held 14 March at the Lexington Senior Center Please plan to attend and vote for the incoming bridge officers.

The MPS change of watch will be held 25 April at the Cabin Restaurant in Mifflin. Please come and support your new bridge.

In going through old District paperwork from 2003, I came across a report from the District Educational Officer, D/Lt/C Shirley Finney, SN. She had a riddle in her report from a Paul Harvey broadcast. The riddle goes:

“What is greater than God, more evil than the Devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you will die.”

When ask this riddle, 80% of kindergarten kids got the answer, compared to 17% of Stanford University seniors.

Good luck



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## From the Education Officer

Lt/C Shirley Fort, SN

### Friends

We were so pleased to receive this picture/e-mail from long-time friends Mark and Beth Kreinbuhl and Raf and Linda Belliard titled “North Carolina branch of MPS”.



We remembered the many cruises and adventures we shared in the Great Lakes, the ICW, Chesapeake Bay, the Gulf, and Bahamas. Mark and Beth are currently live-aboards, basing in the North Carolina-Florida area with occasional jaunts to Chesapeake Bay to escape hurricanes. This past summer Maine was their destination. Raf and Linda have cruised extensively, at times land-based, but often as live-aboards. With their guidance MPS pushed the experience levels of cruising on many summer rendez-vous. Now they spend their time kayaking out of New Bern NC or on ocean liner cruises.

We also remembered the many learning opportunities we shared with them as students, instructors, crew members, or just sitting around swapping stories. The meaning of the USPS slogan “Come for the education, stay for the friends” could not be clearer. So this winter, when you are sick and tired of TV, shoveling snow, or cleaning house, think Spring. Ask us to set up a class of your choice to prepare you for your “Someday” cruise.



from left to right: Mark, Linda, Beth, Raf

## Administrative Officer

P/C Lynn Fortman, N



## Coming Events

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that this year is a healthy, happy and productive one as we engage in some new activities within the squadron. Plan to join us as we check out a boat show, go on a wine tasting, attend a Madrigal Feast in Ashland and try our hand/arm at an axe throwing gathering at a new establishment in Mansfield. More details will be coming out at the Annual Meeting in March but until then, please let me know (419 631 4842) if you have a specific request for an activity that you would like to add to our agenda.

A reminder too that if you have a change in the roster that you would like included before the reprinting of the entire roster in 2021, I will be updating a list that will be sent out in early February with the Squadron Nominations. Please send your information via email ([fortmanlynn@gmail.com](mailto:fortmanlynn@gmail.com)) or call me ASAP as I will be completing this information by January 15.

Beginning on Tuesday, March 10, we will have the first of a new activity, Monthly Social Outings, sometimes cards, sometimes board games, sometimes knot tying- but always a competition! The first outing will be held at the Fortman home in Shelby at 19 East Gaylord Avenue beginning at 1600. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. A hearty soup is on the menu as the main course. Games begin at 1730. The event for the night will be Euchre. Bring a partner, but don't expect to keep the partner, since we may be drawing names to make up teams for the night.

We will also have our Annual Meeting again this year at the Lexington Senior Center. As you were recording the date for the new Monthly Social Outings, you may have noticed that this is normally our Executive Committee meeting night at the Red Cross. However, since we are now holding our Executive meetings before the Annual Meeting, we have an open date. The following is the schedule for Saturday, March 14 at the Lexington Senior Center.

1600 Executive Meeting begins

1700 Dinner – please bring an appetizer or dessert to share as well as your favorite beverage and your table service. The main entrée will be prepared by Chef Dan and provided by the squadron.

1830 Annual Meeting begins

As we close 2019, I want to thank those of you that supported the squadron with your friendly faces and helpful hands at our events. I was once told that “many hands make work light.” Your support displayed this effort, but I especially want to thank those that have helped out in the last two months with events. Beginning in December, Sue and Garry Schroeder hosted our Christmas party and Garry helped in the kitchen; Sue created the centerpieces for the tables with her donation of labor and supplies as well as overseeing our dinner preparation with Garry. The hat centerpieces were very festive even if we didn't see Frosty running around with one of Sue's hats on his head! We also need to express our appreciation to Jim and Bobbye Jackson and Tom and Joanne Hancock. They organized two Geodetic Marker Searches this year and we are getting better at finding markers every time we schedule a search. Lastly, the Veterans' Day celebration was a success because Commander Mike Siwek's wife, Kim, organized the food with the help of other members and Bob and Georgi Mathews shared their grandson Christians' oratorical skills with us when he presented our D-Day program for the evening. As you can see, it was a very busy end to 2019.

So there you have it..... new ideas for a new year and successful projects completed for 2019. I hope that you will plan to join your fellow squadron members during some of our events for 2020. Until then, have a safe New Year Celebration wherever you may be heading for the holidays!



# From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, N

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR BOATERS

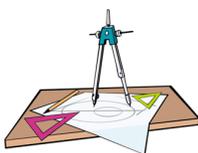


This last month's weather has brought back memories of long, cold, snowy winter seasons. This reminds me of the good old days when we had snow, cold weather and

icy roads to deal with on our daily commute on a regular basis. It was during one of these wintertime experiences that I vocalized that driving my car on ice was like driving a boat. Interesting. I never really thought about it in those terms---no brakes, sliding sideways while making turns, etc. This is just food for thought as you mentally prepare for the upcoming boating season.

The new year is now upon us, so it seems appropriate to make some new year's resolutions for the new boating season. My hope is that by resolving to improve, you will enjoy a safer, cleaner and more rewarding season.

\* Introduce a child or friend to the joys of boating.



\* Take a class or seminar from USPS. There are many old and new options to do this....check them out online at <https://www.americasboatingclub.org/>

\* Check your flares, fire extinguishers and other safety equipment to be certain it is in good condition and up to date.



\* Examine your fishing gear and plan to experiment with the new Christmas presents that you received

from your family (or gave to yourself). You do not want to waste time doing this when the warm weather is here and the fish are biting.

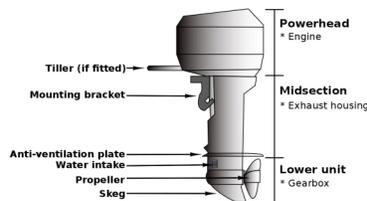


- Familiarize yourself with an online weather service so it becomes a routine part of your pre-departure planning. Knowing potential conditions before you go makes float planning easier. I use [www.weather.com/](http://www.weather.com/) regularly.



\* Fuel up your boat without spilling a drop overboard this entire season and contain engine room drops and spills with bilge pads and socks. The cumulative effects of a little drop here and there can add up.

\* Purchase and wear an inflatable life jacket. Being comfortable in your life saving, personal floatation device means you will use it.



\* Tune your engine. An engine running at top performance can drastically reduce harmful exhaust or oil emissions and you'll get more miles to the gallon.

\* Set up some easy to identify, separate trash and recycling containers aboard. A readily available disposal system helps everyone keep trash out of the water.



\* Save the alcohol for when you arrive safely back to the dock. The majority of all boating fatalities are alcohol related.

\* Make a donation to your favorite educational or marine conservation group. In doing so, you will make a positive difference for every boater in 2021 and gain a sense of personal satisfaction.



**HAPPY BOATING & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

P/C DanFortman, Safety Officer

**EVENT SCHEDULE - MANSFIELD POWER SQUADRON**  
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**January**

- 7 Executive/Membership Meeting at Red Cross Building at 1830
- TBD Spring ABC Classes/Advanced Grade Classes begin - contact SEO Shirley Fort
- 16-19 Boat Show West, Cleveland- Check D/7 Website to help

**February**

- 11 Executive/Membership Meeting at Red Cross Building at 1830
- 9-16 America's Boating Club (USPS) National Meeting - Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

**March**

- 10 Social Outing - Euchre night - Fortman's
- 14 Annual Meeting/Exe, Meeting and Potluck Dinner at Lexington Senior Center, 1700

**April**

- 14 Executive/Membership Meeting at Red Cross Building at 1830
- 25 Change of Watch - Cabin Restaurant, Miffin

\* See the Administrative Officer article in this newsletter for more information about activities.

\*\* Contact your Administrative Officer, Lynn Fortman, at 419-631-4842 if you are interested in a venue for a rendezvous.

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



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