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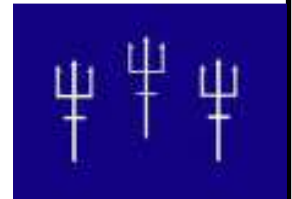


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April, 2024

**DAVE KASTL, P
COMMANDER**



Since the Fall Conference early November 2023, - we held our November membership meeting at the Paper Moon Winery, Rt. 60 in Vermilion.

Bob Moss crossed the bar Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at the age of 80. His commitment to water safety and education was evident through his role as the Past Commander of our squadron, devoting over 40 years teaching USPS/ABC courses. His dedication to family, community, and passion for boating and mentorship will forever remain a guiding light in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Our December holiday membership meeting was at the idyllic Carriage Barn in the Vermilion River Reservation. Everyone enjoyed the meeting, dinner, Christmas ornament exchange and the "saran wrap game".

We enjoyed participating in the Cleveland boat show and appreciate all who worked on the advertisement published in the show's program.

January's meeting was held at La Plaza Taqueria, in Amherst. February Annual meeting, also known as Save our Sweethearts, was a combo Zoom for all the snowbirds and live meeting at Cathe Radabaugh's home. March meeting was enjoyed at Martino's International Restaurant in Vermilion.

April 18, 2024 is our Change of Watch to be held at Wellington Eagles honoring our new Commander Rich Barzyk and his Bridge and Board.

May meeting we will return to Fort's Tavern in Wellington, and on June 15 we will host a Kayakathon and picnic at Findley State Park, also in Wellington.

We are coordinating one of the dinners for the D7 Rendezvous July 25 – 28.

VSC: We have started VSC's for 2024 to be conducted in nearby marinas, yacht clubs and of course at the Kayakathon.

Education: On Saturday, April 6th 2024, we will begin the Boat Handling Course at the Beaver Park Yacht Club.

Respectfully submitted,

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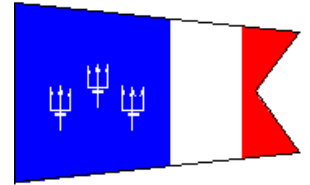
RULES CHAIR

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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

April's meeting is our Change of Watch per invitation.

Our May 16, 2024 meeting will be at Fort's Old Town Tavern, 122 W Herrick Ave, Wellington at 5:30 PM, order from menu.

June 15 will be our annual Kayakathon at Findley State Park, Rte. 58, Wellington. All kayaks, SUP's, canoes, row boats (electric motor only) are welcome! Launch at picnic area boat and kayak launch at 10:00 AM. Grilling brats, hotdogs and burgers at noon in picnic area. Bring a side dish to share, folding chair and your own personal beverages. VSC's (optional) of all vessels to be conducted. RSVP for the paddle and picnic to Mary Anne Kastl, text 440 724 9511 or email dakmak@roadrunner.com

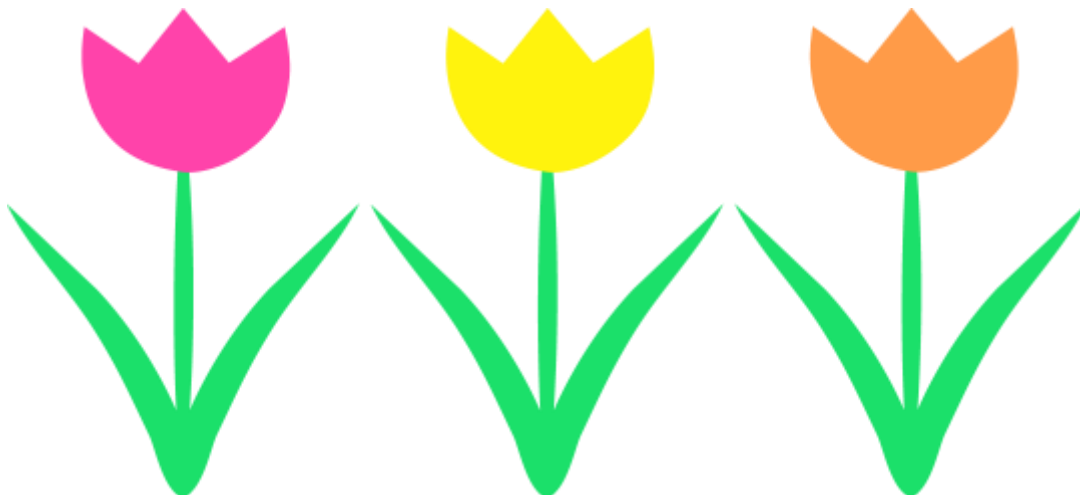
Findley Lake covers 83 acres of water. The north end of the lake is fairly deep, with depths measured to 21 feet. The southern end of the lake is relatively shallow, with depths measuring generally less than six feet.

Hand-powered vessels and boats with electric motors are permitted on the lake. Two launch ramps, each with floating kayak launch ramps, provide access (the Main Boat ramp is located on the west side of the lake; the other ramp is in the campground). Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, kayaks and canoes can be rented Mondays and Friday-Sunday from the beach concession.

Findley Lake was constructed by the Ohio Division of Parks. The earthen dam was built during 1954 and 1955, with the gates closed in April 1956.

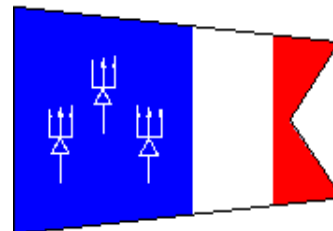
Respectfully submitted,

P/C Mary Anne Kastl, P -





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



SEO REPORT

Our Boat Handling class will start on Sat April 6th at the Beaver Park Marina (North) , Time 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM. Dave and Mary Anne Kastl will be our lead instructors. Nothing more until fall.

Contact number for these classes is 440 282 2282.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT.

Here comes April with showers and getting boats ready for the water. April meeting at Wellington Eagles. This will be our annual Change of Watch. Past Chief Commander Craig Fraser will install the new Bridge. Plan on attending this meeting lots of good food and Spirits and welcome the new Bridge Officers into office.

April Birthdays:

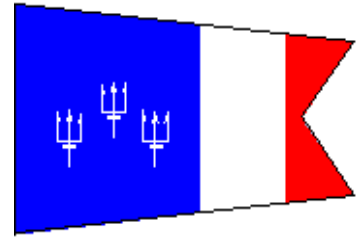
FRANCES COOPER,
TRACY PUSTAY,
MICHELLE WILSON
and BETH SUMP.

Happy birthday to all.





P/C CATHE RADABAUGH, N
Executive Officer



Each squadron in District 7 has been asked to donate a Basket to raffle off at the Spring Conference on April 5—7. Our Admin Officer, Mary Anne, bought and assembled this Bourbon Basket, on behalf of our squadron. We are well represented. Thank you, Mary Anne! (ps, she supplied these photos, too.)



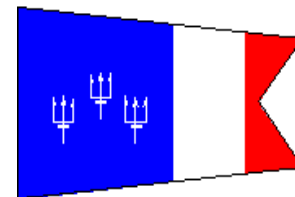
There is a good lineup of activities for this Spring and Summer. Dave and Mary Anne are teaching the Boat Handling Class, Change of Watch will occur on April 18, the May Membership meeting is scheduled at Fort's, we have Vessel Safety Checks events lined up, and our annual Kayakathon event in June, and District has a Summer Rendezvous planned for July 26 thru 28 in Huron Boat Basin (and the night before will be in Vermilion). I believe we are in great shape to enjoy Spring and Summer in and around the water.

I hope to see you all at the Change of Watch in Wellington. We can launch the new squadron year, and compare plans for a fun season.





P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



THE DESK OF YOUR TREASURER SECRETARY

I'll be brief. I reinjured my knee so i will miss the March meeting and the District 7 Spring Conference. I may be able to see you at the April Change Of Watch.

P.C. Ralph Schaefer, S.N.

(submitted March 16)

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We are usually focused on what is happening with our squadron, and occasionally shift our attention to the District events and friends we've there. It's not often we consider what is happening at the National level. There's plenty, as it turns out. Here is a sample of just one initiative on America's Boating Channel



America's Boating Channel™ Warns of Electric Shock Drowning

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) is a little-known and often-unknown killer, severely injuring and killing people every year. It occurs when faulty wiring sends electric current into water, which passes through the body and

causes muscle paralysis that can result in drowning.

Faulty wiring or the use of damaged electrical cords and other devices on docks and boats can cause the surrounding water to become "energized," with no visible warning. Avoid getting in the water within 150 feet of where AC power is in use and learn how to test if dangerous electrical currents are in the water around your boat.

To help boaters understand the danger of Electric Shock Drowning (ESD), Season Four of America's Boating Channel offers the video "[Electric Shock Drowning \(ESD\)](#)." The video shows how ESD causes deaths and injuries at marinas nationwide, including many undetected incidents. Viewers also will learn about ESD prevention and how to install ground protection on docks and boats. Also featured are differences between ESD dangers in saltwater and freshwater.



Follow the above link or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power

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FIRST CLASS MAIL



VERMILION SAIL & POWER SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH

Thursday, 18 April 2024

1800 Hours – Appetizers and Cash Bar

1830 Hours – Installation by P/CC CRAIG D. FRASER SN-CN

1900 Hours – Dinner, \$27.50

SOCIAL HALL AT THE WELLINGTON EAGLES

631 S. MAIN ST./RTE. 58, WELLINGTON

Bride:

Commander P/C Richard Barzyk, SN

Executive Officer P/C Cathie Radabaugh, N

Admin. Officer P/C Mary Anne Kastl, P

SEO P/D/C David Bialorucki, SN

Treasurer/Sec'y P/C Ralph Schaefer, S

Executive Committee:

P/C David Kastl, P

P/C Paul Hammel, P

P/C Tim Smith, S

Menu

Crème Brûlée Chicken

Pork Loin with Gravy

Green Beans Almondine

Au Gratin Potatoes

Salad and Rolls

Assorted Pies

RSVP NLT 11 April 2024 to: P/C Mary Anne Kastl, text 440 724 9511 or dinkrunk@roadrunner.com

