

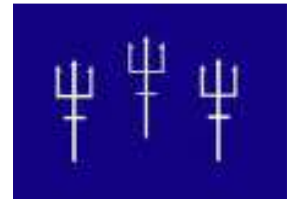
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A PUBLICATION OF THE VERMILION SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

October, 2025

**RICH BARZYK, SN
COMMANDER**



Fellow squadron members,
Our first meeting, of business year 2025-2026, took place at the Fort's Tavern in Wellington, on September 17th with 10 members present. (Welcome back Secretary/Treasurer Ralph, who continues to convalesce after a fall) A quorum was in place. The minutes of the September Executive Committee meeting were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report was provided and filed. A motion to authorize our squadron to provide a raffle basket for the upcoming District7 Fall conference was approved, with a value not to exceed \$100.00. Mary Anne volunteered to create the basket. A motion to support National's request to allow them to approve squadron assignment, of a new cyber member, without local squadron Executive Committee approval, was tabled pending further research on the pros & cons of their request. National believes this would streamline our membership application process. Vermilion believes this might be an overreach of National's overall administrative authority. SEO Dave Bialorucki reports that no classes are being offered this Fall. The meeting was adjourned at 1815.

Membership in the USPS, namely our Vermilion Squadron, has a very unheralded benefit; for example, in the off season, we provide monthly meeting where we all can revel in each other's company and where we might share our personal boating experiences, whether embarrassing or congratulatory! Our monthly meetings truly help us to broaden our boating skills, by surrounding ourselves with like-minded friends, who too, harbor a passion to talk about boats! Why not come and find out what really keeps us all going, when our boats are "on the hard?"

The October meeting, on the 16th. will be at Jim's Pizza Box in Vermilion; the address is 4503 Liberty Ave. One of our newer venues, with an extended menu, favorable reviews and a fine selection of 'spirits.' Why not try a "taste-test," and see for yourself.

The District7 Fall Conference is November 8th. at the AMISH DOOR in Wilmot, Ohio. Dave Bialorucki, Cathe & I will be going, so if you'd like a lift, please let one of us know. It's a true Amish location and the food alone would be worth the drive. There is also a bakery on site, with wonderful freshly baked pies to go!

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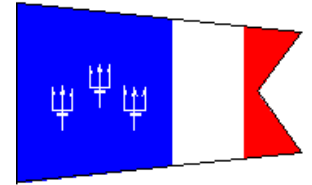
RULES CHAIR

Lt. Brian Sams, S

“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**



Writing this information from our Annapolis Waterfront suite overlooking the Power Boat show. Very interesting to arrive early and watch the Ego Alley be transformed into a fabulous show with temporary docks, walkways and a myriad of boats for sale or trial. One is certainly tempted to “sign on the line” or at least dream about owning anything from SUPS, dinghies, pontoons, fishing and day cruisers and LUXURY yachts. Dave and I started to attend the Annapolis shows in the mid 90’s with Al and Lynda Downie, Bill and Linda Kaatz and other friends. Today we’ll again collect special boating swag for our plastic wrap entertainment at the December meeting.

Here are meeting venues; and we will have special guests on October 16 at Jim’s Pizza Box, address: 4503 Liberty Ave. in Vermilion!

10/16/2025	October Membership Meeting	Jim's Pizza Box, Vermilion, 5:30PM
11/20/2025	November Membership Meeting	Paper Moon Winery, 5:30PM
12/18/2025	December Membership Meeting & Holiday Party	Carriage Barn, Mill Hollow, Vermilion, 5:30 - 8:00
1/15/2026	January Membership Meeting	Agaves Mexican Grill, Lorain (by Home Depot), 5:30PM
2/19/2026	February SOS Meeting	Martino's Intl. Café, Vermilion, 5:30 - 7:30
3/19/2026	March Membership Meeting	ESP Brewing, Amherst or Cathe home, 5:30PM
4/16/2026	April Membership Meeting, Change of Watch	Beaver Park Yacht Club, Lorain, 6:00PM
5/21/2026	May Membership Meeting	Vermilion River Reservation, reserved shelter, 5:30PM to sunset

- Note that I need your reservation 5 days before all the stated meetings
- (please contact me so I don’t have to contact you) 😊
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- Bring a guest with you to the meetings – we would love to share our friendship and boating knowledge with them and interest them in joining VSPS (no pressure of course)
- If you would like a speaker or activity at the meeting, let me know and I will set it up. If you want to share a recent trip or adventure , we would love to hear about it.

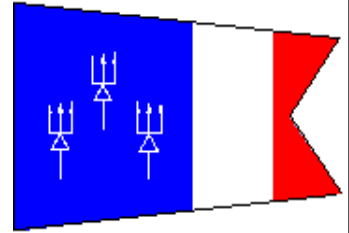
Respectfully submitted,

P/c Mary Anne Kastl, P

Administrative Officer



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



SEO REPORT

At this time, there are no classes scheduled for this fall. I am looking to start classes after the January Boat Show. If you are wanting to take any in-house courses, let me know and I will set it up.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

We are winding down the boating season and resuming our Membership meetings to help pass the time until boating season returns. Plan on going to the next meeting at Jim's Pizza Box in Vermilion. Not sure if there will be a program, but a night out for dinner with fellow members and friends.

BIRTHDAY LIST FOR OCTOBER:

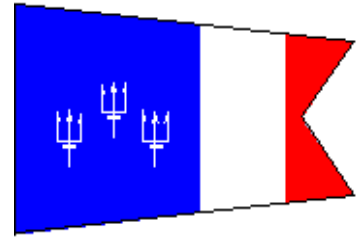
P/C DAVID KASTL,
LYNNE SCOTT,
MARIE CHANDLER,
SCOTT CHANDLER and
JEAN VERLOTTI.

Happy Birthday to all.





**P/C CATHE RADABAUGH, N
Executive Officer**



Last month, I had recommended the one-day District Fall 7 Conference. But I hadn't realized that there is indeed a chance to enjoy happy hour the night before at the Inn at Amish Door. So, if you're tempted, come on down to Wilmot, OH on Friday, November 7, and enjoy the Ice Breaker from 7 pm on. The cost is only \$5 per person. Hot dogs and fixings and tableware are provided. We're asked to bring an appetizer to share, and favorite board or card games and BYOB. The registration form is on page 7.

And we also have an active planning team for the District Spring Conference, and here is our first hint of it:



Commander's Report—Continued from Page 1 –

I have started assembling our documentation for Merit Marks this year. Please be sure to share with me any contributions you have performed this year, as this will make my job easier, and will surely keep me from excluding valuable credits.

Celestially speaking for October - while somewhat unique, the final 3 months of 2025 will all have Supermoons, and while not a true phenomenon, it's still quite rare and a special treat for us earthlings. The first is October 7th. and will not only be a Full moon, it will be a Supermoon, which will create "spring tides" due to its perigee, resulting in greater gravitational pull-on the earth. October's Supermoon is also known as a Hunter moon, a Travel moon or a Blood moon.

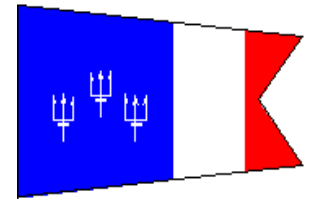
We have several special events in October to celebrate, one being Columbus Day, on the 13th. The second being Halloween on October 31st, and a third, which I'm most fond of, is National Dessert Day, on the 14th. Also, on the 13th. the United States Navy will start celebrating it's 250th. "Year of perseverance", with plans for a week-long party! Congratulations US Navy.

Don't forget, on November 2nd. to set your clock back 1 hour!!

Safe seas always,
Rich



P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



I don't like where we are heading as a squadron after last Thursday's meeting. There were only 10 members attending, but you must include the Bridge members. That leaves only 3 members that were not bridge members. I know that I've missed many meetings, but that was due to my injuries.

There is no easy answer for the lack of interest, but we are heading down a dangerous slope. Mary Anne has posted a list of all upcoming meetings, so pick out one and attend.

Treasurer/ Secretary
 Ralph

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 Brian and Reyna Sams
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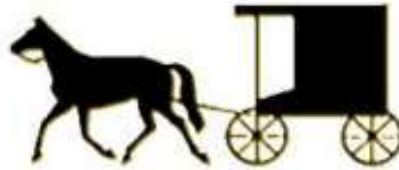
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**New Sponsor and Patron ads are always welcome.
 Please contact Cathe Radabaugh
 or Ralph Schaefer.**

Patron ads are \$10 per year. Sponsor ads are \$30 per year.

The Door to Amish Country

2025 District 7 Fall Conference
Saturday, November 8, 2025
The Inn at Amish Door, 3rd floor



The Inn at Amish Door
1210 Winesburg St.
Wilmot, OH 44689

Important Registration & payment must be received by **October 26, 2025.**

Dates: Make your room reservations by **October 13, 2025** to secure our special rate.

Name	Squadron	Ice Brkr \$5	Lunch \$30
Total Amount Due:			

Address:

Phone:

Email:



Ice Breaker - 7:00 PM, \$5.00/person
 On the second floor of the Inn
 Hot dogs with fixins' and tableware provided by D7
 Please bring your favorite appetizer to share
 BYOB

Lunch - Noon to 1:30 PM, \$30.00/person
 Amish Door Restaurant
 Salad bar, grand buffet and beverage included



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

Tom Hancock
 426 Emerson Ave NW
 North Canton, OH 44720-2308
 or pay with Zelle using the QR Code to the right
 and email the registration form to: treasurer@d7usps.org



The Inn at Amish Door
 Rates: \$140/night + taxes, Friday and Saturday nights
 Make your reservations directly with the Inn at 330-359-7996
 Identify yourself as a member of D7-USPS

Visit Amish country on Friday and then meet at 7:00 PM in the Inn for appetizers and social time.

Questions please contact Joanne Hancock - 330-418-9956

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**Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron
October Membership Meeting**

**Jim's Pizza Box
4503 Liberty Avenue
Vermilion, OH**

October 16, 2025

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