

THE BALL



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**RICH BARZYK, SN
COMMANDER**



Fellow squadron members,

I do hope you had an enjoyable & safe summer. We did have two very successful social outings this summer, a lunch cruise aboard the Cleveland-based yacht LADY CAROLINE, and a “Crusher” baseball game. Special “Squadron Thanks” to Mary Anne and Marie for arranging those two very entertaining social events. Turn-out was great at both, as we were joined by several District7 squadron members and a bevy of family & friends. We were treated to an exciting ball game, with the Lake Erie “Crushers,” beating the Joliet “Slammers,” 6-4.

Vermilion co-participated in the District7 Rendezvous at the Boat Basin in Huron, Ohio, as it was a cooperative effort, chaired by three squadrons: North Coast, Mansfield & Vermilion. Vermilion provided the dessert for the dinner on Saturday afternoon.

The Executive Committee met in early August and created our 2025/2026 business schedule. We have a very entertaining year planned (Thank you Mary Anne), and have several new venues in store for your enjoyment. Most of our meeting locations will serve ‘adult beverages’, so do plan on joining in on the fun. As for our membership meetings, the first one of the Fall will be September 18th at the FORT’S TAVERN in Wellington. I look forward to greeting YOU there. The October meeting will take place on the 16th @ JIM’S PIZZA BOX in Vermilion.

Vermilion’s VSC examiners conducted 165+ inspections over the summer, with Dave Bialorucki leading the charge with 100+ inspections. District7 completed 579. We could always use help, so if inspecting vessels interests you, please connect with me for specific details, or peruse the National website for information. It’s a great way to earn a MERIT MARK, as is filling a bridge position, or teaching a class. Why not put your energies to work for a truly GREAT cause, the personal rewards will be MERITORIOUS and deeply satisfying.

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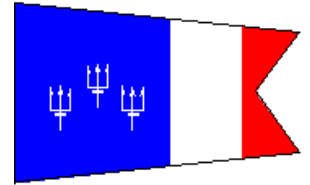
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“America’s Boating Club is a nation-wide boating organization. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land. Our members learn boating skills, engage with boating friends, and connect with the boating community.”



**P/C MARY ANNE KASTL, P
Administrative Officer**



Another beautiful and very hot summer will soon come to an end. The other squadrons in the District offered great events and rendezvous which some of us enjoyed. Vermilion hosted the Lady Caroline trip in June and the Crushers game in August. Thank you AGAIN to Marie Chandler for doing a fantastic job coordinating the game day for about 35 people. That evening, I declined Craig's prompting to dance on the Crushers' dugout with Stomper. Remember....

Safety first!



I certainly welcome Fall weather and am looking forward to gathering together for our September 19 membership dinner meeting. This will be at 1730 hours at Fort's Old Town Tavern, 122 W Herrick Ave, in Wellington.

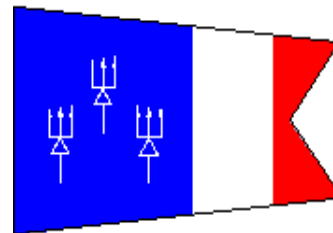
A brief summary of our meetings/events for the year is on page 7.

- Please note that I need your reservation 5 days before all the stated meetings
- (please contact me so I don't have to contact you) 😊
- 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.
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Respectfully submitted,
P/C Mary Anne Kastl, P
Administrative Officer



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



SEO REPORT

With summer almost over it's time to think about our educational program for the upcoming year. As of this newsletter, I have not set up any classes for the Fall. At this point, I will probably try to have a Safe Boating class sometime in October. If there is a class that you would like to take, call me at 440 282 2282, and I will make it happen.

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Welcome to Fall. At this time we are thinking about laying up the boats and getting ready for our squadron membership meetings. Check this newsletter for our first meeting place and time. Hope to see you at our meeting.

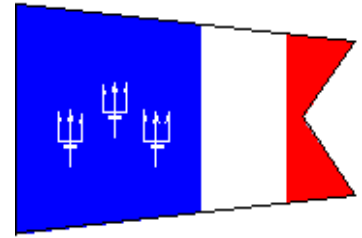
BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

P/C Larry Barber,
Bruce Barnhart,
P/D/C David A. Bialorucki,SN
Lt/C Mary Anne Kastl,
D/Lt/C Cathe Radabaugh
and Stephen Sump,
Happy Birthday to all.

This past summer Vermilion Sail & Power Squadron members have been busy doing Vessel Safety inspections, and doing co-op charting all over the state of Ohio, and in doing so Vermilion has made honor roll again this year for the District. Thanks to all that made this happen. Also I would like to send a big Thank You to Marie Chandler for setting up the Crushers event: what a great time. We sat right behind the Crushers dugout with 30 people from our squadron, Stark County, and Akron Power Squadrons.



P/C CATHE RADABAUGH, N
Executive Officer



Hi all! For those of us with boats, there is some very fine weather happening right now. Some of my favorite boating memories were from September and October trips out to the islands, when docks were easier to find. Of course, some of our colder haulouts were in late October, too.

I'll start early to promote the idea of your joining us at the District 7 Fall Conference this year. As Rich has mentioned, the location is the Amish Door in Wilmot, OH. The new format for the Fall Conference is a one-day event, from breakfast time thru lunch. There are some brief presentations, and a short business meeting. And in between the sessions, we have a chance to socialize with other boaters. Not a bad way to start November.

I hope to see you all at our September meeting at Fort's Tavern in Wellington on September 18,

Cathe

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Keep this date in mind - our Fall District7 Conference will be November 7th, @THE AMISH DOOR, in Wilmot, Ohio. The food alone is worth the drive. Do consider joining and supporting our District.

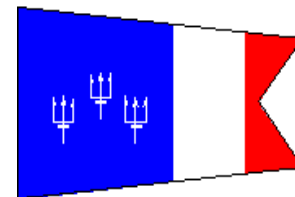
Since many of us are - let's remember to enjoy GRAND PARENTS DAY on September 7th. And on a more solemn note, "lest we forget," PATRIOT'S DAY is 9/11/2025, a date too, that will always live in infamy.

Celestially speaking for September; we'll have the Autumn Equinox, the first day of Fall, on September 22nd @ 18:17 UTC. There will be equal amounts of day & night throughout the world. It's believed the Equinoxes truly help spawn the 'Northern Lights,' for we know the Auroras are caused by the interaction of solar winds with the earth's magnetic field, and these interactions, called geo-magnetic storms, are always at their strongest at the Spring & Fall Equinoxes. These storms then 'mingle,' with earth's atoms of oxygen and nitrogen, which then release photons of different wavelengths, therefor creating the mystifying spectacular colours and grandeur of the Aurora Borealis.

Safe seas always,
Rich



P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



This summer was much like the last two for me. I broke my left hip December 1st, 2024, and I am still in rehab. I am using my walker now and will probably use it the remaining year. I can't drive yet so I will make the meeting if I can get a ride.

I have been keeping up the Treasurer's report with commander Rich getting my monthly report.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers as I continue to recoup.
Treasurer/ Secretary Ralph

VSPS PATRONS—2025

David Bialorucki
Fran Cooper
Cathe Radabaugh
Beverly and Jared Sams
Brian and Reyna Sams
Ralph Schaefer
Tim Smith
Jean Verlotti

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Meeting Schedule for Vermilion Sail & Power Squadron—2025-2026

Date	Event	Place & Time
9/18/2025	September Membership Meeting	Fort's Tavern Wellington, 5:30PM
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 and 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, 4415 Liberty Ave, 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
June, 2026	Summer Rendezvous	TBD
August, 2026	Summer Rendezvous	Crushers game

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

**September 18, 2025—1730
Forts Old Town Tavern
122 W. Herrick Ave., Wellington, OH
See fortstavern.com for the menu**

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