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## Commander's Message



Well, summer is here and everyone is looking forward to getting out on the water. I know I am, but let's not forget about boating safety and boating safely. We all should be very diligent on the water and remember not everyone has had a Boating Safety Course or knows "the Rules of the Road." Just be careful!

As Commander, I now have two General Meetings under my belt, and I believe these went over well. I may have made a few mistakes, like not knowing all of the past Commanders, but I'm learning. At these meetings we have had two very good speakers and presentations. I thought their topics were interesting and well done. I will try to continue to have a guest speaker at each of our General Meetings. If anyone knows of or has contact with a speaker of interest, please let me know.

At our EXCOM meetings we have been saying how important it is to the OCPS to have someone to be our publicity and public relations officer. I am very happy and proud to announce that at our last General Meeting Linda Zaretsky volunteered for this job with Sharon Connelly assisting Linda. I know that the two of them are very capable and will do a great job. My thanks go out to both of them.

Our next General Meeting will not occur until September but I hope to see many of you at our various social events between now and then. In closing I wish each and every one of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

**Cdr Morton Brown, S**

## Executive Officer's Message



Summer arrived hot and dry in late May and the season has continued to be quite warm through mid-June. It's been terrific for boating - not quite so terrific for farms and lawns in our area. The boating season is now in full swing with above normal water temperatures for this time of year. Many species of fish are showing up much earlier than usual so if you enjoy fishing, please take advantage.

Squadron members have been busy as there have been many activities: the Blessing of the Fleet, the cruise to Chincoteague, etc. A new venture for OCPS was our participation

in the White Marlin Festival and Crab Soup Kickoff, which was held in Ocean City on 14 March. It was overcast and cool that day, however, the event was well attended. We were there to support the OC Downtown Committee and to promote Squadron membership and vessel safety checks. Several attendees stopped by our booth to find out who we were and what we were all about. It was a fun event and it provided us with an excellent opportunity to promote OCPS.

P/C Joan Watt, AP, Chairperson of our Vessel Safety Check Program, has reported that our examiners are very busy inspecting boats to ensure compliance with federal, state and local regulations. I do not have a count of the number of inspections year to date, but she has assured me that she has received many completed forms and has already had to request additional inspection forms and decals. It appears that we are well on our way to another banner year regarding Vessel Safety Checks. If you would like to have your boat inspected, please call Joan at 410-208-2747.

Once again this summer OCPS is working with Believe in Tomorrow's Children's House by the Sea. This organization provides free vacations to families with children who have serious illnesses. Several squadron members have volunteered their boats and their time to take some of these kids and their families fishing and/or sightseeing while they are visiting in our area. Wayne Littleton, the local Director for the organization, has said that this is one of the favorite activities of the visiting families. If you would like more information regarding OCPS participation or if you would like to participate, you may contact P/C Fred Stiehl, P, at 410-641-6535.

Enjoy a safe, warm and wonderful summer!!

**Lt/C John W. Tellman**

## Educational Officer's Message



Congratulations to the three members of our Engine Maintenance course who successfully completed their exams, and congratulations, too, to Van Caffi, their teacher, for another great course. If you have a boat and have not taken the Engine Maintenance course, save yourself some future trouble and plan to take it when it is next offered. If you go to our web pages, you will find pictures of our educational team of teachers. They make it possible for you to be trained also in Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Marine Electronics and Weather. Give them a call or an e-mail and let a teacher know you are interested in becoming a safer boater, You will be doing yourself and those who boat with you a great favor. Have a smart and happy boating season.

**R/C Louis M. Reitz, AP**

## Administrative Officer's Message



The boating season is off to a good start with our first boating event: "The Blessing of the Fleet". As always, F/Lt Bonnie Curro did an outstanding job of organizing this event at Seacrets in Ocean City. I'm sure we all thank her for the effort she has put in. The weather could have cooperated a little better on the return to Ocean Pines, but I can report that all hands arrived home safely.

For more fun on the water join the OCPS on 8 July at 1700 for the second Raft-up of the season. All interested in going should contact P/C Tony Smith, AP, (410-641-5603) for more information.

A joint Raft-up with OCPS and OPBC is scheduled for 13 August at 1700. The meeting place will be at Daymark 2. The contact person of the OPBC is Steve Rosen who can be reached at 410-641-6915. This is a good opportunity to meet with our fellow boaters from another club.

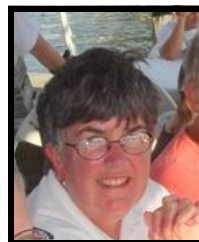
The date is yet to be decided for a "House Wine and Cheese Party." If you are going to be around the last half of August look for the announcement. This wine tasting will be different from what we have done in the past. Instead of going to a winery someone will come to us with samples for us to taste.

All of the above activities and the remaining activities for the year can be viewed on the OCPS website at [www.ocpowersquadron.org](http://www.ocpowersquadron.org).

Because of the deadline for this article I can't report on our first Raft-up of the year scheduled for 30 June or the Chincoteague Cruise scheduled for 26-27 June. Be sure to check out the next issue for pictures of these events.

**Lt/C John J. Wyrwal, P**

## Good & Welfare



Our members continue to keep doctors in the area busy. Maryse Neubrand had emergency gallbladder surgery in April and has recovered. P/C Wally Stevenson, AP, has rebounded amazingly well from back surgery and was up and about quite rapidly. Noreen Bergold had surgery on her right hand and will be undergoing about three months of recovery and rehab. Marilyn Strait has been hobbled for several weeks by a broken foot.

In the "good news – bad news" category: Good News - P/C Bill and Maryse Neubrand have sold their condo,

Bad News - that means that they will be moving on 5 July. They are going to Cadbury at Lewes. Their new address can be found on page 4 in Roster Updates.

**Lt Jeanne Stiehl, S**

**District and National News**



The members of District 5 squadrons will be gathering in Crisfield, Maryland, from 29 -31 July for our annual Summer Council Meeting and Navigation Contest. If you have never attended one of these events, this is the time to do it! It is so close to Ocean Pines-Ocean City that it would be a shame to miss it. There is always great food and plenty to see. You can even take a boat to Smith Island (the home of the Maryland State Cake) or Tangier Island and see how the island people live. This is a real piece of history which one day may disappear since erosion from the water is wearing away the coasts! See the District web page at [www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org) for further information.

The National Governing Board meeting will be held at the Sheraton Greensboro at Greensboro, North Carolina, 11-18 September 2011. This is another great opportunity to combine a brief vacation with an experience of USPS in the national setting. Greensboro is so near to Raleigh where our Headquarters is situated that bus trips from the meeting hotel to Headquarters have been arranged. Our national headquarters houses a great deal of USPS history and a distinguished library worth investigating. Headquarters is also where all squadron histories are filed until we are able to finish transferring them to internet storage. See the National web page at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) for details.

These are two opportunities to have a great time and learn something too!

**R/C Louis M. Reitz , AP**

**Safety Report**



In survival, there is the "Rule of Three." This tells us that a person can survive for 3 hours without shelter, 3 days without water, and 3 weeks without food. Although most of us will never have to worry about survival on the water, it can become a serious issue if you are not prepared. My "Rule of Three" for boating in our local waters is to have 3 items on board that can make the difference between an adventure and survival.

The recent tragedy in the Ocean City inlet where 6 fishermen went overboard and one died - none was wearing a life jacket - reminds me that this rule is important even on sunny summer days.

As a principle of safety when you are a captain, crew or passenger on the local waters (or any water, for that matter), (1) always have a life jacket nearby and wear it at the **first** sign of danger, (2) make sure the boat you are on has an anchor and someone on board who knows how to deploy it, and (3) keep a marine radio on board the boat, tuned to Ch 16. Remember, when you call for help, you want as many people as possible to hear you – it's not a private conversation!

While neither an anchor nor a marine radio is required safety equipment by the State of Maryland and there is no law that requires adults to wear life jackets while underway, our Power Squadron education and this most recent tragedy argue strongly in favor of all three. Enjoy the boating season with security and confidence.

**P/C Frederick F. Stiehl, P**

**COMING SOON!**

**OCPS 2011-2012 Roster**

Please check all information in the current roster which pertains to you (including boat data starting on page 62).

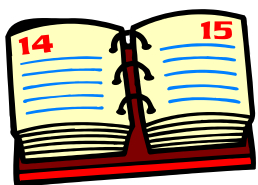
Send corrected information on the form found on page 6 or by e-mail to [stiehl@mchsi.com](mailto:stiehl@mchsi.com).

You are also urged to buy a Roster Booster to help defray the cost of the Roster. See page 5.

**New and Improved!**

**Check it out!**

**[www.ocpowersquadron.org](http://www.ocpowersquadron.org)**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

08 EXCOM Meeting  
Ocean Pines Library  
Time: 0930  
Cdr Mort Brown, S 410-641-8040

08 OCPS Raft-up  
Meet at Day Marker 2  
Time: 1700  
Please contact P/C Tony Smith, AP, (410-641-5603) if you plan to attend.

TBA



“Believe in Tomorrow” Boating Trips  
Please contact P/C Fred Stiehl, P, (410-641-6535) if you are interested in being a captain or crewmember for these excursions.

29-30

D/5 Summer Council  
Somers Cove Marina, Chrisfield, MD  
See OCPS website ([www.ocpowersquadron.org](http://www.ocpowersquadron.org))  
for uplinks to Schedule of Events, Registration  
Form, and Hotel/Motel Accommodations.  
Cdr Mort Brown, S 410-641-8040



### Aug

12 EXCOM  
Ocean Pines Library  
Time: 0930  
Cdr Mort Brown, S 410-641-8040

13 OPBC/OCPS Joint Raft-up  
Meet at Day Marker 2  
Time: 1700  
Please contact Steve Rosen (410-641-6915)  
if you plan to attend.

TBA



Wine and Cheese House Party  
P/C Jim Bergold, AP 410-208-3975

Be sure to check our  
website at  
[www.ocpowersquadron.org](http://www.ocpowersquadron.org)  
for our most up-to-date  
Event Calendar.

## Roster Corrections

### New E-mail Addresses

Linda Zaretsky—[Lindaz73@verizon.net](mailto:Lindaz73@verizon.net)  
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e-mail rather than by regular mail saves our  
Squadron money!

# *Join the 2011 OCPS Roster Fleet Buy a Booster Today!*

The new OCPS Roster is being prepared. If you would like to support the Squadron and have a short message appear along with your name in the new Roster, complete this form, circle the type of example, and send it with a \$10.00 check payable to **OCPS** to:

**P/C Fred Stiehl, P, 50 Newport Drive, Ocean Pines, MD 21811**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

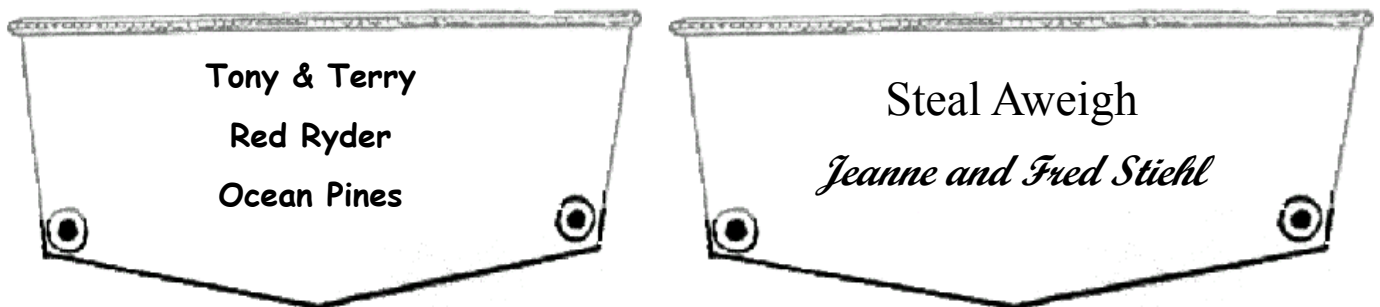
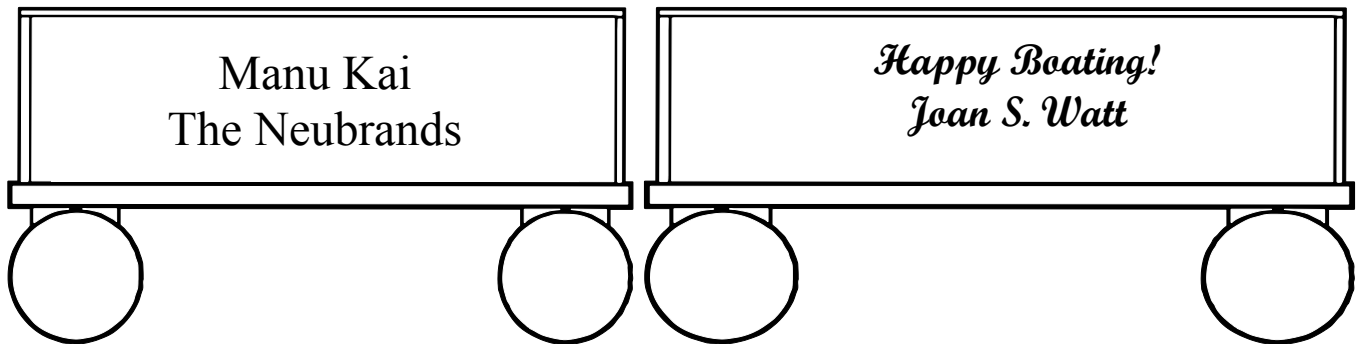
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**(Booster deadline is 30 July 2011)**

**You don't have to own a boat to do a Booster. Pictures of pets accepted!**

## Booster Examples



# Happy Birthday!

### July

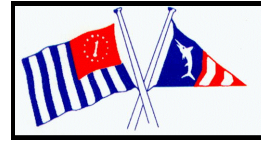
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- 09 Marian Kirklin
- 10 Michael Potter
- 15 Eileen Salafia
- 17 Jim Starr
- 18 Joan Watt
- 20 Earl Beckwith
- 21 Mike Alpaugh
- 22 Wayland Clogg
- 23 Bill Killinger
- 26 Marilyn Strait
- 26 Joe Jankowski
- 30 Mary Ann Wyrwal
- 31 Ozzie Tashjian

### Aug

- 02 Nelson Prange
- 04 Liz Fenton
- 04 John Reitz
- 10 Wally Stevenson
- 14 Mort Brown
- 16 Judy Prange
- 24 Mike Tashjian



# Roster Update



If any of your information needs to be changed, please fill out the form below and mail to:

P/C Fred Stiehl, P  
 50 Newport Drive  
 Ocean Pines, MD 21811  
 410-641-6535  
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Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Port: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cellular Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

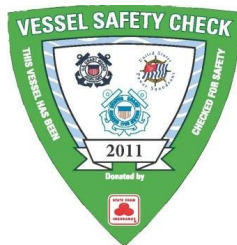
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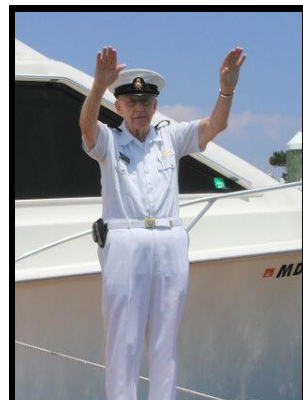
It's not too late to arrange for  
 your 2011  
 Vessel Safety Check.  
 Do it today!  
 Call  
 P/C Joan Watt, AP  
 410-208-2747



# Blessing of the Fleet



The Blessing of the Fleet ceremony was conducted by R/C Lou Reitz, AP, and Cdr Mort Brown, S.



R/C Lou Reitz, AP, blessed the boats.



F/Lt Bonnie Curro (center) did a great job organizing the event. She is joined on the dock by Linda Hess and Lynn Matricciani.



OCPS members gathered at the Ocean Pines Marina in anticipation of the ceremony.

An enjoyable luncheon followed the Blessing at Seacrets in Ocean City!



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