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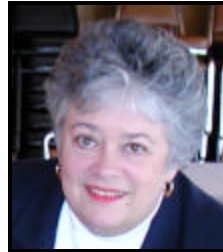
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Commander's Message



Very soon I'll be taking off my "Commander" name tag and replacing it with one that says "Past Commander." I can honestly say that I have really enjoyed serving as your Commander and I've really had a lot of fun. I am very grateful to every officer, chairman, and member who gave so much of their time and talents over and over again to ensure

that we accomplished everything we planned. Together we have accomplished much.

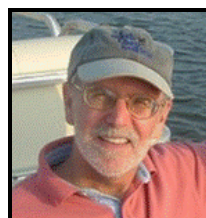
As I review the calendar of all our past events and look at all the photos on the website, I feel privileged to be part of this wonderful organization. I'm also grateful to those members who invited me on their boats and flew my flag for all the water events. This past year went by very quickly. The only good thing about February and March going by quickly is that some warm weather will soon be here!

I know Fred Stiehl, P, as the incoming Commander, and his Bridge will do a great job and he'll get the support of all the members. I'll continue to be active and serve as needed.

Again, thank you so much for all your help and for your friendship this past year. Although I'll be putting the "Have you hugged your Commander today?" sign in my scrapbook, hopefully, I'll continue to get hugs as your Past Commander!

Cdr Joan S. Watt, AP

Executive Officer's Report



The winter is almost over and so is the Bridge Year. It's been an active year for the Executive Department and I want to acknowledge and thank all of our Chairmen/Chairwomen and their committees, as well as our Commander, who made this a successful year. Of course, we started in the spring with our annual clean up of Pin-

tail Park. The many workers who showed up to rake and pile leaves and branches made the day go quickly and made a huge difference after a messy and cold winter season.

Our Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program, under the lead of P/C Bill Neubrand, AP, reviewed more than 230 boats to assure they were safe on the water. The other side of safety on the water is the work performed by our Safety Officer, P/C Bill Killinger, P, who, in addition to his periodic articles in the Sandbar (see below), has lead the Squadron in getting our message out to the community by representing us at the various Worcester County safety programs.

Lt Linda Zaretsky, AP, our Public Relations Officer, has effectively ensured that our Squadron's events were prominently displayed on the Ocean Pines marquees and in the local papers to give both members and the public an opportunity to participate in our educational programs and our fun events throughout the year. We again had an entry in the Ocean Pines Boat Parade. While we didn't garner a prize, the crew and captain Dan McGrath, AP- all wearing PFDs - had a great time and promoted the Squadron's safety message. Lt John Wyrwal, P, and Lt Dan McGrath, AP, continue to lead several teams in our NOAA Co-Op Charting program. We were again among the top squadrons in attendance at the D/5 sponsored NOAA Co-Op Charting Workshop last May. Our last major event of the Bridge Year was the Ocean City Boat Show where P/C Tony Curro, AP, and his team of workers ran a very successful booth. We obtained many leads for both membership and our educational courses that will undoubtedly bear fruit during the coming year.

As I look forward to the new boating season and Bridge Year, I anticipate another year where we can proudly call the Ocean City Power Squadron the premier boating organization on the Eastern Shore. See you at our Change of Watch. If you haven't sent in your reservation yet, you can find the reservation form below.

Lt/C Fred Stiehl, P

Administrative Officer's Report



Our Squadron year is quickly coming to a close. One of our goals for the past year was to get to know the members, and that we did! Thank you to everyone who chaired events, gave us background info, coached us on "Squadron Culture," and volunteered to work to make our events a success. We have made many new friends.

With the 2007 boating season coming, think about taking one of the Power Squadron classes and/or inviting someone new to become a member. We look forward to seeing you in April.

Lt/C Nelson Prange, P
Lt Judy Prange, P

Educational Officer's Message



We have lots of courses to suit everyone. Please check the OCPS website www.ocpowersquadron.org for classes scheduled. We hope there is a course for you. The public seminars are getting lots of publicity and should bring more boating education to the boating community.

SEAMANSHIP will be taught by Bela Gulyas, AP; ENGINE MAINTENANCE by Tom Quinn, AP; HOW TO USE A CHART by Buddy Hamstead, JN; USING GPS by Tom Quinn, AP; and ON-BOARD WEATHER FORECASTING will have an instructor yet to be assigned. A PILOTING course is also planned for the fall.

As usual, P/C Wally Stevenson, AP, will provide his boating knowledge and expertise and will teach BOAT SMART starting March 8, assisted by Jim Bergold, AP. This is a course that provides a boating safety certificate that's required for all State of Maryland boat operators born after July 1, 1972.

As we are testing new waters by offering boating seminars to the public, we are in need of new instructors who must be certified to teach public courses. I know that there are some of you out there who would do a great job. To become certified, satisfactory completion of a four-hour course is required. This INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT course will be provided by the OCPS. Please help out and sign up.

Congratulations to Lt/C Ed Wolpin passing the Seaman-ship course!

Boating Tip of the Month

Vessel right of way order: 1st Vessel not under command, 2nd Vessels restricted in maneuverability, 3rd Vessels engaged in fishing, 4th Sailboats, 5th Power boats.

Lt/C Tim Mullin, P



Tom Quinn, AP (standing at laptop) conducts our first seminar as part of USPS University. The GPS seminar was open to the public, as are all seminars in the USPS University Program.

Safety Officer's Message

I get a lot of safety information from Boater's World, BoatUS, and the United States Power Squadron's web sites. For this issue I am passing on information from the USPS Safe Boating Message (© 2006 United States Power Squadrons). To prepare for the upcoming boating season, here are some reminders and a short quiz:

In 2005, 800 individuals lost their lives in boating incidents and many more were injured. Most incidents were caused by operator-controllable factors, not boat or equipment failure.

Thirty-eight percent of all water-related fatalities involve boats and 71% of these involve recreational boats. Of the 71%, 53% involve small powerboats, and 30% involve canoes. Young adult males (18-24) have the highest preventable water related death rate, mainly due to alcohol and not using PFDs.

National Safe Boating mini quiz: (True or false)

1. Towing Water Toys - When a person is being towed, there must be a spotter on board who can monitor the activity at all times.
2. Fueling - You must run your blower for at least 4 minutes before each startup.
3. Alcohol & Boating - The effects of alcohol are intensified by sun, wind, and the motion of the boat.
4. Hypothermia - Swimming to shore is always the best thing to do when suffering from hypothermia.
5. PFDs - All boats are required to carry one approved PFD appropriately sized for each person on board.
6. Loading a boat - The stability of a boat depends greatly on the placement of people and gear.
7. Rules of the Road - Under the "rules of the road" powerboats are required to give way to less maneuverable boats.
8. Careless Operation - A person operating a vessel in a careless manner could be charged by law enforcement authorities.

All statements are true except for #4.

A 20-question National Safe Boating test is on the USPS web site. The test is a good review of some important information that should be looked at before the season starts.

E-10 Gasoline Alert:

A serious problem has developed with gasoline and fiberglass fuel tanks. E-10, or 10 % ethanol in gasoline, has been shown to degrade fiberglass tanks, by slowly reacting with and dissolving the components of the tank.

Another important phenomenon is the absorption of water

by the ethanol in the fuel. Ethanol enhanced gasoline can absorb roughly 10 times as much water as MTBE (the compound previously used as a fuel additive) and still burn safely through the engine, but if the ethanol becomes saturated, which can happen when it sits for a long period of time, the ethanol separates from the gasoline forming two separate solutions. The ethanol solution sinks to the bottom of the tank and is highly corrosive. The engine will not run on water saturated gasoline. A solution to the use of E-10 gasoline: keep your fuel tank at 95% full and do not let your boat sit for long periods of time. Delaware is selling E-10 gasoline at roadside gas stations, but at this time it is not known if the Ocean Pines Marina will be selling E-10 fuel this year. BoatUS *Seaworthy* magazine has a number of articles on E-10 fuel and the research that they have done in the past few years.

National Safe Boating Week will begin starting 19 May and OCPS will be performing vessel safety checks at several locations around Ocean Pines and Ocean City. At any time you may contact an examiner to have your boat checked.

P/C Bill Killinger, P

Good & Welfare

It looks as if the worst of winter may be over after a particularly frigid month. Fortunately, I have not had any reports of serious illness among our members. In this case, hopefully, no news is good news.

It is great to have Commander Joan Watt, AP, back home after dealing with an out-of-town family medical emergency for 16 days. We missed her and so did her playful pooch, Holly. Welcome back, Joan.

In January, our meeting was held at the Sunset Grille in West Ocean City. Attendance was great and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. If this is the type of meeting you enjoy, let the Bridge know!! The February meeting coincided with the Founders' Day Luncheon which was held at the Golden Sands Club. Again, those who attended enjoyed themselves, but feedback is important to those who strive to lead.

We would like to introduce new members Pat Gulyas (who joins her husband, Bela), Thomas & Ginny Rush, and David & Cindy Sroka (see page 6 for more information on them). Please make an effort to make them feel welcomed. Our birthday celebrants are also listed on page 6!

To the "snow birds" and "ski bums" who are reading this from afar, WE MISS YOU!

Lt Jeanne Stiehl, S

District and National News

The Ocean City Power Squadron was pleased to have D/C Kay Simkins, AP, and her husband, Lt/C Al Simkins, AP, attend our Founders' Day Luncheon. Kay conducted our election and presented Jim Rorke, AP, with a certificate of recognition for his D/5 Co-op Charting work. Congratulations, Jim!

The United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting was held in Jacksonville, Florida 21-25 February, too late to make this deadline. You will hear more about it in the next issue.

Mark your calendars for the D/5 Officer Training and Spring Conference which will be held at the Princess Royale on Coastal Highway in Ocean City from 29 March to 1 April. Our Squadron will be hosting a Hospitality Suite in Room 223 on 30 March from 1900 until 2200. Join us there to enjoy the company of Squadron members from all over District 5!

D/Lt Louis M. Reitz, AP

Congratulations to D/Lt Lou Reitz, AP, who was recognized as a USPS Life Member by C/C Ernest Marshburn, SN, at the Annual USPS Meeting in Jacksonville, FL 23 February 2007.



On 30 March, OCPS will be hosting a Hospitality Room at the D/5 Conference Princess Royale Hotel Room 223. Join us for a "Buffett Buffet" Time: 1900-2200

If you can volunteer to work or provide desserts, call Mary Ann Wyrwal (410-208-9695) or Lilli Hodges (410-641-6899)

If you haven't visited our hospitality room in the past, you don't know what you're missing.

"It's 5 o'clock (1700) somewhere!"



Calendar of Events

Mar

- 01 "Boat Smart" Public Safe Boating Course Begins
Steven Decatur Middle School, Berlin, MD
Time: 1830
P/C Wally Stevenson, AP 410-726-1509 or 1-302-253-0533
- 06 "Engine Maintenance" Course Begins
OPA Meeting Room #1
Time: 1000
Lt/C Tim Mullin, P 410-641-6139
- 09 EXCOM Meeting
Ocean Pines Library
Time: 0930
Cdr Joan Watt, AP 410-208-2747
- 23 Change of Watch Dinner
Clarion Resort
101st St. & Coastal Highway, Ocean City
Time: 1800 - Cocktails
1900 - Dinner
Cdr Joan Watt, AP 410-208-2747
- 29-4/1 D/5 Spring Conference
Princess Royale Hotel
91st St. & Coastal Highway, Ocean City
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 30 Visit our Hospitality Room at the D/5 Spring Conference - Room 223 - Princess Royal Hotel
Time: 1900-2200
Mary Ann Wyrwal 410-208-9695
Lilli Hodges, S 410-641-6899

Apr

- 13 EXCOM Meeting
Ocean Pines Library
Time: 9:30
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 18 "Seamanship" Course Begins
Ocean Pines Country Club Sun Room
Time: 1900
Lt/C Tim Mullin, P 410-641-6139

Be sure to check our website at www.ocpowersquadron.org for our most up-to-date Calendar of Events.

- 19 General Membership Meeting
Ocean Pines Country Club
Time: 1900
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 25 "On-Board Weather Forecasting" Course Begins
OPA Meeting Room #1
Time: 1900
Lt/C Tim Mullin, P 410-641-6139
- 27 Operations Training
Ocean Pines Country Club
Time: 0900-1530
D/Lt Lou Reitz, AP 410-377-5417
- 28 Operations Training
Ocean Pines Country Club
Time: 0900-1530
D/Lt Lou Reitz, AP 410-377-5417
- 29 Spaghetti Dinner
Ocean Pines Community Hall
Time: 1600-2100
Contact - To be Determined

May

- 04 Pintail Park Clean-Up
Rain Date - 05 May
Time: 0900
Lt/C Judy Prange, P
- 05 NOAA Co-Op Charting Workshop
Norfolk, VA
Lt John Wyrwal, P 410-208-9695
Lt Dan McGrath, AP 410-641-5570
- 11 EXCOM Meeting
Ocean Pines Library
Time: 0930
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535
- 17 New Member Orientation
Ocean Pines Country Club
Time: 1830
P/C Wally Stevenson, AP 1-302-253-0533
- 19-25 Boating Safety Week
- 24 General Membership Meeting
Ocean Pines Country Club
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535

Happy Birthday!

Mar		Apr	
01	Sharon Hunt	01	Mary Boyd
06	Tony Curro	07	Neil Knight
08	Jim Duke	07	Carol Rosen
08	Dell Purrell	09	Renee Fox
14	Ginny Rush	10	Lynn Matricciani
15	Edmond Fleming	14	Bela Gulyas
18	Joleen Killinger	16	Pat Gulyas
19	Doris Lloyd	17	Angie Raper
20	Tom Quinn	18	Eleanor Appleby
22	Judy Duckworth	18	Noreen Bergold
23	Betsy Albaugh	20	Sis LeGates
23	Austin Gibbons	28	Jane Wood
29	Howard Martin	30	Martie Waldron
31	Ellen Wentzel		



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members

David and Cindy Sroka
39 Bethany Marina
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302-463-5325

Patricia Gulyas
9 Moonshell Drive
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410-208-9747

Thomas and Ginny Rush
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Ocean Pines, MD 21811
410-208-6906

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 2006-2007 OCPS Roster
 with this information.*

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Take a look!

www.ocpowersquadron.org

Ocean City Power Squadron Change of Watch

Friday, 23 March 2007

Clarion Resort Hotel
101st Street & Coastal Highway, Ocean City

Time: 1800 Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres
1900 Dinner



\$36.00
per Person

Menu
Choice of:

Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
Orange Roughy with Chef's Choice Sauce

With:
Garden Salad
Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetables
Assorted Mini Desserts
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Following the ceremonies, we will migrate upstairs to the Ocean Front Horizon's Lounge and celebrate by dancing to live music

Price includes one free alcoholic beverage of your choice

Please respond by 18 March 2007 to:
Cdr Joan S. Watt, AP
11 Serf Place
Ocean Pines, MD 21811
410-208-2747
Make check payable to **OCPS**

Name: _____

Prime Rib of Beef

Orange Roughy

Name: _____

Prime Rib of Beef

Orange Roughy

Roster Update

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

Lt Sharon Connelly, S
2 Marview Drive
Ocean Pines, MD 21811
or

E-mail: sharonconnelly1@verizon.net

Member Name(s) _____

Spouse: _____

Grade: _____ Cert. No: _____

Boat Name: _____

Boat Type: _____

Home Port: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

S.O.S.!

Your help is needed!
OCPS is hosting the 2007
D/5 Summer
Council and Rendezvous
Crisfield, Maryland
20-22 July 2007.

Please be prepared to say
“yes” if asked to help.

To volunteer call
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410-208-2747

or

Lt/C Fred Stiehl, P
410-641-6535

Hold the Date!

Pintail Park Clean-Up
04 May 2007
(Raindate 05 May 2007)
Time: 0900



Founders' Day

Golden Sands Club (What a GREAT view!)



D/C Kay Simkins, AP, attended to conduct our election with her husband, D/Lt Al Simkins, AP.



Lt/C Fred Stiehl, P, listens attentively as P/C Pete Fox, AP, delivers the invocation.



John (S) and Margaret (P) Lamphier enjoyed the luncheon along with Dan (AP) and Penny (S) McGrath.



Jim Rorke, AP, is congratulated for his D/5 Co-Op Charting work by Cdr Joan Watt, AP, and D/C Kay Simkins, AP.



Joan and Lt/C Tim Mullin, P, joined their fellow Squadron members for the occasion.

2007-2008 OCPS Bridge-Elect

Commander - Frederick Stiehl, P

Executive Officer - Judith Prange, P

Educational Officer - Timothy Mullin, P

Assistant Educational Officer - James Bergold, AP

Administrative Officer - Al Duke

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