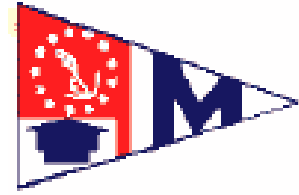




Mansfield YACHTSMAN



Fall

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2024

From the Wheelhouse

Cdr John Fort, SN

Autumn, a time of transition between the warm days of summer and the frigid days of Ohio winter, always starts my brain whirling with memories of past events and anticipation of things to come. Pulling and winterizing Swallow's Nest was accompanied by endless stories of the summer's events: the perfect weather and friendships renewed at Huron.



How about the magnificent karaoke performances at Vermillion, not to mention the only time in human memory we were able to sail a straight-line course all the way home instead of tacking half-way across Lake Erie. Discovering all the kid and family friendly activities at the up-graded, redesigned Pleasant Hill Lake was rewarding. Golf-carting around Middle and South Bass Islands was great fun, made all the more so by views from the top of Perry's Monument and the light house, the historical reenactments, the delicious food from many different restaurants, and the tour of Stone Lab, Ohio State University's research laboratory, that has done much over many years to improve and protect the health of Lake Erie.

Enough with the memories! We, as a squadron, have much to look forward to. Great parties and fellowship, re-designed courses to take or retake, ABC classes to promote, and the constant necessity to inform area boaters of our existence and advantages of membership. Your bridge is working hard to achieve these goals but they need your help and support. Please. Offer to help with some small task in your area of interest or expertise. We can't do it alone but together we can do anything.

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Ahoy:

Now that Boating Season is slowly coming to an end, we can focus our attention on our unaccomplished “Boating Season Resolutions” we made at the beginning of Boating Seasons. Such as, “We are going to launch the boat this year...for sure.” Or, “We are going to the lake at least every other weekend this year.” And don’t forget, “We are going to make all the necessary repairs and upgrades this year.”

After our reality check, now is a good time for us to focus our attention on what we want our Power Squadron to do in the upcoming new year. Remember in the past, our membership was around 300 and there were activities for the entire family. Given today’s society, it will undoubtedly be a challenge to get even close to such a goal. However, as in horseshoes, we don’t necessarily need a ringer, close will count. Therefore, let’s think outside of the box for some possible ideas. Once you have an idea, please pass it on to the bridge. Remember, there is no such thing as a bad idea.

In keeping with Power Squadron tradition, our Fall Equinox gathering will take place at 6:00 PM. on Thursday, September 26th at South Park, in Mansfield. It will be a potluck affair. So, please bring your pot, plate and utensils. A good time will be had by all.

The first, “Mansfield Power Squadron Fall Harvest Festival / Automotive Rendezvous / Dinner”, will be held on Saturday, October 12th, from 4:00 PM to around 8:00 PM, at my house, 675 Dickson Parkway, Mansfield. The event is designed to be family friendly. Please feel free to bring children and/or grandchildren. In keeping with the “Fall Harvest Festival” theme, consider wearing fall clothing (i.e. flannel shirt / overalls). There will be outdoor games. Rumor has it that there may be a hayride and/or boat ride. (*In the City???*) For those of us who do not have a boat, the “Automotive Rendezvous” theme will allow us to attend a rendezvous as a “full participant”. Drive your automobile to the rendezvous. (No boats allowed) Finally, pursuant to the “Dinner” theme, there will be a dinner. The meat, place settings and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish and yourself, and RSVP by Monday October 7th ((419) 524-4444 / edwardcorleyemail@gmail.com) (Non-



RSVP persons are more than welcome to attend.)

The annual Christmas dinner and party will be held on Sunday, December 1st at the Lexington Senior Civic Center. 67 East Main Street, Lexington. The event is always a good way to bring in the Christmas Season. Start thinking about your special gift exchange gift now.

As always.... “Plot your course accordingly”.

Edward Corley

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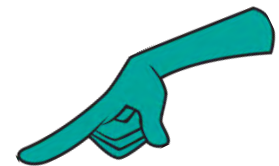


Weather Class: Six students finished taking the weather class which was presented by Commander John. Five students took and passed the exam. Georgi received top marks with 100 percent correct! Webb was under the weather and will take the exam after he has recovered and has time to study.

Advanced Marine Navigation: We are planning to hold the Advanced Marine Navigation Course over the winter and early spring. This course builds on the Marine Navigation course and heavily utilizes the free navigation program Open CPN. If you would like to take this course, please let me know at 317-409-1091 or 1mansfieldpowersquadron@gmail.com. Instructor and date and time to be determined.

ABC Courses: Although Garry Schroeder and Georgi Mathews posted fliers and talked with marinas around Mansfield, we again have no students signed up for class this fall. We discussed some action items at the September Executive and Membership meeting. We will evaluate the ideas and implement the appropriate ones to advertise our classes.

As always, if there is a course or seminar you would like us to sponsor, please let me know.



All of America’s Boating Channel videos are available to USPS members to screen and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC.

America's Boating Channel™ Fire Extinguisher Regulations

In 2022, the Coast Guard amended portable fire extinguisher rules for recreational vessels in the U.S., making it easier and less costly for millions of boat owners to maintain the onboard fire protection equipment that they need.

The rules do not change the number or types of extinguishers required on board but do simplify inspection and record-keeping requirements. The simplified rules also are now published with other recreational boating rules, making it easier to identify them.



America's Boating Channel video "[Fire Extinguisher Regulations](#)" offers an overview of the rules that separates commercial and recreational vessel fire protection requirements. It will help you learn how to ensure that all required portable fire extinguishers comply. Also featured are tips for preventing onboard fires in the first place.

If you need a refresher on classifications and carriage requirements for marine fire extinguishers, the channel offers a second video titled "[Fire Extinguisher Standards.](#)" It offers tips for placing and servicing fire extinguishers, and explains the

acronym PASS. Above all, ensure that the proper number of functional fire extinguishers are on board, readily accessible and that all responsible adults on board know to pull, aim, squeeze, and sweep.

U.S. Coast Guard approved marine-type fire extinguishers fully charged and in good and serviceable condition are required on recreational boats where the engines or fuel system could pose a fire hazard. Good and serviceable means that a fire extinguisher aboard a recreational vessel is properly charged and reads charged if it has a pressure gauge reading or charge indicator, that the extinguisher has a

pin lock that is firmly in place, that it does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage and has a discharge nozzle that is clean and free from obstructions.

Disposable dry chemical extinguishers expire 12 years after their date of manufacture, and rechargeable extinguishers expire annually unless maintained by a certified technician.



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Note from the editor: Years ago, while Rick and I were visiting Forts on Swallows Nest, we were each given a ride on their little sailboat. I dug up this poem from my archives.

Thanks again, John.



Sailboat Ride

I took a sailboat ride the other day.
 What a thrill, what a blast.
 Of all the memories from the past,
 This one will last.

The sails were filled,
 The wind was fine,
 The tiller was mine.
 I tried to sail in a straight line.

“We must travel left if we want to go right.”
 He said with authority.
 Dear me,
 How could that be?

“You’re doing fine. A great skipper you are.
 Now keep the boat steady.
 Let’s tack, are you ready?
 Here comes the boom – duck!
 Next time better luck.”

We sailed on, steady as she goes.
 The wind blew
 The two man crew.
 A wet shoe.

Sail is Luffing.
 Pull sheet in taut
 Or headway will be naught.
 Wind can’t be bought.

We sailed on
 Stable and sure.
 I felt secure.
 Sailboat’s allure.

Waves splashed gently
 Past our bow.
 Relaxing, and how.
 Pull the tiller now.

Three hundred sixty degree turn,
 Where have we been?
 Let’s try it again,
 Neat as a pin.

Traveling to the slip up wind,
 Tack in the fairway,
 Is that what you say?
 We might arrive someday.

We returned to those waiting on the pier
 Whom we greet.
 Vessel is neat.
 Length is eight feet.

Irene T. Rodriguez
Thanks to Cdr John Fort, Mansfield PS, for the ride.

Mansfield Power Squadron 2024 Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
September 26	1800	Fall Equinox Party – covered dish gathering	South Park Pavilion, Mansfield OH
October 8	1830	Executive & Membership Meeting	Elks 499 Park Ave W
October 12	1600	Automobile Rendezvous at Ed Corley’s house. Hayrides, Fun and Games. Wear your fall festive clothes! Ed is cooking the main course, bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Ed by 10-5-2024	675 Dickson Park- way, Mansfield, OH 44907 614-668-9903
October 26		D7 Fall Conference	The Venue at Tallmidge, OH
November 12	1830	Executive & Membership Meeting	Elks 499 Park Ave W
December 1		Holiday Party RSVP to Sue Schroder 419-545-2445 or arch300@aol.com Details to follow	Lexington Senior Center
December 10	1830	Executive & Membership Meeting	Elks 499 Park Ave W



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