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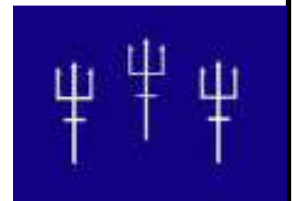


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October, 2024

RICH BARZYK, SN
COMMANDER



Fellow squadron members,

We held our first squadron meeting of the Fall season on Thursday, the 19th of September at the pavilion in Bacon Woods of the Vermilion River Reservation. It was 'picnic style,' as 11 USPS members participated, 9 from Vermilion and 2 from Stark County Power Squadron. The squadron treated with pizza and salad, and the home-made Pineapple cake was courtesy of Mary Anne. My 'Thanks' to Mary Anne and Dave for creating and hosting this unique venue.

Our most important business was centered around our application for a grant from the Wellington Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, Aerie #2051, for the purchase of a new computer, to be used primarily for our training needs. The Kastl's will create a prototype, with specifications, along with a letter to the auxiliary, explaining its justification and intended use. The squadron will have a chance to review their report and act accordingly.

In other business, Cathe Radabaugh and I will attend the Fall District 7 conference, on October 26th. It's actually near-by, in Talmadge, Ohio, so we encourage you to consider joining us.

Our monthly meeting is on October 17th. in Wellington, so I do hope to see your there.

Celestially speaking; October is a rather quiet month, but does provide us with a Supermoon. A Supermoon is a full moon or a new moon that nearly coincides with perigee, (the closest that the moon come to earth in its elliptic orbit,) resulting in a slightly larger-than-usual apparent size of the lunar disk as viewed from earth. October's Supermoon will be on October 17th. and will also be identified as a Hunters Moon, Travel Moon or Blood Moon. October's Hunters Moon will be the closest Supermoon in calendar year 2024.

So **why** all the hype over the moon anyway? First off, as we all know, the moon doesn't change size, but its proximity to the earth does, and it's dramatic. Now, having said that, in its 'closeness,' there is increased 'brightness,' and factually, that is the difference! Some 15% brighter difference! So, as the song goes, "Shine-on, Shine on Hunter's moon, up in the sky, I ain't had no lov'in since....." I've read before we called them Supermoons, in astronomy,

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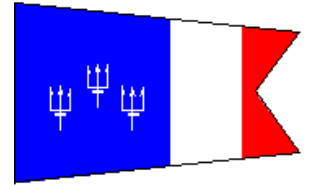
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“America’s Boating Club is a nation-wide boating organization. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and on land. Our members learn boating skills, engage with boating friends, and connect with the boating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



P/C MARY ANNE KASTL, P Administrative Officer



September 19, 2024 we met at the Vermilion River Reservation, and accomplished a lot of business. I am looking into an alternative meeting place for our boating classes in the event we are unable to use our existing places.


October 17, 2024 we are meeting at the Wellington Eagles, card room at 5:30. The kitchen will be making sub sandwiches and other items.

November 21 meeting will be at Paper Moon Winery, Vermilion at 5:30. They serve nice sandwiches/paninis and salads.

December 19, again we meet at the Carriage Barn, Mill Hollow at 5:30 for a catered dinner, optional gift exchange and fun holiday shenanigans (and I already have RSVP's!!)

Let us know if you plan to go to the District 7 Fall Conference focused on Education on October 26 at the Venue on Tallmadge Circle. Details are in this issue of the Ball.

Details of January to May 2025 meetings will be announced in future Balls once finalized. We will have the Zoom meeting or conference call option for those who may be out of town/traveling in the colder months

- 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)
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- If you would like a speaker or activity at the meeting, let me know and I will set it up.
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- If you want to share a recent trip or adventure, we would love to hear about it.

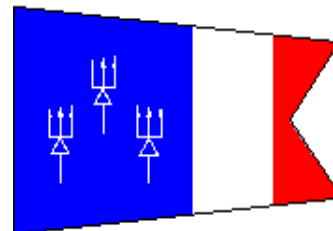
Respectfully submitted,

P/c Mary Anne Kastl, P
Administrative Officer





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



SEO REPORT

No special report for October. Anyone interested in taking any classes can call me and we will set something up for you. Call me at 440 282 2282

MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

Happy Halloween getting ready for Fall. Hope all your boat layups went OK. It's a sad part of the year, putting our boats away for the winter.

Our next Membership meeting will be at the Eagles in Wellington. Check details in Mary Anne Kastl's Admin Officer report.

On October 26th, there will be a one-day District 7 Fall Conference. The meeting will be in Talmage, Ohio. This would be a nice time to attend, it's close and short. The event is over before 4 pm. Look for details in the Newsletter or on our website – usps.org/vermilion.



October birthdays:

P/C DAVID KASTL,
P/C RICHARD RORICK,
LYNNE SCOTT,
MARIE CHANDLER, and
SCOTT CHANDLER.

Happy birthday to all with many more to come.

.... More from Cdr Barzyk....

A thought or 3, on DOCK lines;

*First off, you should carry at least two springs, that are a quarter longer than your boat is from stem to stern.

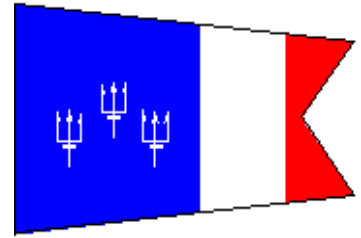
Secondly, the diameter of the eye splice in a dock line should be at least 3 times the piling or bollard it fits over.

Thirdly, A long eye splice is safer & last longer than a short one, because a short one tends to pull apart at the throat when tension is applied.

*The Practical Mariner's Book of Knowledge by John Vigor



P/C CATHE RADABAUGH, N
Executive Officer



Our organization, at the National level, is implementing new software for handling membership data and renewals, and for any of us to get information about America's Boating Club. It is still very much a work in progress, and yet I reckon we'll all be dealing with it in the near future. Stay tuned for more announcements about the IMIS system. In practical terms for us, it will be a website that can handle reservations and \$\$ transactions, and you can update your data in the USPS system.

I hope some of you are interested in attending our D7 conference on the 26th. The flyer for it is on page 7. It would be great to have more folks join us for the morning presentations and for lunch (not to mention the afternoon business meeting). The first morning session is on the IMIS system. Session 2 is geared to using online learning techniques in our boating classes. And the luncheon features a speaker from US Customs and Border Protections.

I just learned that 'barky' is an old-fashioned British Navy term for a vessel well liked by her crew. May all our boats be barky.

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they were known as Perigean Full moon, or Perigean New moon, but no doubt today, Supermoon is much more exciting!!

The District7 Fall Conference will be a 1-day event, on October 26,2024, at the Venue Banquet Centre, in Talmadge, Ohio. It is scheduled to start at 0830 and end at 1545. There will be a lunch, and a guest speaker from the US Customs & Border Patrol. Registration forms for the conference can be found on District7's website, and in this newsletter. The cost is \$40.00 and registration will close October 18th. If you've never been to a District conference, this might be a great way to introduce yourself. No over-night cost, and it's close by.

From the Vessel Safety Check side of our squadron, Vermilion's examiners have completed 155 exams this summer, while District7 has checked 674 vessels, as of this newsletter. If the Vessel Safety Check program interests you at all, or you are considering joining our team, please do not hesitate to connect with me at (morningstar7744@gmail.com / 440-289-5243), or go on-line, to the USPS National website site, to get the details. Safe boating is all our responsibility.

"8 Bells"

Patti Liljegren passed away on September 20,2024. Many of you will remember Patti as a member of our squadron, along with husband Dave, and as an avid SCUBA diver. Patti was born in Lakewood, Ohio, in 1957 but spent most of her life in Vermilion. A memorial service will be held on Friday, October 11th. starting with visitation @ 1600 and services @ 1800, at the Riddle Funeral Home in Vermilion, Ohio.

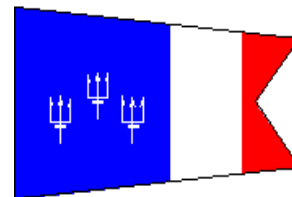
This month's Vermilion Sail & Power Squadron general membership meeting will be October 17th, @ 1730 at the Wellington Eagles Hall, 631 South Main, in Wellington, Ohio

Don't forget, NOVEMBER 3rd. to turn your clock back 1 hour.

Fair winds and following seas always,
Rich*



P/C RALPH SCHAEFER, SN
Secretary/Treasurer



The first meeting of the Power Squadron was disappointing to me. We only had 9 people attend and two from District 7, Tom Hancock and his lovely wife Joanne. The site was Bacon Woods Pavilion #2 and we had pizza, salad and drinks. Dave Bialorucki has 2 people taking Boat Handling and we are awaiting exam results.

My situation is I'm having my aorta valve replaced on the end of October. One day overnight and back home.

from P.C. Ralph Schaefer S.N.

ADD YOUR NAME TO THIS PAGE & HELP SUPPORT YOUR SQUADRON.

VSPS PATRONS—2024

Dave Bialorucki
Paul Hammel
Cathe Radabaugh
Bev Sams
Brian Sams
Ralph & Barb Schaefer
Tim Smith

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D7 Fall Conference, 26 October 2024

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

**Learn what USPS offers in their Education Department!
 Learn about new seminars and technology,
 presented by knowledgeable & qualified presenters!**

Tentative Schedule:

8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION & "APPLES FOR TEACHERS"
 9-10:00 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & SQUADRON OFFICER MEETINGS
 FIRST TIMERS RECOGNITION!
 FALL RAFFLE

10:15-11:00 a.m. SESSION 1 TBD

11:15-12:00 p.m. SESSION 2 TBD

12:15-1:30 pm LUNCH: SOUP, SALAD & WRAPS
 LUNCH SPEAKER - U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PATROL

1:45-3:45 pm D7 BUSINESS MEETING

Educational Awards & Instructor Recognition

The Venue Banquet Center
 10 Talmadge Circle, Talmadge Ohio

Come for the Education! Stay for the Friends!

REGISTRATION FOR DISTRICT 7 FALL CONFERENCE – 26 OCTOBER 2024

Certificate	rank	First name	Last name	grade	squadron
			\$40.00 per person	#	Total \$

*indicates First Timer!

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Registrations are due by **Friday, 18 October 2024**.
 Use the QR Code to make your payment through Zelle or
 Mail your check payable to **D7-USPS**
 to **Tom Hancock, 426 Emerson Ave., NW, North Canton, OH 44720-2308**.



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FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron
October Membership Meeting
Thursday, 17 October, 2024 — 1730**

**Location:
Wellington Eagles—Card Room
631 S Main St. / Rt 58, Wellington**

**RSVP: Mary Anne Kastl
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