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Toledo Sail and Power Squadron



March 2024

The Breeze

NOTICE OF MEETING

VENUE CHANGE

April General Meeting

Tuesday April 2, 2024

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron

Jolly Roger Sailing Club

5961 Edgewater Dr. Toledo, Ohio

1730—1830 Social Hour

1830—1930 Dinner

1930—Meeting Program

Dinner will be a Chili Cookoff.

Bring Chili and \$5 is waved

Bring something to pass with chili

First Place Chili Prize \$25.00.Meal is \$5.00 person.

There will be a cash bar.

Reservations are due to Lucia Rooks by Saturday, March 30th

For reservations email Lucrus@buckeye-express.com. You can also call or text Lucia at (419) 340-0717

Reservations not canceled 24 hours in advance will be charged.

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**Squadron Meeting Dates and
Times**

March 15—17 D29 Spring Conference @ Holiday Inn Express
@ Thirsty Pony, 1515 Cedar Point Dr, Sandusky, OH 44870

March 29—Executive Mtg. 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority Bldg

April 2—General Meeting **VENUE CHANGE-Jolly Roger Sailing
Club**, Social 1730, Dinner 1630, General Meeting 1930

April 30—Executive Mtg. 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority Bldg.

May 7—General Meeting—TBD

May 28—Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority Blg

May 31-June 2—Shake Down Rendezvous—PIB—Park Place
Marina - contact: Rickie Waugh –waughmd@gmail.com

June 4—General Meeting Bay View Yacht Club, Social 1730,
Dinner 1630, General Meeting 1930

Websites

Toledo www.toledosailandpower.com
District 29 www.usps.org/localusps/sds-D29
National www.usps.org

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Commanders March



Ahoy all, spring is approaching fast, and I hope everyone is doing well. Soon we will be getting our boats out and preparing them for our summer excursions. That is unless you have decided to live on your boat all year long, which we do have a couple of members braving that.

It was a rough February for me as Commander, but I will work through that in March.

I would like to thank Don and Jan Leutz for planning our great winter rendezvous in South Haven Michigan. We had a great turnout with the entire house being used by TSPS. I had a wonderful time and I think everyone else did as well. Look at the rendezvous schedule to see where you can join us. Some of them you can come by car, hitch a ride, or take the ferry. There is a lot of fun and camaraderie.

Executive Officer



Hello everyone. I feel great about the upcoming year. I will do my best to be the best XO I can. To report on the upcoming boat shows: Catawba will be April 26 until the 28th and Fort Lauderdale October 3rd to November 3rd. Hope to see some of you at the boat shows. More to come about additional boat shows. As for vessel safety checks, we are still looking for people that would like to be examiners. Please contact the commander to see how you can become certified. Vessel Safety Checks will be held and the following locations: West Marine May 18 from 11-2, Park Place Marina June 1st from 10-1130 and Meinke Marina/Anchor Point dates: TBD



Congratulations to John Briggs for completing the Vessel Safety Examination Test.

Education Officer



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| | <h2 style="text-align: center;">America's Boating Course</h2> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Presented by</u> Americas Boating Club of Western Lake Erie Toledo Sail and Power Squadron Meets all Ohio and Michigan boating law requirements. Recommended age – 12 and over.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Winter/Spring Boating Classes</u></p> <p>February 10th and 17th (Two Saturday mornings) Maumee River Yacht Club Class at 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (Registration starts 8:00)</p> <hr/> <p>March 2nd and 9th (Two Saturday mornings) River View Yacht Club (Point Place) Class at 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (Registration starts 8:00)</p> <hr/> <p>April 13th and 20th (Two Saturday mornings) Perrysburg Twp. Fire Department Class at 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (Registration starts 8:00)</p> <p><i>Police/fire/EMT's get half off of this class (not materials)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Investment/ Cost</u></p> <p>\$20.00/person for the class. Book is sold separately, not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged for \$35.00 (\$55.00 total/ person with book) \$10.00 deposit due to register</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>To register please contact:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Phyllis Zibbel phylzib@yahoo.com 419-261-9060</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration required at least one week prior to the class start date. Minimum of 10 students required.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Information Covered in Class:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Required Safety Equipment Navigation Rules Aids to Navigation / Light and Sound Signals State and Local Regulations (O.D.N.R.) Anchoring / Knots and Lines Water Sport Safety and much more.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">➤ Ohio law requires any person born after 1/1/82 needs to show proof of having taken a basic boating safety course if he or she operates a boat powered by a motor 10 HP or greater.</p> | |

Administrative Officer Note's



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Hello Squadron members and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

There are a things I want to pass on to you, one of them is about Membership. We need to recruit new members especially if you want Toledo Sail and Power Squadron to survive in the next five years. I am not saying that we are going to fold or anything bad, but we need to recruit new members and get them involved with our Squadron. Present members, think of any of your friends who would be a good asset, and bring them to a meeting or next ABC course. Another way is to push being a member to students at the next ABC course, we will have membership applications at the next class in April. The membership committee will set up at all vessel safety checks in May.

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron

2024 Rendezvous Schedule

May 31 to June 2 - Shakedown cruise to Put In Bay, Park Place Marina Rickie Waugh in charge - waughmd@gmail.com

June 21 to June 23 - Cedar Point. Joint cruise with Columbus Power Squadron. Rickie Waugh and Lisa Hefflinger in charge - waughmd@gmail.com and Lisa.Hefflinger@huntington.com

July 4 to July 7 -District rendezvous, Huron Boat Basin. Loriann Czerniejewski in charge -LMCAppraisal@yahoo.com

July 19 to July 23 - Windsor Yacht Club and Lake St. Clair. Joint cruise with Columbus Power Squadron. Brian Crabbe and Dan Strohmeier in charge. bcrabbe01@yahoo.com and dmsails1@gmail.com

Aug. 9 to Aug 11 - Kelley's Island cruise, Seaway Marina. Chris Hoover in charge - cshoover@Yahoo.com

Sept. 6 to Sept. 8 - Mary Strohmeier Memorial Rendezvous to Put-In-Bay. Phyllis Zibbel in charge - phylzib@Yahoo.com

We have a Rendezvous planned to Huron Boat Basin for Thursday, July 4th through Sunday, July 7th 2024. The Summer District Conference will be held on Saturday, July 6th. There are lots of restaurants within walking distance of the marina and quaint little shops in town, also within walking distance. The Holiday fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 6th, from our reserved docks, we have a prime viewing location of the fireworks! We will have a group dinner planned at Huron Yacht Club for Friday evening, July 5th. We do have a limited number of docks available, so early reservations are recommended. Please respond soon with the following information to: **LMCAPPRAISAL@YAHOO.COM**, or call **Loriann Czerniejewski** at **419-509-6790**. I will have a signup sheet available at the meetings.

Name;

Phone Number:

Email:

Boat Name:

Boat Make:

Boat Length Overall:

Beam:

Electrical Requirement:

Hope to you there!

As of March 18th, there are only 2 docks left! Hurry and get your dock reserved!!

NEW

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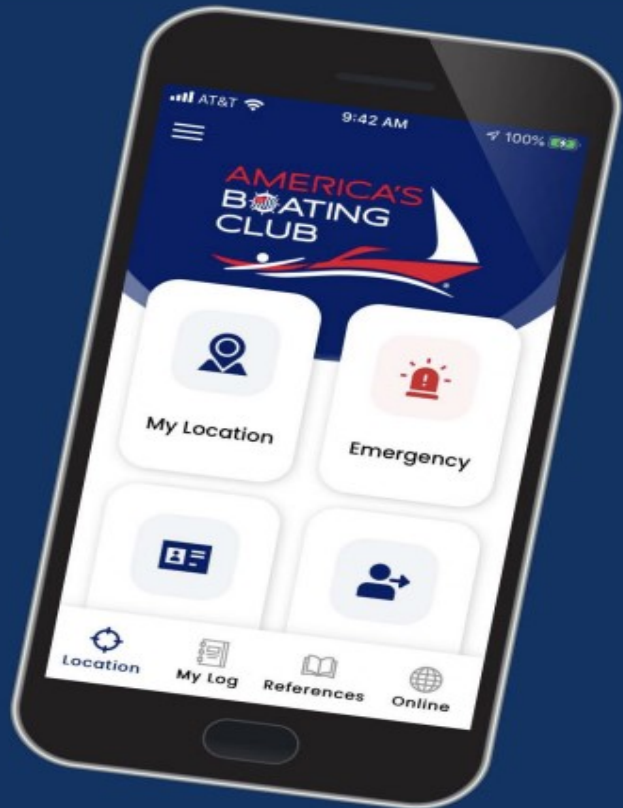
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(Category Leaders Get an Asterisk *)

| Rank | Accident Type | Number of Accidents | Deaths | Total Injuries |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------|
| 1 | Collision w/other boat | * 1379 | 66 | * 831 |
| 2 | Flooding/Swamping | 589 | 84 | 128 |
| 3 | Collision w/fixed Object | 542 | 62 | 389 |
| 4 | Grounding | 484 | 14 | 255 |
| 5 | Fall Overboard | 335 | * 181 | 161 |

The chart below gives us more insight into the factors contributing to these accidents:

| Rank | Contributing Factor | Number of Accidents | Deaths | Injuries |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 | Operator Inattention | * 664 | 55 | 383 |
| 2 | Operator Inexperience | 672 | 56 | 343 |
| 3 | Improper Lookout | 578 | 28 | * 409 |
| 4 | Excessive Speed | 418 | 32 | 345 |
| 5 | Machinery Failure | 373 | 19 | 151 |
| 6 | Rules of the Road | 316 | 26 | 220 |
| 7 | Alcohol Use | 296 | * 115 | 260 |
| 8 | Weather | 244 | 42 | 81 |
| 9 | Hazardous Waters | 232 | 62 | 95 |
| 10 | Force of Wave/Wake | 215 | 14 | 182 |

Below is a chart from the U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Report 2020:

| Type of Education | Education of Operator | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| | Vessels Involved | Deaths | Injuries |
| American Red Cross | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Informal | 271 | 15 | 142 |
| Internet Course | 258 | 18 | 148 |
| State Course | 1107 | 46 | 561 |
| U.S. POWER SQUADRONS | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| US Coast Guard Auxiliary | 121 | 5 | 49 |
| Other | 161 | 10 | 65 |
| No Education | * 2567 | * 333 | * 800 |
| No Operator | 959 | 23 | 79 |

spring start-up checklist

The following are general guidelines. Check your owner's manual for manufacturer's recommendations or procedures specific to your boat.

FUEL SYSTEM

- Inspect hoses, connections and tank surfaces for leaks or damage
- Replace components as needed
- Verify all fittings and clamps are properly secured
- Ensure the engine, exhaust, and ventilation systems are functioning properly

BELTS, CABLES & HOSES

- Check for cracks and brittle areas
- Ensure belts fit tightly and are not worn
- Inspect the outer jacket of control cables for cracks or swells, which may indicate a problem

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- Inspect all electrical connections for cleanliness and tightness; corrosion may indicate an unsafe condition
- Remove terminals and clean with a wire bush; clean cable ends
- Change battery and ensure it can hold a charge
- Electrical systems should be inspected by a qualified technician regularly

FLUID LEVELS

- Check engine oil, power steering, power trim reservoirs and coolant levels
- Change engine oil, oil filter and drive lubricants if these tasks were not done prior to winterizing



PROPELLERS & HULLS

- Inspect propellers for dings, pitting, cracks and distortion
- Make sure propeller is secured properly; replace bearings if needed
- Check hull for blisters, distortions and cracks
- Clean the hull, deck and topsides
- Ensure the drain plug is securely in place prior to every launch

SAFETY GEAR

- Inspect life jackets to ensure they are in good condition; make sure there is one for each potential passenger
- Check that fire extinguishers are fully charged, properly stowed and are the correct class for your vessel
- Take advantage of any safety inspections offered by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), USCG Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadron



pre-departure checklist

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs)

- Have onboard one PFD per passenger, minimum of two
- Have onboard a throwable device (for vessels larger than 16 ft.)
- Discuss proper use/location of PFDs

SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES

- Have onboard a horn that can emit a four-second blast audible for 1/2 mile
- Bring a spare can of air or an alternate device
- Attach a whistle to each PFD

LIGHTS & SHAPES

- Test navigation lights
- Check instrument lights
- Be sure to use day-shapes (mast-head signals) if your boating activities require day-shapes
- Bring a flashlight and spare batteries

DISTRESS SIGNALS

- Ensure that flares, day signals, etc., are accessible and stored in a dry location
- Discuss location, proper use and safety rules

TOOLS & SPARES

- Be sure to have a basic toolbox with boat-appropriate tools
- Be sure to bring a spare fuel filter, light bulbs, head parts, through-hull plugs, etc.

FUEL & OIL

- Check fuel levels
- Check the engine oil and coolant levels

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Make sure you have a fully charged, accessible fire extinguisher (s) as specified in Coast Guard rules
- Ensure mounts are secure and functional
- Discuss location with passengers and crew

VENTILATION

- On any powered vessel or vessels using LPG, check that interior spaces are well ventilated
- If you smell fuel before ventilating, run blowers for several minutes and re-check before starting
- If odors persist, shut down the engine and look for the source of the leak

BILGES

- Ensure bilges are reasonably dry and pumps are not running excessively
- Clean any spilled oil or waste in bilges to prevent overboard discharge

WEATHER FORECAST

- Check the weather forecast before departure
- Have portable radio onboard for weather updates

BATTERY CARE

- For dual charging systems, check that the selector switch is in the proper position
- Ensure power is on to the entire vessel
- Bring spare batteries for handheld radio, flashlight, portable navigational aid, etc.
- Ensure rechargeable batteries are charged

DOCKING & ANCHORING TIPS

- Be sure to have one anchor set up and bent-on the anchor line
- Bring two or three extra dock lines
- Visually inspect lines for chafe or wear
- Bring fenders (minimum 2) for docking or towing

RULES & DOCUMENTATION

- Bring ship's papers, radio license, fishing permit, etc.
- Bring chart(s) for the area you intend to cruise

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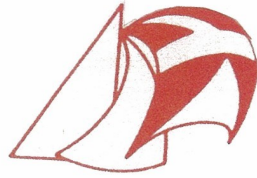


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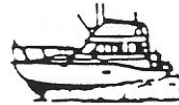
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