



DOCK 29

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DISTRICT 29

District 29 United States Power Squadrons Winter 2020
Columbus - Findlay – Fort Wayne – Port Clinton – Sandusky – Toledo

SAVE THE DATE

February 9, 2020

@ Ohio Northern University

525 S. Main Street, Ada, Ohio 45810

419-772-2000

Student Union Building, second floor ballroom

Schedule of the Day

0830-0900	Coffee and Donuts
0900-1030	D29 Council Meeting
1030-1200	D29 Squadron Scheduling Calendar New Squadron Bridge Officer's packets
1200-1300	Lunch

CALL TO D29 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING 2020

TO: District 29 Council Members: District 29 Bridge Officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, the Chairmen of the General Committees, Squadron Commanders and Squadron Delegates-at-Large

AND: All D/29 Past Commanders and Chairmen of Standing Committees

FROM: D/Lt/C Sharon Manter, AP

DATE: 6 January 2020

Please be advised that the **District 29 Winter Council Meeting** will be held at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, February 9. Registration begins at 8:30 with Council Meeting to follow at 9:00.

Squadron Commanders please note: Council Meeting Delegate Form has been included with this mailing. Please list your Squadron Council Delegate-at-Large and if necessary, any replacement for the Commander. **Copies of the Delegate form must be mailed to District Treasurer, Dennis Keyfauver at 1932 Pleasant Ridge Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46819-9513 or electronically to k3dck@onlyinternet.net.**

Uniform of the Day: Polo shirt, America's Boating Club apparel, or any USPS shirt or squadron appropriate shirt, shorts, casual dress slacks or dress jeans.

To All: A copy of the Winter Council Meeting minutes is included with this transmission and extra copies will be available at the Council meeting.

Registration: Begins at 8:30 – If you won't be registered as a Commander or Delegate please preregister with D29 Treasurer, Dennis Keyfauver at 260-639-6078 or email at k3dck@onlyinternet.net.

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Bridge Officer Reports

District Commander – Felicia Evans, AP

As I sit down at the computer to put my thoughts onto paper, I am reflecting that Christmas is just around the corner and 2020 is just weeks away. I am in the third quarter of my watch as your commander and it is hard to believe that D/Lt/C Jason Snook, SN-IN will be sworn in as the D-29 District Commander on March 21, 2020. D29 Spring Conference will be held in Toledo, Ohio at the Radisson Park Hotel in downtown Toledo hosted by Toledo Sail and Power Squadron. Plans are underway and **you want to put the dates of March 20-22, 2020 on your calendar.**

If you attended the Fall Conference, you know that the conference voted to accept Lima Power Squadron's surrender of their charter. The conference accepted the vote with sadness and remorse. It was a very difficult decision by the membership of Lima Power Squadron to come to this decision. Unfortunately, Findlay Power Squadron is also beginning the process of surrendering their charter as well. It is my wish that the squadrons of D29 reach out to those members of LPS and FPS and offer them a home within your squadron.

January and February will be busy months for D29. Our D29 will be having 4 Change of Watches for 2020. Toledo on 1/11/2020, Port Clinton on 1/19/2020, Sandusky on 2/1/2020 and Columbus on 2/7/2020. Put these dates on your calendars and make it a point to attend your fellow squadrons CO.

Winter Council will be held on 2/9/2020 at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio in the Student Union Building with registration beginning at 0830. You want to be there this year because we are making some changes. Council will begin the greet and meet with light morning refreshments. Council Meeting will start at 0900 to 1030, break from 1030-1045 and from 1045-1150 we will have each Squadron Commander report their squadron events and Change of Watch dates for 2020. I expect each squadron commander to come prepared with each of their squadron event dates. We will also discuss using the new registration conference form and how to instruct your squadron members how to fill out the form. We will not be having orientation for new bridge positions because squadrons are recycling current or former bridge members. However, for those squadron officers in attendance who will be new on their squadron bridge, D29 will have new officer packets available to hand out. Lunch will be served at 1200.

The 2020 National Meeting will be in Ponte Verde, Florida from February 9 through February 15. Going to a national conference is always a great time and a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow America's Boating Club members. Furthermore, this will be a historic meeting of the America's Boating Club. VC Mary Paige Abbott will become the first female Chief Commander in USPS history.

As I come to a close with my report, I am excited to share with you that D29 will participate in a 5 District Conference in October of 2020. The dates are October 2-4, 2020 and will be held in Sandusky at the Kalahari Convention and Resort Center. D7,9,11 and 24 along with 29 will be involved with this educational conference. There will be opportunities for fellowship, education and a children's boating education breakfast on Sunday. More information will be forthcoming.

District Education Officer – D/Lt/C Chris Hoover, AP

I hope that you enjoyed the seminars from our Fall Conference, thank you to all that instructed and helped put them together. I am always looking for input on future seminars. For those that have given me ideas, I can assure you that I am trying to work them in for Spring Conference.

Speaking of Spring Conference in March, we are going to try a different schedule. With our new schedule this will give us more time to accommodate the needs of educating our squadrons. To give you a rough idea, we could have two 45 minute seminars and one 2 hour seminar during mid morning on that Saturday. In the afternoon this would also allow us to have another 2 hour and two more 45 minute seminars. We are thinking outside the box to come up with the best schedule and to make the best use of your time while you are at the conference. I will have more details on times and specific information on each seminar in the near future.

You have heard me say it before but there are many, many excellent instructors in District 29. It is not too early to start the process of nominating one from your squadron for the Chapman Award. Teaching is a lot of work. It takes time and dedication to do it right and to make a difference. Please take time to pick someone from your squadron and start the process now. See your squadron educational officer or myself for more information. I would love to see one person from each squadron, they deserve it.

Story time I was walking in Dick's Sporting Goods one day and went up by water sports/kayak section. They have a nice selection and as I looked around, I could not find one thing about boating safety, not one. This was scary to me, however, it did make me think we all need to think how are we getting out information. How do people know about classes? Many do not even think about taking a class, especially with water sports. What can your squadron do to get information out to these stores, marinas, schools and any place else you can think of? What can the district do to help your squadron with this? To conclude, these are all things that ran through my head as I was shocked at the amount of water sports equipment and not one thing on safety or classes. Are we missing the boat??

Speaking of classes, its time, Spring will be here before we know it so lets get teaching! All squadrons are required to teach at least one ABC class. Make your classes fun and inviting and use as a hook to make them want more classes which means membership. Boating either large or small water sports is fun. Make the class fun – this means you will have fun.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions. I am here to help you to be as successful as possible. Thanks for all you do for your squadrons and the people you educate.

District Executive Officer – D/Lt/C Jason Snook, SN-CN

The year has definitely moved by fast. By now all squadrons have had their Christmas parties. All of the squadron parties attended were a lot of fun and, of course, the food was delicious. It's always nice to visit with friends throughout the district. Soon it will be Change of Watch season and new commanders (or the same ones repeating) and their bridges will be installed. Please be sure to check the dates of all upcoming COWs and try to attend and support your neighboring squadrons in D29.

After the COWs, its on to the Winter Council in Ada, Ohio. Here we will discuss the calendar events for every squadron on the district for the upcoming year and post them on a spreadsheet for everyone to see. We will also have the business meeting and then lunch after the meeting. Squadron officers please try to attend the Winter Council as well so you can get the most up-to-date information to discuss at your next monthly meetings.

Shortly after that, the National Annual Meeting will take place in Ponte Vedre, FL at the TPC Sawgrass Resort. This is where the professional golfers play in the players championship one weekend in March. I will be playing this course for a pretty penny but it's one thing that is definitely on my bucket list. Our next Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbott will be sworn in at this meeting as well. All information gathered at this meeting will also be discussed at the next District function which would be the Spring Conference.

The Spring Conference will take place March 20-22 at the Park Inn Hotel in downtown Toledo where I will be sworn in as the Next D/C. The theme will be "Snook,Line and Sinker" and it should be a fun filled weekend. Please try to attend as your support would be much appreciated. Rooms will be offered at a discount rate of only \$96 plus tax. If you would like to book a room, please call (419)241-3000 OR 1-800-670-7275 AND USE CODE 2003USQUAD to get the special rate. Hope to see you there.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

District Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Tom Patterson, JN

New Year's greetings to D29 from your AO, Lt/C Tom Patterson JN> Hope your holidays were as happy and event-filled as ours. I hope your Christmas parties were enjoyable. Our Sandusky/Port Clinton joint party was very successful and a great time was had by all who attended. The next event will be the Winter Council in Ada, Ohio. This will be a time for event planning so please, if all squadrons could have their dates and times ready, we can get the district master calendar ready. PDC Lary Cole SN and I are working on a District wide social evfent. More to come on this later. It will be good to see the squadron leaders at the Winter Council and the Spring Conference. Signing off for now, be safe.

SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS

COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON - Commander Richard Sorensen, SN

BLAG! HUMBUG!! Winter!! No, not really, but you know in your 'heart-of-hearts' you agree. We all do here in the city that is home of Wendy's, White Castle, Woody Hayes football and America's Boating Club of Central Ohio. Our 'Band of Boaters' have scattered. Some heading south chasing a rising thermometer. Others have grabbed their skis and headed off in search of perfect snow. The rest of our crew is nestled all comfortable in long johns in front of the fire and sipping something warm.

It is quite common to take this time to reflect on our past year but not this year! We are too busy. With election coming up in a few days we have a robust slate of Bridge Officers that include a lot of new blood. Sherri Haring is grabbing the wheel and charting a course to continue to grow our Club. In February we are returning to the Columbus Fishing Expo. This Expo has been outstanding in generating interest and participation in our ABC class. Our cruising schedule is in place. It's going to be a great year!

The Best of the Holiday season to you and your family.
Your friends in Columbus

FINDLAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON - Commander Doris Critzer, SN

No report

FORT WAYNE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Richard Manter, AP

Fort Wayne will have the same Bridge Officers as last year – Commander - PRC Richard Manter, AP; Executive Officer – Vacant; Administrative Officer - Lt/C Mark Perry, P; Secretary – P/C Sharon Manter AP; Treasurer – P/C Judy Stout, P.

Commander Manter accepted the 50 year membership plaque at the Fall Conference for P/C Laron Beyer from our squadron and also announced the passing of Galen Lehman, AP, a long time member of our squadron.

Six of our members attended the last Christmas Party and Recognition Dinner of the Lima Squadron in December and we had our Christmas Party at the Ramada Inn with a dinner and a "crazy Santa" gift exchange after dinner with 22 in attendance.

PORT CLINTON POWER SQUADRON – Commander Dennis Timple, AP

Since the Fall Conference we successfully assembled a Bridge for 2020, held innovative joint Executive/Membership meetings, rang the bell to support our area Salvation Army Kettle Campaign and had a wonderful Christmas party with Sandusky Power Squadron. Port Clinton

Power Squadron cruises into 2020 with a bright future. We are in the process of paperwork for three new members. We have a new PCPS website up and running thanks to the assistance of R/C Carl E. Filios, SN. National made a great effort to make this process simple and very easy to update. I urge all squadrons to check out this opportunity. Our COW is this afternoon after the luncheon. We have an ABC course starting March 10. Our Commander and Secretary will be attending the Annual Meeting. We continue to have the lowest cost dues in the District which haven't changed in 35 plus years.

SANDUSKY POWER SQUADRON – D/Lt/C Mark Dahlmann, SN

Happy New Year! Sandusky Power Squadron hopes that you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and a great start to the New Year.

Over 63 members and guests attended our combined Sandusky Power Squadron/Port Clinton Power Squadron Christmas party hosted by SPS at Sandusky Yacht Club. Chances to select an ornament with a prize inside from the Christmas tree were available for a small donation. Inside were \$2,\$5 and \$10 bills or a message to select a prize from one of two prize tables as well as a grand prize number. At the end of the party numbers were pulled for one of seven grand prizes; 2 tickets to Jesus Christ Superstar, a bottle of Jack Daniels, a ballroom dancers music box, a party at Sandusky Yacht Club A-Dock for 10, a nautical tote, a Maritime Museum Big Splash raffle ticket (over a quarter million in prizes with grand prize of \$50,000), and a dinner for 2 at Texas Roadhouse. All 112 ornaments were selected and since everything for the raffle was donated, all proceeds will benefit boating education and marine safety programs. Two Sandusky Power Squadron members were awarded new member pins, one was awarded a 25-year member pin and two were awarded a 50-year member plaque and pin. After a fabulous SYC Christmas brunch, entertainment was provided by the Sandusky High School Keynotes and Bell Choir. The great afternoon was capped off by the majority of attendees staying to visit.

Sandusky Power Squadron upcoming events include a member event at the Landmark Kitchen Bar in Sandusky on Monday, January 13 and our Change of Watch at Sandusky Yacht Club on Saturday, February 1. Information has been sent to each squadron and may also be found in the January issue of our newsletter, *The Lookout*, which is posted on our website www.sanduskypowersquadron.com

Each year the EHOVE Joint Vocational Marine Trades class asks us to present a boating class for their students. The instructor feels that if they will be working on boats, they need to understand basic safe boating practices. Although the course is mainly for that class, community members are welcome. It will be run four consecutive evenings starting January 6. Also, we will be offering a Boat Handling course starting February 4.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Winter Council.

TOLEDO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Fred Zibbel, JN

The Toledo Sail and Power Squadron has sworn in the 2020 Bridge as of January 11. I am proud to introduce Executive Officer Lt/C Keith Rooks, AP, Administrative Officer Lt/C Rickie Waugh, S, Squadron Education Officer Lt/C Nelson Evans, AP Treasurer Stf/C Larry Cole, SN-IN and Secretary Lt/C Loriann Czerniejewski, S. They will bring new energy to the squadron and will work hard to make 2020 an exciting and eventful year.

There are some great rendezvous planned including a trailer boat cruise on Lake Winnebago in Wisconsin. The Columbus and Lima squadrons have also scheduled another great trailer boat trip on the Cumberland River cruising to Nashville, TN with some Toledo members interested in attending.

The Toledo SEO, Lt/C Nelson Evans in conjunction with DEO D/Lt/C Chris Hoover have been very busy scheduling and presenting America’s Boating Course to a number of young, new and inexperienced boaters. The Toledo Squadron is also honored and proud to have 2020 D/29 Commander Jason Snook, SN-IN leading our district. He will bring some unique ideas and opportunities that will enhance and foster the direction of America’s Boating Club in District 29.

D29 Summer Council Meeting

Huron, Ohio

July 6, 2019

The Council Meeting was called to order at 0930 by Commander Felicia Evans. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Snook and in the absence of Sue DuBray, Bob DuBray gave the Invocation.

PDC Pam Yarletts gave the introduction of PDC’s.

Commander Evans asked the secretary if we have a quorum and it was answered in the affirmative. She asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the Winter Council that were in the Dock 29 newsletter. The minutes were accepted.

Roll call of the squadrons was given as follows:

Columbus	No officers present
Lima	Commander & delegate present

Findlay	Commander present
Fort Wayne	Commander & delegate present
Port Clinton	Commander, SEO & delegate present
Sandusky	Commander, Asst SEO & delegate present
Toledo	Commander, SEO & delegate

Executive Officer, Jason Snook asked for Committee Reports

Larry Cole – Geodetic marks only at this time

Ron Krock - There will be no Cedar Point Boat Show this year due to lack of attendance

Homeland Security - Bob Runner – No report

Chris Hoover, District Education Officer

He is trying to do some new things and asking for ideas for seminars @ conference

INCN – August 16-17 – BOC Certification School – Contact SEO’s if interested

Toledo – ABC with seamanship following – jpin club – free class – get to know students

Tom Patterson – Committees – NR

Bob DuBray – Nominating Committee – open interviews for anyone interested in district positions for the upcoming year – 1400 at the Pavilion

Larry Cole – Rules Committee will meet

Larry – Education Fund - reported that D29 was at 100% participation

Conference Committee - Pam Yarletts will be replacing Dick Manter on the Planning Conference Committee.

Squadron Commander Reports

Columbus – Trent-Severn Cruise planned – Fall Conference will be held in Columbus November 8,9,10

Fort Wayne – Our squadron had dinner at Lake Wawasee northwest of Fort Wayne followed by an evening ride out on the lake on a replica of a canal boat. Trying to contact members of South Bend squadron which just folded to invite them to join Fort Wayne

Findlay – No summer activities – Hoping to bounce back in the fall – Dinners begin in fall

Port Clinton – Yacht Club flooded with all the Spring rain – had some missed meetings – low membership

Sandusky – Squadron cookout at our building with a great turnout – Steak Fry this evening @ Summer Council – Vermilion Cruise on August 2-4 – our squadron will be running some events at the SYC Regatta

Toledo – Honorary member – Coast Guard Officer – will have a booth at Harbor Festival – have 50 VSC's completed – training event in The Ensign – cruises to Kelley's Island, Harsen's Island & Pelee Island – 3 going for IN

Commander Evans reported receiving an email from National Commander, Gary Cheney stating that squadrons cannot sell alcohol to public at any of their events.

June 2019 – Strategic Plan developed at National, asking for comments by August 23.

It will be formally adopted at Governing Board in Louisville in September. Need to be thinking about moving district conferences away from hotels to more economical venues

Old Business – None

New Business – The Fall Conference at the Hilton-Polaris Hotel in Columbus – we have 20 rooms set aside so get reservations in by October 9 to be assured of a room at the cost of \$109/night.

Columbus will be going on a houseboat cruise on Lake Cumberland the end of September. \$69 per person

Felicia brought up a proposal to have a Tri-District Conference next Spring with D7, D9 & D29 at the Kalahari. No contract has been signed yet. D9 is interested – still need to talk to D7. The proposal was discussed.

National looking at changing districts looking at how we are structured geographically.

95% of boats are trailered – look at interstate system

Chris Hoover asked everyone to fly your ensigns/burgees – People will ask about them.

The meeting was adjourned at 1115.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Manter, D29 Secretary

WINTER COUNCIL 2020

SQUADRON DELEGATES

SQUADRON _____

COMMANDER _____

Each Squadron is entitled to one Delegate, a Delegate-at-Large and one alternate at the 2020 Winter Council. Please indicate your selections below and return a copy of this form by mail to D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauber at 1932 Pleasant Ridge Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46819-9513 or an electronic message to k3dck@onlyinternet.net

Please inform your delegates that they still must confirm their registration the morning of the Winter Council Meeting with the registrar.

1. Commander (or replacement) _____
2. Delegate-at-Large _____
3. Alternate _____

District By-Laws Article III, Section 3.01

The Council shall be composed of the District Commander, the District Lieutenant Commanders, the immediate Past District Commander, and the Chairmen of the General Committees, the Squadron Commanders and a Council Delegate-at-Large for each Squadron. They shall be the voting members of Council

Lunch reservations must be made to D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauber at 260-639-6078 or email to k3dck@onlyinternet.net by January 26, 2020. Cost for lunch is \$20.00 (includes cost of coffee and donuts/rolls) before the meeting, payable at Winter Council registration. Cash or check – Checks made payable to D29.