



DOCK 29

Winter 2021 District 29

Columbus – Findlay – Fort Wayne – Port Clinton – Sandusky – Toledo

SAVE THE DATE
District 29 Winter Council
February 7, 2021

Please join us for a District 29 ZOOM Conference
at 10:00 a.m.

The connection information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82050971930?pwd=a3ZEUC9RbTdYWVWtenVIL2d2ZUc0UT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5097 1930

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CALL TO D29 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING 2021

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 D29 Past Commanders and Chairmen of Standing Committees

FROM: D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P

Please be advised that the District 29 Winter Council will be held via Zoom on Sunday, February 7, 2021. Registration begins at 9:45 a.m. with the Conference Meeting to follow at 10:00.

Squadron Commanders please note: A copy of the Council Meeting Delegate Form has been sent to you. Please list your Squadron Council Delegate-at-Large and, if necessary, any replacement for the Commander. Please complete the form and send a copy to Treasurer Dennis Keyfauber, 1932 Pleasant Ridge Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46819-9513 by January 31, 2021.

Uniform of the Day: America's Boating Club or USPS Casual Attire

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

Registration: Begins at 9:45. If you won't be registered as a Commander or Delegate, please pre-register with D29 Treasurer Dennis Keyfauber at 260-639-6078 or email at k3dck3@gmail.com.

*****PHOTO REQUEST*****

P/D/C Larry Cole needs a nice picture of a boat to put on the cover of the 2021 D29 Roster. If you have one you would like to submit, please send it to Larry at boater734@chartermi.net as soon as possible. Thanks!!

BRIDGE OFFICER REPORTS

District Commander – Jason Snook, SN-CN

I hope everyone had a joyous and healthy holiday season. The new year is upon us. Let's hope that this year will be much better than the last and put 2020 behind us. It is a year we would all like to forget. May 2021 bring more health, happiness, and prosperity to everyone. Hopefully this vaccine will be effective, and we can return to some normalcy towards the end of the year. Until then, we need to stay safe and follow the guidelines.

On that note, the Change of Watch season is now here. Since we still cannot meet in person, all COWs will be held virtually. The first one is set for Jan 9th when the new Toledo Commander Keith Rooks will be installed. I will be sending out an email to the rest of the squadron commanders to ask when you would like to do your COW. Then I would like to set up a short Zoom meeting or phone call the day before to discuss your script and details necessary for your squadron's COW. Fort Wayne Commander Dick Manter has asked to do their COW at the virtual Winter Council meeting on Feb 7th. If any other squadron would like to do theirs at the council as well, please let me know ASAP.

As I mentioned in the previous paragraph, the Winter Council meeting will be held on Sun, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. Stf/C Larry Cole will send out a Zoom link to the district for all to attend. Please try logging on 15 min early in case you have any technical difficulties so that we can start the meeting on time.

Due to the virus, the annual National Meeting in Ponte Vedra, FL was cancelled and will be held virtually instead. We will miss out on the good times and friends, but hopefully we will be able to meet in person for the next one. Any meetings that were scheduled will be held online and info from these meetings will be recorded so you can listen afterward if you are unable to attend on the scheduled dates.

Everyone have a great new year and I will see you at the COWs and Winter Council.

District Education Officer – P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN

No report

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

Greetings and Happy New Year to all friends and family of D29. What a year!! Restrictions, regulations, curfews, social distancing, gatherings of 10 or more discouraged, this all made for very limited Power Squadron activity. We are an educational and social organization, but our lines were tied up with granny knots. Virtual Zoom has become the standard for meetings and education, but it's not much for socialization. While some classes are meeting face-to-face with protocols in place, even those are difficult. Virtual education may be the present as well as the future, but nothing can compare to the interaction between student and teacher in the regular in-person classroom. It is so difficult for our young people to go to school virtually, hybrid, or

face-to-face with all the necessary protocols being met. Having a seat on the Sandusky City Schools Board of Education, I see first-hand the difficulties administrators, teachers, support staff, custodians and bus drivers have encountered. And as a father of teachers and a grandfather to students in our school district, I see those struggles to teach and learn personally. Bottom line – we need to do the best we can to keep everyone safe and functioning within those guidelines while keeping everyone’s spirits up. Same thing applies to our Power Squadrons.

I was fortunate to grow up in the same community as my Grandfather, who was an avid boater. Spending much of my early childhood boating with him, I was operating his boat on my own by age twelve. During our adventures on Lake Erie and Sandusky Bay, he would often counsel me when I was upset or discouraged. He would describe to me how people banded together to help others during the bad times: the pandemic of 1918 when they lost a child, the Great Depression, World War I and II with all the rationing. But he always stressed how people helped others in difficult times. Taking a lesson from him, we must support each other through this difficult time. We must take a step back, evaluate and realize what is most important, our health and personal safety. Other activities will have to be put on hold until we are certain our health is safe. Looking to the future with the vaccine just now available, it may be late spring before we can meet again, but that should not stop us from planning our activities.

I want to complement our Squadron bridges for exemplary efforts in maintaining their squadron’s organizations. On February 7th we are having a virtual Winter Council meeting. At this meeting, it has been customary that we share each squadron’s planned activities for the coming year. We should submit these plans to the District Bridge at this time so they can be put on the District calendar. With that in mind however, we know that some of those events may be postponed or canceled, but we still really do need to focus on the future of Power Squadron. At last year’s Winter Council, I suggested a District social activity. This did not happen, of course, but it sure can be a goal for this year.

In closing, thanks go out to the District Bridge for all their efforts in keeping us together. Please remember the front-line workers in your thoughts and prayers.

District Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN

Happy New Year!

Here we are together with friends and family, boating in the sunshine... I must be dreaming! Still there is hope for 2021. Some I know have been vaccinated and the weather will surely improve in the spring. Rita and I have managed to stay busy enough with the holidays and our new granddaughter who is part of our COVID shunning bubble. There is little going on in the district AO department except waiting impatiently for things to improve. We have a quarterly Zoom meeting with National. Nothing newsy there.

Our condolences go out to those who had boats damaged or destroyed in the Toledo Beach Marina Storage Shed(s) fire.

I found it surprising the 2020 boating season was a busy one for the boating industry. The marinas were busy and boat sales were brisk as many people quarantined on the water (except maybe in Michigan!). Let us hope 2021 is better, happier, less stressful, more enjoyable. Hopefully, we can again hang out with friends. Stay safe and practice COVID precautions so all can get past this pandemic sooner. We look forward to seeing you in person soon!

SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS

COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Sherri Haring, P

Columbus has been holding ECOM meetings via Zoom. We have had a few happy hours and our holiday party via Zoom as well. We did complete an ABC class via Zoom, and we had 13 people graduate from our program. We will hold our Change of Watch via Zoom as well. All members of the bridge have agreed to serve another term in our positions.

FINDLAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jeffrey Roth

No report

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

Well, Fort Wayne is still hanging in there, but sorry to say we have not been able to do too much with the COVID and all the restrictions. But on the bright side we are planning to jump in as soon as government restrictions are lifted. We would like to wish everyone a great NEW YEAR!

PORT CLINTON POWER SQUADRON – Commander Dennis Timple, AP

No report

SANDUSKY POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jack Runner, AP

Happy New Year, everyone.

Like most organizations everywhere, we have curtailed almost all our activities save the ABC Course. We have an ABC Course that we run annually for the Marine Trades Class at EHOVE Career Center in Milan, Ohio. This is our only in-person activity until we see how the distribution of the Coronavirus vaccine rolls out.

Once we see how that goes, we will reassess our ability to get back to a “business as usual” approach.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in person this summer.

TOLEDO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Fred Zibbel, JN

2020 has been an interesting year for all of us. We have all had to change the ways we held meetings and communicated with our squadrons. It appears the majority of 2021 will likely not be much different. We must make the best of it and continually look for new ways to engage our membership.

Through all the adversity that 2020 presented, the Toledo Squadron managed to pass 41 students in the ABC Class and perform 55 Vessel Safety Checks. This accomplishment is credited to the hard working and dedicated instructors, Vessel Safety Inspectors, and the many volunteers who assisted them.

Before the Christmas holiday, the Toledo Sail and Power Squadron, through its continual desire to support the local community, donated 96 pairs of warm winter socks and 10 wool blankets to the homeless shelter in Toledo. During the cold winter months of December, January, and February homeless individuals, many living on the streets, are without the needed items to keep themselves warm. The squadron was proud to be able to help those in need during this difficult time.

The 2021 Change of Watch was held via a Zoom Meeting on Saturday, January 9th. Our Commander, Keith Rooks, P, and his new Bridge are excited to lead the squadron through the uncharted waters of 2021. They bring leadership, energy and refreshing ideas to get us through the uncertainties that 2021 presents.

D29 SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING JULY 11, 2020 TOLEDO BEACH MARINA

The meeting was called to order by Commander Jason Snook at 9:14 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by D/C Jason Snook and the Invocation given by P/D/C Bob DuBray. P/D/C Felicia Evans introduced the P/D/Cs.

Roll was taken by Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn; a quorum was present. The minutes of the 2020 Winter Council as written by P/D/Lt/C Sharon Manter and printed in the Summer 2020 *Dock 29* were approved by unanimous vote on a motion made by P/D/C Dan Mullane with a second by P/D/C Dick Manter.

Commander Snook called for the D29 Bridge Reports.

Executive Officer No Report
D/Lt/C Tom Patterson

Educational Officer - Phil participated in the monthly DEO Briefing conference call
P/D/C Phil Osborne with ANEO Ken Griffing and NEO Bill McManimen. Theme of

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- Virtual classroom training is approved with blessing from NASBLA.
- Boat handling course will be up shortly. ABC3 course is available in Virtual Classroom. I have a call in to ODNR to make certain this format is accepted by Ohio.
- Spanish version of ABC3 will launch in Virtual Classroom as soon as enough Spanish-speaking instructors can be found.
- Vessel Safety Checks have been suspended except in districts where local, state, and county restrictions like face masks can be accommodated.
- Currently 1,000 cyber members.
- Recorded webinars and videos are available on the national website. Webinars coming out in July include ‘Electric Shock Drowning’, ‘Life Jacket Labels’, and ‘Social Distancing for Boaters’.
- Suggested methods for communicating virtually with squadron members: Go-to-Meeting, Skype, Zoom, Google Hangout, Web X.
- Chapter 8 of Weather Manual will be rewritten to include coverage on the Great Lakes.

Administrative Officer
D/Lt/C Leonard Buck

- Thank you to the Nominating Committee for the confidence you shown in me.
- I have attended the national phone meetings for D/A/Os.
- Thanks to P/D/C Phil Osborne, Stf/C Larry Cole, and P/D/C Bob DuBray, have agreed to serve as committee chairs for my department.

Secretary
D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn

Announced revised dates for *Pier 29* and *Dock 29* article deadlines as follows: Fall *Pier 29* – Aug. 17, 2020; Winter *Dock 29* – Dec. 21, 2020; Spring *Pier 29* – Feb. 1, 2021.

Treasurer
D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauber

Absent

Commander
D/C Jason Snook

- 2020 Change of Watch was done virtually.
- PENTA Conference postponed to October 2021.
- Assisted by Tom Patterson, brief discussion was held on holding a one-day Fall Conference on October 3rd, possibly at the Sandusky Yacht Club.
- Snook, Line, & Sinker t-shirts are available for sale.
- Flags were presented to the Bridge officers.

P/D/C Felicia Evans presented the Commander’s Flag to D/C Jason Snook.

P/D/C Pam Yarletts presented the Past Commander's Flag to P/D/C Felicia Evans.

P/D/C Felicia Evans recognized immediate Past District Educational Officer Chris Hoover for his service.

Committee Reports

Nominations Committee P/D/C Dan Mullane	- Committee suggests that 2020 Bridge remain in office for 2021 due to COVID-19 situation. Dan Mullane moved that this be done barring concern from present officers who will be consulted privately on this issue. Bob Goelz seconded. Motion passed. Final decision to be announced.
Rules Committee	No Report
Audit Report	No Report
Conference Committee	No Report
Finance Committee	No Report
Planning Committee	No Report

Commander Reports

Columbus – XO Bob Goelz	- New website is up and running. - Have made improvements to Headquarters – new windows and signage. - Holding virtual Executive Committee meetings and a happy hour. - Poker Run rendezvous scheduled for July cancelled.
Findlay – Cdr. Jeffrey Roth	- Designing a new website. - Focus at present – Recruit, Recruit, Recruit. - Meeting with cookout scheduled for July 18. - Hope to be able to hold classes in fall.
Fort Wayne – Cdr. Richard Manter	No Report
Port Clinton – Cdr. Dennis Timple	No Report
Sandusky – Cdr. Jack Runner	Report as written in Summer 2020 <i>Dock 29</i>

Toledo – Cdr. Fred Zibbel

- Three ABC classes were held this spring.
- Held a cruise to Huron in June.
- Cruise & Rendezvous Committee will be meeting July 16.
- Working to straighten out ODNR grant.
- Non-profit certificate renewal in progress.

Old Business None

New Business

P/D/C Felicia Evans questioned when flags can be given to past Bridge officers. Consultation of current By-laws revealed no specific guidance on this issue. Pam Yarletts moved that a flag be given to Past D/E/O Chris Hoover for his year of service. Felicia Evans seconded. Brief discussion followed. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Runner. Seconded by Dan Mullane. Passed.

Adjournment at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rayburn

D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P
D/29 Secretary