



# ***DOCK 29***

**Winter 2022      District 29**

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

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**District 29 Winter Council**

**February 13, 2022**

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/82554484458?pwd=RVphV2s0Y2hBS25LT04yMGVNVlhuZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 5448 4458

Passcode: 928109

## CALL TO D29 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING 2022

**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 13, 2022. 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 Keyfauver, 1932 Pleasant Ridge Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46819-9513 by February 6, 2022.

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

**To All:** A copy of the Winter Council 2021 Meeting minutes is included with this transmission. Due to the cancellation of the Summer 2021 Council Meeting, these minutes must be approved at this meeting.

**Registration:** Begins at 9:45. If you won't be registered as a Commander or Delegate, please pre-register with D29 Treasurer Dennis Keyfauver at 260-639-6078 or email at [k3dck3@gmail.com](mailto:k3dck3@gmail.com). This step is needed to help provide an accurate attendance count since this will be a Zoom meeting. Thank you in advance!

**\*\*\*SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM P/D/C WILLIAM HALL\*\*\***

*To: United States Power Squadron, District 29 Members*

*Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was truly appreciated.*

*Emails, Phone Calls, Cards, Flowers, Visitation, and Especially the Support.*

*The Family of Patricia Ann "Patty" Hall,  
Bill, Tara, Hyde*

**BRIDGE OFFICER REPORTS**

**District Commander – Tom Patterson, JN**

Greetings to D29 and a Happy New Year to all! I am looking forward to 2022; hopefully, the pandemic issues will subside somewhat with more and more events able to be held openly. A return to some form of normalcy would be welcome. Last year there were so many cancellations related to that dreaded Covid. It has affected us all whether it be by actually having Covid or by its ramifications in goods and services. It touches all no matter the method.

My wife and I were able to attend two of the Christmas parties; both were great events with wonderful fellowship. Unfortunately, Toledo needed to make a date change which conflicted with a previously scheduled Sandusky School Board function that I was committed to attend. Then, we both came down with short-lived (thank goodness!) flu-like symptoms and we were unable to attend the Columbus party. Just felt we needed to be on the safe side there. We heard they were both great events. At the Fort Wayne Christmas party, which was wonderful, I presided over my first Change of Watch. It was truly an honor to do so. In the next couple of months, there are four more Changes of Watch scheduled.

On February 13, 2022, at 1000 hours, we will have our Winter Council. The meeting will be held via Zoom and should last approximately one hour. Squadron Commanders, please have your 2022-2023 events ready to be presented at the Zoom meeting. We then can print a D-29 calendar of events for the upcoming year. Our Spring Conference and District Change of Watch will be April 9, 2022, starting at 0900 hours. It will be at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. This conference

will only be a one-day meeting with educational seminars, a business meeting, and the COW. I would like to thank Pam Yarletts-Coykendale for arranging for the conference. At this time, I would also like to thank my Bridge Officers; it is a privilege to serve with all of you.

Lastly, our Fall PENTA Conference was a huge success. Grateful thanks go out to Felicia Evans, Chairperson; Larry Cole, Treasurer; Bob Rayburn, Education Program Coordinator; and to all the individual presenters. It truly was a major undertaking involving a lot of detailed planning for a new and unique conference. Thank you again!

Yours in Safe Boating,  
D/C Tom Patterson, JN

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

No report

### **District Executive Officer – D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN**

The upcoming District COW will be before Easter this spring. It is planned to be a one-day event in Ada. The morning will have several educational seminars, then lunch, followed by the business meeting. Chief Commander Fraser is anticipated to be in attendance to swear in our new Bridge. Afterward, participants can depart for home or stay to socialize. Overnight rooms should be available.

For those folks following National's study to decrease the number of Districts by combining some or going to a Region-based structure: As of the PENTA Conference at Kalahari, it appears any change would not occur for a number of years. Discussion and research are ongoing; no final decision had been reached. I hoped they would have moved more quickly, and I would have more time for boating this year.

Speaking of boating, as I write this article, Lake Erie is nearly iced over in front of our home. Spring can't be far away! (Spring: March 20 until June 20). We have several new toys arriving soon to help fill our time in retirement this year. I hope your Holidays were joyful and everyone's staying healthy...

Oh, oh, today's mail just arrived and there is this year's dock bill!

### **District Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Sandra Pick, AP**

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas parties. I know Port Clinton and Sandusky did. There was a national virtual A. O. meeting at the beginning of December and some of the points covered were:

- Loss of members has slowed way down.
- The \$3.00 surcharge on dues was to cover bank charges for those who paid by credit card. If you paid by other means, apply to HQ for a reimbursement.
- Nothing has been decided about reorganization.
- New member benefits announced. Check National website for details.

- If your district has struggling squadrons, please remember that squadron support & development is there to help you. E-mail R/C Connie Shay.

Everyone stay healthy and we will see you via Zoom for Winter Council.

## SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS

### **COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Sherri Haring, P**

We have ended our year on a successful note with a gradual re-opening of dinner events and in-person learning. We will be announcing next year's slate of officers soon, and I am sure that the new group of officers will work hard to advance America's Boating Club.

In the new year we will be having two ABC classes. We will attend the Columbus Fishing Expo in February. Also, we will be signing people up for Boat Handling and Weather. Check our website for dates and times for our events. <https://www.columbussailandpower.org/>

### **FINDLAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jeffrey Roth**

No report

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

No report

### **PORT CLINTON POWER SQUADRON – Commander Dennis Timple, AP**

No report

### **SANDUSKY POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jack Runner, AP**

Since our last report, we have had a wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration at the Sandusky Maritime Museum. Their new Director gave everyone a guided tour of the many new displays. We followed that up with an excellent Christmas Party in conjunction with Port Clinton Power Squadron at the Catawba Island Club. Our January meeting was scheduled for the Que, a new barbecue restaurant in the Marblehead area.

Our Change of Watch is scheduled for the same day as the Winter Council Virtual Meeting at 1 PM in the afternoon at Quarry Hill Orchard and Winery.

By that time, we will have completed our Winter ABC Course, and are getting ready for the Spring ABC Course to start on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

We also have a group of students in our Boat Handling Course that starts February 8<sup>th</sup> who are also planning to take the Piloting Course upon its conclusion.

Hopefully, all this talk about boating makes winter a little easier to tolerate this year!

## **TOLEDO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Keith Rooks, P**

2021 has been another interesting year, but our SEO P/C Fred Zibbell, N and instructors Lt. Nelson Evans, AP and Stf/C Larry Cole, SN-IN were able to pass 66 out of 71 students who took the ABC classes we held this year. A great job by them and everyone who helped grade tests, check people in, order supplies etc. We also had a great year with Vessel Safety Checks, passing 138 out of 140 total.

We have been having in-person meetings this year and, though we haven't had the numbers from before COVID, we have been having good turnouts.

We purchased a boat to use for on-the-water training. We received a grant from the ODNR that made this purchase possible. It's exciting to have this available to use for many different classes and seminars during the boating season.

The 2022 Change of Watch was held on January the 8<sup>th</sup>; our new Commander Rickie Waugh, P, and his Bridge are ready to lead us through the changing landscape we live in these days. I have confidence that they will do a great job leading us in 2022!

# **D29 WINTER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **WINTER COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2021 MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Jason Snook, SN-IN at 10:03 a.m. XO Tom Patterson, JN led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by District Chaplain P/C Sue DuBray, P. P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP introduced the P/D/Cs in attendance. Commander Snook announced the positions of those individuals present who are eligible to vote at Council meetings per District 29 bylaws.

Roll was taken by Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P; a quorum was present. The minutes of the 2020 Summer Council as printed in the Winter 2021 *Dock 29* were approved by unanimous vote on a motion made by P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP with a second by P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN.

Commander Snook called for the D29 Bridge Reports.

### **Commander D/C Jason Snook, SN-IN**

- I'd like to thank everyone for attending the council meeting today.
- The 2021 USPS Annual Meeting will be held virtually this year from February 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Meetings have been scheduled so they do not overlap to allow full participation by attendees.
- Following this meeting the Changes of Watch for Columbus, Fort Wayne, and Port Clinton will be held.

- Executive Officer**  
D/Lt/C Tom Patterson, JN - Tom asked to delay his report until the New Business portion of the meeting.
- Educational Officer**  
P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN - No Report
- Administrative Officer**  
D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN-IN - Though this year's National Meeting will be held virtually, planning is proceeding for a return to an in-person meeting in 2022.  
- In an effort to determine the communication preferences of members, National conducted a survey on e-mail versus paper communications. This investigation will continue.
- Secretary**  
D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P - DB2000 was consulted to determine how many D29 members do not have an e-mail address and, therefore, do not receive district mailings.  
- It yielded 83 names across all 6 squadrons.  
- Discussion was held on how to best alleviate this concern.  
- P/D/C Jack Runner, AP suggested contacting squadron newsletter Editors to determine how many of these members provided e-mail addresses to squadrons. P/C Charles Kletecka, echoed that sentiment. This action will be taken, and a more accurate number will be provided at the Spring Conference.
- Treasurer**  
D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauver, S - For Fiscal Year April 2020 to January 2021 District income was \$3,786.74 with \$949.73 in expenses for a current balance of \$2,837.01.

### Committee Reports

- Nominations Committee**  
P/D/C Dan Mullane, SN-IN - The Committee's suggestion made at Summer Council that the 2020 Bridge remain in their positions for 2021 was found to be unworkable.  
- The slate of officers for the 2021 Bridge will be as follows:
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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Commander              | Tom Patterson, JN    |
| Executive Officer      | Leonard Buck, JN     |
| Educational Officer    | Phil Osborne, JN-IN  |
| Administrative Officer | Sandy Pick, AP       |
| Secretary              | Mary Rayburn, P      |
| Treasurer              | Dennis Keyfauver, SN |
| Asst. Educ. Officer    | Ralph Newman, N      |
| Asst. Secretary        | Doris Critzer, SN    |
| Asst. Treasurer        | Judy Stout, P        |

Nominating Committee:

P/D/C Pam Yarletts, AP Chair  
P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP  
P/D/C Jason Snook, SN-IN  
P/C Rick Kogge, JN-IN 2 Year Term  
P/C David Hart, JN 3 Year Term

Rules Committee:

P/D/C Larry Cole, SN-IN Chair  
P/D/C Jack Runner, AP 2 Year Term  
P/C Mark Dahlmann, SN 3 Year Term

Audit Committee:

P/D/C Robert Runner, SN-CN 1 Year Term  
Cdr. Sherri Haring, P 2 Year Term

- P/D/C Jack Runner, AP moved to accept the slate. Second by Cdr. Dennis Timple, AP. Motion passed.

**Rules Committee**

No Report

**Audit Committee**

**P/C Charles Kletecka, JN**

- We are ready to begin the audit as soon as all fiscal year reports are complete.

**Conference Committee**

**P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP**

- Plans for 2021 District Change of Watch still uncertain due to COVID.  
- Postponed PENTA Conference at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky now being planned for October 8 – 10, 2021.

**Finance Committee**

No Report

**USPS Educ. Fund**

**P/D/C Larry Cole, SN-IN**

- All district squadrons donated to the fund this year.

**Planning Committee**

No Report

**Commander Reports**

**Columbus – Cdr. Sherri Haring, P**

- Will be offering a Zoom ABC class beginning in February and Boat Handling in March.

**Fort Wayne – Cdr. Richard Manter, AP**

- Will offer ABC course in February.

**Port Clinton – Cdr. Dennis Timple, AP**

- No activities to report currently due to COVID lockdown.  
- Checking into date for a Christmas Party at CIC.



**Sandusky – Cdr. Jack Runner, AP**

- Conducted ABC class for Marine Trades students at EHOVE.
- Will begin next ABC class on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Planning annual Fourth of July Sail-Away at Huron Boat Basin.

**Toledo – Cdr. Keith Rooks, P**

- Will offer ABC class in March.
- Scheduling seminars for members.

**Old Business** None

**New Business**

XO Tom Patterson, JN discussed his concerns about the district staying together considering the inability to meet in-person this past year due to the COVID pandemic. He proposed a one-day Spring Conference at the Sandusky Yacht Club including the district COW, a meeting, and a plated lunch sometime in March, April, or early May. Discussion ensued about the appropriateness of holding a meeting in light of Ohio Department of Health COVID guidelines as well as the ability of SYC to provide appropriate accommodations regarding these. It was stated that SYC has been operating under ODH requirements with no contact tracing back to their establishment. Limited attendance would be required. Cdr. Dennis Timple, AP moved that Tom speak to SYC and investigate a date, preferably in late April. P/D/C Jack Runner, AP seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Summer Council will be July 10, 2021 at the Huron Boat Basin.

Commanders shared their squadron's planned dates for 2021 cruises, Christmas parties, and 2022 Changes of Watch.

Motion to adjourn made by P/D/C Jack Runner, AP. Second by P/D/C Richard Manter, AP. Passed.

Adjournment at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Rayburn*

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