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FALL 2022

DISTRICT 29

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

SAVE THE DATE
District 29 Fall Conference
October 28 – 30, 2022

Please join us for the 2022 District 29 Fall Conference
at 9:00 a.m. on October 29, 2022

Alum Creek State Park Visitors Center
Army Corp of Engineers Building
5905 Lewis Center Road
Delaware, Ohio 43015

CALL TO THE 2022 DISTRICT 29 FALL CONFERENCE

TO: District 29 Conference Members: District 29 Bridge Officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, the Chairpersons of the General and Standing Committees, Past District Commanders, Squadron Commanders, Squadron Delegates, and all District 29 members.

FROM: D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P

DATE: September 28, 2022

Please be advised that the District 29 Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. with the Conference Meeting to follow at 9:00.

Squadron Commanders: A copy of the Conference Meeting Delegate Form will be sent to you. Please complete the form with a list of your Squadron Delegates 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 or electronically at k3dck3@gmail.com by October 21, 2022.

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

To All: A copy of the Spring Conference Meeting minutes is included with this transmission. These minutes will be approved during the meeting.

Registration: Begins at 8:45.

Please find the registration form for the Fall 2022 Conference as well as details concerning its location, etc, in the second attachment sent with this mailing.

The deadline for hotel reservations is October 8, 2022.

Thank you! Looking forward to seeing you in October.

BRIDGE OFFICER REPORTS

District Commander – D/C Leonard Buck, JN-IN

Writing an article for our publications can be one of my challenges. So here it goes, let's see how this one ends up.

At National's level there is an upcoming general meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina toward the end of September. If you are interested in going check National's website. Alternatively, you could check with our National Staff Commanders Larry Cole or Jason Snook. I will be attending the days District business will be conducted. See you there!

At the District Level we soon will have an upcoming Instructor Development Course open to all members. Contact Bob Rayburn or Larry Cole ASAP if you wish to participate. The District's Fall Meeting will be held in Columbus in October. Pam Coykendale has an article in this publication with all the information. She and her crew are to be commended for all the effort they have put into this event. We owe it to them to participate. The Kentucky District is starting to plan another Penta Conference with six Districts participating. A Hexa Conference? Given last year's Penta Conference's success, D29 Executive Officer Sandra, as next year's Commander, has given her approval.

Squadrons still have a few rendezvous to go. Please, join in!

I have been notified our fourth granddaughter is to be delivered soon. She will join two grandsons. "The meek shall inherit the earth." I had no sisters and no daughters. I am going to have to learn fast!

Although the boating season will be ending in the next 6-8 weeks, the fall is an exceptional time to be out on the water. The air is crisp and clear, the water warm. Some of our most memorable cruises have been late in the season, closing down the State Park Docks and being on the water with few other boats. I hope to see you soon! Please let those serving at the District Level know how they can be even more helpful to you the members.

District Educational Officer – R/C Larry Cole, SN-IN

The Instructor Recertification Seminar presenting teaching aids held during the D29 Spring 2022 Conference encouraged instructors to think about increasing the use of teaching aids in local courses. The seminar review sheet responses were complimentary of the aids presented and requested more opportunities to learn about using aids. The responses to the recertification seminar and the interest expressed by the participants during the wrap-up discussion implies that we should provide more teaching aid experience and practice for instructors in the district.

The Education program at the D29 Fall Conference will focus on Teaching Aids. The D29 Instructor Development Team will go beyond providing information on aids by involving participants in creating and/or adapting aids. There will be an activity where participants decide on aids to use for a particular lesson or learning environment. Perhaps a "Teaching Aid Jumble" would get the creative juices flowing on what you can create to help boaters learn. One activity may be participating in a Charting Scavenger Hunt and deciding how you would use this aid strategy in a different learning situation. Come to the conference to find out more and participate in several "hands-on" learning activities.

The following items support using teaching aids as the education focus during the district conference:

First, instructors at the spring conference expressed strong interest in teaching aids and a willingness to use them.

Second, teaching aids provide:

- an easy way to involve the student in learning.

- more ways to approach teaching and learning.
- more choices for students to say or do something.
- options for instructors who do not wish to present using equipment such as Power Point to convey information.
- a more active learning environment for boaters who do not wish to just sit and listen.
- more options for personal learning experiences for students.

A third reason is content is being placed online reducing the need for local content presentations. Changing the approach to working with the content and creating a more active learning focus should make a better fit with the needs of today's boater and local instructors.

A fourth reason is that information is widely available and easily accessible online. Learning to apply knowledge or practice skills is not easily built through the online experience. Local instructors can help boaters apply the knowledge and skills and create a stronger connection with the club.

America's Boating Club helps local clubs by building content. The content supports our efforts to educate the local boater. But it is the local members and instructors who ensure that local boaters can use the knowledge and build the skills for on-the-water activities. What can we do together to further our goal of creating a safe boating community?

District Executive Officer – D/Lt/C Sandra Pick, AP

Hello again. It seems as if we just started our summer activities and now it's time to plan for the fall. In June there was a national meeting of District XO's, and the main points were as follows:

- Email system improvements underway
- New computer servers installed
- Membership is holding steady
- Co-op Charting data up 14%
- VSC program showing good results
- National Planning Committee simplifying procedures for organizational changes if any

Elsewhere in this publication, P/D/C Pamela Coykendale wrote about the upcoming district conferences. The fall conference, end of October, will be at Alum Creek State Park with the Columbus squadron acting as host. Our spring conference and Change of Watch is at the end of March 2023. It will be at Sawmill Creek in Huron with Port Clinton as host. If you have any ideas for activities, please contact Pam.

That is all for now so enjoy the rest of the season and be safe out there.

District Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Sherri Haring, P

No report

SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS

COLUMBUS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Bob Goelz, S

No Report

FINDLAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jeffrey Roth, P

No Report

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

Fort Wayne Squadron had a quiet summer. We had one ABC class taught by our Education Officer, John Schmidt and Asst. Education Officer Carl Clair at Sowles Bay Yacht Club on Lake James, Angola, IN north of Fort Wayne with 17 students and all 17 passed the class.

Our first Fall meeting was held on September 18. Our Fall schedule was discussed at that time and nominations for officers for another year.

PORT CLINTON POWER SQUADRON – Commander Dennis Timple, AP

No Report

SANDUSKY POWER SQUADRON – Commander Jack Runner, AP

We had a nice summer boating on Lake Erie, doing Vessel Safety Checks, and just otherwise doing everything summer is supposed to be in our part of the world.

Currently, we have an ABC Course and a Piloting Course getting ready to start. Our joint Christmas Party with Port Clinton Power Squadron is scheduled for December 11th at 1PM at Sandusky Yacht Club. At this time, our Change of Watch has not yet been finalized, but is tentatively planned for the weekend of February 12, 2023.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Conference.

TOLEDO SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON – Commander Rickie Waugh, P

No Report

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

NEW SQUADRON DEVELOPMENT – P/R/C Bob Rayburn, SN-IN

New squadron development does not have to refer to developing new squadrons. It can also be about helping squadrons approach activities and other things from a different direction. This article will talk about looking at education differently. Before looking at some options let's think about what has changed in education over the past few decades.

A big part of the change has been through technology. The Internet, increased computing capacity, cell phone development and other changes have all created new avenues of communication and information movement. Just a quick look at changes in boating provides a good example. Now boaters navigating on the water have a GPS and electronic charts. A VHF radio can include AIS or Automatic Identification System to identify commercial vessels on Lake Erie. Night vision is becoming less expensive and makes navigating safer. Boaters may not use all the latest technology, but I am willing to bet that the serious fishermen or women will look at sonar to help find the fish.

So, what does this tell us about boating education? People can investigate online to answer boating questions. They may think that the technology will solve all their problems and answer any challenges they may face on the water. Online answers to questions and courses will not provide the on-the-water experience or the skills for needed for boating. The person must learn that themselves. Instead of providing information in a

Power Point we can help new boaters build skills and understanding to operate more effectively on the water. Combining the use of teaching aids to practice skills with on-the-water mentoring, we can work toward our goal of helping boaters enjoy being on the water while providing a more active learning experience.

Doing some of the work together as a district could make changing the education program easier. The first effort toward this goal is a district-wide Instructor Development Course. Working together will create an opportunity to think about what works better. We have always shared ideas. In today's world coordinating some of our efforts should allow us to multiply their benefits.

How can the district help your squadron members be more successful?

D29 SPRING CONFERENCE 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The District 29 Winter Council Meeting of February 13, 2022, was reconvened by District Commander Tom Patterson, JN at 1257 on April 3, 2022, at Ohio Northern University in Ada. P/D/C Pam Coykendale, AP moved that a vote be taken to duly elect the 2022 Slate of Bridge Officers as presented at Winter Council. Second by P/C Sue DuBray, P. Motion carried. A unanimous vote was taken. Hearing no further old or new business to discuss, D/C Patterson requested a motion for adjournment of the Council Meeting. A motion was made by P/DEO Mark Dahlmann, SN and seconded by P/C Reagan Bristol, JN. Motion carried; the 2022 Winter Council Meeting was adjourned at 1300.

The 2022 District 29 Spring Conference was then called to order by D/C Patterson at 1301. Executive Officer Leonard Buck, N-IN directed the Color Guard to present the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by P/D/C Robert DuBray, AP. P/C Sue DuBray, P offered the invocation.

The squadron commanders came forward to announce the names of those who have joined the list of Last Horizon honorees since the 2021 District Change of Watch. They are as follows: P/C Ron DeCapio, P/C Tom Norman, P/Lt/C James Meyers – Columbus; P/D/C Douglas Kerr, Don Slough, Bob Cheeseborough – Findlay; P/D/Lt Patricia Hall, Lyle Boytim – Port Clinton; John W. Laver, Toledo.

Immediate Past District Commander Jason Snook, SN-IN introduced the Past District Commanders present: P/D/C Charles David, AP; P/R/C Robert Rayburn, SN-IN; P/D/C Robert Runner, SN-CN; P/R/C Dick Manter, AP; P/D/C William Hall, AP; P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN; P/D/C Doris Critzer, SN; R/C Larry Cole, SN-IN; P/D/C Bob DuBray, AP; P/D/C Pam Coykendale, AP; Stf/C Jason Snook, SN-IN.

P/D/C Robert DuBray, AP then introduced the First Timers in attendance: David Clark, Columbus; John Pluto, Port Clinton; Kevin Koerper, Sandusky; Michelle Abel, Toledo.

Commander Patterson welcomed National Administrative Officer Vice Commander Mike Weidel, JN-IN and his wife, Kim. V/C Weidel presented the Chief Commander's remarks.

District Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P took the roll. All Bridge Officers as well as the Chair of the Nominating & Planning Committees P/D/C Pam Coykendale, AP; Chair of the Rules Committee R/C Larry Cole, SN-IN; and Chair of the Audit Committee P/D/C Robert Runner, SN-CN were present.

Commanders, SEOs and Delegates Present – Cdr Robert Goelz, S (Columbus) – SEO / 4 Delegates

Cdr Jeffery Roth, P (Findlay) – 3 Delegates

P/R/C Richard Manter, AP (Ft Wayne) – ASEO / 3 Delegates

Cdr Dennis Timple, AP (Port Clinton) – SEO / 4 Delegates
Sandusky – 4 Delegates
Cdr Rickie Waugh, P (Toledo) – SEO / 6 Delegates

A quorum was present. The minutes of the Fall 2021 District Conference were included in the Spring 2022 *Pier 29* newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Passed.

BRIDGE REPORTS –

Executive Officer D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, N-IN –

- The Executive Department committee chairs have no reports to give currently.
- Thanks to all of them for their service this year.
- The committee chairs have graciously agreed to remain in their positions for 2022.

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

- P/R/C Robert Rayburn, SN-IN is working with Toledo SEO Lt/C Christopher Hoover, AP and P/DEO Mark Dahlmann, SN on an Instructional Development course for the district.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Education Department this year.

Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Sandra Pick, AP –

- Thank you to the members of the Administrative Department for their assistance.

Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P –

- Thank you to the members of my department for all their work this past year: Assistant Secretary P/D/C Doris Critzer, SN; Photographer D/Lt Ruth Wilcox, S; DB2000 Updater Advisor R/C Larry Cole, SN-IN; Information Tech Advisor / Web Master Stf/C Jason Snook, SN-IN.
- The 2022 rosters are being distributed at this meeting. Please e-mail me with any necessary corrections/updates.
- Dates for 2022-2023 conferences/councils are: Summer Council July 2, 2022; Fall Conference Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2022; Winter Council (Virtual) January 29, 2023; Spring Conference March 24 – 26, 2023. Report due dates for these events can be found on page 1 of the 2022 roster.
- DB2000 is no longer being updated by National. Corrections/additions to member information must be made in the Information Center on the National website.
- Deadline for Summer 2022 *Dock 29* articles will be May 22, 2022.

Treasurer D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauber, SN –

- The district has received \$3,786.90 in income and paid out \$692.18 in expenses for a net gain of \$3,094.72 from April 2021 to March 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

STANDING COMMITTEES –

- **USPS Educational Fund** – R/C Cole thanked the squadrons for their participation.
- **Conference** – No report

- **Finance** – No report
- **Law** – No report
- **Planning** – No report

GENERAL COMMITTEES –

- **Nominating** – No report
- **Rules** – No report
- **Audit** – No report

MERIT MARK CHAIR REPORT –

- P/D/C Robert Runner, SN-CN – The District Merit Mark report for 2021 has been filed.

SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS –

Columbus – Commander Bob Goelz, S –

- Three ABC classes have been completed.
- Will be holding a VSE class on April 24th.
- A Boat Handling class is being taught at present.
- The squadron will be doing VSEs at Alum Creek on May 21 & 22 during Safe Boating Week.

Findlay – Commander Jeffrey Roth, P –

- An ABC course was offered in March. We are hoping to gain some new members from it.
- A second ABC class is coming up in April.

Fort Wayne – P/R/C Richard Manter, AP –

- The squadron has an ABC class scheduled for April 30th as well as more coming up in June.

Port Clinton – Commander Dennis Timple, AP –

- An ABC class will begin in April.
- Have had success with an ad for the squadron on Facebook.
- The squadron gained three new members.
- Lyle Boytim passed away.
- There were 31 boating fatalities on Lake Erie in 2020, several of which involved paddleboaters. Need to do what we can to provide safe boating education opportunities for these folks.

Sandusky –

- An ABC class was held.

Toledo – Commander Rickie Waugh, P –

- The squadron has 126 members, 8 of whom are new.
- ABC courses are full. We have had 26 graduates so far this year. Three more classes are coming up in April and May.
- Mike Schabeck, AP has earned 50 Merit Marks.
- Will be hosting a Boating Safety Day at West Marine during Safe Boating Week. VSCs will be conducted.
- The squadron purchased a Boston Whaler and is now offering on-the-water training.

- Annual Shakedown Cruise planned for May 20th at Put-in-Bay.

OLD BUSINESS – None

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FROM 2022 USPS ANNUAL MEETING

D/C Patterson presented the following awards:

- Vessel Safety Checks – 100/year for 17 years: Dennis Ladd, Port Clinton – Century Club Member
- Distinguished Communicator – Newsletters: Columbus, Port Clinton, Sandusky, Toledo
- Distinguished Communicator – Websites: Sandusky, Toledo

D/C Patterson discharged the Bridge and all committees appointed by him. All but the secretary left the Bridge. (The secretary subsequently left when her final obligation was met.) Eight bells were sounded. D/C Patterson turned the meeting over to National Administrative Officer Vice Commander Mike Weidel, JN-IN who conducted the 2022 Change of Watch.

These elected individuals were installed as District 29 Bridge officers for 2022:

- Commander D/C Leonard Buck, N-IN
- Executive Officer D/Lt/C Sandra Pick, AP
- Education Officer R/C Larry Cole, SN-IN
- Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Sherri Haring, P
- Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P
- Treasurer D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauver, SN
- Assistant Education Officer P/D/C Philip Osborne, JN-IN
- Assistant Secretary P/D/C Doris Critzer, SN
- Assistant Treasurer P/C Judith Stout, P

Following the Change of Watch, P/D/C Patterson thanked his Bridge and the membership of D29 for their assistance and cooperation during his tenure.

NEW BUSINESS –

New Squadron Development Chair P/R/C Robert Rayburn, SN-IN posed some questions to the membership concerning what the district can do to assist the squadrons. Training? Information Sharing? Other opportunities? He then requested squadron members get back to him with their thoughts.

REMARKS FROM D/C BUCK –

Commander Buck reminded the group that all members of the district are equal. Though we may have ranks, that does not mean that the Bridge is above it all. Each of us is responsible for doing our part to make the district a success. He prefers the atmosphere to be bottom-up rather than top-down.

Hearing no further business, D/C Buck, N-IN asked for a motion to adjourn. Cdr Bob Goelz, S so moved with a second by Cdr Dennis Timple, AP. The motion carried. P/C Sue DuBray, P gave the benediction. The Color Bearers retired the colors.

Adjournment at 1500.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Rayburn

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