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District 29 United States Power Squadrons Spring 2020
Columbus Findlay Fort Wayne Port Clinton Sandusky Toledo

D/29 Spring Conference
March 20-22, 2020

Radisson Park Hotel
101 N. Summit St.
Toledo, OH 43604
419-241-3000

Theme: "Snook, Line and Sinker"



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CALL TO THE 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE

To: District 29 Conference Members: 1) District 29 Council Members: District 29 Bridge Officers, the Immediate Past District Commander, Chairs of the General Committees, Squadron Commanders, Squadron Delegates at Large 2) Past District Commanders 3) Squadron Delegates and 4) all District 29 members

From: D/Lt/C Sharon Manter, AP District 29 Secretary

Date: February 20, 2020

Please be advised the District 29 2020 Spring Conference will be held 20,21,22 March 2020 at the Park Inn by Radisson, 101 N. Summit St., Toledo, OH 43604.

Squadron Commanders: A copy of the Conference Meeting Delegate form will be sent to you for your use in providing a list of your squadron's delegates. Please complete the form, sending a copy to the Treasurer (Dennis Keyfauber, 1932 Pleasant Ridge Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46819-9513 or electronically to k3dck@onlyinternet.net **to be received by 13 March, 2020.**

Delegate Voter Cards: can be picked up Saturday at the meetings

Minutes of the Fall Conference Meeting will be available at the Conference.

Dress Code Saturday daytime: America's Boating Club or USPS casual, USPS Polo or other appropriate attire

Saturday evening: (Men) Uniform A with bow tie or USPS blazer with tie or special occasion evening attire
(Women) Uniform A with cross tie or special occasion evening attire

Registration forms for the Conference are in this issue. These forms are at the end of the newsletter.

Everyone attending must complete the registration form and mail it to the district treasurer even if you are a delegate and your conference fees are paid by your squadron treasurer!

BRIDGE REPORTS

District Commander Felicia Evans, AP

Time really does fly when you're having fun. This will be my last message as your District Commander. It has been an honor to have served the members of D/29. I look forward to **March 21, 2020** when D/Lt/C **Jason Snook** takes the oath as the next District Commander. I hope you all come to the **Spring Conference on March 20-22, 2020 at the Radisson Park Inn, Toledo, Ohio**. Toledo Sail and Power Squadron will host the Friday Night Hospitality Room and the **theme this year is "Snook, Line and Sinker."**

On March 15, 2020 the United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club (USPS/ABC), made history when **Mary Paige Abbott** became the **first female Chief Commander**. This was my first Change of Watch at the National level. Even though I have attended many COW's there was something special about this one. I have accepted a small role as a Chief Commander's aide to assist with the assignments of national representatives to District Spring Conferences. It was an honor to have been asked and I am elated to have the opportunity to serve our Chief Commander. Many past and present members of D/29 have accepted positions @ USPS/ABC. It is important that you support your local squadron, district and national program with your expertise in boating knowledge and leadership skills. So, when you receive that call, please say yes.

On January 23, 2020 you should have received an email from United States Power Squadron welcoming you to **DAN Boater** member benefits. America's Boating Club has partnered with DAN Boater to offer safety and travel benefits to our members. Your new benefits include an emergency hotline, a non emergency medical information line, worldwide medical evacuation, medical repatriation, research and rescue expenses, and much more. DAN Boater is dedicated to your safety on land and water – any time you travel more than 50 miles from home. DAN Boater is ready to assist you with a host of valuable services. Visit **danboater.org/abc** to get complete details. As part of the partnership, every USPS/ABC member is a member of DAN Boater and has full benefits of the program until your renewal with USPS/ABC when you can sign up for only \$25.00. This is another great membership benefit.

At a National meeting, it is my responsibility to attend the all-day DC meeting. These meetings are informative and beneficial because of the data that is shared with other DC's. During the meeting on Thursday 2/13/2020, I learned of a survey that was conducted by the National Administrative Dept. The survey was done with members that had not renewed their membership and left USPS/ABC after only 2-3 years. Here are the top two reasons that members decided to leave. First, they joined to get education and felt that the squadron did not offer the education that they needed. Squadrons are having difficulty in finding instructors and keeping instructors certified. So, what do we do? I think one answer is to offer more boating seminars at district conferences. Offering boating seminars at the district conferences gives members a chance to take a class that isn't available at the squadron level due to the lack of a certified instructor. Furthermore, members want online courses due to time constraints. I encourage you to check out Boat Handling 2019 and America's Boating Channel to see what USPS/ABC can offer to members and non-members with regard to boating education. The future of boating education is evolving – be a part of it. The second reason for not renewing a membership was that members felt like they could not fit into the culture of an established squadron. Culture is a word for the "way of life" of groups of people, or in other words, the way they do things. Culture can drive members away when they feel they do not fit into your squadrons way of doing things. Culture can stagnate and kill a squadron. One person or one group can change the culture of your squadron. So, ask yourself, "Does my squadron have a culture problem?"

So again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve the membership of D/29. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER
D/LT/C JASON SNOOK SN-CN**

Well by now winter has reared its ugly head and we are counting the days until we can get the boat back in the water. Soon it will be spring and we can start the process of getting that boat launched. That is also the time when many fishermen make their way out into the lake to catch the numerous fish that are swimming about. Unfortunately, a lot of those fishermen don't take any safety into concern when they head out which leads to losing their life by drowning. If they would just take the time to simply put on a life jacket, drownings could be prevented. As the incoming District Commander, one of my goals is to try to reach out to those fishermen and let them know that a little safety goes a long way. Then, hopefully more lives will be saved. Hence my theme is **Snook, Line and Sinker**.

So this now brings us to the upcoming D-29 Spring Conference at the Park Inn in downtown Toledo on March 20-22. If you have not done so already, please make your reservations by February 28. There will be a nice hospitality suite on Friday night. Come and join us for the food, drinks and fun. On Saturday we will be doing things a bit differently. We will have the business meeting at 9:00 am so that we can have more seminars and classes for the rest of the day that you can attend. Then in the evening we will have the dinner/COW where I will be sworn in as District Commander followed by an afterglow for all to enjoy. It will be a fun and educational weekend. Hope to see you there.

**DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER
D/LT/C Chris Hoover AP**

Wow!! March Spring Conference is almost here. I have listed the educational opportunities for our Spring Conference below (These are tentative and may be modified). I hope there is something that interests you as we look forward to seeing you there. Interested in becoming a certified instructor? Contact me asap – we have a class coming up soon.

Thank you to those that have helped with seminars last Fall and this coming Spring. I do want to especially thank Bob Rayburn, Mark Dahlmann, Tom Patterson and Capt. Runner for guiding and supporting me not only this year but in years past – you guys are amazing, thanks! Great job to all the squadrons that are getting out there to teach basic and advanced classes. You all make a difference – keep up the good work.

Saturday, March 21, 2020 Educational Schedule

Eagle Point 8:15 to 8:45
SEO meeting

Business meeting 9:00 to 10:30

Waynefield 10:45 to 11:25

Seminar #1 – **Co-op Charting Update** – “Marina Survey Program, how new nautical program works. Nautical Program, types of reports, what they report. Geodetic Program, resources and how to report.

Eagle Point 10:45 to 12:10 (longer session)

Seminar #2 and #3 - **Instructor Re-Certification** This is intended for already certified instructors that need to be re-certified. Please plan to attend if your certification is expired or will be soon.

Waynefield 11:30 to 12:10

Seminar #4 - **Weather or Knot?** “How weather affects our boating and how can we better predict wind and weather”. Toledo’s WTOL 11 Meteorologist John Burchfield will instruct us in what to look for and better plan on-the-water activities.

Lunch 12:15 to 1:15

Waynefield 1:30 to 3:30

Seminar #5 and #6 - **Mariners Compass (2 hour USPS Seminar) Additional cost, contact me ASAP to sign up** “One of the requirements for B.O.C. (boat operator certification). This is a USPS full 2-hour seminar. Materials will be ordered, please sign up with me ASAP.

Eagle Point 1:30 to 2:15

Seminar #7 - **B.O.C? What is it?** “Find out more about getting your boat operators certification which allows you to demonstrate proficiency of specific boating skills. There are four levels – Inland Navigator/Coastal Navigator/Adv. Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator. Come and see what this has to offer.

Eagle Point 2:30 to 3:15

Seminar #8 – **Teaching BOAT HANDLING ONLINE** The seminar could be viewed as a flipped classroom. The content is online and working with the content is in the classroom. The student will use information to solve problems or make decisions.

Hallway – 8:00 to 3:30

How to become a certified VSC examiner (vessel safety check)
Flag Etiquette (how to properly fly squadron flags and burgees)
How to nominate someone for the Chapman Award
Teaching Aid Competition – when and how?

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
D/LT/C TOM PATTERSON JN**

I presented an idea at the Winter Council to have a district social event. Some suggestions have followed: Museums, cruises on Sandusky Bay or Lake Erie, picnics centered around another activity. This would be strictly a social get-together – no meetings involved. We could make it a family event and all suggestions are welcome. Hopefully at the Spring Conference we can discuss more, even do some planning. Hope to see you all at “Snook, Line and Sinker” on March 20-22. Over and out, TP

COMMANDER REPORTS

COLUMBUS – Commander Sherri Haring, P

This is an update of recent and upcoming events. We had a busy weekend of February 7-9. The Columbus Change of Watch was held on Friday evening, February 7. The event was well attended and was a great evening!

Our 2020 Bridge is now in place for the upcoming year. Our club also just finished with the Fishing Expo that ran from Friday through Sunday here in Columbus and reportedly had a good turnout. The District Winter Council was held on Sunday, February 9 in Ada, Ohio and was very informative. There were seven members from our club that attended the event.

We will be starting an ABC3 class on February 20 and will continue on the next four Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at our Headquarters. We will also be offering another ABC3 class on Saturday March 7. This class will be eight hours and will start at 8 am.

Finally, please consider joining us at the Spring Conference in Toledo on March 20-23.

FINDLAY – Commander Jeffery Roth

The Findlay Squadron members met in January to take a vote as to whether or not to keep their squadron or give up their charter. They voted to keep it going and following are the new bridge members:

Commander	Jeffery Roth
Executive Officer	Greg Coward
Admin. Officer	Andrea Sprouse
SEO	Scott Kisabeth
Secretary	Andrea Sprouse
Treasurer	Dan Clinger

FORT WAYNE – Commander Richard Manter AP

Our squadron is working on setting up a booth at an area Summer Festival in one of the lake areas north of Fort Wayne and we are planning on a trip to the Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio but have not set a date as yet. These are the only two events we have been working on as of now but hope to fill in more as the year progresses. Our Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 6.

PORT CLINTON – Commander Dennis Timple AP

Since the Council meeting, we attended the Annual Meeting at Ponte Vedra, Florida. Our membership has increased with the addition of one new member. Our website has made our presence known and we continue to pursue growth. We have advertised the start of our Spring AB C course in local print media, Facebook and on our website. We are still attempting to complete the transfer of two members who have begun attending our events who previously were in Columbus area. For those moving up to the Lake please be aware that our total dues for a single member are only \$79.50 as our squadron dues have not changed in over 35 years at \$10.50 and are not expected to change. The value of membership is something that grows every year.

SANDUSKY – Commander Jack Runner, AP

This continues to be a busy winter for Sandusky Power Squadron. We have our third ABC Course coming up in March. We currently are running the new Boat Handling Course and found it to be a good use of our Virtual Trainer. Several of the programs in the Virtual Trainer line-up with the chapters in the new course.

We also continue to make extensive renovations to our Squadron building. Our first endeavor this year was to renovate our rental apartment on the second floor. The previous tenant left it looking pretty shabby. We have contracted for a new awning to cover the front windows and have a local artist working on renovating our sign. Additionally we have contracted with a local mason for tuck-pointing and repair of the brick work as well as sealing all of it. Our building is 158 years old this year and our goal is for it to NOT look like it.

We also took the time to assist the Sandusky Maritime Museum with conducting a Rain Gutter Regatta for a local Boy Scout troop. The Maritime Museum hosted the event for the Boy Scout troop including allowing them to sleep overnight in the Museum. A good time was had by all.

TOLEDO – Commander Fred Zibbel JN

The Toledo Sail and Power Squadron has sworn in the 2020 Bridge and Executive Committees on January 11 at the Historic Lobby of the Oliver House in Toledo. At the Change of Watch, we also awarded Sgt. Sarah Genzman of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Park and Watercraft Division, a 2020 Honorary Membership. She has been very important in presenting NASBLA Ohio Safe Boating Requirements to the students in the ABC classes. Our members have been working hard to make 2020 fun, safe, exciting and educational.

In the months of February and March, SEO Lt/C Nelson Evans, AP will be presenting America's Boating Course five times. Two classes at the Toledo Port Authority, one at Monroe County Community College, one class at Riverview Yacht Club and one at the Perrysburg Township Fire Station. In following the directive of national guidelines for implementing America's Boating Club, the Toledo Squadron will become known as America's Boating Club of Western Lake Erie. We are excited about this change and will be implementing its use on our web page, newsletter and stationary.

We also have some exciting news to report in regard to our grant application for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Park and Watercraft Safe Boating Grant. We were awarded the grant and have been officially notified. Our use of these funds will be to procure the necessary vessel to provide skills based powerboat on-the-water training experiences to complement our classroom instruction. We will be using the curriculum developed by USPS and will be NASBLA certified. This new venture is exciting but will come with a great deal of work and energy to see it through to successful implementation.

Potential uses will be to provide skills based training to new and seasoned boaters in addition to making Boat Operator Certification available to a wider audience. Potential classes might include Docking, Open Water Boat Handling, maybe a class for women only that will develop skills in Shifting, Steering and Close Quarter Boat Handling, etc. As you can imagine, this has the capability to become a key component of our educational offerings. 2020 promises to be a fun and eventful year.

**D/29 Fall Conference
Business Meeting
Hilton-Polaris Hotel
Columbus, OH
November 9, 2019**

Commander Felicia Evans, AP reconvened the D/29 Summer Council Meeting at 1:35.

She asked if there was any Old Business or New Business to come before the members. With no further business to be conducted from the Council Meeting, that meeting was adjourned.

D/Lt/C Jason Snook led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was given by P/C Sue DuBray.

P/D/C Pam Yarletts then introduced the Past District Commanders followed by D/Lt/C Tom Patterson introducing the First Timers. Our First Timers were Tom and Tiffany Francis, Michael Hughes, Paul King and Ralph Newman.

Attendance was then taken by D/29 Secretary, Sharon Manter and reported that we do have a quorum. Commander Evans then asked the membership to accept the minutes of the Spring Conference. They were accepted as presented.

The "Last Horizon" members were honored by the tolling of the bell. They are as follows: **Columbus**; Linda Whiting, Charles Groll, Fred Card, Ron Lavelly and Jane Clark. **Fort Wayne** – Galen Lehman **Lima** – Stanley Maxim **Toledo** – Jim Sommers, Bill Winslow (Larry Cole – bells)

D/Lt/C Jason Snook then asked reports from

Safety Committee – No Report

Legislative Committee – No Report

Co-op Charting – Larry Cole – Would like to have a Spring and Fall seminar

Vessel Safety Check – No Report

Homeland Security – No Report

Felicia then announced that the 2020 Spring Conference will be held at the Park Inn, downtown Toledo with room rates of \$99/night.

Education Officer, Chris Hoover thanked the instructors and those helping with the seminars. The sessions went well. He requested feedback on today's offerings and suggestions for what the members want to see included in the seminars. He also asked for nominations for the National Chapman's Award which is awarded for "Excellence in Teaching". He would like nominations from each squadron as soon as possible to get the process started. Boat Handling approved – hard copy and electronically – 6 seminars. He also wants each squadron to have at least one ABC course this coming year so our District can receive the 100% participation award. He also suggested making classes fun. Use the Boating Channel and long-time member's experiences.

Question was asked regarding the Prince Henry the Navigator Award which recognizes the squadron with the most JNs & N in a designated year's time.

Administrative Officer, Tom Patterson announced that the 2020 Summer Council will be held at Toledo Beach and the Rendezvous Cruise before the Council will include Middle Bass Island, Kelley's Island, Gem Beach and ending at Toledo Beach.

Secretary, Sharon Manter The Fort Wayne Squadron SEO and Assistant SEO are both experiencing some serious health issues. She also asked all Bridge officers and Squadron Commanders have articles to her before Christmas for the upcoming Dock 29. The Winter Council meeting is February 9 and her deadline to send the newsletter is January 9. Articles for

the Pier 29 need to be sent to her asap after Winter Council so she can meet her deadline of February 20.

Treasurer, Dennis Keyfauber reported that all bills have been paid and the district is solvent.

Commander Evans' report began with a thank you to the Columbus squadron for hosting the conference. She recognized their committee including Ruth Wilcox and Phil Osborne who were absent due to a family wedding.

There will be no Governing Board in 2020.

Bylaws need to be changed (Rules Committee)

She announced that Cdr. Dan Mullane on behalf of the Lima Squadron have begun the process to surrender their charter. There was a motion to begin the dissolution process, it was seconded and a unanimous vote taken to accept.

2020 Spring Conference will be held at Park Inn in downtown Toledo

Our registration forms are obsolete and will be changed for the upcoming conference and will have the option of sending it in by email

Bob Runner will submit his merit mark report for 41 members. If anyone has a question or would like to see their submission, he can make a printed copy

50 Year Award was received by Fort Wayne's Commander Richard Manter for Laron Beyer. Long time members also recognized were James Michael of Lima, Richard Schwab of Sandusky and George Wells of Columbus.

Rules Committee – No Report

Audit Committee – No Report

Education Committee – D/29 had 100% participation this year. That money goes to buy books and supplies for the classes.

Planning Committee – Pam Yarledds

Sunday, February 9 The Winter Council will be held at Ohio Northern in Ada, Ohio once again.

March 20-22 2020 Spring Conference, Park Inn in downtown Toledo – Lunch will be \$25, Dinner \$35 – Rooms will be \$96.00 – \$10.00/day for parking will be extra.

The committee discussed challenges of lack of membership and our aging members. Pam Yarledds was elected chairman.

Commander Reports

Columbus, Findlay, Fort Wayne, Lima and Port Clinton had No Reports. Five students completed Sandusky's ABC class and four joined the squadron. Toledo has applied for a grant to purchase a boat and trailer for on-the-water training.

Old Business – None

New Business – The Commander and Executive Officer meeting at the Governing Board talked about each districts and squadrons strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT)

A conference combining districts (PENTA) was presented at Governing Board by Mary Paige Abbott. Felicia will be meeting next Friday at the Kolahari in Sandusky with D/Cs from District 7 – Eastern Ohio & Pittsburgh, District 9 – Michigan, District 11 – Northwest Pennsylvania, District 24 – South of Columbus to see if a combined district conference is a possibility. Negotiations have already taken place with the Kolahari for room rate at \$139.00. Each district will have it's own business meeting but will combine other activities throughout the conference.

Bob Rayburn gave a short presentation for America's Boating Channel and requested that members capture and log short live action sequence videos on your phones and email them to Marty Lafferty by February 2020.

Tom Patterson requested three or four members interested in planning a district social event, in addition to conferences and meetings, to contact him. He will be the chairman and he would like to have volunteers by Winter Council.

Glen Kubinski requested rendezvous list from all squadrons.

Dates for COWs, Christmas parties, rendezvous on district website.

Benediction was given by Sue DuBray and the meeting was recessed until the evening dinner and program.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Manter,
District Secretary

