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## Pier 29

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DISTRICT 29

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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**District 29 Spring Conference**  
**April 24, 2021**

Please join us for the District 29 Spring Conference  
April 24, 2021 1000 to 1400



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Sandusky Yacht Club  
529 East Water Street  
Sandusky, OH 44870

## CALL TO THE 2021 DISTRICT 29 SPRING 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:** March 24, 2021

Please be advised that the District 29 Fall Conference will be held at the Sandusky Yacht Club on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Registration and breakfast begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Conference Meeting to follow at 10:00.

**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](mailto:k3dck3@gmail.com) by April 17, 2021.

**Uniform of the Day:** Bridge Only – Uniform F (Dark Pants, White Long-sleeve Shirt, Black Tie); All others – Appropriate America's Boating Club or USPS Attire.

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

**Registration:** Begins at 9:30.

## 2021 SLATE OF BRIDGE OFFICERS

The following have been nominated to serve on the D29 Bridge and indicated committees for 2021-2022. The slate will be voted on at Spring Conference.

Commander:	Thomas Patterson, JN
Executive Officer:	Leonard Buck, N-IN
Education Officer:	Philip Osborne, JN-IN
Administrative Officer:	Sandra Pick, AP
Secretary:	Mary Rayburn, P
Treasurer:	Dennis Keyfauver, SN
Asst. Education Officer:	Ralph W. Newman, N
Asst. Secretary:	Doris Critzer, SN
Asst. Treasurer:	Judith Stout, P

### **Nominations Committee**

Pam Yarletts, AP	Rick Kogge, JN-IN 2 yrs
Felicia Evans, AP	David Hart, JN 3 yrs
Jason Snook, SN-IN	

### **Rules Committee**

Larry D. Cole, SN-IN Chair  
Jack Runner, AP 2 yrs  
Mark Dahlmann, SN 3 yrs

### **Audit Committee**

Robert Runner, SN-CN Chair  
Sherri Haring, P 2 yrs  
Glen Kubinski, P 3 yrs

Respectfully submitted by:  
P/D/C Dan Mullane, SN-IN  
P/D/C Pam Yarletts, AP  
P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP  
P/C Rick Kogge, JN-IN

## BRIDGE OFFICER REPORTS

### **District Commander – D/C Jason Snook, SN-CN**

Spring is finally here! And that means getting the yard work done or any outdoor activity where you can enjoy the fresh air. It also means getting out to your boat to get it ready for the summer. Remember to get your boat a vessel safety check as well by one of our vessel examiners throughout the district.

Now that spring is here, the D29 Spring Conference is around the corner. We will finally be able to meet in person as long as we do so safely. The vaccine is getting distributed to as many people as possible, but we still have to maintain distance and keep wearing masks until this nasty virus is eradicated. I look forward to seeing everyone at Sandusky Yacht Club on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The year has gone by pretty fast for me even though it has been a slow one. I would like to thank the people who have given me this opportunity. It has been an honor to lead and represent D29. I wasn't able to get to the annual meeting in Florida, but the online virtual meetings were still very informative and it's still nice to see people even if it's through a computer screen. I will be able to represent D29 at the next national functions, however, as the incoming D/C has asked me to represent him for the upcoming year.

So, this will be my last article. I hope to see everyone at the Spring Conference. Until then, stay safe and healthy.

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

No Report

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

My fellow friends in D29, I do not as yet have all the details for the Spring Conference put together. This will be completed in a few days. The Spring Conference will be held April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sandusky Yacht Club with COVID protocols followed. Registration will be at 0930 with the program starting at 1000. There will be a danish and coffee bar available upon your arrival. At 1200, lunch will be served. Our District meeting and swearing in will start at 1300. At present, I am looking for someone to handle registration and receiving fees. The cost will be \$22.00.

This Spring Conference will be different than those in the past as it will concentrate on the social aspect of D29 and afford us an opportunity to get together with our fellow Power Squadron District 29 membership. The end of the meeting will be at approximately 1400. We are hoping for a good turn out so we may share plans for future activities with the District membership. Thank you for your patience; more to come this week through our District emails.

### **District Administrative Officer – D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, N-IN**

Well, the Nomination Committee has spoken. We on the D29 Bridge are moving up! One of the first duties of a new DXO is to appoint multiple members to several committees. Which reminds me of a story...

On one of my summons to serve on jury duty the Judge came out to greet we prospective jury members just minutes before the trial was to start. He announced unfortunately he had bad news but also good news for us. He felt it best to start with the bad first. The scheduled trial was cancelled. We were dismissed! Great we thought...how could the good news be better than that? Well, he felt it was good. We could sign up for another day of jury duty! For the members of the 2020 DXO-managed committees, all your news is "good". All your hard work during the COVID Crisis last year was noted and appreciated. Will you serve again in 2021? I would

like to reappoint each of you. Please let me know if this is a problem for you. Give me a call at 419-654-5985 or send me an email at [buckrita@gmail.com](mailto:buckrita@gmail.com).

As I settle into my new duties, I look forward to working with your Squadron. I encourage your input, your ideas, and other information you would like to share. Now looking out the back windows of our home, I see a number of watercraft cruising Lake Erie. Here is hoping ours and your boats will soon be out on the water!

## SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS

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

Columbus is slowly opening back up. We just completed our second America's Boating Course (ABC3). The turnout was very good for our Zoom classes. The next class we are going to offer is a hybrid Boat Handling seminar. This summer we have a wide variety of trips planned. Our trips are varied and you can join us via boat, or car and meet us there. The contact information for each trip is as follows:

- May 22 - Alum Creek Cruise (end of Safe Boating Week)

Hot dogs and chips at the Alum Creek New Galena Dock location. We will cruise the lake and have a celebration of vessel exams (COVID permitting). Contact: Glen Kubinski [glenkubinski@yahoo.com](mailto:glenkubinski@yahoo.com)

- June 20 – June 26 Nashville Trip

Launch from .....on June 20, arriving Nashville on June 22. Overnight 22,23,24, at Holiday Inn Express (Phone 877-666-3243). Contact: Phil Osborne [posborne2@aol.com](mailto:posborne2@aol.com)

- July 10 Lake Erie Cruise

Cruise Sandusky Bay to Fremont down the Sandusky River! Contact: Phil Osborne [posborne2@aol.com](mailto:posborne2@aol.com)

- July 17 Buckeye Lake Poker Run

Contact: Ron Hupman [hupman1@att.net](mailto:hupman1@att.net)

- August 13-15 Ohio River Trip

Launching from Ripley Ohio, exploring the Ohio River and historic river towns along the way. Contact: Tom Francis [francisjr.t@rpamail.com](mailto:francisjr.t@rpamail.com)

- September 15 – 21 Lake Cumberland Cruise

Beaver Creek Marine Botel (houseboat) trip. 3 Botels reserved. If you are going RESERVE your Botel now. (You can always cancel). 6 Queen size rents for 399.50/night. 4 Queen size rents for 366.16/night. \$500.00 deposit refundable until August. Call 800-844-8862. Come and enjoy Lake Cumberland with us!! Contact Joe Huffman [joes442@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joes442@sbcglobal.net)

Lastly and sadly, we have lost Past Commander Ronald DeCario 2006-2007 and past long-time member from the 70-80's, John McCall.

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

No report

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

Fort Wayne has scheduled an ABC class coming up in May at Lake Wawasee, a large lake northwest of Fort Wayne. We are also hoping to get one scheduled at Lake James, a large lake north of Fort Wayne, in April. Our Education Officer, John Schmidt, who has battled some health problems and wasn't able to teach classes has recuperated and will be teaching along with our Assistant Education Officer, Carl Clair. He has already had one class here in Fort Wayne this past month. Glad to have him back!!

As far as other activities for the year, we are going to plan as we go thru the year. Glad to hear there will be Spring Conference at SYC and other activities throughout the year.

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

No Report

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

No Report

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

The Toledo Squadron held its COW on January the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Bridge was successfully sworn in virtually. With this being the first, and hopefully the last virtual COW, I think it went very well.

Our SEO, Lt/C Fred Zibbel, has planned an ABC course for March the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. He is working on virtually presenting some seminars that we haven't had in a while. The US Navy Sea Cadets have contacted the squadron and he is working with them to arrange a class when possible.

Lt/C Frank Czerniejewski and the cruise committee are working on an aggressive rendezvous schedule for the summer. If you would like to join us, the schedule is in the March *Breeze*.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have one of my favorite events of the year and that is winter rendezvous in South Haven, Michigan. With the vaccines becoming more available and more people getting them, I hope we get back to a 'normal' way of having meetings, rendezvous, and events sometime this year.

# **D29 FALL CONFERENCE 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

The District 29 Fall Conference 2020 was called to order by D/C Jason Snook, SN-IN at 1015 on October 17, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually.

D/Lt Sue DuBray, P offered the invocation. District Education Officer P/D/C Phil Osborne, JN-IN led the Pledge of Allegiance. The July 11, 2020 Summer Council meeting was adjourned.

District Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P took the roll. All Bridge Officers were present.

Commanders and Delegates Present – Cdr Sherri Haring, P (Columbus) – 4 Delegates  
Cdr Jeffery Roth, P (Findlay) – No Delegates  
P/R/C Richard Manter, AP (Fort Wayne) – 1 Delegate  
Cdr Dennis Timple, AP (Port Clinton) – 2 Delegates  
P/D/C Jack Runner, AP (Sandusky) – 4 Delegates

Cdr Fred Zibbel, N (Toledo) – 4 Delegates

Past District Commanders Present – R/C ANEO Robert Rayburn, SN-IN

P/D/C Jack Runner, AP

P/D/C Bob DuBray, AP

P/D/C Pam Yaretts, AP

P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP

A quorum was present. The minutes of the Spring 2020 District Conference were included in the Fall 2020 *Pier 29* newsletter. The minutes were accepted as distributed.

## **BRIDGE REPORTS –**

**Commander Jason Snook, SN-IN –**

- All squadrons except Findlay have donated to the USPS Educational Fund.
- The district has four members who will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in February 2021 for 50 years of membership. They are as follows: Walter A. McComb, P (Fort Wayne); James W. Woodard, P (Port Clinton); James L. Smith, P (Sandusky); R. Barry Hardy, AP (Toledo).

**Executive Officer D/Lt/C Tom Patterson, JN –** No report

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

- Asked Columbus Commander Sherri Haring to report on their ABC Class.
- An online Boat Handling course in modular form is now available. Cost is \$67.50 for all six modules or \$24.95 each for individual modules.
- Port Clinton has submitted a nominee for the Chapman Award.

**Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Leonard Buck, JN-IN –** No report

**Secretary D/Lt/C Mary Rayburn, P –**

- Requested the squadron commanders ask their newsletter editors to provide the names of any members without e-mail addresses to her so she can investigate ways to provide them with copies of *Pier 29* and *Dock 29*.

**Treasurer D/Lt/C Dennis Keyfauver, SN –**

- The district has received \$3,184.89 in income and paid out \$949.73 in expenses for a net gain of \$2,235.16 since my last report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS –**

**GENERAL COMMITTEES –**

- **Nominating** – No report
- **Rules** – No report
- **Audit** – P/C Charles Kletecka, JN – Waiting for information from the treasurer. Will complete report at the end of the fiscal year.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES –**

- **USPS Educational Fund** – No report
- **Conference** – P/D/C Felicia Evans, AP – Looking at the possibility of holding the Spring 2021 Conference at the Holiday Inn Express in Maumee at the end of March.
- **Budget** – No report
- **Planning** – No report

## **SQUADRON COMMANDER REPORTS –**

### **Columbus – Commander Sherri Haring, P –**

- We are offering a virtual ABC class this fall. It is spread out over 5 nights. Testing will be done at HQ under social distancing guidelines with masks required.

### **Findlay – Commander Jeffrey Roth, P –**

- Thirty-five people, including current and former members, attended our Fish Fry.
- We have signed up six new members.
- The squadron has been meeting monthly at my home.
- A Christmas event is being planned.

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

- Plan to hold a food drive as well our annual toy drive at our Christmas party.
- Dick and Sharon Manter received their 25-year pins.

### **Port Clinton – Commander Dennis Timple, AP –**

- Will be having a gathering at the 1812 restaurant in downtown Port Clinton for those members who feel safe in attending.
- It has been difficult to find locations in which to hold classes.

### **Sandusky – Commander Jack Runner, AP –**

- Please refer to report in Fall 2020 *Pier 29*.

### **Toledo – Commander Fred Zibbel, N –**

- Nelson Evans will be teaching the fall ABC class.
- We plan to hold a general membership meeting via ZOOM in November.
- Happy Birthday, Leonard Buck!!

## **OLD BUSINESS – None**

## **NEW BUSINESS – None**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

- Due to the pandemic, Commander Snook is uncertain at this point whether the district will be able to hold in-person events such as Christmas parties and Changes-of-Watch for the foreseeable future.



- Following this meeting, ANEO Bob Rayburn, SN-IN will share some tips for giving virtual presentations.
- The 2021 Winter Council meeting will be held virtually on Sunday, February 7, 2021.

Adjournment at 1051.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mary Rayburn*

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

The registration form for the conference can be found on the following page.



**USPS D/29**  
**SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**  
**April 24, 2021**  
**Sandusky Yacht Club**



Anyone attending this Conference and partaking in lunch must register using this form. **Delegates must use this form to register.** Your squadron will send your fees directly to the D/Treasurer.

**Is this your 1<sup>st</sup> District Conference? Yes \_\_\_.**

Lunch Menu (Choose One)

- **The SYC – Smoked Turkey, Honey Ham, Applewood Bacon, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Dijon Aioli, Texas Toast**
- **Prime Rib French Dip – Sautéed Onions, Mozzarella, Hoagie Roll**
- **Commodore Salad – Mixed Greens, Cranberries, Red Onion, Carrots, Blue Cheese Crumbles, Candied Pecans, With Chicken**

All lunches will be served with coffee, tea and/or iced tea.

Special dietary needs? Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Cost: For Lunch \$ 22.00**

Please print & fill in the information below and mail to the address indicated.

Rank	Name	Grade	The SYC	French Dip	Commodore Salad	<b>Delegate?</b> Circle one Yes No
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	Yes No
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	Yes No
Guest	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Guest	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	

**Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please send this completed Registration Form and Check – Payable to **USPS District 29**.  
 Mail to: **P/D/C Pam Yarletts, AP, 1850 W. Lakeshore Dr., Port Clinton, OH 43452**

**DEADLINE: REGISTRATION AND CHECK *MUST* BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021.**

For any questions, please call: P/D/C Pam Yarletts 419-360-3334.

**DRESS CODE:**

Bridge Only – Uniform F (Dark Pants, White Long-sleeve Shirt, Black Tie) / All others – Appropriate America's Boating Club or USPS Attire.