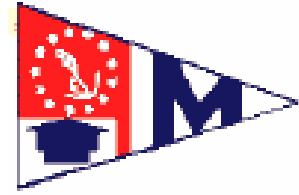




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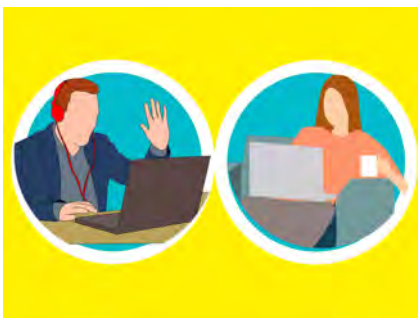
From the Wheelhouse

Cdr Jay Wells, AP

Hello from stay home Ohio.

First I would like to introduce myself to those who may not know me. My name is Jay Wells. This is my second time around as commander of Mansfield Power Squadron, but my first time was many years ago (1976), so many of you will not know me. I am happy to serve you again as your commander, and I hope I can fulfill your expectations as the year progresses.

This is going to be a very different challenge due to the Covid-19 which we are all experiencing together. As I write this, the governor has opened up camping and parks which will include boat ramps, and will allow us to use our watercraft this summer. With that in mind, the bridge has decided to go ahead and plan some events, even if we have to cancel at a later date. I would rather have some activities planned than do nothing all summer. With that said, I have invited the squadron to attend a picnic at our home on June 26 at 5:30. Look for details in Lt/C Lynn Fortman's article.



We had our first ever virtual meeting via Zoom, and it was successful. I have included everyone's email address that I have so that all who wish to join the meeting can join in and see what we are doing as a squadron. I will be sending another invite around the fourth of June for the 9 June meeting. It will come to you in

your email. If you do not get an invite, send me a note to jepiper@3g4airport.com with your current email address, and I will get you on the list. When you do receive the invite, all you need to do to join the meeting is click on the link that is in the invite, and you will be able to join in on the fun. No one is sure how long this will be our form of meeting before we can go back

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to our in person meetings, but at least we can keep in touch for now.

Hopefully by now you are about ready to launch your craft for the summer season. Even if we don't know what that season is going to look like we can be hopeful for a near normal summer. The main concern is that we all do the best we can to stay safe and healthy. The new normal is not going to look like the old normal we are used to, but we are a resilient people, and we will adjust to what ever we need to stay safe.

Stay safe and boat safely, but most of all take care of each other.

Cdr. Jay Wells

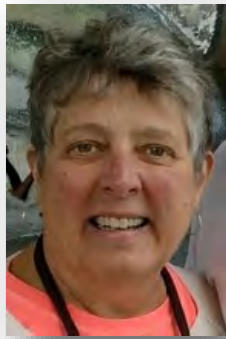


Administrative Officer

P/C Lynn Fortman, N

Wow what a year this has been!

Having just completed our first Zoom meeting thanks to our new Cdr. Jay Wells, it's exciting to know that we will be able to meet not only via technology but also interpersonally if our Stay Safe Ohio guidelines can be followed and members feel comfortable gathering together. We've planned some activities to begin the season but I've cancelled all of the additional Social Gatherings that were planned for this year until further notice. But don't give up on your axe throwing, knot tying or wine tasting. We will return to our new normal soon and you need to be ready.



At our Zoom meeting on May 12, it was decided that we would have a Bring Your Own Meal/Bring Your Own Beverage/Bring Your Own Table service, gathering at Cdr. Jay and Ellen Well's home at the Ashland Airport. Tables and chairs to accommodate members will be provided but we're trying to be as cognizant as we can of the concerns that people may have about getting together so we will not be sharing food for this outing. The function will take place in their airplane hangar or if the rain stops, maybe outside! What good is a runway if we aren't hunting for Geodetic Markers? **The date is Friday, June 26. We will begin with social time at 5:30 and dinner**

will follow. Jay's address is in our roster, but you can follow your map or google directions to the airport. Turn right before the road dead ends into the runway and you'll see their home and hangar on the right side. To help Jay and Ellen plan for enough tables/chairs, *please RSVP to my email at fortmanlynn@gmail.com or call/text at 419 631 4842 by June 24.*

We will be having another Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30. If you have an email and it isn't in the roster and you would like to participate, give Jay a call and he can add you to the invitation list. Your email will not be added to the roster unless you choose to let me know you want it added for 2022.

Our next outing will be a little more adventurous. We will plan to meet for a late lunch on **Saturday, July 25 at 2:00.** The location is Quaker Steak and Lube, 2003 Cleveland Rd., at the entrance to Cedar Point in Sandusky. Come by boat or by car. As you know, with social distancing we will be waiting to hear if this particular establishment will be open for business at that date/time but please keep the date open and we will plan another venue if something changes. *Again, an email or call with the RSVP above would be appreciated by July 23.*

Until we meet again in person, stay healthy and happy! If Covid-19 has reminded us of nothing more than hearing our mother's reminder to wash our hands, it's also been a reminder that each day is a gift. Live it well!

From the Safety Officer

P/C Daniel Fortman, N

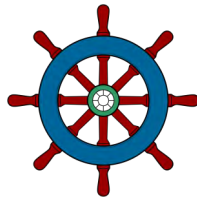
DOCKING: AVOIDING TROUBLE

This boating year will be an unusual one for all of us. The Coronavirus has forced us to shelter in place and to keep a safe distance from others. And for those of us that boat on Lake Erie, the water level has been at record heights which has effected boaters and damaged marinas and shorelines, especially when the Spring north winds blew. I believe that we will make it through these rough times because as Safety Squadron members we honor safety and respect for others as a high priority. So when the time comes when we can boat again, we may be a tad rusty on technique, especially the fine art of docking our boat. Let me pass along some tips that you probably already know but may have forgotten.

Face the wind. Whenever the opportunity exists, you should face the bow of the boat into the wind during the docking process. This holds true in very light wind. The bow, with it's narrow shape, reduces the wind's ability to push it out of control. The most trouble most boaters have is when the wind comes from the side.



Turn 1st, power 2nd. When you change the direction of your boat, always turn the wheel first and then add power. When you practice your docking skills, compare the difference in the boat's response from turning the wheel first then adding power to powering first then turning the wheel. You will be surprised at the substantial difference in response.



Do overs are okay. If you start the docking process wrong and are not in the position that you want to be in, begin again. Many boaters feel embarrassed to back off a poor docking alignment, so they stay with it, powering forward, slamming back, banging into the dock, etc. Believe me, its easier and safer to simply start over.

Watch your speed. Never speed up to try to steer out of hitting something. While it may seem appropriate at times to gun the throttle to avoid a collision, statistics prove otherwise. Too often speeding up to avoid something creates serious damage, it's much better to slow down and gently glide into contact with the object. Controlling your speed is especially an issue while docking. I've seen experienced, veteran boaters, glide rapidly into their docks with no issue. On the other hand, most of us are not that experienced and it is prudent to take our time and approach the docking process slowly and cautiously. Your dockmates will be more impressed with a smooth, safe docking experience than any accident that can occur at higher than necessary speed.

Have a great time on the water this season and stay safe at all times in all ways.

Dan Fortman, N



Docking Picture from the New Boat Handling Course

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From the Education Officer

Lt/C Shirley Fort, SN



“JUST DO IT!”

While researching family background, my recently retired son-in-law happened on a front-page article from a November, 1970, Mansfield News Journal relating to the safe arrival of a 65 foot schooner in Sandusky Bay. Bob Tarr, a Mansfield Power Squadron member, had originally contracted for the craft to be built in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. After the keel had been laid, Bob found another vessel more to his liking and another MPS member, Bud Gobeille assumed ownership. The article brought to mind many memories: masts too big to reach around, booms as big as telephone poles, sail hoops hand made by an Indian tribe, forests searched for trees that grew at exactly the right angle to shape the “knees,” boys who proved their manhood by climbing the ratlines, stars so numerous in the night sky it was difficult to find familiar constellations, light house heights listed as 300 feet but were really 10 feet high situated on a 290 foot cliff.

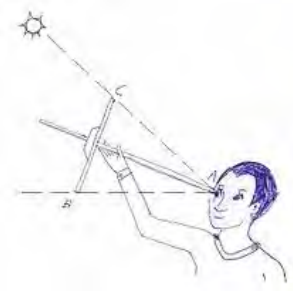
The section of the article that really caught my eye was down a paragraph or two when the reporter, trying to lead into more detail, asked what it took to venture out on the open seas on such an adventure. Bud’s response shut her down rather bluntly: “Well, you just do it!” Excuse me, Mr. G., you didn’t “just do it.” There were months and months of planning and preparation, years of accumulated learning and

expertise from the first moments in the shipyard, through launch and sea trials, crew recruitment, and voyage home. You learned about tides, currents, chart work, and DR tracks in Advanced Piloting. Two of your crew, Bob Tarr and Ned Fort, were celestial navigators (No Loran or GPS back then). Bob was an expert sailor with experience in the South Pacific. Ned was a master mechanic, electrician, and engine man. You studied weather patterns to find a window between storms and ice packs. You collected detailed charts (some British Admiralty charts from the 1800’s), notice to mariners and light lists. You studied course options and talked to other captains to gain local knowledge. Oh, and don’t forget about the ham radio support system Ed Starkey helped set up for on-going communication and safety monitoring.

Although you may never really be able or want to, embark on such a grand adventure, other opportunities do knock if you’re ready. The squadron courses that enabled this crew to successfully complete the cruise are available to you. You need to “JUST DO IT.”

Stay safe, keep learning.

Shirley



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- ★ ABC students and squadron members caught ★
- ★ in the middle of the Pandemic successfully ★
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- ★ Weekley and son, Aaron Weekley, of Butler, ★
- ★ and Steven and Margie Warner of Mansfield. ★
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- ★ completed the Weather exam. ★
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- ★ Shirley or Jay Wells know ASAP if/when you ★
- ★ are ready to begin. ★
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EVENT SCHEDULE - MANSFIELD POWER SQUADRON



2020

June

- 9 Zoom meeting at 6:30.
- 26 Dinner: Cdr. Jay and Ellen Well's home at the Ashland Airport at 5:30 PM

July

- 25 Late lunch: Quaker Steak and Lube, 2003 Cleveland Rd., Sandusky (at the entrance to Cedar Point) at 2:00.
- 31 through Aug 2: D/7 Cruise at Middle Bass Island

September

- 8 - 13: America's Boating Club Governing Board in Raleigh, NC

* See the Administrative Officer article in this newsletter for more information about activities.

** Contact your Administrative Officer, Lynn Fortman, at 419-631-4842 if you are interested in a venue for a rendezvous.

*** Members with email addresses will be reminded of upcoming events. If you have questions about an event, please call.



The 2020 Fall National Governing Board will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina (September 8-13)

Come Learn our History and Meet Headquarters Staff

In addition to accomplishing lots of work for the organization, the national meetings committee has planned some wonderful offsite events. Tours of the headquarters building, including the library and board room, the warehouse, the shipping center and the various offices will be the highlights. In addition, there will be a cocktail hour at the hotel with the staff in attendance. Come meet the wonderful people who help solve your challenges! There are three opportunities for these tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There are other tours and events available including a Kayaking Trip, Tour of Raleigh, Afternoon Tea, and beautiful museums. Check out the meeting website for more details. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39 Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours! Join us for fun, work, and fellowship! You determine how much of each.

Love a Good Mystery?

Grab your friends and join us in Raleigh NC on September 10th for a fun, exciting, mysterious evening of dinner and fellowship at the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. The dinner will be held at the National Fall Governing Board Meeting. We will be having lots of onsite and offsite activities in addition to meeting and communicating with other USPS/ABC members. Some of the other activities will include kayaking, touring our headquarters building, visiting the NC History and Science Museums, sampling the wonderful IPA beers in the area and afternoon tea. The Raleigh Hilton North Hills is working with the National Meetings Committee to make this a very economical meeting for all attendees. The business of USPS/ABC is conducted by the various committees, but we encourage everyone to join in the fun and fellowship by attending the meals and tours (when available). Check out the meeting website for more details. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39 Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours!



D7 Cruise to Middle Bass Island

31 July—2 August 2020



“LET’S GET NAUTI-CAL”

Rank/Name _____ Rank/Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Squadron _____ Home phone _____ Cell _____
 Email address _____ Boat Name _____

Number Attending _____ Grand Total: \$ _____

*Dockage available after May 1, 2020. Contact Tom or Joanne Hancock (see below) to register for dockage at MBI State Park Marina and more information.

D7 Cruise/MBI, 31 July-2 August, Weekend Package: Includes Friday Night Pizza Party & BYOB at MBIYC, Saturday MBIYC Steak Fry & Entertainment, Saturday & Sunday light breakfast, & all other weekend events. (Please indicate if you require vegetarian.)

All for only \$65.00 per person



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R/C Tom Hancock, 426 Emerson Ave., NW North Canton, OH 44720

Phone: Call 330-499-3660 or text 330-418-9956

Reservation deadline: 24 July 2020

**Reservations received after this date will be charged
a \$10.00 late fee per family unit.**

Ferry information at <https://www.ohio-put-in-bay.com/sonnys>

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<https://www.vrbo.com> or <http://www.booking.com>



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