General Membership Meeting

Tuesday May 5, 2015

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron
at
Registry Bistro
144 N Superior St, Toledo
1730 - 1830 Social Hour
1830 - 1930 Dinner
1930 - Meeting/Program

Chef Erica will make our dinner and then teach how to make the meal from our galleys on our boats. Signature Drink, appetizer, and main meal. Dessert will also be provided.

Table Service and coffee will be provided.

Cost will be $15.00.

Valet parking out front and a cash bar.

Please have your reservations in by Friday, May 1st.

Remember the fourth person to RSVP will win a prize.

For reservations e-mail to buckrita@gmail.com

or call before 10 pm (419) 262-0015

Reservations not canceled 24 hours in advance will be charged.
May Birthdays

Francis X. Tesorero 1 Felicia M. Evans 17
Julie Albers 9 Donald R. Weier 21
Dorothy M. Abair 10 William J. Gerst 22
Jason J. Snook 11 Ronald F. Trzcinski 23
James S. Young 11 Aldis Ozolins 24
Jo Ann B. Scott 14 Deborah M. Barry 25
Kelly J. Arndt 15 Catherine M. Poiry 25
Rita A. Buck 16 Mary E. Strohmaier 26
Thomas A. Klein 16 Julia Steinecker 28

SQUADRON PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING

Would all squadron members please act as "newspaper monitors" and watch for articles and ads submitted by TSPS that may appear in area newspapers such as Maumee Mirror, The Key, Swanton Enterprise, Sylvania Advantage, Perrysburg Messenger, Point & Shoreland Journal, etc. For articles: one submitted recently to area newspapers was a boat care tip (from The Breeze) which was written by Lt Boni Thibert, SN (our member residing on Neebish Island). It concerns damage to gelcoat that can occur when waxing the hull. For ads: we are currently running ads for the May 9th basic boating class (ABC class) at Perrysburg Twp. Fire Dept. So if you see TSPS mentioned, please let me know. Thank you so much. Joyce Mease, Chair
email: measefam@accessstoledo.com
Keep all members and families in your prayers daily as we continue on.
Toledo Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting   February 24, 2015   The Oliver House

Call to order 1900 by Cdr John Mather, P.  Prayer by P/C Deb Shaulis, P.  Pledge led by Cdr John Mather, P.  Quorum (6 required) confirmed by Secy.  January Minutes: motion to approve by P/C Deb Shaulis, P, 2nd by P/C Marian Linenkugel, SN.  Motion carried.

ExecOfficer: Lt/C Joann Scott, S
  • Public Relations/Advertising – 10% discount for police, EMT, firefighters to take May 9th ABC.  PR will calendar for next January to contact Bass Pro about Squadron display at annual “Fish Day”.  Currently advertising May 9th ABC class.
  • VSC – Lt John Miga, P  Absent
  • Co-Op Charting: year ends in a couple of weeks and have report then.
  • Reviewed upcoming Point Place Parade (Sat., May 30-Noon), Lighthouse Festival in July, Antique Boat Show in August.
  • Lt/C Rita Buck would like participation in Dragon Boat Race on June 20.  She will man for Squadron.  Suggested was to rent popcorn machine.  Use white bags affixed w/big label advertising Squadron.

Ship’s Store – Squadron logo clothing already completed – D/C Larry Cole, SN commented National has issued new standards and our Squadron logo does not meet new standards – he suggests use logo clothing already made but be aware new standards are out there.  Question was raised--what would it cost to digitize new logo?

EdOfficer: Lt/C Marian Linenkugel, SN
Piloting completed, excellent grades.
1st ABC class done, at Port Authority, 2 students, who passed.  (see Motion under New Business)
In progress is Weather class.
ABC class at Monroe Comm. College has 8 students.  Monroe CC reimbursed Squadron for some of the student fees they collected.
AP starts March 9, 6:30, at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church on Sterns Rd.
ABC May 9th one-day course at Perrysburg Twp Fire Dept.
Discussed at D/29 Winter Council was National’s on-the-water course.  Requirements to get instructors certified requires special training which appears to be beyond our Squadron limits.

Admin.Officer: Lt/C Rita Buck  (out of town)
  • General Meetings:  April at Monroe Boat Club, burgers and soup, program Vern Meinke will tell of experiences operating an Emergency Service on Lake Erie.
  Xmas Party, Toledo Club, Sat., Dec. 5.
  Treasurer: Lt/C Ray Gall, N  Finances in good shape.  Made a little money on Jolly Roger Boat Club meeting.  Paid them $100 towards Junior Sailing Club.  Passed out 2014 income versus expenses.
  Secretary: Lt/C Joyce Mease, P  Reporting for P/C Dorie Backus, P--7 name tags on order.

Cdr’s Report: Cdr John Mather, P
Winter Council, Ada, Ohio, February 8.  Lt/C Joann Scott, S attended the Cdr’s/Exec Officers meeting for Cdr Mather who was out of town.  Joann gave highlights.  Attending from Squadron were D/C Larry Cole, SN, Lt/C Rita Buck, D/1st/Ist Jason Snook, SN, P/C Felicia Evans, AP.

Committee Reports: Nothing from Rules, Finance, Auditing.
Planning: D/C Larry Cole, SN reported on behalf of P/C Felicia Evans, AP.
The proposal by several Squadron members of a sponsorship donation to Toledo Maritime Academy had previously been referred to the Planning Committee.  On further consideration, it was decided ExecComm should move forward with consideration of the matter and give their recommendation to the General Membership.  (see Motion in Old Business below)

Good of the Squadron:
D/C Larry Cole, SN recommends everyone read Squadron Bylaws and Rules.  Can read them online at www.toledopowersquadron.org Those we presently use are seriously out of date.
It was suggested that USGCA officer Bob Stauffer be invited to give a Squadron program on the activities of the Auxiliary. It was recommended at D/29 Winter Council that squadrons should be working together with Auxiliary.

Good article in “BoatUS” on senior boaters.

Idea was put forth of having a Squadron booth/display/tent at one of Meinke Marina’s events.

**Old Business**

**MOTION** by Lt/C Ray Gall, N and 2nd by P/C Deb Shaulis, P to recommend to the General Membership that the Squadron sponsor one student to the Toledo Maritime Academy for one year at a cost of $550.

Discussion of Motion: Rick Brown of TMA indicated sponsorship would provide certification for a graduating senior to work on the lake (fees, licenses, physical and drug test, passport). Sponsorship could be renewed each year on the approval of TSPS. TMA to select the student. TMA needs to have funds by April 1st.

No objections. Motion passed.

**New Business**

Discussion of sponsorship of one Toledo Maritime Academy student to work on Brig Niagara for the summer. $1,500 to sponsor. Consensus of ExecComm was not to do.

**MOTION** by Lt/C Ray Gall, N, 2nd by P/C Deb Shaulis, P that Squadron pay dinner cost for 2 prospective members who passed ABC Class at Port Authority. No objections, motion carried.

**MOTION** by P/C Marian Linenkugel, SN, 2nd by Lt/C Joyce Mease, P to pay St. Luke’s Lutheran Church $100 for using meeting room for AP and Piloting classes. No objections, motion carried.

D/29 is raising dues by $3.00. **MOTION** by P/C Marian Linenkugel, SN, 2nd by Ray Gall, N, that Squadron dues remain as they are. No objections. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Squadron Secretary Lt/C Joyce Mease, P.

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**TSPS 2015 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE**

*All details TBA at a later date.*

**JUNE**
26-28 Clinton Reef Club (Port Clinton)

**JULY**
24-26 Sandusky
26-28 Vermillion
28-29 Huron
29-31 Kelleys
28-Aug, 2 Middle Bass (in conjunction w/ D7 Rendezvous)

**AUGUST**
14-17 Harsen’s Island
17-19 Sarnia
19-21 Lexington
21-23 Windsor

**SEPTEMBER**
11-13 Put in Bay

In addition: ***Felicia Evans is planning: TOLEDO BEACH. Date TBA.***
A Helping Hand...

This is story about a single incident that truly changed the future of a couple of nice boaters. It begins in late August on Superior's southern shore. We were heading eastward towards Grand Marais, Michigan trying to avoid some upcoming bad weather. Grand Marais is a nice little, fresh water community that gives off a 1950’s feel. The marina consists of one steel riprap pier with an average of six feet of depth and offers decent protection...at the dock, that is.

The bay does not offer shelter from easterly winds. That feature along with the numerous moored vessels leaves much to be desired on the availability of good holding ground with protection. The pier is based on first come first served so it can be the luck of the draw when you arrive whether you will or won’t have dockage. When we got close to the pier, there were three boats already there and spaced far enough apart to make squeezing in somewhat difficult but we managed. The owners of the other vessels were gone, probably to dinner in town. By 7:00 that evening the weather was starting to kick up a bit. We had returned to our boat and noticed that it appeared that everyone else had made it back to their boats also. By 8:00 the wind was coming in strong from the east. All the moored boats had swung around, pointing into it and riding the waves. Just about that time a beautiful trawler came near the pier and motored slowly by, the captain noticing that there was not enough room between the other boats pulled out and went to the far side of the harbor, beyond the moorings, to gain an anchorage. I mentioned this to Phil who took one look and told me to give them a call. I was to tell them that we would make room available at the pier and would catch them when he came in.

As I called them I could hear their chain clatter as they dropped the anchor. Then slowly they began pulling it up and securing it to the roller mount. After all this and getting dock lines and fenders out Phil had gotten everyone to move the boats together and make a space for the trawler. Then we all waited as this really beautiful boat gracefully came around and pulled in. Everyone grabbed lines and kept the boat from making a very unladylike entrance. Afterwards, the owner thanked everyone.

The following morning the wind was shrieking, the clouds were being torn apart as they flew across the sky. No one could reach the weather on the VHF or local radio. I called the Coast Guard at Marquette and was told that they did not have any forecast from NOAA. I found that hard to believe. I contacted the city marina in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan and asked them for the NOAA weather forecast. Since we are familiar with this particular marina and are aware of their posting the weather report for all their boaters I figured I would get an answer, well, indeed I did. The young man told me to hold the line went outside and told me that the sky was gray and it was starting to sprinkle a bit. I explained that there were five boats stuck in Grand Marais without VHF access to the NOAA weather radio stations and needed this knowledge. At this point the young man assured me that it was indeed raining outside his office. I thanked him and hung up. I contacted the DNR and after explaining the situation asked for the NOAA weather update. They told me that they were in Lansing and perhaps I should call the Coast Guard. I called the Soo, Michigan Coast Guard, explaining the reason for my call, was told that they didn’t make those kind of reports. After much frustration I gave up.

Phil and I let everyone know what was going on and basically we would be stuck here until the weather broke, whenever that was. In the meantime we got to know the other boaters quite well. The star of the show was the magnificent trawler and its owners. We were given a tour of this boat and I must say that it was the first time I was ever taken into an engine compartment in my socks. As it turned out the owners were from Maine and planned to take this boat down to Florida and beyond.

Another sailboat on the pier was in the process of being delivered to Duluth by a novice pilot who learned the hard way to include expenses in his bill on his next delivery. Then there was an older sailboat that the owner just purchased and was trying to get to Marquette. He had no fenders and his boat was taking a beating against the pier. He left his boat the following morning and reappeared two days later just as the weather started to clear up. The last one was a small power boat who’s owner left his boat the following morning and never came back until after we departed. This man also declined the use of fenders.

It took four days to finally have the wind calm down. Lake Superior still had six to eight footers out there and we decided to wait one more day since we would be heading into them. On the fifth day we said good bye to Grand Marais and headed homeward. The trawler left the dock shortly afterward, heading eastward in our general direction.

It would be Christmas when we received a letter from this couple announcing that they had sold their home in Maine and had purchased a home, with water frontage, on Drummond Island. Their explanation was simply put as they had encountered a very nice couple who demonstrated to them how boaters should treat each other and felt that what they learned from us showed them that relocating to the Saint Mary’s River, was indeed, the correct move...and just think, all this for a helping hand!

Philip and Boni Thibert SN(s)

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May 2015

- **10 Mother’s Day**
- **14 Flag Day**
- **21 Father’s Day / Summer Solstice**
- **28 Rendezvous - Clinton Reef Club**

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- **27 Rendezvous - Clinton Reef Club**
- **4 Independence Day**
- **18 International Picnic Day**

Other dates:

- **16 Armed Forces Day**
- **26 Rendezvous - Clinton Reef Club**
- **28 Rendezvous - Clinton Reef Club**
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