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Toledo Sail and Power Squadron



JANUARY 2025

# The Breeze

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron celebrates at our annual 2024 Christmas party and General Meeting!

## MEETING NOTICES

Change of Watch

January 11, 2025

Angelo's Northview Villa

6630 S. Dixie Hwy, Erie, MI  
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Executive Meeting

January 28, 2025

Toledo Port Authority

General Meeting



# Early Years of the Squadron



We welcome special  
speaker Lt/C Michael  
Schabeck, AP



## ***Toledo Sail & Power Squadron General Meeting***

***Where: Jolly Rogers Sailing Club  
5961 Edgewater Dr. Toledo, Ohio  
Social Hr: 5:30 Din 6:30 Mtg 7:30  
Pizza (Mazza's Stone oven) Salad  
& Dessert \$15.00 pp***

***Please RSVP to Lucia Rooks  
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## ***Squadron Meeting Dates and Times***

Jan 11 2025 1200, Change of Watch .Angelo's Northview Villa

Jan 25 2025 — Rendezvous Mtg 1600 @ Levi & Lilacs Whiskey  
Room

Jan 28 2025 —Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority  
Blg

Feb 4 2025—General Meeting 1730 @ Jolly Roger Sailing  
Club

Feb 25 2025 Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

Mar 4 2025 — General Meeting 1730 @ TBD

Mar 25 2025 — Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

April 1, 2025 —General Meeting 1730 @ TBD

April 29 2025 — Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authori-  
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## **Commanders Message**



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Happy New Years to all members of Toledo Sail and Power Squadron! I hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays with their family and friends. I want to thank you for selecting me as your new Commander! I promise I will not let you or the Squadron down in any manner, I have big shoes to fill following P/C Frank Czer-niejewski footsteps. These are my Commanders Goals for 2025

Keep egos in check this is a volunteer organization, every-one's voice will be heard. Watch negativity and be re-spectful to members of the squadron, the bridge and committee members.

Let's work together and communicate to each other. We have a lot of experience between us all and let's make this an outstanding year for the Squadron.

I believe in education and giving back to the community and having a good time at our squadron, other squadrons and districts get together

New members-we need new members however we can re-cruit them. We need to get out in the public: newspaper articles setting up a booth anywhere we can at a low cost or best of all free!

Check with our local elective officials on boating laws and how they will affect recreational boaters See if we can get in the Maritime School

Awards: I believe in awards for individuals and for the squadron, this will make us as members proud of being part of Toledo Sail and Power Squadron and District 29.

Bridge Officers will submit written reports from their committee chiefs and submit them to Commander and Secretary at executive meeting.



**Executive Officer**

*Executive Officer:*  
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I sincerely hope everyone's Holidays were the best ever and you're doing well! As your new "XO" you have my promise to fulfill my duties you've entrusted me with to the best of my abilities. Feel free to get in touch by email, messaging or phone. hzibbel@yahoo.com, 419-261-9059.

With the new boating season only a few months away, I'm sure everyone has their list of things to accomplish before launch in the spring.

There are a number of Boat Shows to the year as well:

1. Cleveland Boat Show-January 16-19, Admission \$20.00, Seniors and Military \$15.00 with ID
2. Detroit Boat Show-February 1-8, Admission \$15.00. Seniors 65 + Free Admission Monday February 3rd
3. Catawba Island Boat Show-April 25-27, Admission \$10.00 at gate. In the past we've shared a both with Columbus Squadron, however last year we had three visitors in three days. We need to make a decision on whether to invest \$500.00 +/- for a both.
4. Metro Boat Show Lake St. Clair Metropark-September 11-14, Admission \$10.00
5. Orlando Boat Show-April 4-6, Tickets were \$10.00 last year.
6. Miami Boat Show February 12-16 Tickets start at \$70.00 and go up to \$300.00.

"See you on the water."

Respectfully Submitted

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Happy New Year, Everyone!

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I want to thank you all for trusting me in this new position—I'm genuinely excited to serve! Many of you have shared valuable ideas, feedback, and insights about our meetings. I deeply appreciate your input and will use it to guide us as we move forward.

The goals of the Toledo Sail and Power Squadron are central to our meetings, and your participation is key to achieving them. Equally important is our collective effort to increase our membership.

Looking ahead, we're planning to incorporate engaging guest speakers, cover a variety of topics, and occasionally add fun activities to our meetings. We're also making a concerted effort to hold meetings at local clubs and extend invitations to their members. This approach aims to attract potential new members and showcase the benefits of joining our organization. However, membership growth requires all of us working together. It truly takes a village! Please reach out to friends, family, and fellow boating enthusiasts—whether they own a boat or simply enjoy water activities—and encourage them to attend our meetings.

February and March meetings will be especially important as we promote the upcoming ABC boating classes. If you plan to bring a guest, please RSVP and let the Commander know so we can extend a warm welcome. If you see someone new at a meeting, don't hesitate to introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

We've also heard of your concerns about meeting costs. Please know we're being mindful of this but also understand some meetings we will need to purchase items like paper products, utensils, and pay delivery fees, where applicable. To help offset some food costs, we're seeking volunteers willing to prepare a dish for occasional meetings. If you contribute food or assist with meal prep, your dinner fee will be waived. If you're interested in helping, please reach out to Amy.

Mary will have the ship store open with new merchandise at our meeting.

Finally, I welcome your ideas, concerns, and suggestions for improving our meetings. Feel free to email or call me directly—I'd love to hear from you.

Together, we can make this a fantastic year for the Toledo Sail and Power Squadron. Thank you for your support and dedication!

Warm regards,

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Toledo Power Squadron 2025 instructional class schedule developed by Chris, Phyllis and I; with: 2 - ABC Public classes, Advanced Piloting, Boat Handling also known as Seamanship and First mate instruction; the following proposed schedule:

Advanced Piloting to start January Thursday 30 and run for 10 weeks from 6:30 to 8:30p to conclude on April 3. **Currently 2 members have shown interest in proceeding with this class.**

Seamanship would start the very next week, Thursday April 10 and run 6 weeks from 6:30 to 8:30pm to conclude on May 22. **Dates are firm with location yet to be determined.**

The first ABC classes being at Maumee River Yacht Club on March 1 and March 8. The registration to begin at 0830 with class at 0900am -2pm with a 30 minute lunch break. **Has been confirmed.**

The Second ABC Class to be conducted at Perrysburg Township Fire Department on April 5 and 12 with registration at 0830 and class running from 0900 to 1:30pm with no lunch break. **Has been confirmed.**

Finally Chris would like to continue with his team of volunteers in producing yet another successful First Mate Class. It would be conducted at Anchor Point Marina on June 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This would be a Female only class preferred.

There is a possibility to offer a vessel Safety Inspection to be scheduled and conducted to the participants vessel with their respective Spouse for continued learning engagement. We would need our Vessel Safety Inspectors support for this endeavor.

Your Education Calendar.

Submitted Scott Kisabeth SEO

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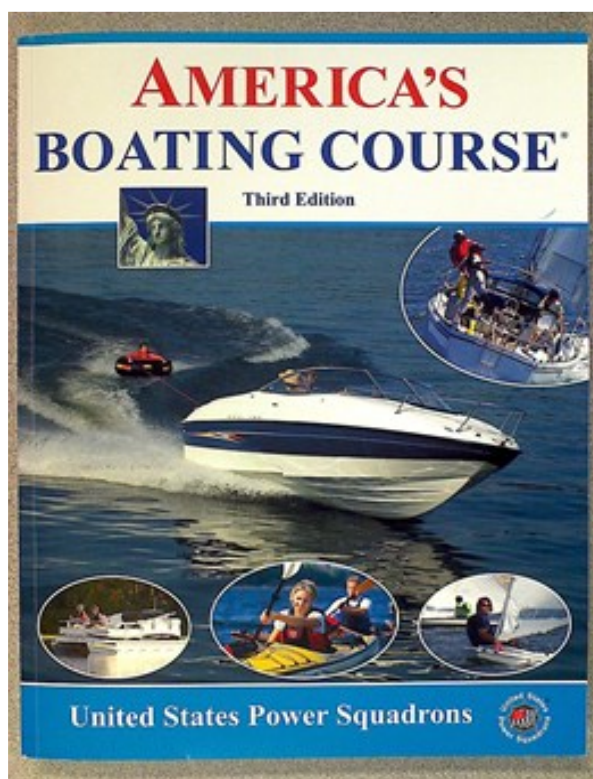
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Happy New Year Toledo Sail and Power Squadron.

I look forward to serving as Secretary on the 2025 Bridge!



Mary Schaller



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# America's Boating Course

## 2025

### Winter/Spring Boating Classes

March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup> (Two Saturday mornings)  
Maumee River Yacht Club

Class at 8:30 am to 2:00 pm (Registration starts 8:15)  
 A lunch can be purchased at the club (30 min lunch)

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April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> (Two Saturday mornings)  
Perrysburg Twp. Fire Depart.

Class at 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (Registration starts 8:15)  
*Police/fire/EMT's get half off of this class (not materials)*

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### Investment/ Cost

\$20.00/person for the class. Book is sold separately, not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged.

### To register please contact:

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**Please register at least one week prior to the class start date.**

### Information Covered in Class;

Required Safety Equipment

Navigation Rules

Aids to Navigation / Light and Sound Signals

State and Local Regulations (O.D.N.R.)

Anchoring / Knots and Lines

Water Sport Safety and More.

Ohio law requires any person born after 1/1/82 needs to show proof of having taken a basic boating safety course if he or she operates a boat powered by a motor 10 HP or greater.



# January 2025

Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat      Sun

		1	2	3	4	5 Breeze Arti- cles due
6	7	8	9	10	11 COW 12-5 pm Angelos Northwood Villa	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 D 29 Winter Council Zoom 2 pm
27	28 TSPS Execu- tive Bd Mtg 1900 Mari- time Blg	29	30 Advance Pilot Class 630-830 pm 10 wks long end Apr 3	31		

# February 2025

Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat      Sun

					1	2 USPS Annual Meeting Orlando, FL 2-9 Feb
3	4 TSPS General Mtg Jolly Roger Sailing Club 1730-2030	5	6 Advance Pilot Class 630-830 pm 10 wks long end Apr 3	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Advance Pilot Class 630-830 pm 10 wks long end Apr 3	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Advance Pilot Class 630-830 pm 10 wks long end Apr 3	21	22	23
24	25 TSPS Executive Bd Mtg 1900 Maritime Bldg	26	27 Advance Pilot Class 630-830 pm 10 wks long end Apr 3	28		

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