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Of Western Lake Erie
Toledo Sail and Power Squadron



February 2025



TSPS earned the DCA
for 2024 for publicans.

The Breeze

America's Boating Club Toledo 2025 Bridge



Pictured from left to right: Lt/C Darcy Ulrich, Lt/C Mary Schaller, Cdr Jon Bensman, Lt/C Howard Zibbel, Lt/C Amy Watkins, Lt/C Scott Kisabeth



Cdr Jon Bensman being sworn in by D/C Robert Dubray

On January 11, 2025 America's Boating Club Toledo Sail and Power Squadron sworn in the Squadrons Bridge for 2025. It was held at Angelos Northwood Villa in Erie Michigan.

District Commander Robert Dubray did the honors of swearing in TSPS bridge and committees.



Join us Tuesday March 4, 2025 Toledo Sail & Power Squadron General Meeting

Location: Tony Packos

1902 Front St, Toledo, OH 43605

Social Hour 5:30pm Dinner 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30pm

\$2.00 Hot dogs order off menu



Tow Boat U.S.

Special guest speaker

*Our very own Joe Schaller will
be speaking on tow service and benefits of Boat US*

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drawing!**



Please RSVP to Lucia Rooks by March 2, 2025
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Squadron Meeting Dates and Times

Feb 25 2025 Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

Mar 4 2025 — General Meeting 1730 @ Tony Packos, Front
Street.

Mar 14-16—Winter Rendezvous Carriage House New Haven,
Michigan

Mar 25 2025 — Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

Mar 28-29 —District 29 Spring Conference and Change of
Watch, Sandusky, Ohio

April 1, 2025 —General Meeting 1730 @ TBD

April 29 2025 —Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

Websites

Toledo www.toledosailandpower.com
District 29 www.usps.org/localusps/sds-D29
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boating safety through education and civic activi-
ties while providing fellowship for our members*

Commanders Message



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Report from American Boating Club National Meeting:

Squadron Leadership Meeting

Squadron Leadership Leaders in 2025

Phone trees, Social Media, Email, Texts, Newsletters, and websites

Let the members know what happening next, how to get them involved in the Squadron's activities

Communication: With members, the bridge and committees Keep information current on website and social media. Stay in contact, get together regularly, Face to Face or call members to let them know what is happening with the Squadron.

Follow up on non-renewals talk to them in person, telephone -Make it personal

Increasing Membership

Take lessons from Operations Manual:

History of United States Power Squadron, our Squadron

Do they know the mission and importance of their role in USPS

Mission and Vision Statements The mission and vision of the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, are to

MISSION STATEMENT (2020) Improve the competence, knowledge, and enthusiasm of the boating community by providing high quality boater education and enjoyable boating and social opportunities.

VISION STATEMENT (2020) Increase boat-

Commanders Message Continued

Insurance Update

February 12, 2025 update

Update on Insurance for teaching

The National Bridge has secured insurance to protect our members who are teaching our classes and seminars from accidents occurring while they are teaching. The policy covers all classes taught on land, including any classroom instruction associated with on water training. To be protected by this policy, the location where you are teaching must be registered with our broker before you begin teaching the class. This is done by completing the form on the webpage accessed [here](#) and sending it to our broker at documentrequest@coreinsured.com.

This form does not require you to supply the dates of your classes, although that information is helpful to the broker. Also you only need complete the form once for each location where you will be teaching to provide liability coverage for all the classes to be taught at the site for the entire policy year through November 30, 2025.

A different policy provides liability coverage for on water training. The availability of that

coverage and who is eligible for that coverage is determined by the Education Department. For more information, please contact ANEO Jan Wright.

If you have any questions about insurance coverage for your teaching activities, please feel free to contact the Treasurer or the National Law Officer

Respectfully Submitted

Cdr Jonathan Bensman, AP

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron

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Hello everyone. Hope all is well. We have a number of things going on.

1. At our February Executive Meeting we will be reviewing our new By Laws. Once this is completed and any additional changes made, they will be voted on by the Members. Thanks to our Rules Committee.

2. Our Winter Rendezvous is quickly approaching. Jan has informed me there are still 2 rooms available. Dates are March 14th, 15th, leaving the 16th. Phyllis and I have attended numerous times and have never been disappointed. Location is South Haven, Michigan. Please feel free to invite friends. Contact Jan at louannejan@aol.com or 419-601-7394.

3. We've had our Rendezvous Committee Meeting and our 2025 Rendezvous are set. Phyllis will review at next General Meeting.

"See you on the water."

Respectfully Submitted

LT/C Howard Zibbel, S

Treasure: LT/C Darcy Ulrich, S

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As your new treasurer I want you to know that I have been working hard to learn the all the treasurers duties and bookkeeping. Our expenses for the month of January were from the Change of Watch, renewal of our Post Office box, small purchases for office supplies and a new lock and key for the storage unit. Our revenue for January come from the COW basket acutions 50/50 raffle and a check from National.

If anyone is interested in being a friend of the Breeze for \$20.00 please see me at next general meeting. Looking forward to visiting with everyone at the next general meeting.

Take Care

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Happy February as we are all trying to stay warm! Those of you enjoying Florida, yes, we are all jealous! We started out the year with an amazing Change of Watch at Angelos Northwood Villa. Thanks to everyone who made this happen! We welcomed District Commander, Robert Dubray & Sue (his wife) to swear in Commander Jon Bensman. There were 50 members in attendance this year. Jon's wife, Cindy, was not able to attend due to being in the hospital. It was so special seeing her family facetime at the event. She didn't miss Jon's big day! We are happy Cindy is home and doing well! Looking to the future we have so many opportunities for us all to gather and grow as an organization. I hope to see all of you for \$2.00 Hot dog day at Tony Packos. **Don't forget to wear green and get a ticket for the St. Patty's Day prize drawing!** Let's all try to get to these meetings, share our ideas, and remember to grow our membership! Do you know someone who loves the water? Loves boating? Invite them to our meetings, tell them about our upcoming classes and rendezvous. It takes a village! We are also seeking volunteers to help with events for membership that are in the works! Please contact Vickie Pawlowski 419-245-8626 if you would like to help! Email: mrspawlow@gmail.com

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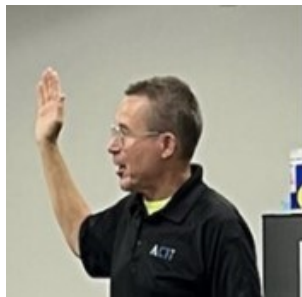
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Toledo Power Squadron 2025 instructional class schedule developed by Chris, Phyllis and I; with: 2 - ABC Public classes, Advanced Piloting, Boat Handling also known as Seamanship and First mate instruction; the following proposed schedule:

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.

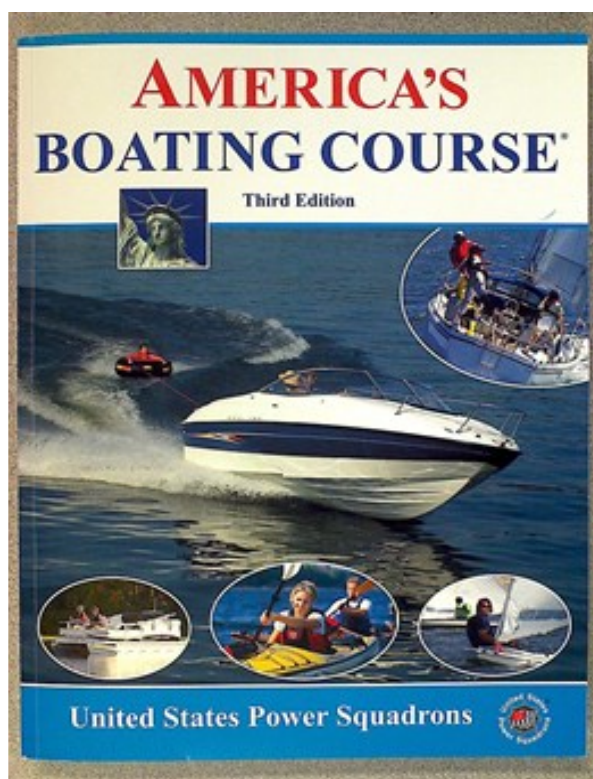
Your Education Calendar.

Submitted Scott Kisabeth SEO

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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of Western Lake Erie

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron

Meets all Ohio and Michigan boating law requirements.

Recommended age – 12 and over.

To register please contact:

Phyllis Zibbel

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419-261-9060

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

America's Boating Course

2025

Winter/Spring Boating Classes

March 1st and March 8th (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)

April 5th and 12th (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)

Investment/ Cost

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

Information Covered in Class;

Required Safety Equipment

Navigation Rules

Aids to Navigation / Light and Sound Signals

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

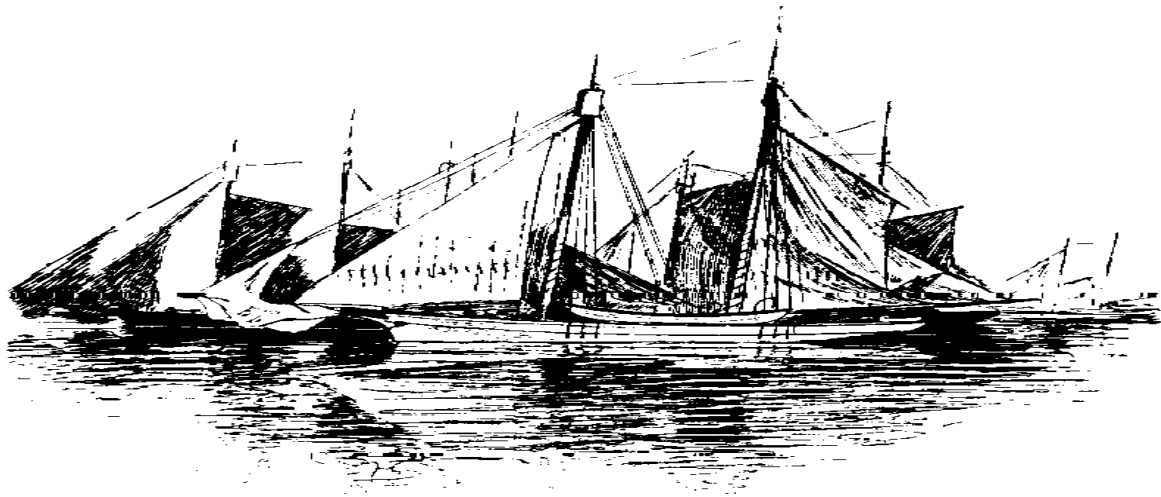
Anchoring / Knots and Lines

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.

Boat Shows for the year 2025:

1. Catawba Island Boat Show-April 25-27, Admission \$10.00 at gate. In the past we've shared a booth 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 booth.
2. Metro Boat Show Lake St. Clair Metropark-September 11-14, Admission \$10.00
3. Orlando Boat Show-April 4-6, Tickets were \$10.00 last year.
4. Miami Boat Show February 12-16 Tickets start at \$70.00 and go up to \$300.00.



TSPS 2025 RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

March 14-16 - Winter rendezvous at Carriage House at the Harbor, South Haven, MI. Contact Jan Leutz for details. louannejan@AOL.com

June 6-8 - Shakedown cruise at Put-In-Bay or Middle Bass (depending on available dock spaces). Contact Howard Zibbel for details. hziibel@Yahoo.com

June 14 - One-day rendezvous to Clamdiggers in Monroe, MI for lunch or dinner. Contact Vickie Pawlowski for details. mrspawlow@gmail.com

June 20-22 - Trailer boat cruise to Torch Lake. Contact Brian Crabbe (Columbus Squadron) for details. Bcrabbe01@Yahoo.com

July 3 or 4 to 6 - District conference at Huron Boat Basin, Huron, OH. Contact Jeff Ulrich for details. Sailingjeff@AOL.com or (419)932-4337

July 10-14 or July 17-21 - Lake St. Clair cruise. Dates to be determined based on available dockage. Contact Dan Strohmeier for details. Dmsails1@gmail.com

July 25-27 – Sandusky cruise. Contact Chris Hoover for details. cshoover@Yahoo.com

August 8-10 – Kelley's Island cruise. Contact Chris Hoover for details. cshoover@Yahoo.com

September 5-7 – Mary Strohmeier Memorial Cruise. Contact Phyllis Zibbel for details. phylzib@Yahoo.com or (419)261-9060



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	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 TSPS Executive Bd Mtg 1900 Maritime Bldg	26	27	28		

March 2025

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

					1 ABC Class Maumee River YC 830-200	2
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10	11	12	13	14 TSPS Winter Rendezvous Carriage House, New Haven, Michigan	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 TSPS Execu- tive Bd Mtg 1900 Maritime Blg	26	27	28 District Spring Meeting & Change of Watch Sandusky, OH	29	30

April 2025

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

	1 TSPS General Meeting-530-830	2	3	4	5	6 ABC Class Perrysburg Township 830-130
7	8	9	10 Seamanship Class 630-830 Toledo Port Authority	11	12	13 ABC Class Perrysburg Township 830-130
14	15	16	17 Seamanship Class 630-830 Toledo Port Authority	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Seamanship Class 630-830 Toledo Port Authority	25	26	27
28	29 TSPS Executive Bd Mtg 1900 Maritime Bldg	30				

Change of Watch 2025



February 4th General Meeting



Friends of the Breeze

**Frank & Loriann
Czerniejewski
"Blessed"**

"CONCUBINE"

**Howie & Phyllis Zibbel
"Pizazz!"**

Clyde & Debra Shaulis

Cindy & Jon Bensman

Keith & Lucia Rooks

Greg & Kelly Arndt

Don and Jan Leutz

**Richard & Connie Alleshouse
"CRESCENDO"**

If you would like to become a "Friend of the Breeze", your \$20 contribution will receive a full year of sponsorship listing. Please indicate the exact manner (UPPER & lower case) in which your name should appear. Send your \$20 per listing fee made payable to TSPS to : c/o Michelle Abel, 10195 Telegraph Rd, Carleton, MI 48117.



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