



Of Western Lake Erie Toledo Sail and Power Squadron

**March 2025** 

# The Breeze





A tradition at the Carriage House is to take a group photo of guests wearing the

Members of the Toledo Sail and Power Squadron, attended the fourteenth "Winter Rendezvous" last weekend in South Haven, MI. The group stayed at the Carriage House at the Harbor, a Victorian Bed and Breakfast, providing a cozy venue. The weekend included gourmet breakfasts, cocktail parties and dinners at excellent local restaurants (TASTE, TELLO). Side trips to neighboring West Michigan resort towns such as Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Holland, Saugatuck and Grand Haven, provided hours of exploration, wine tasting, dining, museums and shopping. It was a lovely trip, enjoyed by all. The get together is held as a kick off for the upcoming boating season. Members can now look forward to various Summer Rendezvous to be held May through September. The Squadron promotes safe boating practices, and teaches classes to locals, to prepare them for traveling on the water!

# **Winter Rendezvous 2025**















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# Squadron Meeting Dates and Times

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 @ Maumee River Yacht Club

April 29 2025 —Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

May 6, 2025 General Meeting 1730 @ Riverview Yacht Club

May 10, 2025 VSC Safety Day 10-2 @Meinke Anchor Point Marinas

May 11-12 2025 Boating Safety Week

May 17, 2025 VSC 11-2 @ West Marine Point Place

May 27, 2025 Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

June 3, 2025 General Meeting 1730 @ Bayview Yacht Club

June 4, 2025 First Mates Class 630-830 @Anchor Point Marina

June 24, 2025 Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

July -August 2025 No General Mtg

July 29, 2025 Executive Mtg 1900 @ Toledo Port Authority

#### Websites

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#### **Commanders Message**



Commander:

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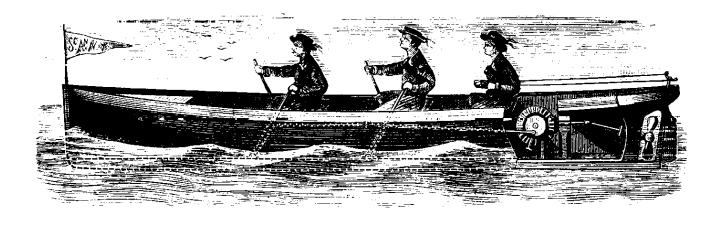
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Ahoy all, The last few months have a busy one for Toledo Sail and Power Squadron, we done our first American Boating Class with one more to go, and we did the first session of Operation's Training Class with two more to go. We had our first rendezvous for the season. I am glad everyone had a great time in New Haven Michigan. March general meeting at Tony Packos was a great meeting. Membership is starting to roll on new members as of this date we have 12 new members, we need to keep at this to match last years number of 30.March 28-30 is district 29 Spring Conference and we have at least eight members attending, which is better attendance than the Fall Conference. Speaking of District 29 Fall Conference we are the host Squadron and we need to come with a theme for the conference. There are three tentative dates for the fall conference: October 17-19, 24-26 and November 7-9, I've been in contact with a number of hotels in the area to have the conference from the Marriot Renaissance hotel downtown to hotels in Perrysburg. Boating Season in coming upon us soon, let's make sure we are safe during the time when we are working on our boats!



#### **Executive Officer**

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Expenses for February included cost of printing for the roster and education needs, some office supplies for the new treasurer, and a fax sent to Schwab. Our yearly donation was made to Jolly Roger Jr. Sailing Club.

Revenue for February came from the Ships Store, 50/50 raffle, annual distribution of Ohio Plates Fund, and Nationals monthly dues

If anyone is interested in being a Friend of the Breeze for \$20 (yearly) please see me at our next General Meeting.

#### **Administrative Officer**

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Administrative Officer: LT/C Amy Watkins-Gross, S Cell: 419-290-0300 Email: amybethwg@gmail.com



#### Wow! What a fantastic March meeting we had!

We had an amazing turnout with 31 attendees at Tony Packo's for \$2.00 Hot Dog Night! A huge thank you to Tony Packo's for the generous giveaway basket—congratulations to our lucky winner, Jay Kelley!

#### **Upcoming April Meeting**

Mark your calendars! Our next meeting is on April 1, 2025, at the Maumee River Yacht Club. Join us for a great meal, wonderful fellowship, and an exciting game of "Boating Jeopardy"! You won't want to miss it!

#### Membership Growth & Retention

On February 15, 2025, we held a meeting focused on membership. We identified a few key challenges that many clubs are facing, including time constraints and budget concerns that impact participation. With this in mind, we are prioritizing strategic efforts to grow and maintain our membership.

One major focus is increasing awareness of our organization. We are actively working to keep our name out there by hosting meetings at yacht clubs and arranging for TSPS speakers to present at yacht club general meetings. This will help introduce their members to our classes, benefits, and overall mission. Special thanks to Chris Hoover, Vickie & Dave for attending Riverview's meeting we're working on scheduling more!

A big thank you to Jim Colston for providing a list of key talking points for our speakers to use. This will ensure a consistent and impactful message as we continue these efforts.

#### **Exciting Events & Volunteer Opportunities**

We have several exciting events in the works, thanks to Vickie Pawloski, and her helpers, Alan Algin, Jon & Cindy Bensman, Jim Colston, and Dave Pawloski. We need volunteers to help make these events a success! If you're interested in lending a hand or know someone interested in membership, please contact Vickie at 419-245-8626. More details to come!

#### **Retention: Supporting Our Current Members**

While growing our membership is important, we also recognize the need to prioritize our current members. We're developing a program aimed at improving communication and understanding what our members truly need and want. I'm currently collaborating with Vickie on this initiative. Stay tuned for updates!

### Spring is on the Way!

As the sunshine starts to peek through, be sure to get outside, soak up that natural Vitamin D, and embrace the positive energy of the changing seasons. Spring is coming!

Sending you all warm thoughts and good vibes!

Sincerely,

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Thank you All for a successful American Boating Course March 1 & 8 at Maumee River Yacht Club. The photos on our Social Media site captured all of the people from the Squadron and ODNR that it takes to produce a successful outcome. Thank you for your outstanding

The next American Boating Course is April 5 & 12 at Perrysburg Township Fire Department from 8:30am to 1:30pm. My schedule finally allows me to participate in seeing first hand the Instructors and Support Group interact with various students during the course.

#### **Education Officer**

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Scott





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#### Secretary's Report:

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm by Commander Jon Bensman.

Dan Strohmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation was given by Chris Hoover.

Commander Bensman introduced guests Brian & Lisa Crabbe. They will be joining our club.

#### Bridge Reports:

#### Executive Officer's Report:

Executive Officer Howard Zibble reported that John Miga has 84 Vessel Safety Check decals. We have 7 Vessel Safety Inspectors. He has been trying to contact Park Place Boat Club for docks for our Shakedown Cruise.

#### Rendezvous Committee:

Phyliss Zibble talked about upcoming rendezvous. The winter rendezvous will be in South Haven Michigan March 14-16th.

#### Secretary Report:

Dan Strohmeier moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the motion was seconded by Frank Czerniejewski. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### Education Officers Report:

Chris Hoover reported we will be having an ABC Class April 5th & 12th at Perrysburg Township Fire Station. He will also be holding a Seamanship Class at Jefferson Jr. High School April 10 to May 15th. We will also be a part of West Marine Safety Days and will host a 1st Mates Class at Anchor Point Marina.

#### Administration Officers Report:

Our next meeting will at Maumee River Yacht Club. Price is \$15.00 per person. We will be having burgers and playing "Boating Jeopardy. May 6th meeting will be a taco bar at Riverview Yacht Club and the Christmas Party will be at Carronnor Club in Perrysburg.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Darcy Ulrich reported the club gave a \$100.00 donation to the Jolly Rogers Jr. Sailing Club for use of their facility. \$200 to Point Place Yacht Club for the Point Place scholarship fund.

#### Rules Committee:

Bill Paben has been working on some changes.

Budget and Finance Committee: No Report

Merit Marks: No Report

Membership Committee:

Vickie Pawlowski reported she had a membership committee meeting to discuss how to recruited new members. She has information cards for members to hand out to people they meet that might be interested in joining.

Nominating Committee:

Bill Paben asked if anyone is interested in holding a position in 2026 please let him know.

Safety Committee:

Mike Shabeck warned about unsafe ice on the lake.

Audit Committee:

Dan Strohmeier said the audit is underway and should have their report ready for the April meeting.

Commander's Report:

National would like all squadrons to update their websites and Social Media. The spring conference will be in Sandusky Ohio.

Joe Schaller was out speaker and towing insurance and what to do if you need to towed.

Adjourn :

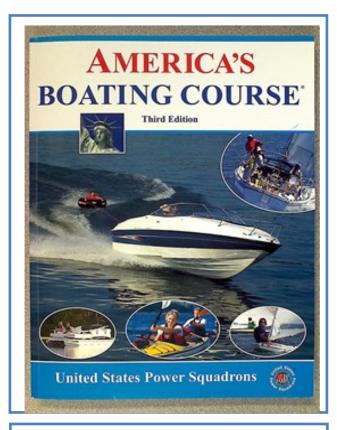
Dan Strohmeier moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Dave Pawlowski. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted: Mary Schaller, Secretary

Secretary:

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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)

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)

# **Investment/ Cost**

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

# To register please contact:

**Phyllis Zibbel** 

phylzib@yahoo.com

419-261-9060

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

## **Information Covered in Class**;

Required Safety Equipment
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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.

#### Ahoy all!!

Summer is coming!! Yay!! The boats will going in the water SOON!

The Huron Boat Basin Rendezvous is planned for arrival on **THURSDAY 07/03** and departure on **SUNDAY 07/06**. **ALL DOCKS ARE FILLED!!!** Please let us know if you will be arriving on Thursday or Friday. Thursday dockage fee will be \$35.00, Friday and Saturday dockage fee will \$1.75 per foot with departure at 11:00 am on Sunday. If you want to stay an additional day or two, just let us know and accommodations can most likely be made.

We are planning a possible dockside chicken (and/or steak) fajita potluck cookout for Thursday evening (July 3rd) while people are arriving.

On Friday (July 4th) we have 7:00 reservations at Huron Yacht Club for our annual dinner which will include the everyone in the District who wishes to join us. There will be a limited menu available at Huron Yacht Club of

Smothered Sirloin - 6 oz prime sirloin, smothered in onions and mush-rooms, club potatoes, house veg

Saturday morning will also be the Summer Conference District meeting and Saturday evening will be the annual District Steak Roast. The price of the steaks is still to be determined (last year they were \$18 each for a rib-eye steak - many people share one due to the number of side dishes). This is a potluck steak roast, you pre-order your steak, cook it your-

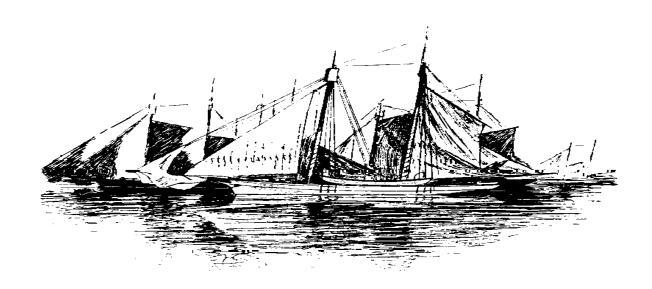
There are lots of restaurants and bars within walking distance of the marina and quaint little shops in town, also within walking distance. The Holiday fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 5th after performances from the Underworld Blues Band and Blue Lunch. We have a prime

Again, please let us know if you plan to arrive on Thursday (July 3rd) or Friday (July 4th), we need this information to assign docks. No docks have been assigned yet.

Thank you for help, Your friendly Boat Basin Rendezvous Cruise Planners

## **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 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.
- 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. hzibbel@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.

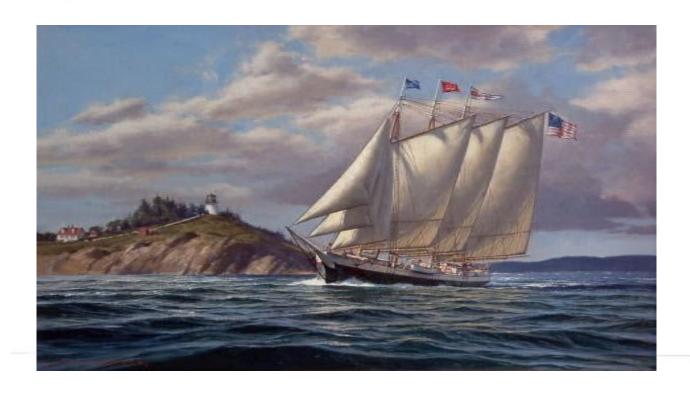
<u>Sailingjeff@AOL.com</u> or (419)932-4337

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



# March 2025

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# April 2025

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	TSPS General Meeting-530- 830	2	3	4	5 ABC Class Perrysburg Township 830 -130	6
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