



Ocean City

Power Squadron



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Please take time to peruse our new website format

Still same address:

<https://www.ocusps.org>

Pictures and updated calendar will be found here.

Commander's Report**Cdr Jerry Leuters, S**

The winter weather is now presenting itself to the mid-Atlantic area. The Snow birds have flown the coup and the brave year round residents are carrying on with Power Squadron activities.

The Squadron has multiple events scheduled for the January, February time frames. In January, we will be holding a General Meeting/Holiday Party on the 21st . We are attempting to get a speaker and will be serving Fried Chicken along with side dishes that members will be bringing. Please check the squadron calendar for the time.

In February we will have 2 events, Founders day and the Ocean City boat show.

Again, please check the squadron calendar for dates and times. For those wishing to volunteer your time to assist at the boat show please contact Tony Curro to get on the schedule. You will have free access to the show if you volunteer.

I would like to thank all those who volunteered to decorate our Christmas Tree at White Horse Park and those who represented us at the lighting ceremony.

The club is looking for volunteers to assist with filling any open positions and members who would like to take charge and coordinate Happy Hours, Raft ups and any other events that they would propose for the upcoming year.

Good Luck to all our members that are in the lottery. Be safe on the water, and during your winter travels.

Exec. Commander's Report**Sandra Glassman, S**

Thank you to everyone for helping with the Christmas tree decorating in the Pines. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing members at the General Meeting on January 21st and at the Ocean City Boat Show in February.

Administrative Officer's/Secretary's Report

Laura Leuters

Margaret Luciani

Education Officer Report

Fred Stiehl

I personally want to say Thank You to the members who volunteered to decorate the Squadron's Christmas Tree in White Horse Park (Sandy & Stu Glassman, Mair & John Zaleski, Karan & Bill Fox, Karen D'Alosio, Margaret & Mike Luciani). With everyone's help, this task became a very quick job! And a huge thank you to those who showed up for the tree lighting on a pretty cold night (everyone listed above plus Fred & Jean Stiehl). We all got to meet Penny, the winner of the Pup of the Pines Contest.

O C SPRING CONFERENCE

- Volunteers are needed to help with set up. Dates are March 30-April 2. Tasks include decorating the atrium and assisting the District and the Host.

BOAT SHOW

- We are locked in for the same table location, and we will have the fire extinguisher this year instead of the virtual training simulator. The dates are Feb 17th – 19th. Contact Tony Curro to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE

January 21 (Holiday Party/General Meeting)

February 17 -19 (Boat Show)

February 21 (Founders Day)

March 14 (General Meeting)

April 15 (Change of Watch)

May 16 (General Meeting)

June 11th (Blessing of the Fleet)

March 21-23 (Boating Course OP Library)

Spring Conference (March 30 – April 2)

April 15 (Change of Watch)

Details will follow as plans are finalized.

Now that the holidays are over, we can relax and enjoy the “quiet season” at the shore. To make sure we don't fade into the furniture, consider this as a time to look into the various educational opportunities available to freshen up your boating skills or learn a new one. The Education Department has scheduled a Safe Boating Class for March 21-23 rd at the OP Library. This 8-hour course provides graduates with the boating license required by Maryland and all nearby states. The class is open to the public as well as our members. If this isn't your “cup of tea”, consider one of the many virtual courses or Seminars offered by the US Power Squadron. You can check these out at USPS.org and look for the online Boating Education page. The courses range from comprehensive courses on Weather and Cruise , Planning to short Seminars on topics such as “Marine Radio”, “How to use GPS”and “Crew at the Helm”.

In February, the Squadron will be highlighting fire safety at the Ocean City Boat Show, using the Bullex Fire Extinguisher demonstrating the proper way to extinguish a fire. It's a fun and informative tool so make sure you visit our booth.

If you have any questions about these educational opportunities, please call me.

I'd love to talk to you.

Good and Welfare Message

Jeanne Stiehl

Happy New Year, y'all! Let's hope 2023 is a healthier year for all of us. It seems that most of us have been dealing with one variant of COVID-19 or another. It's hard to believe that the pandemic has been on our radar for over three years.

Lee Stiely recently moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to family. I'm sure the move had been under serious consideration since Sid's death last summer. We wish her the best.

Dale Christensen has had a knee replaced. Hopefully his recovery is a rapid one. It's hard to imagine him down for long.

Dave McAllister broke his hip in a fall and needed an emergency replacement. We look forward to seeing him up and around soon.

We recently received notice that Past Commander Tom Quinn passed away in November. He had moved to Centerville, Virginia a few years ago. Sadly, we also heard of the passing of a former member of the Squadron. Mary Pantos died shortly before Christmas after a battle with cancer. Our sympathy is extended to her husband, Duke, and their family.

Please let me know of any news you'd like to share.

At your convenience, please peruse the following links to America's Boating Channel News. The articles contain boating safety and educational information.

<https://americasboatingchannel.com>

1. [America's Boating Channel Rings in the New Year](#)
2. [America's Boating Channel Unveils Fresh Looks for the Holiday's](#)
3. [America's Boating Channel will showcase National Safe Boating Channel Videos on Smart TV.](#)

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