Please stay home and healthy during this crazy time.

All activities for the OCPS have been cancelled or postponed due to the COVID19 Virus.

Please check our OCPS website or an email from Linda Hess will keep informed for all OCPS upcoming activities.
Commander’s Message
Cdr. Stuart Glassman, PC/S

As you read this newsletter, I will be packing up my stuff preparing to hand over the Commander’s gavel to your new Commander, Ken Wolf, on April 18, 2020 at the Change of Watch. I truly enjoyed serving as your Commander AGAIN. I would like to THANK the Bridge Officers, the EXCOM members and all the active membership for their support and participation in the various Squadron events during this memorable year. It made the job extremely enjoyable and rewarding.

One of the major accomplishments this year was the total overhaul of our website performed by our Webmaster, Bruce D’Aloisio. THANK YOU Bruce! Whenever you need information about our activities, please refer to OCUSPS.ORG. Another significant accomplishment this year was the re-installation of our beloved display cabinet in the Yacht Club. THANK YOU Dale Christensen for donating your company’s staff to paint and install the cabinet. We established the WALLY STEVENSON EDUCATION FUND and the JOE SALAFIA MEMORIAL FUND in honor of two of our members who passed away recently. Also, I want to THANK Sue Sewell who has been the editor of the Sandbar for the past few years. Sue will be turning over this important function to Kim Meekins.

I especially want to THANK Administrative Officer, Linda Hess and Secretary Bonnie Curro for their years of dedicated service (rumor has it that they served for the past 12 years!). Their contributions helped make this Squadron extremely successful. The new Administrative Officer, Sandy Glassman and the new Secretary, Marie Christensen have a significant challenge to exceed the standard set by Linda and Bonnie.

During the past year, our Squadron secured twenty-two (22) new members. I think this is a new record. The new Bridge will have new, exciting and interesting events for your entertainment in the coming year. Please make sure you join us for the Change of Watch for the installation of our Commander Ken Wolf and the new Bridge Officers for 2020-2021. You will receive new details when the date has been rescheduled.

Exec. Commander’s Message
Ken Wolf, S

The Boat Show was very productive for us, yielding 6 new members. We have 22 new members in the last year. I feel strongly that it is everyone’s responsibility to go out of their way and make these new folks feel very welcome. You need to know who they are and ask them to sit with you, and you need to ask them who they don’t know and introduce them. You need to do this not once, but the next 2 or 3 times you see them until you feel they are happily integrated into the Squadron. This is the way we would all want to be treated and we must reach out to them accordingly.

Shortly we will line up our annual clean-up of our adopted park in Ocean Pines ....Pintail Park. Details will follow in the next few weeks. With the warming weather we’ll be beginning Vessel Safety Checks and plan to kick off our raft-ups in June. The year round expansion of our super Happy Hour Get-togethers is gaining traction with the latest successful outing at The Dough Roller on March 11th. We’re blessed to have the ever energetic and creative Linda Hess leading our efforts for all of our great social events.

Hopefully the ongoing developments with COVID-19 will pass by our area quickly and uneventfully.
Our last happy hour at The Dough Roller was a nice event. Many of you showed up and enjoyed the evening. I’m sure all are aware that if you even THINK you have a cold or are not feeling up to par stay away from others That is the key to our health and pay attention to the CDC announcements.

The status of the Change Of Watch set for 4/18/2020 will be determined by the health of the nation.

We have lots of events planned for the summer and I will be getting out emails to you about each event. Stay safe.

We in the Education Department hope all members will be safe from the Corona Virus.

We just completed our February running of the Americas Boating Course. The course was from 24 February to 27 February in the Ocean Pines Library. We had seven students attending. Six adults and one twelve year old girl. All seven passed, and four adults joined the OCPS. Even though it was a small class, the OCPS did very well getting four new members.

The Seamanship Course has been replaced with a new course called “Safe Boat Handling.” I ordered 10 student books and the Instructors kit, and we will plan to have this course this spring. Upon completion of this course the student will receive an “S” (Seaman) rating. It is suggested that all current and future squadron officers have a minimum of the “S” rating. If anyone is interested in taking this course let me know.

Finally, I want to thank all the instructors and volunteers who made the ABC3 course a success. Especially, Sandy Grossman for placing the ads in the local newspapers. All of the students who attended the course, learned of the course from reading the ad in the papers. Great job, Sandy!
Good and Welfare Message
Jeanne Stiehl

We are living in strange times: social distancing, frequent handwashing, face masks, etc. I hope that you are all healthy as you read this.

It is with a very sad heart that I pass on the word that Lynn Matricciani succumbed to a stroke on March 18. She was a vibrant, giving member of the Squadron and will be deeply missed. Our condolences go out to her sister, Lauren Buettner, and the rest of her family. Memorial contributions can be made in Lynn’s name to the Worcester County Humane Society.

I am also sorry to inform you of the death of a past member of our Squadron, Sheila Harris. She and her husband, Gene, were frequent attendees at Squadron functions. Our thoughts are with Gene and the rest of her family.

In the “good news” department, Lynne McAllister is recovering from shoulder reconstruction surgery. We wish her a rapid recovery and rehab.

Covid-19 caused the cancellation of a European river cruise that was planned by several of our members. Although it was a disappointment, better safe than sorry.

Please observe all public health guidance during the duration of this pandemic so that we can ALL look forward to gathering when it passes. Wash your hands! Be safe.
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Linda Hess will keep us posted on any new upcoming OCPS activities

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