

# SHORE LINES

St. Clair Shores Sail and Power Squadron  
March 2017 Newsletter

## What's Going On?



Mike Boyle, instructing at Safe Boating Class

**Meetings** – We have held 3 meetings since the new bridge was installed. These meetings were held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting notes are available for anyone interested. Next General Membership meeting is 6 April, and like the others will be held at the Grafton's home, 6:30 meet and greet 7:30 meeting.

**Safe Boating** - We are currently halfway through the Safe Boating Course, held at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena. Class is held on Wednesday nights from 7-9, running every Wednesday in March. The instructor is Mike Boyle, who is doing a great job teaching on behalf of the Squadron.

**Spring Conference** – Reminder that the Spring Conference, with a hoe-down theme, is March 24-26<sup>th</sup> at the Concorde Inn. All are welcome

## Schedule of Events

Our schedule of events is a work in progress, these are the events currently planned. Look for additions in the coming months!

Safe Boating Class – March 1-29  
Wednesdays

Squadron Picnic – June 1

SCS Fireworks – June 24

MacRays – 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Frostbite – September 22-24

GM Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday of the Month at Matt  
and Vivian Grafton's home until  
further notice. 6:30 meet and  
greet, 7:30 Meeting Start

## A Note From the Commander

The board has been doing an excellent job the last few weeks getting to know their personal positions and we have also started planning for the upcoming year. We have discussed briefly ways to make sure things that are important to the membership do not fall by the wayside and how to increase communication. I strongly feel that increasing communication without bogging people down will greatly strengthen our group. Our focus for the next few months is safe boating classes that started on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and of course our safety vessel checks that begin midspring. We will also be looking for volunteers to chair our rendezvous. We will set the dates for our traditional trips, such as fireworks and frostbite, while maybe getting a little sassy and adding on a shakedown or a Lake Erie trip. I would like to remind everyone that our June picnic meeting is just around the corner and this is a great time to invite potential new members. They can meet the group in a relaxed atmosphere, get a look at our summer line up, and even turn in a membership app to be reviewed and processed during our meeting free season. Last of all do not forget that the spring conference is March 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. It is at the Concorde Inn this year, I am excited that it is close to us. It would be nice if we could get a group to attend at least Friday night for hospitality night. We may not be a big group, but we are a strong group and by having some attendance at the conference we are proving that SCSSPS is not going anywhere. The next General Meeting is at the Grafton's, 6:30 meet and greet and the meeting starts at 7:30. See ya then.

*-Vivian*

