



# Total Eclipse of the Art of Boating

D/7 Spring Conference 5, 6, 7 April, 2024

## FAQs Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Location?

**Holiday Inn Cleveland South, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio.** The special conference room rate is \$120 per night. **This rate is only available until March 13<sup>th</sup>.** After that time, they will release the rooms to the public. The hotel is anticipating full occupancy due to people coming to Cleveland for the Eclipse. Don't wait to call the Holiday Inn at 216-524-8050. Identify yourself as a member of D7 USPS to receive the special rate. We need to fill 15 rooms so that the District will receive the use of the Hospitality Room for free.

### Will there be a Basket Raffle?

**Yes.** Each Squadron is asked to donate a gift basket for the Basket Raffle. The baskets should be complete with the Squadron or donor's name on it. Please wrap the baskets in clear cellophane or plastic if possible. We will not be able to assemble the baskets at the conference.

### When is the Ice Breaker?

Friday evening at 7:00 pm. Dress is ABC (America's Boating Club) or Squadron shirts. Entertainment by Ron Howard DJ/Karaoke. Plan to have fun and share your hidden talents. The light dinner choices are listed on the registration form and include beverages, sides, desserts and a 22% service charge. A cash bar will be available. Continue the fun after the party in the Conference Hospitality Room.

**What should Squadrons bring to the Hospitality Room?** Squadrons are being asked to bring snacks or desserts plus beverages, cups plates and serving bowls if needed to the Hospitality Room for Friday evening after the Ice Breaker.

### What are the Seminars /Speakers on Saturday?

**0800** P/D/C Breakfast meeting in the Restaurant **0800** - Officer meetings Breakfast is on your own.

**0900** "Sault Ste. Marie and Me – 318 Times Through the Locks" by P.D/C Jim Holcepl, SN

**1000** "How to Handle Medical Emergencies while Boating" by P/D/C Larry Spraggins, SN

**1100** "Total Eclipse of the Sun" by P/D/C Ken Leque, SN and P/D/C Lynda Leque.

**1200** Lunch and Awards, Guest Speaker Courtney Smrdel, USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation. The newest Navy vessel will be Commissioned in Cleveland in 2024.

**1330** D7 Conference Meeting

### When is the Change of Watch?

**1800** Cocktail Reception, Welcome by P/D/Cs of D/7

**1900** Change of Watch Banquet & Awards. The dress is Uniform A or appropriate dress. Ballroom 1 After dinner, you are invited to the Hospitality Room for cake and a champagne toast hosted by the Berea Sail and Power Squadrons

### Will there be a class for Instructor Recertification?

Yes, it will be on Sunday morning.

**0930 – 1130** – Instructor Recertification presented by P/C Susan Harris, S

**Do we need volunteers?** Yes, we need help preparing the registration packets at 2:00 on Friday afternoon, staffing the registration table from 3 to 7 on Friday and 8 to 10 on Saturday morning, registering voters on Saturday afternoon, selling raffle tickets on Friday and Saturday and, as always, cleaning up.

**When is the deadline for Conference registration?** As soon as possible, please. The final count for meals is due to the hotel on Wednesday, **30 March**.

**Who should I contact if I have more questions?** Your conference chairs are Barb Spraggins, [barb6195@cox.net](mailto:barb6195@cox.net) and Kathy McKenna Barber [kathybarber439@gmail.com](mailto:kathybarber439@gmail.com)