



Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
A Unit of United States Power Squadrons

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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Chartered 1965 as a unit of United States Power Squadrons (USPS)

General Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month, unless a holiday interferes. Executive Board meetings are usually at 1900 on Monday, two weeks before the General meeting, at The New Center, 1100 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor.

**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Boating Education**

**43 YEARS SERVING
THE BOATING PUBLIC**

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on Monday 17 November 2008.**

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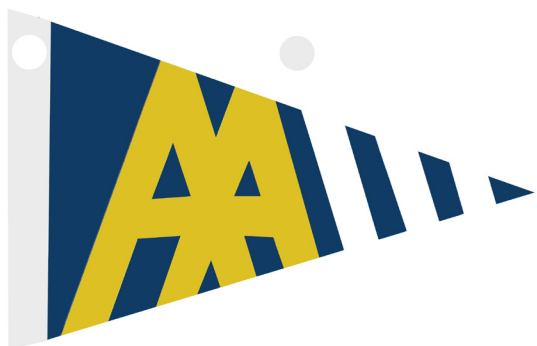
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**General Meeting
Monday, 17 November 2008**

**at the NEW Center, 1100 North Main Street,
Ann Arbor**

**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
(Sail and Power Boating Education)**

6:00pm: Potluck Dinner - Please bring a dish to share.

Please call Sharon Pinsak - 734-973-0441 - if you plan to come.

7:00pm: Presentation and PowerPoint slides by P/C John Barr, AP, and
Lt/C Marlene Barr, S: "To Russia with Love"

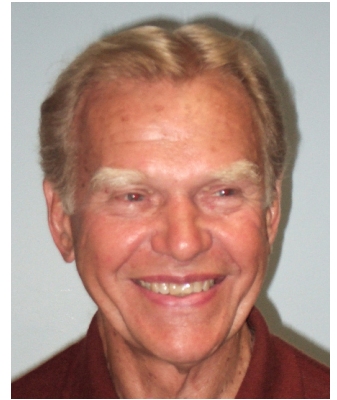


NEW Center at 1100 N. Main Street,
on west shore of Argo Pond, Ann Arbor,
first building north of the railroad crossing.



Commander's Message

Inasmuch as I have heard no adverse reports, it is apparently safe to conclude that our squadron members completed the midwest boating season with no serious mishaps. We can again settle down to the education phase. With my constant prodding about USPS education program, I feel the admonitions are beginning to sound like a broken record. Another try to hit a chord that you may find appealing: a majority of AASPS members have not yet ventured into Seamanship, the very first of the advanced courses, a step that will surely arouse continued interest. As part of USPS efforts to stimulate members, Seamanship is being offered via the internet for those who cannot commit to regularly scheduled class sessions. Information is available at: <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/s/online.sea.htm> This alternative may be just what you are looking for and will be a boost for all of us. As always, our education department or any knowledgeable member can provide support, clarification or response to questions.



Commander Arthur Pinsak, SN

The U.S. Coast Guard Commandant in comments regarding security measures in effect to protect the marine transportation system talked about the Small Vessel Security Strategy (SVSS). USCG has historically had legal authority to coordinate security within U.S. ports but terrorist attacks using small vessels during the recent past that have both safety and economic implications have heightened the need for increased safeguards. The fact that millions of small craft use the navigable waterways and ports makes identification of the miniscule number of threats extremely difficult. In addition to using small craft as water based improvised explosive devices, SVSS addresses smuggling weapons and people. The program recognizes a strong need to develop a partnership with the small boat community and improve cooperation and communication between public and private sectors. USCG sees a need to focus on partnership with those people most familiar with their local environment. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) is a good example of a group that can provide a bridge between public and private sectors. As you are aware, USPS has had a long-lasting relationship with NASBLA in their educational and safety programs. USPS has a history of providing support to public agencies during times of national crisis. Providing assistance as directed gives us another opportunity to cooperate with a national program. I am sure we will hear more about this subject. Suspicious behavior can be reported to Americas Waterway Watch (AWW) which provides useful information on boating habits or the National Response Center (NRC). A call to the local Coast Guard station can suffice.

A last reminder about the D/9 Fall Conference 31 Oct-2 Nov at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek. Hospitality Friday evening, seminars Saturday morning. Hope to see you there.

If you have input for merit mark recommendations, it is still not too late to send information to me.

AASPS elections for 2009 are coming up soon. Come to the meeting to vote or to volunteer for any committee position that may be of interest to you. A quorum is needed for the vote. Election will coincide with the Christmas Party, so you will be at the NEW Center anyway.

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SEO Message

The Boating class of 13 students is almost complete. We have one more class - Wednesday 29 October - to work on the cruise and review the whole course, then exams are on 5 November. We could use one or two more proctors to help the students with the cruise plotting on 29 October at 1900 (7pm) at room 161 in the Crane Building at Washtenaw Community College.

JN class will start 17 November at 1600 (4pm) at the NEW Center.

D/Lt/C William Stewart, SN, sent me the following message

The new Boating Course of America, 3rd Edition will replace:

1. ABC (Americas Boating Course)
2. Boat Smart
3. 2004 Squadron Boating Course

It comes with two CD's, one for self study (the old ABC) and the Maptech disc. It can be taught as an 8-hour course (first 4 chapters) or as a 12 hour course.

This will make the proctored exam for the old ABC much easier, as it can simply be taken with a Boating Class.



Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN (Life)

Nominations for 2009 Officers - To be voted on at the 1 December 2008 Christmas party

Commander - P/C John Barr, AP

Exec. Officer - P/C Frank Hoy, JN

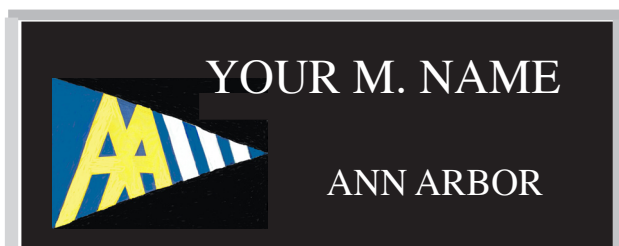
SEO - Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN (life)

Secretary - Lt/C Shirley Schwartz, N

Treasure - Lt/C Marlene Barr, S

Ch/B - Comm. Art Pinsak, SN

We will order name-tags for our members. The cost is \$10 each. They can be attached to your clothes by a magnet - no holes in your clothes. If you want one, please send a check for \$10.00, payable to *Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron*, and mail it to Art Pinsak, 3365 Taoma Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. The tags will be black plastic with a white beveled border,



Partial list of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Oct. 31-Nov. 2 Kalamazoo PS - D9 Fall Conference - McCamly Plaza, Battle Creek, MI. See page 8.		
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Nov. 17	AASPS	JN Class starts at 1600 (4pm) at the New Center, 1100 N. Main St., Ann Arbor
Nov. 17		6 pm, Ann Arbor SPS Potluck Dinner and General Meeting. 7 pm, Speaker: P/C John Barr, AP, and Lt/C Marlene Barr, S, "To Russia with Love" at the New Center, 1100 N. Main St., Ann Arbor. See page 3.
Dec. 1	AASPS	Christmas Party ; At New Center, 1100 N. Main St. Ann Arbor

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Please check the USPS web site (www.USPS.org), the D9 website (<http://d9-usps.org/app/HomeContact.aspx>), and web sites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

To locate any squadron web site	http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html
Anchor Bay	http://www.usps.org/localusps/anchorbay/
Birmingham PS	http://www.bpsd9.org/
Dearborn PS	http://www.dearborn-squadron.org/
Detroit PS	http://www.detroitpowersquadron.org/
Flint PS	http://www.usps.org/localusps/flint/
Grand Rapids	http://www.grpsmi.org/
Grosse Ile PS	http://www.usps.org/localusps/grosseile/
Irish Hills PS	http://www.usps.org/localusps/irishhills/
Lansing PS	http://www.lansingpowersquadron.org/
Mount Clemens PS	http://usps.org/localusps/clemens/
Port Huron	http://mywebpages.comcast.net/phpsd9/
Saginaw Bay	www.saginawbaypowersquadron.org
St. Clair Shores PS	http://www.scssps.com/

NOTICE

Directory of AASPS members -P/C John Barr, AP, is making a new directory. Please send him up-to-date information such as your name, USPS certificate number, number of merit marks, address, phone number, e-mail address, rating (P, S, AP, JN, N, SN, life), elective courses, seminars and teaching guides completed, and USPS courses that you have taught. Please phone, mail, or e-mail the information to P/C John Barr, AP 734-483-0839, 1200 Whittier Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197, JMBarr@BarrLawFirm.com

The executive board decided to save expense and time by sending the Porthole primarily via e-mail. The Porthole can also be seen on the D9 web site in the download section. If you wish to have a grayscale paper copy sent to you by US mail, please phone, write, or e-mail the editors: Ron and Shirley Schwartz, 348 Eighth Street, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103-4326, 734-769-3476, or AAPSclasses@aol.com

2008 D/9 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Friday 31 OCTOBER – Sunday 2 NOVEMBER 2008

KSPS 60th Diamond Jubilee

Registration requests received after 10 October will be accepted on a space available basis.

Uniform of the Day: Friday evening hospitality rooms – Casual or Vintage Costumes
 Seminars & Business Lunch: Uniform F (or USPS Blazer or Appropriate Attire)
 Dinner: Vintage Costumes of the 1940's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's or Dressy Casual



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First Time Conference Attendee?	Yes
Want email notification of special seminars?	Yes

MEALS Friday night hospitality rooms offer Hors d'oeuvres and other food (enough to satisfy).
 Breakfast on your own - Starbucks (opens 7 am) J.W. Barleycorn's (opens 6:30 am).

Lunch Saturday 1 Nov Soup De'jour, Turkey wrap with potato salad, beverage and dessert
 # attending social lunch* _____ # attending business lunch _____ # Vegetarian lunch _____
 * social lunch activity -- create jewelry and keepsakes via The Bead Shop

Dinner Saturday 1 Nov

Choice: Roasted Ruby Trout # _____ Roasted Garlic Marinated Sirloin # _____
 Special Dietary Requests // _____ Vegetarian Dinner // _____

**** Add a surcharge of \$5.00 for any meal reservations made *after 10 October 2008*.

	Post marked by 10 Oct	<i>after 10 Oct</i>
Total # of lunches _____	@ \$25.00 = \$0.00	@ \$30.00 = _____
Total # of dinners _____	@ \$47.00 = \$0.00	@ \$52.00 = _____

Check # _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$0.00

Meals only – Mail check and this form to:

KSPS or Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
 Lyn Bleyer
 6553 N 37th St
 Richland, MI 49083
 (269) 731-5601

Hotel Reservations/Room Rates:

Mention D/9 conference to get special rate of \$99 per double occupancy per night.

*** *Must book room by 10 October.* ***

Call McCamly Plaza to reserve your room
 50 Capital Ave, SW Battle Creek MI 49017
 (269) 963-7050 (888) 622-2659

