

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

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

General Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month at 1800 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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I took a few minutes to look at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) to learn the requirements for the 'Distinction In Journalism' Award and found out we received one for 2008. So, here is the logo.  
Congratulations to all those who contribute to 'The Porthole'.



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# General Meeting

## Monday, 16 February 2009

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

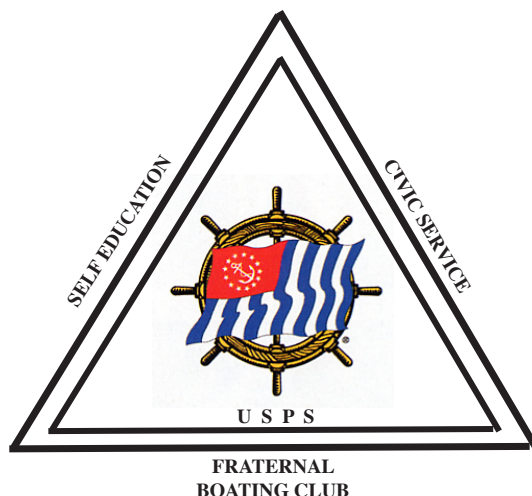
**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron**  
(Sail and Power Boating Education)

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

Please call Sharon Pinsak - 734-973-0441 - and tell her what food you will bring so that we have a variety.

**Program: “Putting Out an Engine Compartment Fire”** an 11 minute DVD powerpoint presentation by the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron (Washington State). Describes using a gaseous fire extinguisher to put out a below-deck engine fire.

Excerpts from the USPS ‘Marine Radar’ seminar describes radar images, GPS and marine charts all superimposed to assist navigating in reduced visibility.



NEW Center at 1100 N. Main Street,  
on west shore of Argo Pond, Ann Arbor,  
first building north of the railroad crossing. - 3 -

## Commander's Message

The one sure thing you can bet on is that things will change. Change is constant and inevitable. The world is changing and Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron must change or go the way of the Dodo.

Some recent AASPS changes include our new bridge and the new web site [www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org](http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org). Kudos to Peg Moller for making this happen!

AASPS reduced expenses last year by restructuring the lease with the New Center and partnering with Washtenaw Community College. The squadron is still in a deficit position (spending more than it takes in) so we will continue to look for ways to economize. We are looking for a different and less expensive venue for our meetings. If anyone has any ideas please follow through and contact the decision makers at the possible new meeting place and bring the information to the next meeting.



Commander John Barr, AP

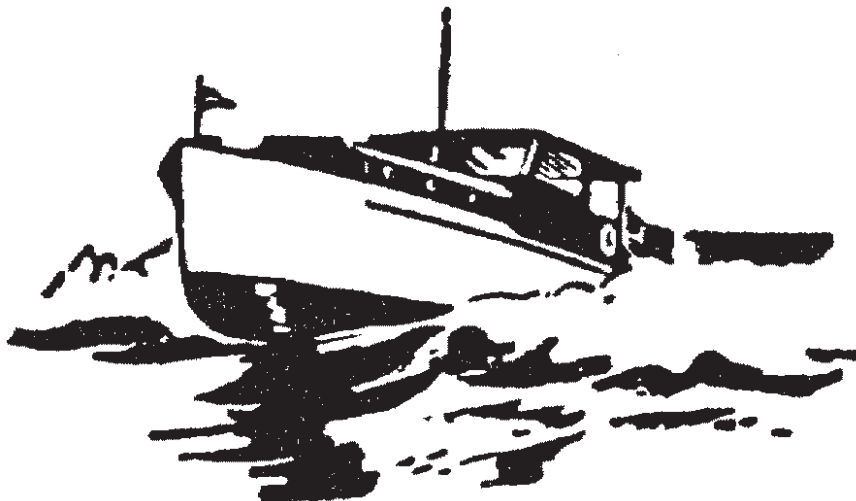
Squadron Treasurer Marlene and I are getting ready to attend the USPS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. We hope to bring back a number of new ideas for AASPS.

Last month Marlene and I were on a bicycle trip in Florida and visited Past Commanders Dick and Katie Sullivan. They are doing well and are active in their local Florida squadron. We also visited Jo Zeisler who is also well. Dick, Katie and Jo all asked to be remembered to AASPS. They all gave many hours to our squadron when they were in Michigan.

AASPS owes a large debt of appreciation to all members and officers for their excellent work the past several years, and I congratulate and thank them for the wonderful effort put forth. I especially want to recognize and thank Past Commander Art Pinsak and Sharon Pinsak for their steadfast loyalty and commitment to the squadron for many years.

Because of the work of many members AASPS remains a viable organization teaching safe boating. Let us all continue the course, steady and true to continue our fine tradition!

John M. Barr



## SEO Message

We have 21 students in our Squadron Boating Course at Washtenaw Community College, in room 317 in the Gundar Myron Building, Wednesdays 7-9pm, being taught by John Barr, Frank Hoy, Jadwin Root and Ron Schwartz. We could use more proctors. Exams will be written 25 Feb. 2009.



Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN (Life)

### FUTURE CLASSES

**Weather Class** - 8 Thursdays, 7 to 9 pm, Weather course covers forecasting and reading weather patterns on-board. Location 165 Kingsbrook, Ann Arbor - at Bob Snider's home. 3 to 6 students. Contact Bob Snider, 734-665-8890 [crsnider@ameritech.net](mailto:crsnider@ameritech.net)

**Seamanship Class** - 8 Wednesdays, 7 to 9 pm, Seamanship covers basic deck seamanship, marlinspike (knots and ropes), anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, and nautical and USPS customs and etiquette. Location - John Barr's office, 105 Pearl St., Ypsilanti - near Huron Street. Contact John Barr, 734-483-0839 [JMBarr@BarrLawFirm.com](mailto:JMBarr@BarrLawFirm.com). Parking is available on the street or in the North Huron Parking Lot 1/2 block north of the office.

**Advanced Piloting Class** - Wednesdays, Advanced Piloting covers more advanced coastal navigation techniques, navigation in tides and currents, and more advanced GPS usage. Location - Art Pinsak's home, 3365 Tacoma Cir., Ann Arbor. 3 to 6 students. Contact Art Pinsak, 734-973-0441 [apnsharon@aol.com](mailto:apnsharon@aol.com).

Junior Navigation - Classes are being held 4 - 6 pm Mondays at the NEW Center prior to our ExCom and General meetings. Contact Cary Jones - 734 - 433-0150

Navigation: Starting March. at Ron Schwartz's home. 348 Eighth St. Ann Arbor. For details [AAPSClasses@aol.com](mailto:AAPSClasses@aol.com), or 734-769-3476.



D/C Denise Brooks swearing in the new Bridge  
Marlene Barr, Ron and Shirley Schwartz, Frank Hoy



P/C Art Pinsak receiving an award  
from Com. John Barr.



Com. John Barr being Sworn in

## Partial list of Events, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
16 Feb.	AASPS General and Exec. Comm. meeting.	1900 at New Center, 1100 N. Main St. Ann Arbor.
17-22 Feb.	USPS National Meeting,	Anaheim California. See page 7 and USPS web site
28 Feb D9	Spring Council -	Port Huron, MI
13-15 Mar	D9 Spring Conference -	Marriott - South Bend, IN - South Bend hosts
21 Mar	Detroit Commander's Ball -	Detroit Yacht Club
17-19 Apr	Canadian PS, Western Ontario Annual General Meeting -	Sarnia
18 Apr	Mt Clemens Commander's Ball -	Vintage House, Fraser
16 May	Birmingham Commander's Ball -	Heathers Club, Bloomfield Hills
8-13 Sept	USPS Governing Board -	Kansas Ciyty, MO
18-20 Sept	CG Auxiliary Fall Conference -	Bay City
23-25 Oct	D9 Fall Conference -	Sterling Hgts - Mt Clemens hosts

Detroit Boat Show - Feb. 2009 - Squadron members can get into the Detroit Boat Show free if they volunteer to be at the USPS booth for 2 hours to answer questions about USPS. Contact Linda M. Lumpkin to reserve a 2 hour slot in the schedule. 586-779-2766 lmlumpkin@comcast.net

Please check USPS web site ([www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org)), 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 PS <http://www.usps.org/localusps/anchorbay/>  
 Ann Arbor SPS <http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org>.  
 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/>  
 Lansing PS <http://www.lansingpowersquadron.org/>  
 Mount Clemens PS <http://usps.org/localusps/clemens/>  
 Port Huron PS <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/phpsd9/>  
 Saginaw Bay PS [www.saginawbaypowersquadron.org](http://www.saginawbaypowersquadron.org)  
 St. Clair Shores PS <http://www.scssps.com/>



# Anaheim

**USPS Annual Meeting 17-22 Feb. 2009**



Courtesy AOCVCB

## ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION (Please use your certificate number, as reservations are keyed to that number.)

>> Online form available at [www.usps.org/php/reservations](http://www.usps.org/php/reservations)

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E-mail address					

### Wednesday, 18 Feb.

#### 0900-1500 Los Angeles, Hollywood & Beverly Hills

Travel by deluxe motor coach to experience the glamorous and unique sights of downtown Los Angeles, Little Tokyo, Chinatown, historic Olvera Street, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Hollywood Boulevard, Sunset Strip, Rodeo Drive and other popular points of interest. Lunch on your own at the Farmer's Market.

Quantity @ \$60 Total \$

### Thursday, 19 Feb.

#### 0900-1500 Mission San Juan Capistrano & Laguna Beach

Travel by deluxe motor coach to visit the famed Mission San Juan Capistrano. Founded in 1776 by Friar Junipero Serra, the mission is one of the most impressive examples of early California architecture. It's also home to the annual return of the swallows. On the return trip, we'll stop at the bayside community of Laguna Beach, an artist colony with unique antiques. Lunch on your own.

Quantity @ \$70 Total \$

#### 1730-2230 Pirates Dinner Adventure

Ahoy USPS mates. Enjoy a plated feast and dining experience with swashbuckling swordplay, aerial artistry, action, romance and comedy. Coach transportation is included.

Quantity @ \$65 Total \$

### Friday, 20 Feb.

#### 0900-1500 J. Paul Getty Villa

Travel by deluxe motor coach to discover one of Southern California's most popular new attractions, the J. Paul Getty Villa in Malibu. On your self-guided tour, you'll experience breathtaking views of the city, tranquil gardens and the Getty collections. Lunch on your own.

Quantity @ \$60 Total \$

#### 1000-1100 One-Pot Cooking on Your Boat Seminar

Join the fun as you learn unique methods of onboard cooking as well as great storage ideas. This in-hotel seminar is presented by Anthony Aquilato and Suzanne Nentwich.

Quantity @ \$10 Total \$

### Saturday, 21 Feb.

#### 1100-1400 Reception & Shipmates Social Luncheon

Celebrate USPS friendships, enjoy great entertainment and take home a gift to remember the special day.

Quantity @ \$30 Total \$

#### 1200-1400 Members Luncheon (cash bar 1200-1230)

Names and certificate numbers not listed on this form are needed for each ticket.

Quantity @ \$30 Total \$

#### 1830-2300 Reception & Change of Watch Banquet

Come welcome the 2009 Bridge, while enjoying a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests. Dance to the music of Tommy Tassi and the Authentics.

Quantity @ \$57 Total \$

### Meeting CD

Contains presentations, handouts and PowerPoint slides from all committee meetings. Pick up CDs at activities registration along with your tickets.

Quantity @ \$5 Total \$

Total tickets & CDs:

Total due: \$

For RV information, visit [www.usps.org/lc/highwaymariners](http://www.usps.org/lc/highwaymariners)

Reserve tickets online at [www.usps.org/national/natmeetings](http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings) using a credit card, or mail form and check made out to 2009 Annual Meeting to Marie Coons, P, 19185 Edgewood Lane, Prior Lake, MN 55372. Call 952-898-5850 or e-mail [coonsmm@aol.com](mailto:coonsmm@aol.com) for more information.

Activity reservations must be secured or postmarked by 2 Feb. 2009. After 7 Feb., call or e-mail for instructions. Refund requests made after 13 Feb. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the member activities registration area no later than one hour before the event, except for Shipmates Social Luncheon, Members Luncheon and Banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 21 Feb. Agenda and additional details can be found at [www.usps.org/national/natmeetings](http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings).



## 2009 D/9 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

**SBSPS 50TH ANNIVERSARY – CELEBRATE THE VOYAGE**

**Friday 13 March – Sunday 15 March, 2009**

Please register below to attend the conference. Join us on our “cruise,”\*\*

in celebration of boating, and 50 years with the **UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**

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Address	City	State	Zip code
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Home #	Other Phone #	Email Address
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First time Conference Attendee? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you want email regarding special seminars? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Friday night:** Hospitality rooms offer hors d’oeuvres and other food (enough to satisfy).

**Saturday Breakfast:** On your own. Local info, coupons, and maps are in your registration bag.

**Saturday Lunch:** Herb Roasted Chicken, Vegetables – Chef’s Choice, Tiramisu

# Attending business lunch \_\_\_\_\_ # Vegetarian lunch \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner:** Choice: New York Strip Steak # \_\_\_\_\_ - OR - Grilled Salmon # \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Dinner # \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Requests # \_\_\_\_\_

	Post marked by 20 February	After 20 Feb. add \$5.00 surcharge
Total # of lunches _____ @ \$27.00 = _____		@ \$32.00 = _____

Total # of dinners _____ @ \$55.00 = _____	@ \$60.00 = _____
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Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Accommodations:** South Bend Marriott 123 N. St. Joseph Street South Bend, IN 46601

**Hotel Reservations/Room Rates:**

**Call the South Bend Marriott to reserve your room: 574-234-2000 Toll free: 800-228-9290**

Refer to **U.S. Power Squadrons Block** in order to get special rate of \$99 + tax per double occupancy per night. There is an additional \$9.00 overnight parking fee.

Register online at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sbnin-south-bend-marriott/> and use the group code **USPUSPA** for our Spring Conference rates. Must book room(s) by 20 February.

**Meals only – Mail check and this form to:**

SBSPS

c/o Harry Bailiff

2401 Ottawa Drive

Elkhart, IN 46517-1931

Questions/ Help: (574) 293-8888

Uniform of the Day: Friday Hospitality Rooms -

Casual or Theme-Inspired

Seminars & Business Lunch: Uniform F; USPS Blazer;

Appropriate Attire

Dinner: Dress as you would for an invitation to

“The Captain’s Table” (dressy, semi-formal)