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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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General Meeting Monday, 18 May 2009

at St. Josephs Hospital Adminstration Building
5305 Elliott Dr. parking Lot P
2nd floor room 5

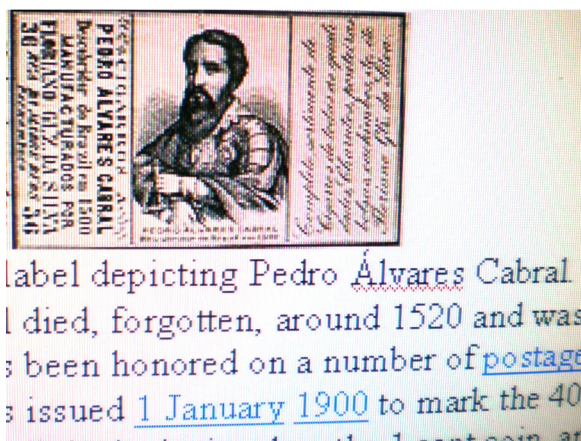
**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
(Sail and Power Boating Education)**

<http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org>.

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.

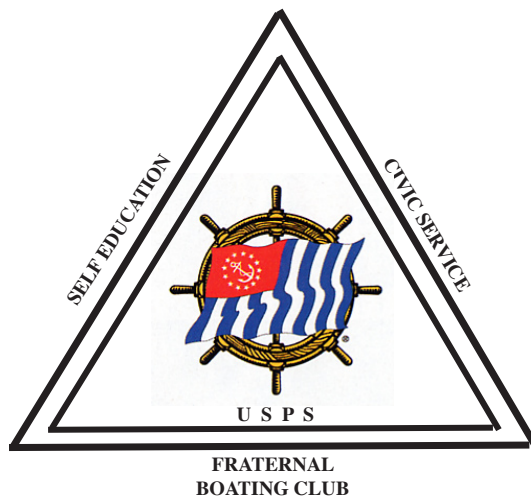
Program: Ron Schwartz will present 'Pedro Alvares Cabral's voyage of Discovery to Brazil and India in 1503'.



Directions to meeting

**St. Josephs Hospital
Administration Services Building
East Huron River Drive Campus
5305 Elliott Dr. parking Lot P
Enter automatic doors**

Take stairs or elevator to 2nd floor.
Turn left and walk about 35 steps.
Turn left through double doors and
walk past rest rooms to room 5.



Commander's Message

There is nothing like Springtime in Michigan. The grass greens, the trees leaf out and the weather becomes balmy. Lovers love and boaters get ready for the boating season. Clean, polish, fix, supply, paint and rig are the orders of the day for boaters. All the work will be well worth it when enjoying Michigan's water wonderland later in the season.

Remember that our meeting place has changed. We will now meet at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor (Ypsilanti) in room EC-5. The room is on the second floor of the Education Center in the Administration building at 5305 Elliott Drive on the Western side of the hospital complex. Parking lot "P" is right in front. There is a modern, fast elevator. The McAuley Inn and Sleep Disorder Clinic are also in this building.



Commander John Barr, AP

The use of the new meeting room is donated by St. Joe and was arranged by our new member Dr. Larry Marentette. We will save \$720 per year with the new arrangement.

Our next membership meeting is set for May 18th at 6pm with a pot luck and then the meeting.

Our annual picnic is scheduled for 6pm on June 15th at Argo Park. Please put this date on you calendar. We have been very pleased with the facilities at Argo Park. We have a pavilion and a very scenic view. Sharon Pinsak will again take the lead in making the arrangements. Bring a dish to pass and \$5 donation for the chicken and drinks. This is always a fun event, be sure to attend.

Membership renewals are in process. Please be sure to renew you squadron membership as soon as it comes in the mail. We would like to see one hundred percent renewals.

Yours for safe boating,

John M. Barr, Commander

AASPS Booster Club

Your \$25 Donations to Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron will help our squadron carry on our boating education work. Make your check payable to Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron and mail it and your Boat's name to Marlene Barr, treasurer, 1200 Whittier Rd., Ypsilanti, MI, 48197.

Name	Boat Name	Date
John and Marlene Barr		May 2009
Art and Sharon Pinsak		May 2009
Frank Hoy		May 2009
Ron and Shirley Schwartz	Half Angel and Soft Shoal	May 2009

SEO Message

Our March - April Seamanship class took their exam and the tests were sent to national for grading. USPS National can take as long as 30 days to send educational materials to us, so we have to plan ahead and order materials well in advance of class starting dates.



CLASSES

Piloting Class: Members with a rating of Seaman or higher can take the Piloting class. If you are interested please contact class chairman John Barr 734-483-0839 or JMBarr@BarrLawFirm.com

Navigation: Informal home study and classes have started. For details e-mail AAPSclasses@aol.com, or call 734-769-3476

There are many courses, seminars and study guides available. Subjects range from knots to electronics, engine maintenance, cruise planning, celestial navigation, and many other topics. Look at their descriptions at www.usps.org and tell me which ones you're interested in. You can do home study or, if we have several people interested in a particular subject, we will have a class.

D9 Education Cruise

Former AASPS Boating Students, and members are invited on the annual D9 Bristol Bay ship and barge cruise on the Detroit River. See page 8 for details, cost and reservations.

From American Heritage magazine spring 2009.




MUSEUM PARTNER NEWS

First Bateau for Fort Ticonderoga



LAST FALL, LAKE CHAMPLAIN Maritime Museum's master shipbuilder, Dale Henry, above, steers the oak-and-pine bateau he built for Fort Ticonderoga into the La Chute River. In the large roadless upstate New York of the 18th century, the scene of much fierce fighting during the French and Indian War and Revolution, the clumsy, flat-bottomed bateau became

the vehicle of choice to transport troops. Henry based his replica on the remains of a bateau recovered from Lake Champlain, one of 1,000 bateaux that carried Gen. James Abercromby's more than 15,000 soldiers on their disastrous offensive against French-held Carillon, later renamed Fort Ticonderoga, in 1758. (See "Battle for the Continent," by John F.

Ross, AH Spring/Summer 2008.) Easy to build and maneuver, even for green soldiers, the bateau slid easily over shallows and shoals, although its weight—at about 1,000 pounds—and two-dozen-foot length made portaging difficult. The bateau is on display at Fort Ticonderoga National Historic Monument, www.fort-ticonderoga.org. 

Partial list of Events, 2009

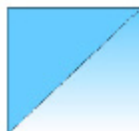
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
16 May	Birmingham Commander's Ball - Heathers Club, Bloomfield Hills	
18 May	AASPS Potluck and General Meeting. St. Joe. Hospital Administration Building. See pae 3.	
15 June	AASPS Potluck Picnic. Argo Pond Canoe Livre.	
16 June	USPS and Coastguard - D9 Education Cruise on Detroit River - see page 8.	
8-13 Sept	USPS Governing Board - Kansas Ciyty, MO	
18-20 Sept	CG Auxiliary Fall Conference - Bay City	
23-25 Oct	Mt Clemens - D9 Fall Conference - Sterling Heights Michigan.	

Please check USPS web site (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.grsps.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
 St. Clair Shores PS <http://www.scssps.com/>



D9 Education Cruise - June 16, 2009 evening, on the Detroit River If you are interested I will e-mail you a pdf copy. 3 hour cruise on the Detroit River 7 to 10 pm Tuesday June 16, 2009, \$15 per person. On a barge towed by the Coast Guard cutter Bristol Bay.



Sign up for a 3-hour United States Coast Guard (USCG), United States Power Squadron (USPS), and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX) D9 educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft. Coast Guard Cutter "BRISTOL BAY". The Bristol Bay will also be pushing their Aids to Navigation floating buoys, fixed aids and range buoys. The barge is capable of carrying approximately 250 people. Bring binoculars if you have them, and dress warmly.

The US Power Squadron, the US Coast Guard and US Coast Guard Auxiliary are the world's premier marine safety organizations that take great pride in sponsoring this educational opportunity to residents here boarding students. This will be a unique 3-hour educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft. ship and its 160-ft barge for a total of a 270-foot vessel.

We will be traveling the waters of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. We hope this event will provide the basic boating students with a better understanding of the aids to navigation and their light characteristics. An understanding of the aids to navigation is an essential part of safe boating, although covered in the classroom during your course, it's best understood by actually seeing the aids at sea. The timing has been planned so that daytime and evening light characteristics of the aids can be seen. During the entire voyage, a Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary member and an active-duty Coast Guard Officer will provide commentary. You will see and hear about Aids to Navigation and more during our river and lake cruise. You'll have fun and improve your boating safety.

Each Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary student will be given a chart replica of the river and lake areas we are going to cruise, showing the various navigational aids and their individual characteristics. They will be numbered on the chart and the actual aids and their light characteristics will be identified as we pass them. We will begin boarding promptly at 7:00 PM at Coast Guard Station Group Detroit. This is at the foot of Mt. Elliott Avenue, right at the Detroit River. We will have personnel there to assist and direct you on parking and boarding procedures. A detailed map of the area will be mailed to you along with your boarding passes. Departure time is 7:30 PM.



CHILDREN Children who attend the USPS or the USCGAUX Public Boating Courses are welcome to participate in this educational opportunity. However, we must restrict participation by other family members (and friends) to those 12 years of age and older. The Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary are family oriented organizations and we sponsor many activities that include children. But because this cruise requires the concentration of the participants, we have the age restriction. Thank you for understanding.

ABOUT USPS Formed in 1814, the United States Power Squadron is the world's largest nonprofit boating organization. Their 80,000 members in the 450 squadrons are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating on the water and in the classroom.

All USPS members are volunteers. USPS District 9 is composed of 9,500 members in 25 squadrons. Collectively, their 25 squadrons teach the USPS Public Boating Course to more than 2,000 students yearly.

ABOUT USCGAUX The Coast Guard Auxiliary was created by an Act Of Congress in 1839, as a non-military, civilian affiliate of the Coast Guard, and as such plays a substantial role in the National Safe Boating program. The total Coast Guard Auxiliary family consists of 55,000 volunteers. The District 9 Central region is composed of 10 Divisions with 58 Flotillas and about 1,000 members.

All of our basic boating students are going to need to join this event and because of this, we urge you to get your reservation in early.

Fill out the form today and mail it along with your check. We are limited to 250 passengers and expect to "fill up" fast. First come, first served. If you are among those who enroll too late, your check will be refunded.

Instructions:
Sign and remove this section and send it along with your check by June 9th, 2009. Yes, we are interested in joining the USPS and USCGAUX educational opportunity on Tuesday June 16, 2009 and would like to reserve space now. We understand that we will be mailed boarding passes and directions to the Bristol Bay. We understand that if the cruise is canceled because of extremely bad weather we will be contacted at (phone number) () - () and the cruise will be rescheduled or our money will be refunded.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I have attached a check in the amount of \$_____ (S15.00 per person to defray costs of training materials, refreshments and incidentals) to D9 Educational Cruise Committee. Please write your phone number on the front of the check. List all names of the attendees in the space provided on the back.

Please read the following statement of responsibility and indicate your agreement by signing and dating in the space provided. This Statement must accompany your form and check. Thank You.

Responsibility:

The D9 educational opportunity is an optional voluntary event intended to familiarize the student with Aids to Navigation. The United States Department of Transportation, the United States Coast Guard or any of its officers or agents, USPS, USPS District 9 squadrons in District 9 and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Divisions, Flotillas in 9 Central Region and the District 9 Cruise Committee shall be held free of responsibility for any damage, injury or loss resulting from any cause. Second and unlawful substances will not be permitted on board and any student known to have same in his or her possession shall be denied boarding.

Neither USPS, USPS District 9, the squadrons, USCGAUX, Divisions, Flotillas in 9 or the District 9 Cruise Committee employees, affiliates or representatives own, or operate, manage, control, inspect, distribute or warrant any vehicle, vessel, or any product, omission or service provided directly or indirectly in connection with the cruise; nor are they or any of them responsible or liable for any accident, injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, delay or any other irregularity or any nature whatsoever arising directly from the District 9 Educational Cruise, or from any part thereof due to any cause whatsoever including negligence, strikes, terrorism or Acts Of God.

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I/we agree to its terms. Passengers under the age of 10 require consent and signature of a parent or guardian. Please sign and date. We cannot make your reservation unless signed by each person.

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

In the space provided below, please **PRINT** the names of each member of your family or guests who will be accompanying you on the D-9 Educational Cruise.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

I understand that there will be no refund if I do not show up for the regularly scheduled cruise. If the cruise is canceled, I will be notified and the cruise will be rescheduled or my money will be refunded.

The sponsoring organization that I took the class from was the:

Power Squadron

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Fill out the form today and mail it along with your check made payable to D-9 Educational Cruise Committee, to:

Reservations

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8734 Kensten Road

Commerce Twp. MI 48382-1813

(Phone) 248.360.9304

(E-mail) la101del@us.ibm.com

Student _____

Proctor _____

Member _____



USCGAUX@USCGAUX
Educational Opportunity



Come Aboard
the Cutter
"Bristol Bay"

16 June 2009

Board 7:00 PM

Depart 7:30 PM