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General Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month at St. Joseph Hospital's Education Center, Ann Arbor. This month's general meeting is at Argo Pond Park. See pae 3.

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



**43 YEARS SERVING
THE BOATING PUBLIC**

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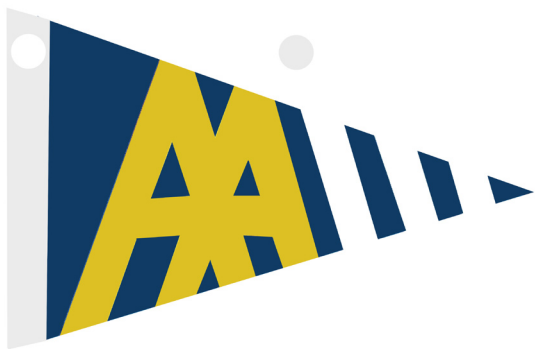


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Picnic

Monday, 15 June 2009

Argo Pond Park and Canoe Livery

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

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

6 pm to 9 pm Picnic Potluck: We will meet at the Argo Pond Park and Launch Site - east side of Huron River next to Argo Pond Canoe Livery on Longshore Dr.

Please bring a dish to pass - Please call Sharon Pinsak - 734-973-0441, and tell her what food you want to bring so we can have a variety.

Sharon Pinsak will bring beer, wine, pop and fried chicken, plates, cups, tableware. \$5 each.

DIRECTIONS

Exit M14 at Exit #4 and take Barton Dr. south and east to Longshore Dr. Follow Longshore Dr. south along the river to the Argo Canoe Livery. X on the map.



Or, from downtown take Division St. or Detroit St. north to Broadway St. Follow Broadway St. northeast to Moore St. Take Moore St. northwest. Moore St. will become Longshore Dr. on the west side of Pontiac Tr. Take Longshore to the X on the map.

You can bring a boat or canoe or kayak or rent one.
Frank Hoy will give kayak lessons. There is a boat launch at the picnic site.

Canoe Livery and picnic site



Commander's Message



Commander John Barr, AP

There is nothing like Spring in Michigan. The air is soft, the wind is warm and the sky is blue. Birds sing and walleye run. Now is the time to enjoy your boat in our Water Wonderland.

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron continues to make progress. The recent Seamanship class was a success and all students passed. Congratulations to Randy Stevenson, Junko Stevenson, Kevin Yin, Al Vair and Larry Marentette.

Our partnership with Washtenaw Community College is working out well. We just received a check from WCC for our share of the last Boating class. Fall classes are being scheduled.

Likewise our relationship with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital is saving us money. Our meeting room at St. Joe is free and has proven satisfactory so far.

Take a minute and look at our web site. Ideas for improvements are also welcome.

Have a happy summer!

AASPS Booster Club

Thanks to the following people for their support of the Porthole:

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	VinVilla	May 2009
Art and Sharon Pinsak	Calypso	May 2009
Frank Hoy	Bobbin' Job	May 2009
Ron and Shirley Schwartz	Half Angel and Soft Shoal	May 2009

SEO Message

Congratulations to our Seamanship students. All five students, Lawrence Marentette, Junko Stevenson, Randy Stevenson, Albert Vair and Shih-Chieh Yin, passed the course. Several of them missed an important question that is covered in Basic Boating and Seamanship, so it is worth repeating here; When refueling, the boat should be closed up - hatches, portholes, windows, doors etc. all closed - so gas fumes can not seep into the cabin or hull. After fueling, put the cap on the fuel input pipe and then open all those doors and windows to ventilated the cabin and hull to remove any fumes that may have gotten in, before starting the engine.



CLASSES

America's Boating Course 3rd edition - 8 Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM, Sept. 16 to Nov. 4, 2009 at Washtenaw Community College. Cost \$55.00. Call Ron Schwartz 734-769-3476 or e-mail AAPSclasses@aol.com. This course has replaced the Squadron Boating Course and includes, Boating laws, required equipment, navigation and marine paper and digital charts. Graduates receive the Michigan DNR Safe Boating Certificate.

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 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, weather, to electronics to engine maintenance and celestial navigation. 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.

Volunteers are needed for Assistant Education Officer, Chairman Boating, Ch. Marine Electronics, Ch. Instructor Development, Ch. Engine Maintenance, Ch. Teaching Aids, Chairman of Learning Guides, Calligraphy on certificates and wallet cards, Ch. of

Partial list of Events, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
15 June 2009	Argo Pond Park	See pae 3.
16 June 2009	D9 Education Cruise	see page 7 and 8
8-13 Sept	USPS Governing Board - Kansas Ciyty, MO	
Sept. 16 to Nov. 4,	AASPS, America's Boating Course	3rd edition - 8 Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM, Sept. 16 to Nov. 4, 2009 at Washtenaw Community College. Cost \$55.00. Call Ron Schwartz 734-769-3476 or e-mail AAPSclasses@aol.com.
18-20 Sept	CG Auxiliary Fall Conference - Bay City	
23-25 Oct	Mt Clemens - D9 Fall Conference - Sterling Heights Michigan.	

Safety Message

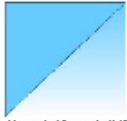
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Please check USPS web site (www.USPS.org), D9 website (<http://d9-usps.org/app/HomeContact.aspx>), and web sites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

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. Register early to get a seat.



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 recreational boating students. This will be a unique 3-hour educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft. ship and its 130-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 limit 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 for understanding.

ABOUT USPS Formed in 1914, 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 3,500 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 1939, 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 85,000 volunteers. The District 9 Central region is composed of 10 Divisions with 58 flotillas and about 1500 members.

All of our basic boating students are asked to arrive at this event and because of this, we urge you to get your reservation 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 \$_____.

(\$15.00 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:

This 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 official 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. Accident 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, flotillas or representatives own, or operate, manage, control, inspect, distribute or warrant any vehicle, vessel, or any product, equipment or advice 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, riotous 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 name of each member of your family or guests who will be accompanying you on the DSE Educational Cruise.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

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

USCGAUX

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

D'U. Link, LaLonde, P
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Commerce Twp. MI 48324-1813
(Phone) 248.360.8804
(Email) la16161@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

AASPS MEMBERS Name Tags

We are going to order name tags for our members. We need to order at least 10 tags to get a reduced price of \$10 each. The tags can be attached to your cloths by a magnet. No holes in your cloths. If you want one please send a check for \$10 payable to *Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron* to Art Pinsak, 3365 Tacoma Cir., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. The tags will be black/white laminated plastic with a white beveled border, white engraved letters and the AASPS burgee, similar to the picture below.



SCRATCH SHEET FOR FUTURE STUFF

Shih-Chieh Yin