

# The Porthole

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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.

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



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

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or <http://AASPSQ.org>

## **General Meeting Monday, 19 Oct. 2009**

at

### **Bob's Boathouse Restaurant**

**On the Detroit River shore in  
Wyandotte Michigan**



Long. 42° 13.6' N, Lat. 83° 8.9' W

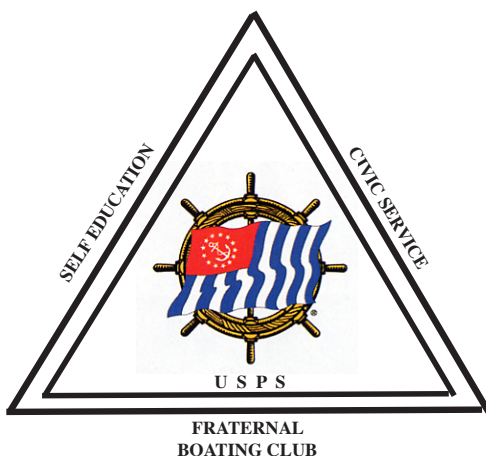
817 Clifford, Wyandotte, 48192. Near corner of Clifford and St John St. Near the Wyandotte city boat launch site. From Biddle (Jefferson) take St. John St. east one block to Clifford.

From Ann Arbor take I-94 east, then M-39 (Southfield Rd.) southeast to Jefferson/Biddle. Then 0.92 miles south to St. John, then east 1 block to Clifford.

### **6:30 PM. Dinner Rendezvous at Bob's Boathouse Restaurant in Wyandotte, Michigan**

Please call John Barr, at his office, for reservations - 734-481-1234

### **7:00 General Meeting.**



*Ron's boat, Soft Shoal, on Otsego Lake*

## Commander's Message



Commander John Barr, AP

Boat lay-up season is upon us. In getting my boat ready for winter I usually prepare a check list. Some items to consider are:

1. Drain the water system
2. Empty the head and holding tank
3. Drain the engine block or flush with antifreeze
4. Change the oil and filter
5. Fog the engine
6. Remove the batteries and trickle charge
7. Remove equipment and stores for storage
8. Check trailer tire pressure and block
9. Clean the boat
10. Remove boat to storage facility and cover for winter

During the fall and winter months it is productive to brush up on boating skills, take Power Squadron courses and work on any equipment needing repair.

Remember our next Squadron meeting will be the third Monday of the month – October 19th starting at 6:30 pm with a dinner at Bob's Restaurant. We will have an important business meeting and discuss dues and other important Squadron business.

Please check the USPS District 9 web site for important District information and meetings.

John M. Barr, Commander

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## AASPS Booster Club

Thanks to the following people for their donations to support AASPS  
Your \$25 Donations to Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron will help our squadron carry on our boating education work. To donate, 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
Bob Cox		Sept. 2009
Frank Hoy	Bobbin' Job	May 2009
Art and Sharon Pinsak	Calypso	May 2009
Ron and Shirley Schwartz	Half Angel and Soft Shoal	May 2009

## SEO Message

We have 10 students - this fall, teaching the new America's Boating Course 3rd edition - 8 Wednesdays, 7 to 9 PM, Sept. 16 to Nov. 4, 2009 at Washtenaw Community College, Crane Building Room 161. 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 and USPS ABC-3 certificate.



Lt./C Ron Schwartz, SN Life

**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](http://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, Caligraphy on certificates and wallet cards, Ch. of various seminars and study guides.

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## Membership Changes

Jadwin Root has a new address. 5229 W. Michigan Ave. Lot 208, Ypsilanti MI 48197 734-358-4185

## New members

Robert A. Buchanan 3045 Foxcroft, Ann Arbor 48104 734-971-6589

Curtis J. Hoff 3711 Oakmore Ct. Ann Arbor 48103 734-668-8631



To see log and pictures from a 4 year world cruise on a 50' sail boat go to <http://www.dreamcatchersail.us/index.html>

## Executive Officer's Message

### Help Wanted

The Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron needs your help. As this year comes to an end we need to prepare for next year. We need to get new people on the Bridge, and ensure the work of the Squadron gets done. We all need to get more involved, and give those core members who have been doing the job some relief. This request does not mean that you have to give up an unreasonable amount of your time. We meet once a month, and those members that know what to do will help train new Bridge members. We need a Commander, Administrative Officer, and other officers. We will be forming a Nominating Committee to achieve these goals. Please contact me to sign up for the Nominating Committee. This is a voluntary organization, which depends on members to volunteer. Do not be complacent. The future of our squadron depends on its members being involved.



Lt./C Frank Hoy, JN

Executive Officer, Frank Hoy, JN  
734-214-0199

#### Partial list of Events, 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
19 Oct.	AASPS	Dinner meeting at Bob's Boathouse Restaurant in Wyandotte. See page 3
<b>23-25 Oct</b>	<b>Mt Clemens</b>	<b>- D9 Fall Conference</b> - Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights Mich. corner of 15 Mile Rd. and Van Dyke. See page 8.

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

To locate any D9 squadron web site, go to our web site (<http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org>) and click on the "links" button. A drop down menu will appear. Then click on D-9 Squadrons. A list of links to all D-9 squadrons web sites is there with a Goggle satellite map showing each Squadron's location. You can move and zoom in or out on the map to other locations.

Anchor Bay PS	<a href="http://www.usps.org/localusps/anchorbay/">http://www.usps.org/localusps/anchorbay/</a>
Ann Arbor SPS	<a href="http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org">http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org</a>
Birmingham PS	<a href="http://www.bpsd9.org/">http://www.bpsd9.org/</a>
Dearborn PS	<a href="http://www.dearborn-squadron.org/">http://www.dearborn-squadron.org/</a>
Detroit PS	<a href="http://www.detroitpowersquadron.org/">http://www.detroitpowersquadron.org/</a>
Flint PS	<a href="http://www.usps.org/localusps/flint/">http://www.usps.org/localusps/flint/</a>
Grand Rapids	<a href="http://www.grsps.org/">http://www.grsps.org/</a>
Grosse Ile PS	<a href="http://www.usps.org/localusps/grosseile/">http://www.usps.org/localusps/grosseile/</a>
Lansing PS	<a href="http://www.lansingpowersquadron.org/">http://www.lansingpowersquadron.org/</a>
Mount Clemens PS	<a href="http://usps.org/localusps/clemens/">http://usps.org/localusps/clemens/</a>
Port Huron PS	<a href="http://mywebpages.comcast.net/phpsd9/">http://mywebpages.comcast.net/phpsd9/</a>
Saginaw Bay PS	<a href="http://www.saginawbaypowersquadron.org">www.saginawbaypowersquadron.org</a>
St. Clair Shores PS	<a href="http://www.scssps.com/">http://www.scssps.com/</a>



#### GET A LIFE

## Study finds that a purposeful life is a longer one

If you have a purpose in life — lofty or not — you'll live

as little as reading a series of books," said study author Dr. Patricia Boyle, a neuropsychologist at the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center and an assistant professor of behavioral sciences at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

"We found that people who reported a greater level of purpose in life were substantially less likely to die over the follow-up period."

longer, a new study shows.

It doesn't seem to matter much what the purpose is, or whether the purpose involves a goal that's ambitious or modest.

"It can be anything — from wanting to accomplish a goal in life, to achieving something in a volunteer organization, to

Though much other research has found that having a purpose in life is crucial to maintaining psychological wellness and physical health, Boyle said she believes the new study is one of the first large-scale investigations to examine the link between life purpose and longevity.

The finding follows another recent study, done by others, in which the researchers found that retirees older than 65 who volunteered had less than half the risk of dying during about a four-year follow-up period as did their peers who did not volunteer their time.

## AASPS MEMBERS Name Tags

FIRST I. LASTNAME



ANN ARBOR

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.



## District 9 2009 Fall Conference

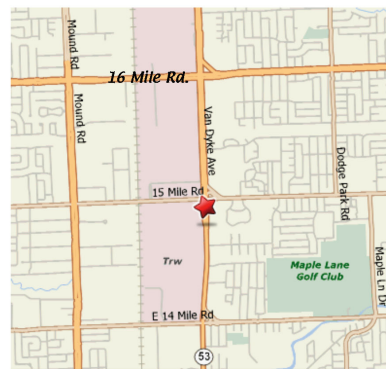
### Indoor Water Park



*Share the Knowledge*



*Share the Fun*



Hosted by **MOUNT CLEMENS POWER SQUADRON** 23-25 OCTOBER 2009

*Friday Night: Hospitality Rooms and Costume Party. Costume judging for Kids and Adults*



### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	CERTIFICATE NO.	SQUADRON
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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

POSTMARKED BEFORE 26 Sept. 2009 AFTER 26 Sept. 2009

BUSINESS LUNCH \_\_\_\_ @ \$20 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_ @ \$25 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_

SOCIAL LUNCH \_\_\_\_ @ \$25 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_ @ \$30 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_

(Wine Tasting)

DINNER \_\_\_\_ @ \$35 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_ @ \$40 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_

CHILDREN'S DINNER (13 & Under) \_\_\_\_ @ \$15 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_

NO MEALS RESERVATIONS AFTER 9 OCTOBER 2009

VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if you are a Conference First-Timer

Make Check Payable to:  
**Mt. Clemens Power Squadron**  
Mail to:  
**Lt/C Duane Carlson**  
**5224 Howe Street**  
**Utica, MI 48317-3064**

**Dress Code:**  
**Morning & Conference ~ Uniform F or Appropriate Attire**  
**Dinner ~ Family Style ~ Pool Party after Dinner**



### STERLING INN Banquet & Conference Center ROOM REGISTRATION

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS  
DISTRICT 9 FALL CONFERENCE 23-25 October 2009

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone-Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

You are welcome to arrive early or extend your stay following this scheduled event. At times, specified accommodations are not available prior to or following your event. If the room type requested is not available, we reserve the right to assign the next available type and rate.

CHECK-IN TIME Guaranteed by 1800 ~ CHECK-OUT TIME 1200

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations MUST be received by 9 October 2009 No. of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM TYPE: SINGLE DOUBLE Rates are Per Room, Per Day, plus State Tax and Resort Fees.

Guest Room \$89. \$89.

Free Parking ~ 4 pool pass wrist bands per room

To ensure USPS Special Rates, this form must be Mailed or Telephoned in by 10/9/2009

To Guarantee a Room, Use a Major Credit Card or Check

Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or Telephone to:  
Reservations Dept.  
Best Western Sterling Inn  
34911 Van Dyke Avenue  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Phone: 586-979-1400  
800-953-1400