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Christmas Party Monday, 14 Dec. 2009

We will gather at 6 pm at SMOKE HOUSE BLUES restaurant at 4855 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. The restaurant is set back from the road and is right across Washtenaw from University Office Supply and just West of the \$3 car wash.

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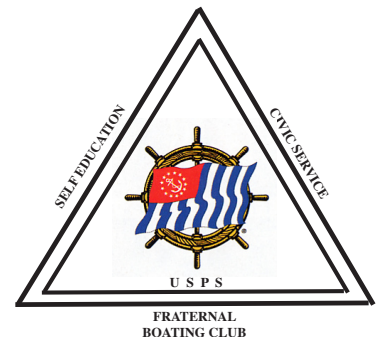


<http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org>.

Everyone is invited to come to John Barr's house at 5 pm on the 14th for a pre dinner glass of wine. John's home is at 1200 Whittier, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Corner of Roosevelt and Whittier. North of Washtenaw. Roosevelt intersects Washtenaw west of Eastern Michigan University. John and Marlene's home is about 10 minutes from the restaurant.

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We have made arrangements to be able to order from the menu with individual checks. If you wish to review the menu in advance, go to www.smokehouseblues.com.



Commander's Message

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! We enter that hectic, exciting time of the year for parties, good cheer and to celebrate Christmas.

A wonderful way to start your holiday season is the AASPS annual meeting and CHRISTMAS PARTY. The meeting will be Monday, December 14, 2009. We will gather at 6 pm at SMOKE HOUSE BLUES restaurant at 4855 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. The restaurant is set back from the road and is right across Washtenaw from University Office Supply and just West of the \$3 car wash.



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Group reservations are somewhat difficult at this time of the year. Your commander telephoned and visited a number of restaurants before making our reservation. Many restaurants will not allow separate checks during the holiday season for a group, but Smokehouse blues was very accommodating.

This meeting will be our annual meeting with election of officers. Please let me know if you can attend the meeting. Email me at jbarr@barrlawfim.com, or call my home at 734-483-0839 and leave a message. We hope you can come.

Please bring an unwrapped GIFT to the party for the gift exchange. Nothing fancy or expensive, but practical is always appreciated.

AASPS will be offering the Seamanship course this winter. The course will be held at St. Joseph Hospital where there are excellent class rooms and lots of convenient parking. Dates and times will be announced.

Keep warm and safe and we will see you at the party!

John M. Barr, AP, Commander

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

SEO Message

As the holiday season approaches consider treating yourself and spouse to a boating course - perhaps our great Weather Course or Marine Electronic, or whatever tickles your curocity. Send an e-mail to me at AAPSClasses@aol.com with your Christmas wishes.



Lt./C Ron Schwartz, SN Life

Seamanship Class will start soon: Members can take the Seamanship class.

If you are interested please contact class chairman John Barr 734-483-0839

JMBarr@BarrLawFirm.com. We have several students for this class and hope to get more.

Piloting class will start soon. Members with a rating of Seamanship can take the Piloting class. If you are interested please contact Art Pinsak at 734 - 973 - 0441 or apnsharon @aol.com. We have 2 students for this class and hope to get more.

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.

Education Department Volunteers are needed for 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.



Boating is fun... we'll show you how

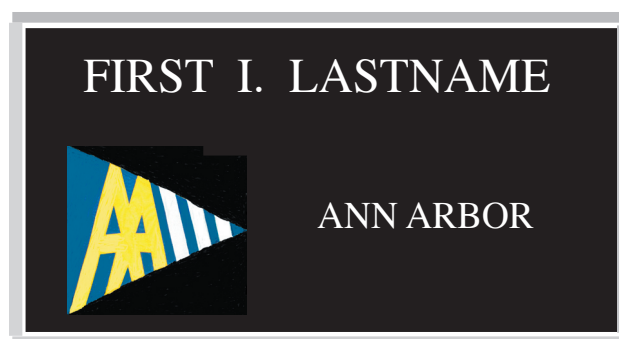
AASPS Booster Club

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. 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, Whale and Soft Shoal	May 2009

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 clothes by a magnet. No holes in your clothes. 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 above.

Partial list of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Dec. 14	John Barr	5 pm for a pre dinner glass of wine at 1200 Whittier, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Corner of Roosevelt and Whittier, north of Washtenaw Ave. Roosevelt intersects Washtenaw west of Eastern Michigan University.
Dec. 14	AASPS	6 pm CHRISTMAS PARTY and election at SMOKE HOUSE BLUES restaurant at 4855 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mi 48108. See page 3.
Feb. 2-7, 2010	USPS	Annual Meeting Orlando, FL Disney Land. See the Ensign page 15.
Feb 13-21, 2010		Boat Show Cobo Hall in Detroit.

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.

For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons click on the Links section of our website (annarborsailandpowersquadron.org) and select District 9 Squadrons. A map showing each squadron's location with a link to its website is at your disposal.

Or alternatively, for a list of D-9 websites visit:

<http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html>

