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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron

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General Meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month
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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Boating Education



**45 YEARS SERVING
THE BOATING PUBLIC**

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

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

Change Of Watch and General Meeting Monday, 15 February 2010

at St. Joseph's Hospital Administration Building
5305 Elliott Dr. parking Lot P,
2nd floor room EC 4 in the Education Center.
Take stairs or elevator to the 2nd. floor. Turn left and
walk about 35 paces. Then turn left thru the double
doors and walk past the rest rooms to classroom 5.

6 pm Potluck

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

Program: Bob Buchanan will talk about "The Great Lakes in Winter".

Change of Watch: Our 2010 officers will be sworn in by a district 9 officer.



Commander's Message

COW. The Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch will be held at the Education wing of St. Joseph Hospital on Monday, February 15, 2010 starting at 1800. Room EC-5. Robert Buchanan will present one of his assenting programs on the Great Lakes. It will be a fun time. Please attend and bring a dish to pass. Contact Sharon Pinsak 734-973-0441 for food details.

BOATING CLASS. SEO Ron Schwartz will host the Public Boating Class starting Wednesday, February 24, 2010 starting at 6:30 pm. The class will run eight weeks. Location is Washtenaw Community College. Contact Ron for further details. 734-769-3476.

BOAT SHOW. District 9 is looking for volunteers for the boat show in Detroit February 12 to 16 at Cobo Hall. Contact D/Lt Linda Lumkin 586-218-9255.

Marlene and I were in Florida last week for our annual Wandering Wheels bike trip from Cocoa Beach to Key West. We were able to have lunch with Dick and Katie Sullivan, long time Ann Arbor Power Squadron members until they moved to Florida. They are both well and send greetings to all squadron members and friends.

Winter is one half over! Think Spring!

John M. Barr
Commander



Commander John Barr, AP

Executive Officer's Message

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and I hope that you all had a great Holiday.

In 2010 two of our stated goals are to increase membership, and increase squadron involvement. If you have friends that you think might be interested in joining our squadron, please approach them and ask them about joining. If you have an idea that we might use to increase membership, please share it with us. The same applies to squadron involvement. We are interested in any way to make our squadron a stronger, active, and more involved unit. If you have time to volunteer to the squadron, please let us know.

Likewise, if you have an idea on how we can raise money for the squadron, let us know, and let's give it a try. For years the squadron was a really strong unit, and everyone wanted to be involved in keeping it that way. I would like to see us return to the past in this regard. We appreciate the members who are currently working for the betterment of the squadron, and can always use more. I thank you for your involvement no matter at what level it is.

EXO Frank Hoy, JN



Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN

SEO Message

Now that the hollidays are over and you have more time, consider treating yourself and your spouse to a boating course - perhaps our great Weather Course or Marine Electronics, or whatever tickles your curocity.



Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN (Life)

Seamanship Class will start Feb. 25: 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.

America's Boating Class will start Wednesday February 24 at 6:30 pm in room 180 in the Business Education building of Washtenaw Community College. This is our beginner boater class open to the public. It covers types of boats, laws, required equipment, marine radios, safety, navigation, charts, digital charts, GPS. Cost is \$55. Bring your check book and register at the first class. Call Ron for details. 734-769-3476 or e-mail AAPSclasses@aol.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.

Education Department Volunteers are needed for Education Officer, Chairmen Boating, Marine Electronics, Instructor Development, Engine Maintenance, Teaching Aids, Chairmen of various Learning Guides and seminars.

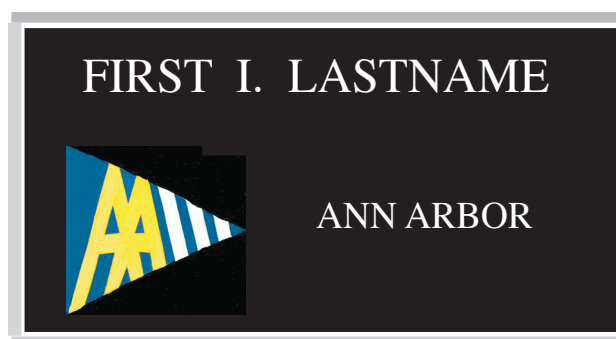
AASPS Booster Club

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

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Feb. 2-7, 2010	USPS	Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL See the Ensign page 15.
Feb 13-21, 2010		Boat Show Cobo Hall in Detroit.
Feb. 15	AASPS	COW and General meeting at St Joseph's Hospital. See page 3 for details.
Feb. 24	AASPS	ABC course starts at WCC.
Feb. 25	AASPS	Seamanship class starts. Call John Barr for details. 734-483-0839
Mar. 7		Mariners' Church - Detroit - Blessing of the Fleet at 1100
March 19-21	D9 and Flint PS	Spring D9 conference. Marriott Detroit, Southfield
June 19		Detroit Parade of Lights
July 9-11		Gold Cup Hydroplane Races in Detroit River
Aug. 7		USCG Parade in Grand Haven
Oct. 22-24		D9 and D29 joint Fall Conference. Holliday Inn, Perrysburg Ohio



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

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.

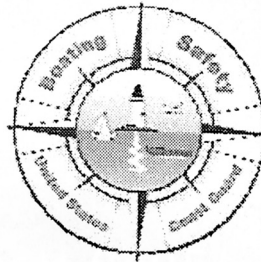
For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons click on the Links section of our website (annarborsailandpowersquadron.org) and select District 9 Squadrons. A map showing each squadron's location with a link to its website is at your disposal, or http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org/district9_links.html Or alternatively, for a list of D-9 websites visit:

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



RECREATIONAL BOATING STATISTICS 2008

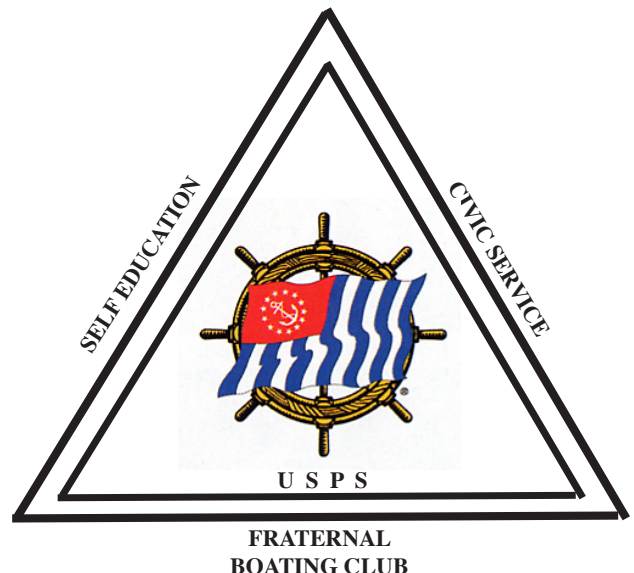
From the December 2009-January 2010 issue of
"Dumping Grounds" the newsletter of the Detroit
Power Squadron



- In 2008, the Coast Guard counted 4789 accidents that involved 709 deaths, 3331 injuries and approximately \$54 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreation boating accidents.
- Over two-thirds of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those, ninety (90) percent were not wearing a life jacket.
- Only ten percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Seven out of every ten boaters who drowned were using boats less than 21 feet in length.
- Careless/reckless operation, operator inattention, no proper look-out, operator inexperience and passenger/skier behavior rank as the top five primary contributing factors in 17% of the deaths.
- Eleven children under age thirteen lost their lives while boating in 2008. 63% of the children who died in 2008 died from drowning.
- The most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (43%), personal watercraft (23%), and cabin motorboats (15%).
- The 12,692,892 boats registered by the states in 2008 represent a 1.4% decrease from last year when 12,875,568 boats were registered.

Source: U.S Department of Homeland Security. USCG®

Robert Bloink, Safety Officer



2010 D/9 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

JOIN THE SEVEN SEAS ADVENTURE



19 – 21 March 2010

Attention: All registration requests must be received, on this form, by 26 February 2010.

Registration requests received after 26 February will be accepted on a space available basis.

Uniforms: Seminars & Business Lunch: Uniform F (or USPS

Blazer or Appropriate Attire)

Dinner: Uniform A with Bow Tie (or Semi Formal)

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	<u>First Time</u> <u>Attendee?</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
(1)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Address: _____		City: _____		State _____		ZIP _____
Phones: (H) _____		(W) _____		E-Mail: _____		

MEALS - NOTE: A surcharge of \$5.00 will apply for meal reservations after 26 February 2010.

Lunch _____ @ \$19.00 = \$ _____

Choice: Chicken Salad Croissant _____ or Salmon Caesar Salad _____

Dinner _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____

Choice: NY Strip _____ or Tilapia (fish) _____

Special Meal/Dietary Requests: _____ Vegetarian Meal: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: Flint Power Squadron

Mail checks and this form to:

P/C Mike Burkhardt, AP
1108 Lafayette St.
Flint, MI 48503

(Hospitality) Room Reservation

ONLY Call Jamie Parker: 248-455-2022

jparker@marriottsouthfield.com

For Sleeping Room Reservation: 888-519-6568
Marriott Detroit SOUTHFIELD 248-356-7400
27033 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48033

Read below: \$85.00 per room/per night

*You need to ask for the "US Power Squadron Group Rate" when calling in your reservation. \$85.00 per room

*The online group code is "UNH NIA" and needs to be entered in the GROUP code box at www.marriottsouthfield.com