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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

Election and Change of Watch

6 pm Monday, Jan. 16, 2012

Weber's Restaurant, 3050 Jackson Ave.

Phone 734-665-3636 Ann Arbor, Mich.

L 42° 17' 03.0"N, Lo 83° 47' 28.8" W

Sail and Power Boating Education

<http://www.aaspsq.org>



Weber's



We will meet at Weber's Restaurant. Directors Room. \$10.00 each - AASPS is partially subsidizing the cost. To insure an accurate count, please make your reservation by mailing a check in amount of \$10 payable to AASPS to Marlene Barr, Treasurer, 1200 Whittier Road, Ypsilanti, MI, 48197-2152. Reservations must be received by January 10. Late reservations will be \$15, and accepted subject to space.

Please include your dinner choice;

Weber's Special Marinated London Broil - 8-ounces Marinated London Broil, Broiled and Served Thinly Sliced, or

Canadian Whitefish - Oven Broiled with Honey Dijon and Pecan Glaze, or

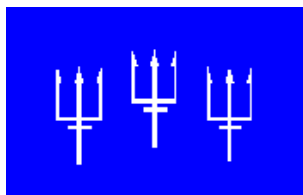
Vegetarian - Roast Vegetable Spanakopita, Spinach, Artichokes, Zucchini, Carrots, Onions, Feta Cheese in Phyllo Over Tomato Basil Sauce.

Dinner includes salads, vegetables, drinks, relishes, breads, etc.

Election and Change of Watch. Nominations can be made at the meeting.

Current nominations are:

Commander -	Robert Buchanan, P
Executive Officer -	Frank Hoy, N
Administrative Officer -	Curtis Hoff, P
Secretary-	Jeanne Buchanan, P
Treasurer-	Marlene Barr, P
Education Officer-	Ron Schwartz, SN
Assist. Education Officer-	Randy Stevenson, S



Commander's Message

Cdr. John Barr, AP, Life



With the dawn of January 2012, we pause to take stock and plan for the new year. We in AASPS had a good year. Thanks to our dedicated workers, we held meetings, presented wonderful programs, taught classes, inspected boats, and earned merit marks. We began a modest advertising program and held a retreat to chart our forward course. We added several new members.

Our annual meeting, election, and Change of Watch will be at Weber's in Ann Arbor, starting at 1800 on Monday, January 16th, 2012. This is an exciting time, and we look forward to a new bridge and re-energized squadron.

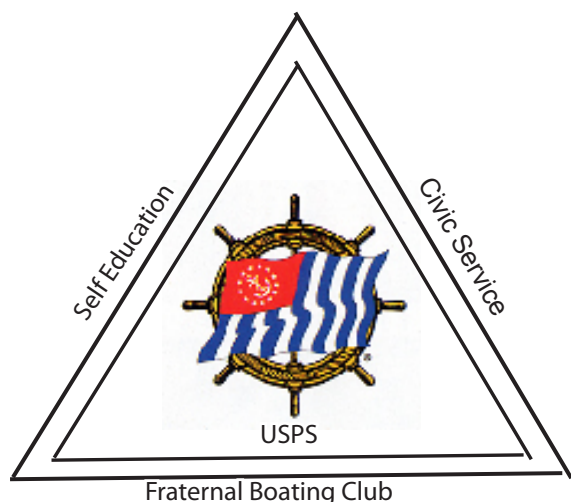
The nominating committee has provided an excellent slate:

Commander -	Robert Buchanan, P
Executive Officer -	Frank Hoy, N
Administrative Officer -	Curtis Hoff, P
Secretary-	Jeannine Buchanan, P
Treasurer-	Marlene Barr, P
Squadron Education Officer	Ronald Schwartz, SN
Assistant SEO	Randy Stevenson, S

After the election and Change of Watch, we will enjoy dinner. The cost is only \$10 per person. AASPS will subsidize the rest of the cost. To insure an accurate count, please make your reservation by mailing a check in amount of \$10 per person, payable to AASPS to Marlene Barr, Treasurer, AASPS, 1200 Whittier Road, Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197-2152. Please include your dinner choice of London Broil or Whitefish. A vegetarian selection is also available. Reservations must be received by January 10. Late reservations will be \$15, and accepted subject to space.

The AASPS bridge has considered all options and decided to continue as an independent squadron of USPS. We have good workers, and are financially sound. In order to continue our mission, we must attract new members and continue to have members move up the bridge with devotion, energy, and new ideas.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all the 2011 bridge, instructors, and members who helped fulfill our mission. I wish all members of AASPS and USPS a very Happy New Year and smooth sailing in the year ahead.



Model of the *USS Michigan* in the Dearborn Historical Museum's McFadden-Ross House



Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



The next ABC class starts Feb. 14, 2012 at WCC. Call Bob Buchanan for details. 734-971-6589.

Advanced Piloting course is in progress with Chairman P/C Art Pinsak, SN.

Birmingham Power Squadron is teaching P, JN, N, and Sail this winter. Contact Lt/C Thomas Smith, JN, SEO at tommyjohn1248@yahoo.com for details.

We need more volunteers to serve as class chairpersons - those who organize, schedule, and teach a course or seminar - so that we can teach more of the wonderful subjects available through USPS. Please look at the variety of subjects we can choose from at National Power Squadron's website www.USPS.org If you have a desire to enhance and share your knowledge in any boating subject, please let me know. We can probably get others to share the teaching responsibilities. It's fun to teach and learn.



MOVED BY MAGNETISM — Explorers first found the north magnetic pole at Canada's Cape Adelaide in 1831. Blue dots (direct surface observations) and red dots (models using satellite data) denote the pole's movement since then. Green dots indicate the pole's future location if its current rate and direction of motion continue.

History of the North Magnetic Pole movement, from Science News Magazine



George F. Cram Co. Globe ca 1970 shows the North Magnetic Pole in northern Canada



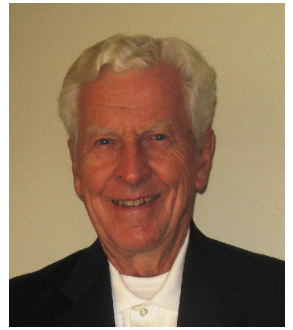
2011 National Geographic atlas shows the North Magnetic Pole farther north

The latest edition of Chart #1, which tells you everything you need to know about chart symbols and abbreviations, can be downloaded at no charge from: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/chartno1.htm>
Other charts at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/index.html>



Secretary's Message

Lt/C Robert Buchanan, P



Commander John Barr has described our squadron Change of Watch meeting with all of the important information. In addition to a subsidized dinner in our own room at Weber's, this will be a splendid time to again connect with the Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron. I imagine that Commander John will reflect on the squadron achievements during his watch over the past 3 years.

As the incoming commander, I will describe the exciting programs planned for the 2012 squadron year. This will give everyone an opportunity to learn about the programs and identify any of special interest. Squadron members are certainly free to bring guests to any program of unique interest. In addition to invited outside speakers, we would enjoy hearing from squadron members with special boating or marine interests.

Our squadron is one of the smaller squadrons in District 9 which includes all of the Lower Peninsula and South Bend. However, we have a proud tradition of presenting excellent USPS educational programs. These range from the introductory America's Boating Course to advanced courses and more focused courses. In fact, we are one of few squadrons that teaches the longer version of America's Boating Course with plotting skills and electronic navigation. We would love to hear from everyone present about their educational interests as part of planning the 2012 course program.

I hope that you will share my enthusiasm as we look forward to the 2012 squadron year.



Lt/C Bob Buchanan, P teaching our ABC3 course



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

A partial list of events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Jan. 16	AASPS	Election and Change of Watch at Webers Restaurant. See page 3
Jan. 25-29	USPS	National Meeting, Jacksonville, FL. See page 9. http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetings.php
Feb. 14	AASPS	ABC class starts at WCC. Contact Bob Buchanan, P 734-971-6589
Mar. 23-24	Dearborn	D9 Spring conference, Double Tree Hotel in Bay City. See page 10.

AASPS Booster Club

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron would like your support. \$25 lists your name and boat in the Porthole for one year. Please send a check to Marlene Barr, Treasurer, 1200 Whittier Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197-2152

Name	Boat Name	Date
John and Marlene Barr		June 2012
Art and Sharon Pinsak	Calypso	June 2012

Internet sites for other Squadron activities.

For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website

<http://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>

Please check USPS website (www.USPS.org),

D9 website (<http://d9-usps.org/app/HomeContact.aspx>),

and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.



Executive Officer's Message

Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN, PC



Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone! This year the Christmas lighted boat parade in Cape Coral was wonderful. Unlike last year, it was warm this year. There were over 100 boats in the parade this year. I'm sending some pictures with my monthly message. It was held on December 18, 2011.

As we move into 2012, I want to thank all squadron members for whatever they do to support our squadron. I ask that anyone interested in helping keep our squadron on track this year, to please volunteer. Contact anyone on the bridge and ask where you might be useful.

May this New Year bring you all happiness and good health.



Cape Coral boat lights in the Christmas parade.
Photos by P/C Hoy.





Friendship Fountain Jacksonville

Go Jacksonville!

Get on the phone, spread the word, Jacksonville Annual Meeting is January 22 thru 29.

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Special points of interest:

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- The Change of Watch will happen in Jacksonville..
- Department Meetings will happen in Jacksonville.
- BOC will happen in Jacksonville.
- Don't miss Shipwreck.



Jacksonville Riverfront looking from the Hyatt to the St Johns River at dawn October, 2011

Register for Jacksonville now to avoid the rush and sell outs!

There are several events that require ticketing and require postmarks by December 22. Also, there are events which are sold at a lower price if reservations are made early.

Hotel room reservations also should be made early to avoid

sellout of the desired bed arrangement.

See page 36 of the Fall issue of the ENSIGN for hotel reservation information. See page 37 of the same ENSIGN for activities registrations information.

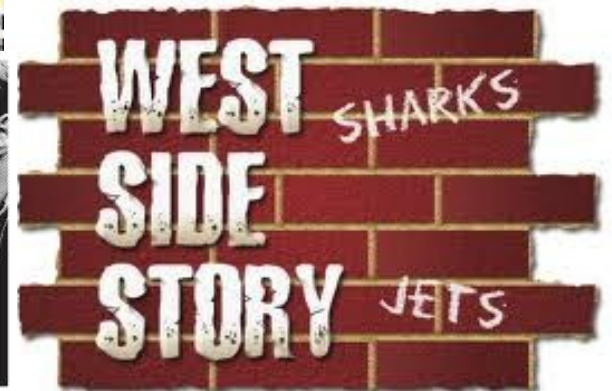
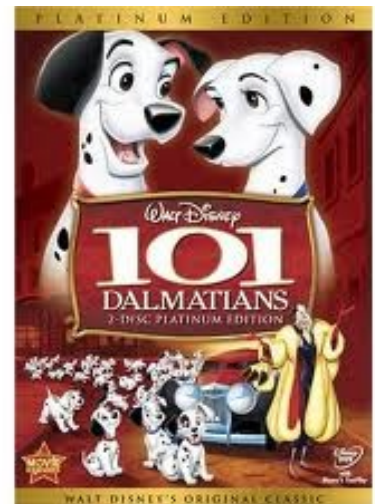
You may also access this infor-

mation on USPS.ORG.

Read the small print. The small print includes credit card registration information, deadlines and refund policy. Our new on-line registration system is working great. Get registered ASAP.

D / 9 Goes Hollywood

March 23-24, 2012



DIRECTED BY: Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron

LOCATION: Double Tree Hotel, Bay City

STARRING: D/9 HOSPITALITY ROOMS: Select a movie, musical, stage play or cartoon from the year that your squadron was chartered to decorate your room; prizes awarded.

2012 D/9 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

D9 GOES HOLLYWOOD

23 – 25 March 2012

Attention: All registration requests must be received, on this form, by 17 March 2012.

Registration requests received after 17 March will be accepted on a space available basis.

Uniform of the Day: Seminars & Business Lunch: Uniform F

(or USPS Blazer or appropriate attire)

Dinner: Uniform A or appropriate attire

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

MEALS

NOTE: An additional surcharge of \$5.00/meal will apply for any reservations made after 17 March 2012 (if meals are available).

Lunch _____ @\$16.00 = \$ _____

Choice: Chicken Caesar Wrap _____ Northlander Salad _____

Lunch choices include yogurt and fruit parfait.

Dinner _____ @\$43.50 = \$ _____

Choice: Prime Rib _____ Parmesan/Walnut Crusted Salmon _____

Dinner includes dessert and entertainment at the Planetarium Digital 360 Theater.

Special Meal/Dietary Requests Vegetarian: _____ Other: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: **Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron**

Mail checks and this form to:

**P/C Leon Collins, SN
33064 Sandra Ln
Westland, MI 48185**

Hotel Reservations/Room Rates:

\$99.00 per night – Call Doubletree to reserve room.

One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City (989) 891-6000

Indicate Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron, if one of the rooms is a Hospitality room and if adjoining or nearby rooms are required.