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General Meetings are usually held the 3rd. Monday Sept. thru June.
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Porthole Staff - Articles, printing and mailing copies, e-mail list and distribution.

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Ch. Engine Maintenance, Ch. Teaching Aids, Calligraphy on certificates and wallet cards, Ch. of various seminars.

Misc. Staff - Ch. Member Involvement, Ch. Operations Training. Advertising Staff for public courses and programs.

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Sail and Power Boating Education

<http://www.aaspsq.org>

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Monday, October 15, 2012
General Meeting
Classic Cup Café
4389 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor
Lat. 42° 17.119' N, Long. 83° 49.006' W

6 pm: We will meet at the Classic Cup Café. Order from the menu.
In the Parkland shopping mall. On south side of Jackson Rd. west of Wagner Rd.
Please call Sharon Pinsak for reservations. 734-973-0441



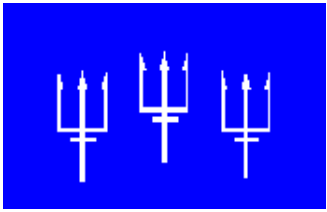
Speaker: Cpl. Robert Pasternak, Washtenaw County Sheriff Marine Officer.

“A Lawman on the Water”. Our speaker will be Cpl Robert Pasternak, head of the Marine Division of the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department. This will be an opportunity to learn what the Marine Division does. The Division presents a 1 day course throughout the year for people who want to obtain their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate. We can learn about what topics are covered, also how the course differs from our 12 hour ABC course. He might also tell us about some interesting or unique experiences in Washtenaw County. Finally, we can ask him what he would tell people who are interested in and actively teaching boating safety.

This will be a special opportunity to meet with a real “lawman at sea”. Everyone knows about law enforcement on land but not necessarily how laws are enforced on the water, especially in Washtenaw County.



Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Boat



Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



The District 9 Fall Conference is October 26 to 28th in Sterling Heights, an easy drive from Ann Arbor. In addition to the traditional Friday evening hospitality suites, the Saturday morning program is packed with important meetings. First is an officers' seminar, next a communications seminar, then a town hall meeting with Chief Commander Alter. These meetings will provide opportunities to discuss mutual problems affecting D9 squadrons. We can share thoughts and learn how other squadrons handle similar issues.

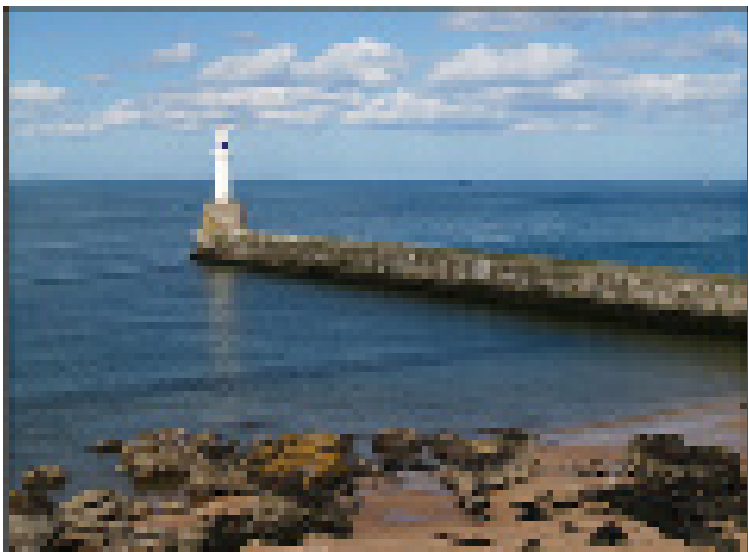
Our fall education programs are described in detail in SEO Ron's section which follows. The ABC course started on October 2nd.

Our Past Commander John Barr will teach the Seamanship course. This builds on the ABC course so is the first advanced course for people who want to continue to add to their skills. Seamanship should also be taken prior to Piloting. I did the reverse and found that I was working harder than necessary. The late fall months are the ideal time to take advanced courses because the boating season is dormant in Michigan. P/C John has extensive boating experience, is an excellent instructor, well-qualified to teach Seamanship.

Randy Stevenson will teach the Weather course. I have thought about how many times I have been caught in a rain squall, sailed into a fog bank, experienced a 180 degree wind shift while at anchor over night. As a sailor, I cannot run away from an approaching weather front. The NOAA marine forecasts are very good but, by their own admission, may have a time lag. This means that a sound knowledge of weather is an important boating skill.

The educational program is a major effort for our relatively small squadron so all of the course directors will need our help, perhaps as adjunct lecturers or proctors.

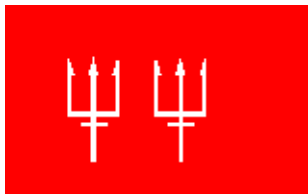
Remember that "your boat will get you out, the course will get you home."



Lighthouse Aberdeen Harbour



Church in Aberdeen Scotland

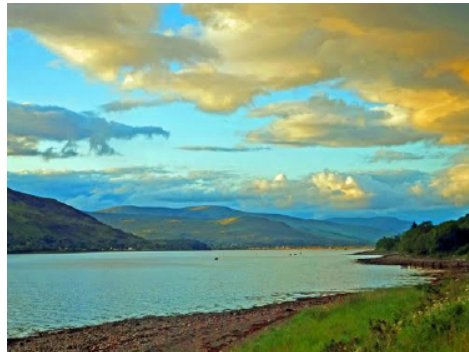


Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



Every fall our squadron submits nominations to USPS for merit marks. These are first approved by the District 9 merit mark coordinator, then go forward to USPS for final approval. USPS members can earn one merit mark a year in 2 ways; first, participating in the squadron education programs as a lecturer or proctor, second by performing an activity outside of routine squadron activities. For example, attending a squadron meeting is expected so is not an outstanding activity; however, participating in Vessel Safety Checks is definitely an outstanding activity. As you think back over the last year, I would be appreciative if you would send me a list of your squadron activities and hours that could qualify you for a merit mark.



Buchanan's just got back from Scotland

Pictures from Scotland from Google Earth





Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



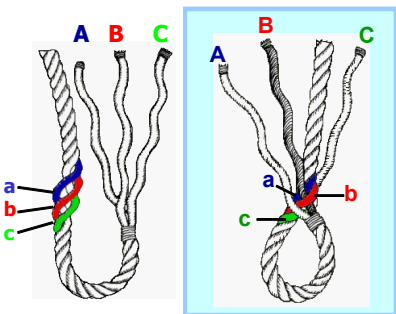
Congratulations to **Robert Gladden, SN** for completing USPS courses and receiving the Full Certificate Award. He has been a member of AASPS since November 1998.

ABC3, our basic public boating course started October 2 at Washtenaw Community College.

We will teach **Weather, Seamanship**, and any other class or seminar if we can get instructors and students. Please look at the variety of subjects we can choose from at United States Power Squadron's website, <http://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.



Weather Course starts Nov. 27, 2012, for about 10 weeks. Please contact Lt. Randy Stevenson, AP for details. 734-429-5099.



Seamanship Course starts Nov. 28, 2012, for about 10 weeks. Please contact P/C John Barr, AP for details. 734-483-0839.

For discounts for USPS members on various products, go to the MEMBER BENEFITS page at the USPS web site http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/benefitsdescription.htm#Techsoup

Florida's anchoring out laws can be seen at www.BoatUS.com/Gov.

Recent teenage circumnavigators. Zac Sunderland, 2009. Michael Pernam. Jessica Watson. Look at their adventures in Wikipedia.

"Genetically modified food could be harmful to humans." From Arbor Farms Market October 2012 Newsletter. 2103 W. Stadium Blvd. 734-996-8111



Executive Officer's Message

P/C Frank Hoy, JN



Greetings to everyone,

The temperatures have cooled down, the days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting longer. A touch of fall is in the air. Soon the fall colors will abound in this wonderful state. We will be winding down the boating season once again while we wait for winter's icy grip. However spring will not be far behind, and we will once again be getting ready for more adventures on the water. I hope that everyone has enjoyed the summer in spite of the heat. Hopefully, next summer will be more towards normal as far as temperature and rainfall.

I hope that everyone can attend our dinner meeting on 10/15/2012, at the Classic Cup Caf'e, at 6 PM. We have a very good program planned for that night. On 10/18/2012 I will be leaving with Curtis Hoff to assist him in moving his boat from Rhode Island to South Carolina. Hopefully, we will be able to bring back enough pictures and information for additional dinner programs in the future. I am looking forward to this trip, and hope the weather remains good. See you all Monday, 10/15, for dinner and a pleasant evening.

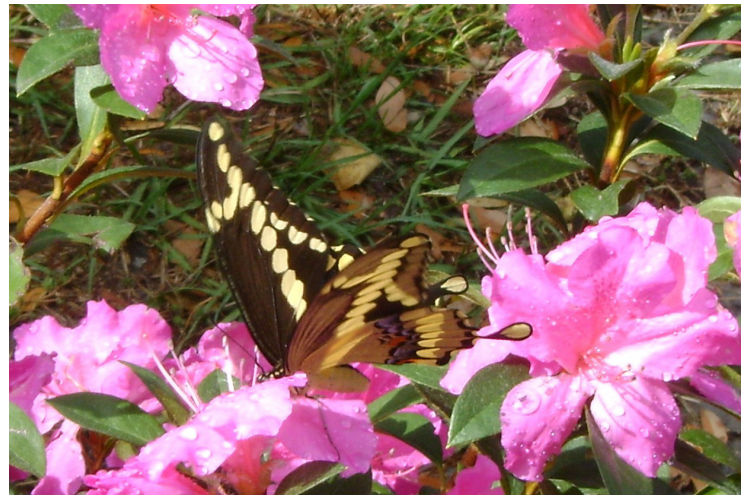


Photo of flowers and butterfly by Frank Hoy

Oil painting of Mackinaw Bridge in Winter
by DeWaine Hoy, Jr.

See the Mackinac Bridge camera at
mackinacbridge.org/bridge-cam-20/



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

A Partial List Of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Oct. 15	AASPS meeting.	'Lawmen on the Water' by Cpl Robert Pasternack, Director of Marine Safety, Washtenaw Country Sheriff's Department.
Oct 26-28	D9 Fall Conference	Best Western Sterling Inn. See page 9 and 10
Nov. 19	AASPS meeting.	'U.S.S. Michigan and the Timber Wars' by Professor Charles Olson, UM Department of Natural Resoucrs.
Nov. 27	AASPS Weather class	St. Joe's Education Center, contact Randy Stevenson 734-429-5099
Nov. 28	AASPS Seamanship	class contact John Barr 734-483-0839

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
Bob Cox		May 2013

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.

Come to the Shores of Paradise

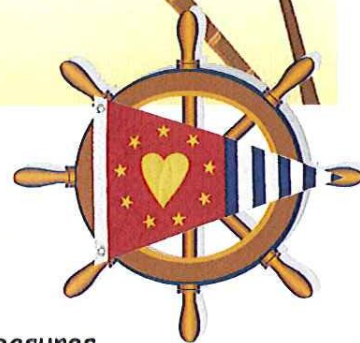
October 26-27, 2012

District-9 Fall Conference



St. Clair Shores Sail & Power Squadron
Would like to invite you to join us at the:

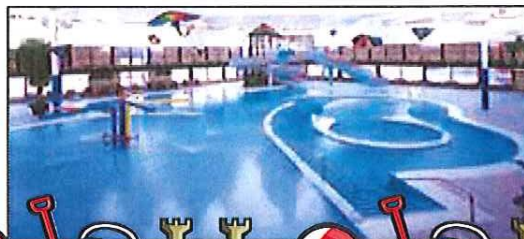
"Shores of Paradise" District-9 Fall Conference



Come and visit all the Hospitality Rooms, look for hidden treasures, attend interesting and educational seminars, visit the splash zone, fun for all ages. Mark your calendars now, you won't want to miss this unforgettable event... more details coming soon!

Location:

Best Western Sterling Inn
34911 Van Dyke Avenue
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(800) 953-1400





October 26-28, D-9 Fall Conference Registration:
Best Western Sterling Inn ~ www.sterlinginn.com
34911 Van Dyke Avenue
Sterling Heights, MI 48312



To reserve hotel and hospitality rooms, please call the hotel no later than October 5th
at 586-979-1400 or toll-free 800-953-1400 and reference the USPS District 9 Fall Conference
to receive the special hotel room rate of \$89-99 per night plus tax.

- **Kids Crew:** We are excited to provide a kids crew this year, however participation info is needed! Please contact Linda Lumpkin at (586) 218-9255 no later than October 5th. The Indoor Water Park is open till 10pm, and the arcade is open until midnight. Call Linda for more info!



- **Friday ~ Island Theme w/ Prizes awarded:**

- 3 - 8 pm - Registration
- Hospitality Rooms

- **Saturday:**

- 8 am - 12 noon - **Seminars** (Ships Store till 2pm)
Registration desk open
- 12 noon ~ **Hot Lunch**
Chicken Parisian w/ Wild Rice and
Michigan Cherry Salad
- 6 pm - 10 pm ~ **Dinner with Entertainment**
that you won't want to miss!
Grand Three Entrée Dinner Buffet including
Beef, Poultry and Fish w/ all the fixins.
* Child's Dinner (under 12)
Chicken Strips & French Fries
* Please contact Mike Boyle with any
special meal/dietary needs.

_____ @ \$16.50 ea. = _____

_____ @ \$42.00 ea. = _____

_____ @ \$12.00 ea. = _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please detach and mail checks
with registration form no later than
October 17th, payable to:

SCSSPS
23139 E. 13 Mile Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48082

Contact: Mike Boyle 586-531-2064

- **Saturday ~ Uniform of the Day:**

- Seminars & Business lunch: Uniform F (or USPS Blazer or appropriate attire)
- Dinner w/ Entertainment: Island Attire (or casual or appropriate attire)

RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	CERTIFICATE #	First Time Attendee?
					YES / No
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