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<http://www.aaspsq.org>

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
6 PM Monday, January 21 , 2013
Change of Watch
Damon's Grill
The Champion Room
3150 Boardwalk St., Ann Arbor
Lat. 42° 14.525'N, Long. 83° 44.168'W

6 pm: We will meet at Damon's Grill. East of State St. South of Eisenhower Pkwy. Order from the menu. Please call Sharon Pinsak for reservations. 734-973-0441 Open wine and juice bar. Visit their website to see the excellent menu.
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/damons-grill-ann-arbor>



D/Lt/C Tony Lewandowski, AP, will officiate our Change of Watch and describe changes in District 9.

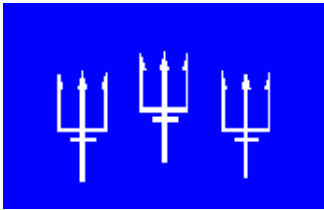
Nominations for AASPS 2013 Officers:

Commander:	Com. Bob Buchanan, P
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Assist. Treasurer:	OPEN

other nominations will be accepted

Election





Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



The first Porthole of the New Year is a good time to look back and look ahead. The Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron achieved a solid record of accomplishments during the last year. With thanks to ExO Frank Hoy, we found a wonderful new meeting room, the Champion's Room at Damon's Grill. Also with thanks to Frank and AO Curtis Hoff we continued an active Vessel Safety Check program last summer. SEO Ron Schwartz directed a strong educational program with the ABC program at Washtenaw Community College. Larry Marentette continued as an ABC course faculty instructor along with Jeannine Buchanan as course administrator. The advanced piloting program was completed under the direction of Past Commander Arthur Pinsak. Treasurer Marlene Barr's careful attention to detail has kept the squadron financially sound.

The squadron was represented at the USPS Governing Board meeting last September in Detroit by P/D/C Jack and P/C Carolyn Knaggs, P/C John and Marlene Barr. John and Marlene also proctored students on the Bristol Bay cruise last June. Both district conferences had AASPS represented.

SEO Ron worked steadily to produce the Porthole to keep everyone current on squadron events. Although not visible, Peggy Moller helped Ron edit each issue so that our Porthole continued to receive a district award. Speaking of awards, 10 members received USPS Merit Marks; the squadron also applied for the USPS Doing It Right Award. Space does not permit describing each of our program speakers but you can well remember them.

Looking forward, 2013 is the year when our P/C Arthur Pinsak will receive life status at the district conference. This means that Art has received 25 Merit Marks. (I will be age 103 when I receive my 25th!). The squadron has 2 major challenges for 2013. The first is to maintain a solid record of "Doing It Right." The second really major task is to encourage each squadron member to attend at least some of our meetings. You will find a pleasant venue, an interesting speaker, a business meeting which is kept brief and focused, and nice people. We want to be the friendly squadron.

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Other nominations will be accepted at the January 21 meeting.





Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



Bob and I were happy to host the annual squadron Christmas Party at our house. Thanks to the several squadron members who made my task easier by contributing parts of the meal. Sharon Pinsak with help from Art Pinsak conducted the Christmas raffle, a neat fund-raiser. Bob and I won nothing; Art won the most but Sharon assured us that the raffle was not "fixed." Another remarkable moment was seeing our District Commander, Linda LaLonde, loading our dishwasher. I wonder if this is in the D/C's job description! We were blessed to have Shirley Schwartz join us in spite of her physical limitations so thank Ron for making this possible.

My task as squadron secretary has become easier. USPS continues to improve their computer generated data base so that obtaining information about our squadron and also USPS information about our members is increasingly easy and accurate. Security has been improved so that logging into the headquarters database requires your certificate number and a unique PIN number. The old system of logging in with a zip code was terminated last November. PIN numbers can be obtained through the USPS log in site.

Pictures from our Christmas Party



Lt. Sharon Pinsak
Shirley Schwartz, N



Lt/C Marlene Barr Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



Lt. Carolyn Knaggs, P/D/C Linda LaLonde, P/Com. Bob Buchanan, P

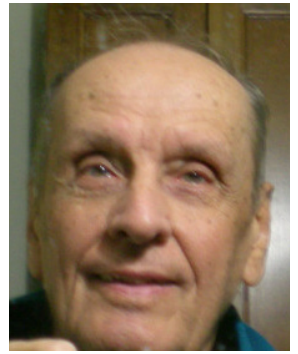


P/D/C Jack Knaggs, SN D/Lt Jerry LaLonde, S P/C Art Pinsak, SN



Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



A great big New Year's hurray and thankyou to our 2012 teachers, Bob Buchanan, Jeannine Buchanan, Frank Hoy, Larry Marentette, and Art Pinsak.

USPS Basic Boating Classes can be found at toll free 1-888-367-8777 (1-888-FOR-USPS) Or go to www.usps.org

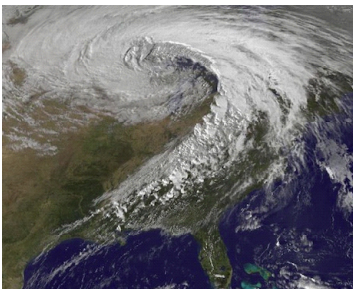
Future Classes: ABC class Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 at WCC. Contact Bob Buchanan for details. 734- 971-6589

Weather and Seamanship classes start in February if we have enough students.

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 subjects available thru USPS. 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.

Class Schedules

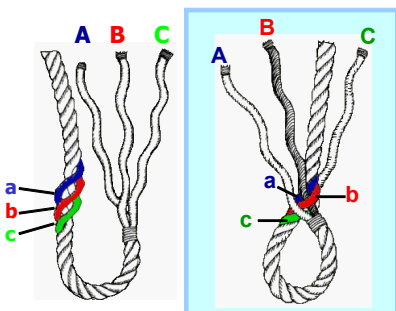
Boating Laws, lights, Buoy system, basic navigation, PWC, basic seamanship.



America's Boating Course, taught by Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron, will be at Washtenaw Community College, Business Education Building, Room #160, 6:45 to 9:00 pm, weekly on Tuesdays, January 8 to February 26, 2013.

Weather Course starts Feb. 2013, for about 8 to 10 weeks. Please contact Lt. Randy Stevenson, AP for details. 734-429-5099.

Seamanship Course starts Feb. 2013, for about 8 to 10 weeks. Please contact P/C John Barr, AP for details. 734-483-0839.



Eye splice



Executive Officer's Message P/C Frank Hoy, JN



Ahoy Squadron Members,

I am going through physical therapy for my shoulder here in Florida. Progress is slow, and I expect it will take most of the winter to heal. On the up side there isn't any snow to shovel, and the temperatures have been very comfortable. I am sending a picture of Bimini Bay in Cape Coral, where you can spend 3 days at anchor before you have to move. Also I am including a shot of a typical canal in Cape Coral. If you can see it, both sides have boat lifts with boats sitting at the ready in them all the way to the end. A boaters' dream to be able to walk out your back door and step onto your boat. The boating season does slow down here because the wind blows all the water out of the canals making it too shallow to operate your boat, so it's not always a boating paradise here during the winter.

I hope everyone has safe and Happy New Year. I wish to thank you for all you do to make our squadron work.



Bimini Bay



Canal Fleet





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. 8	AASPS	Basic Boating class starts at WCC. Call Com. Buchanan, P for details. 734-971-6589
Jan. 21	AASPS	meeting. Change of Watch and election. See page 3.
Feb.	AASPS	Weather Course starts for about 10 weeks. Please contact Lt. Randy Stevenson, AP 734-429-5099.
Feb.	AASPS	Seamanship Course starts for about 10 weeks. Please contact P/C John Barr, AP 734-483-0839.
May 20	AASPS	meeting. Speaker Lt./C Curtis Hoff, AP will describe his cruise south, sneaking past Hurricane Sandy

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.