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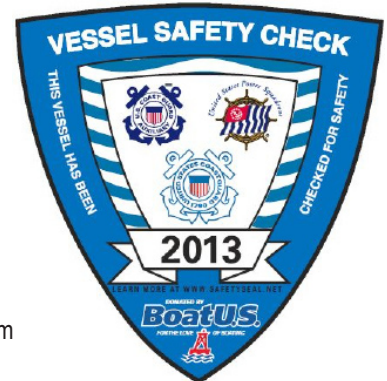
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Misc. Staff - Ch. Member Involvement, Ch. Operations Training. Advertising Staff for public courses and programs.

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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron

6 P.M. Monday January 13, 2014

Carlyle Grill

3660 Jackson Rd.

Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W

6 pm: We will meet at the Carlyle Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. West of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu. Please call Sharon Pinsak for reservations. 734-973-0441. Visit Carlyle Grill website to see the excellent menu.

<http://www.carlylegrill.com/>

Change of Watch officiated by D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN

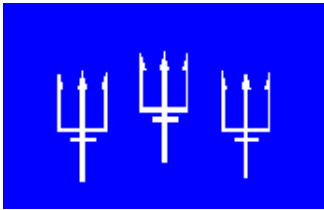


District Educational Officer
D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN



Nominations for AASPS 2014 officers

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Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



The next meeting of our squadron will be the annual Change of Watch (COW) meeting January 13th, 6:00 pm at the Carlyle Grill. The COW is a tradition throughout all of USPS, the time when the 2014 Bridge takes the oath of office. Although our squadron is not strict about USPS uniforms, the COW meeting is an excellent time for uniforms. The Class B uniform, blazer with gray slacks, white shirt and black tie, is recommended.

The 2014 Bridge was approved at the November 2013 meeting. The 2013 Bridge will continue on in 2014. This will provide continuity in several important areas so that the squadron can focus on increasing member participation along with the development of new members.

D/Lt Duane Carlson, SN will administer the oath, representing our District. Duane is the District Educational Officer (DEO) so we are fortunate to have him. Following the oath, we can have a discussion of our own education program, the district educational programs, state and national changes in boating laws. In other words, this will be a splendid time to review our educational program with the DEO. In cooperation with our SEO Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, we will prepare a list of topics in advance that will be included with the meeting agenda.

Two of our squadron members are recovering from surgery as you read this. Our Past Commander Frank Hoy said that he will be having carotid artery surgery plus a cataract extraction. Our Secretary, Jeannine Buchanan had a right total shoulder joint replacement on December 30th.

Lastly, we all want our squadron, small but friendly with excellence in education, to prosper as we start the New Year.

Pictures from our Christmas Party at Commander Buchanan's home



P/D/C Jack Knaggs, SN



Carolyn Knaggs, Karen Snyder, Peter Hinman



Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



Basic Boating Class - ABC (Americas Boating Class) will start April 15, 2014 and run for 6 weeks. Graduates will receive their USPS and Michigan DNR Boating Safety Certificate. Call 734-971-6589

We want to thank our 2013 teachers and assistants, Bob Buchanan, Jeannine Buchanan, John Barr, Frank Hoy, Larry Marentette, Art Pinsak and Randy Stevenson, for their excellent work this year. We hope these and others will teach classes in 2014.

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Our Piloting class, which started Oct. 22, 2013 with 4 students and chairman P/C Art Pinsak, SN, is taking the final exam.

USPS offers On-the-water training, and certifications for Inland and Coastal Navigation. Go to www.usps.org/national/ed-dept/boc/main.htm#news. If you are interested in this, please call me 734-769-3476.

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

Great Lakes water levels can be found at

<http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/GreatLakesInformation/GreatLakesWaterLevels.aspx>

Put NOAA charts into your Garmin GPS

<http://www.gpsfiledepot.com/tutorials/creating-raster-noaa-charts-for-garmin-gps-units-with-moagu/>



Hurricane on East Coast

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

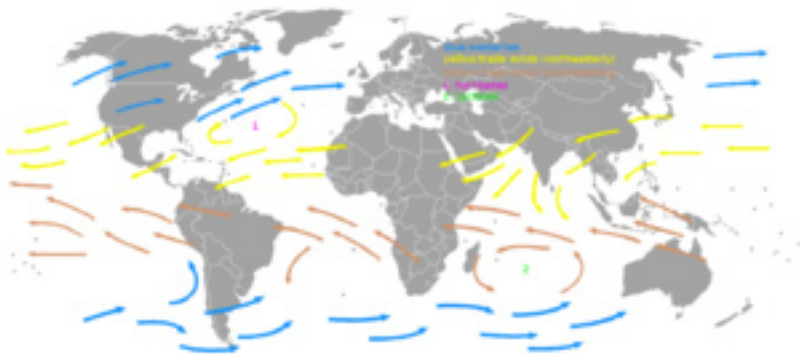
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Cost is \$64 for members and \$144 for non-members.

Clouds, and the easterly and westerly trade winds, and jet streams - caused by the earth's rotation and uneven heating by the sun - are explained in our weather course.



Lenticular clouds



Trade winds

Environmental Branch US Army Core of Engineers - Detroit District <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/>

Water levels: <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/GreatLakesInformation/GreatLakesWaterLevels.aspx>



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There are many companies that give discounts to USPS members. To see this list go www.USPS.org and click on Index, then member benefits.

Internet sites for other Squadron activities. For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website www.aaspsq.org and select District 9 Squadrons.

D-9 websites: <http://d9-usps.org/>

Please check USPS website www.USPS.org and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

A Partial List of Events .

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATIO</u>
Jan. 13, 2014	AASPS	AASPS Change of Watch. See page 3
Jan 27-Feb 2	USPS	Annual Meeting Jacksonville, FL
Mar 13-16		Spring Boat Show at Suburban Collection Showplace http://suburbancollectionshowplace.com/
Apr 4-6	D9	Spring Conference. See page 8.

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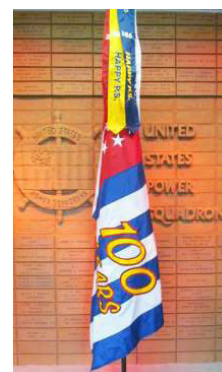
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(Or multiple combinations)

Jacket 22	Jacket 46 Long	Jacket 40 Reg
Skirt 22	Trouser 38/32	Trouser 38/27
Shirt 42	Shirt 17/34	Shirt 16/32
	White Trouser 38/32	Cap 7 1/8

INFORMAL ATTIRE

Blazer 46 Long
Grey Trouser 38/32

Insignia included. An opportunity to acquire necessary items for fall and winter business and social events.
Contact: Art Pinsak (734) 973-0441 or apnsharon@aol.com





Executive Officer's Message

P/C Frank Hoy, JN



A Hoy There,

Recently In Florida there was a terrible accident between a jet ski and a motor boat. They were reportly on a collison course, which neither operator saw coming. The jet ski operator lost a leg as a result of this accident, and one of the boat passengers was seriously hurt. This story helps to reinforce the need for safe boating education on a continuing basis. I don't know if either operator had taken a boating safety course, but it doesn't seem likely. Our squadron has an excellent safe boating class that we offer to the public twice a year. Each class is full, or nearly full, and those who attend are eager to learn. If our squadron is to survive we need to recruit new members from these classes. It is a goal that rests with every member of our squadron. Please think about some way that you can help with this goal. If you can help us build our membership then we can continue to grow and expand our squadron's strength. Your help is truely appreciated.

Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN, EXO

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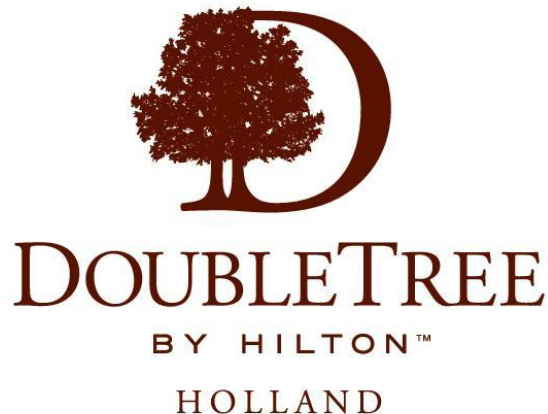
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D9 Spring Conference 2014

Dates

4 - 6 April 2014

Location



Room Rates

\$89.00

After 14 March 2014

\$129.00

To view hotel information or enjoy a photo tour of the hotel, www.holland.doubletree.com

To make reservations:

1. Phone the hotel directly at 616-394-0111. Please mention group code **USP**.
2. Phone their reservation specialist office at 1-800-222-8733. Please mention group code **USP**.
3. Visit their web site at www.holland.doubletree.com. In the field provided, enter group code **USP**.

Please make your reservations early for both sleeping rooms and hospitality rooms. You will pay more after the cut-off date of 14 March 2014. We have a very good room rate before the cut-off date. I cannot guarantee you will be able to get a room after the cut-off date, so please reserve early.

Hospitality Rooms Reservations: Please send me (mike.rachuk@gmail.com) an e-mail after you have made your reservation for a hospitality room. In the e-mail tell me the name of the squadron and the name of the contact person with e-mail address or phone number of the contact. The information will help us make sure your hospitality room is taken care of properly. Please also copy the same information to Fred Hoitash (cfdist@comcast.net).

Mike Rachuk
D9 conference Coordinator