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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 20 March 2017  
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.  
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103  
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

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Dr. Peter Hinman



Carlyle Grill

**Dr. Peter Hinman** will give a talk "Out of Africa." There is more to Africa than just animals and hunting. There is a rich history and fascinating architecture.



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By Patrick Flament



Chutes de la Lufuku à Kakobola

By Michel Heinesch



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Carlyle Grill

P/C Bob Buchanan, P will present "Eddie Needs a Pizza"  
This will be amazing.







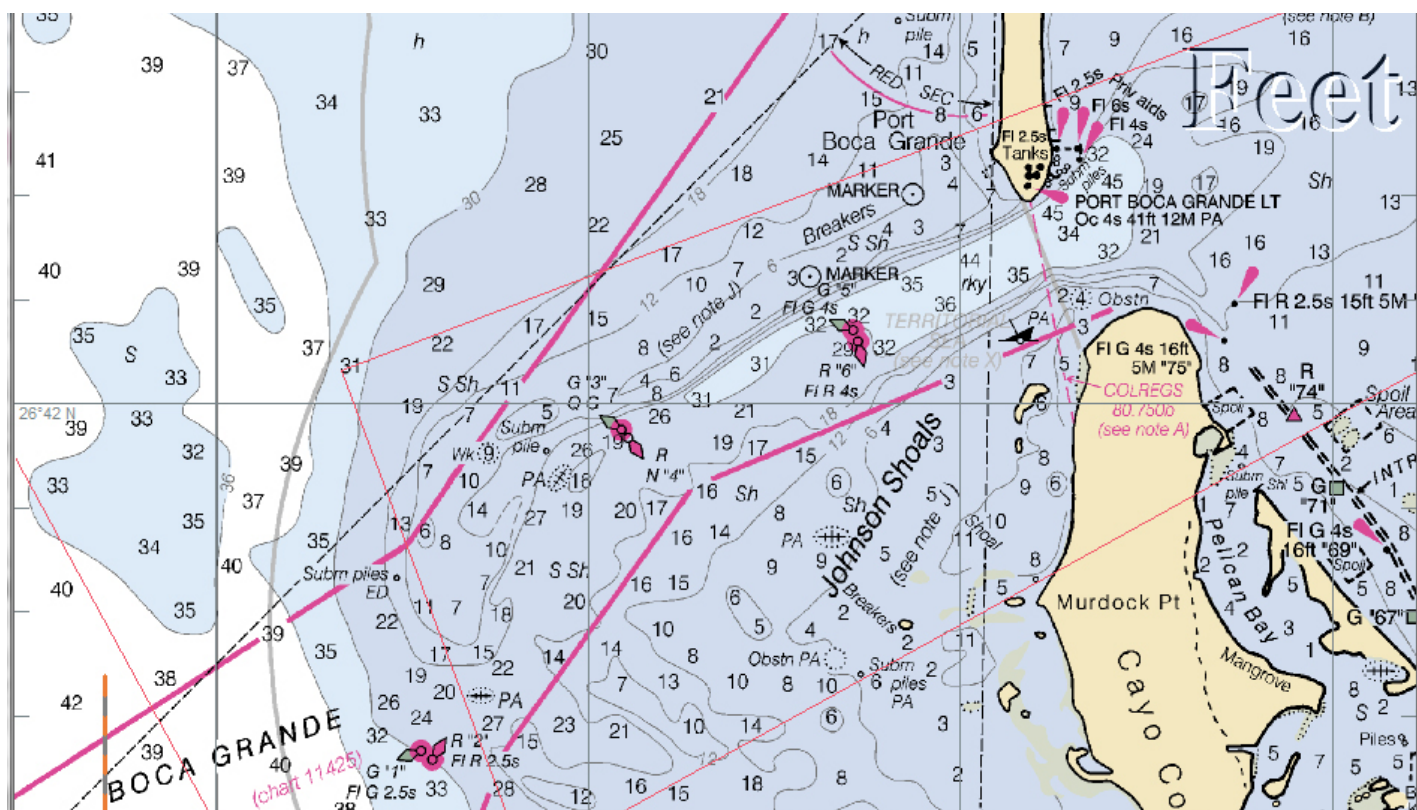
## Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



We were honored at our Change of Watch meeting by a visit from our D9 commander D/C Anthony Lewandowski, AP, who stopped by to give us a few words of encouragement about the excitement of the pledges in the COW ceremony. We were also honored by our D9 secretary D/Lt/C Janet Hartesveld, P, who came from Traverse City to substitute for D/Lt/C Janet Klumpp, P, and presided over our COW ceremony.

In Dearborn Power Squadron's March newsletter, Anchor Lines, is an article about solo sailors in the US that fall off their boats and drown. The article references Boca Grande and Johnson Shoals in Florida near Port Charlotte. I looked at the area on free OpenCPN digital NOAA charts and noticed a strange positioning of red and green buoys -- right next to each other (see below). Our former member, Frank Hoy, lives near there so I called him. He has not boated out there but says that storms can quickly and drastically change the depths in that area -- moving sand from one spot to another. So, I guess that when the port and starboard lateral buoys are right next to each other it means that the channel depth is variable and you're on your own to determine if there is adequate depth.



NOAA chart of Boca Grande and Johnson Shoals near Charlotte Harbor, Florida

Our D9 spring conference is this month, March 24-26, and it is very close to us -- just south of Mt Clemens. See the registration form at the end of this newsletter. It is convenient. The Friday night hospitality rooms are fun and the Saturday seminars and meetings are educational. I will send you a copy of the schedule -- date and time, for the seminars and meetings when I get it.



## Administrative Officer Message



Our squadron has a full program for spring. Here is a summary.

At the March 20th meeting, Professor Peter Hinman will describe An African Odyssey. Karen Snyder and Peter travelled through Africa last summer, including several countries that most of us will never have an opportunity to visit. Although not strictly nautical, Peter's presentation should give us insights into the geopolitics and economics of distant lands in black Africa, some outside of the customary tourist circuit. This will complement Evrard Ohou's superb talk last year about the geography and government of Cote Ivoire, the Ivory Coast. An African Odyssey will be the second in our African series.

The next meeting will be April 17th when attendance may be an issue; income taxes are due the next day. The presentation will be another mystery presentation, 'Eddie wants a pizza'. Two clues to this surprising adventure are; 1) Eddie is not the Edmund Fitzgerald because it sunk in 1975, 2) The Westcott in the Detroit River does not deliver pizza. We believe that you will enjoy another wild ride with several startling moments.

Our last spring meeting is May 15th when Jennifer Fike from the Ann Arbor branch of the National Wildlife Foundation will talk about Clean Water in Michigan. As mariners and Michigan residents, this is an important topic; our Great Lakes are a Michigan treasure so how can we maintain these pristine waters? The lower peninsula is surrounded by water on three sides with only the southern border accessible by land.

Our squadron has a full agenda of programs for the spring.



# Boating Education

**Our Basic Boating Course**, Americas Boating Course starts April 11, 2017 at Womens Health Center, 2nd floor. 5320 Elliot Dr. St. Joesph Hospital. \$45 for the whole family. Email aapsclasses@aol.com for details and map. 734-769-3476.

**Cruise Planning Course.** I would like to take the USPS Cruise Planning If you want that course also, call me at 734-769-3476. Cost is \$45 for members for the USPS text book. Ron.

## A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Mar. 20	AASPS	General meeting at Carlyle Grill 6 PM -- see page 3
Mar. 24-26	D9	D9 Spring conference at Concorde Inn -- see below
Apr. 15	AASPS	General Meeting at Carlyle Grill 6 PM -- see page 4

D9 Spring Conference  
24-26 March, 2017  
Concorde Inn, Clinton Twp  
44315 N. Gratiot Ave  
Clinton Township, MI 48036  
Western Hoe-down theme



D9 Fall Conference  
13-15 October, 2017  
Treetops Resort  
3962 Wilkinson Rd  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
Hotel Room \$79,  
Lodge Room \$129

These are private events open to members and guests.





# D9 Spring Conference Seminar and Meeting Schedule

Printed Schedule of Times & Locations will be Available at Conference Registration Desk

**Friday Night, 24 March 2017 - Free Hospitality rooms for squadron members.**

**Saturday, 25 March 2017 0800 to 8050** Officers Meeting-A combined meeting of Squadron Commanders, Executive Officers, Treasurers, and Secretaries with the District 9 Bridge to cover recent developments in each area and review of deadlines coming up for each position.

**0800to 0950 Squadron Educational Officers Seminar** DEO Tom Smith will review recent changes and plans presented at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, discussing what is new, what is changing and the timing of these changes as well as discussion regarding practical implementation.

0900 to 0950 Are you Smarter than Robert Redford? Mike LeButt from Tipp O' the Mitt Squadron will present this entertaining seminar in which he will show excerpts of the movie "All is Lost". He will ask attending members, "what would you have done?" and other fun questions. Mike has presented this seminar to other groups and received grand reviews.

**0900 to 0950 Boating Activities** P/D/C Denise Samu will Review 2016 rendezvous events (bring your stories and ideas) and build on that to start a schedule for 2017 Boating Activities, plus a special presentation on the First Annual Fresh Water Festival in Michigan by D/L/C JanHartesvelt.

0900 to 0950 Vessel Safety Check P/D/C Bill Stano will review the requirements of the program for Vessel Safety Checks and share any changes and updates to the program as presented at the USPS Annual Meeting in February, 2017.

**1000 to 1050 Nominating Committee** What does it take to make a good candidate for the bridge at the Squadron and District Level? If you are on the nominating committee, which characteristics should you look for in a candidate? How do you find candidates? What is the best approach to evaluating candidates? D/Lt/C Ralph Ziegler will present the program developed National USPS headquarters Leadership training program to guide members of the nominating committee.

**1000 to 1200 NOT KEEPING WATCH:** Lessons from the Costa Concordia Disaster and Navigation in the Digital Age Discover how navigation errors on the Costa Concordia cruise ship led to one of the worst marine disasters in the last 50 years. You will hear about the key findings of the Italian marine investigation, the breakdown of safety procedures, and the emergency response.

**1000 to 1200 Membership and Marketing** This seminar will focus of the latest efforts that were presented at the 2017 Annual USPS Meeting in Orland in February to retain, and attract members. The seminar will cover practices that have been found to be effective by other squadrons. It will also focus on the Marketing that can be used to effectively attract members and promote the USPS. P/D/C Linda Lalonde, D/Lt Rose Stano and D/Lt Alannah Harvey will conduct this session.

**1100-1200 Treasurer's Seminar** Whether you are new Treasurer or have done the job for a while in USPS, there are always new developments and requirements from both the Internal Revenue Service and the National USPS organization. P/D/C John Bennett and D/Lt Laddie Hudson will cover existing requirements for reporting and filing squadron financial activity reports and tax returns, new developments, and key deadlines.

**HQ 800 Seminar** HQ800 is an essential USPS tool in the Educational Department. It is the database used for recording all classes, seminars, and On the Water training. This is how Squadrons and Districts get credit for their hard work. It is also how we get significant grant funding from the USCG. This is essential for SEOs, ADEOs, and suggested for Commanders. This seminar will be conducted by P/C David Kowalski.

**1200 BUSINESS LUNCH**

**1800 BANQUETE DINNER**

**Sunday March 26, 2017, 0830-0900** Squadron Commanders Meeting: Squadron Commanders will have an opportunity to discuss among themselves concerns and issues that they would like to discuss with the district officers.

**0900-1000:**Squadron Commanders Meeting with the D9 Bridge A discussion of issues , concerns, and matters for the good of the district between Squadron commanders and the Bridge.

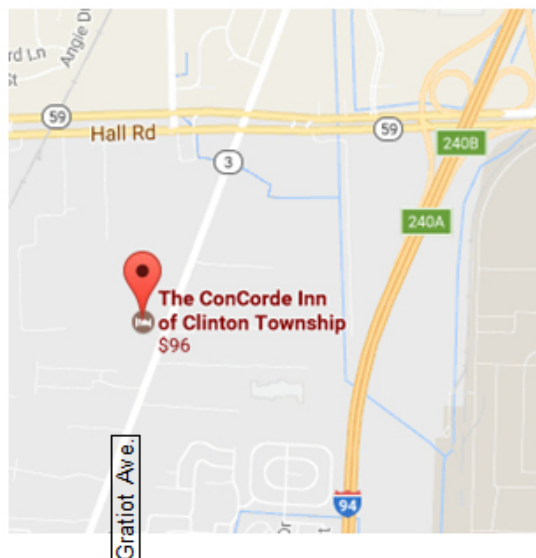




**USPS  
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2017  
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**WESTERN HOE-DOWN**

Hosted by: **24-26 March 2017**  
**MT. CLEMENS POWER SQUADRON**



**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

RANK	LAST NAME	FIST NAME	GRADE	CERTIFICATE NO.	SQUADRON
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Check if you are a Conference First-Timer ☐

POSTMARKED BY 15 MARCH 2017 AND RECEIVED BY 17 MARCH - NO EXCEPTIONS

BUSINESS LUNCH \_\_\_\_ @ \$22.ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_  
(California Gold Miner's Cuts Buffet)

Banquete DINNER \_\_\_\_ @ \$45.ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_ Dinner  
(Wagon Train Dinner Buffet)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_

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Mail to:  
**P/D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN**  
5224 Howe Street  
Utica, MI. 48317-3064

**NO Meal Reservations Accepted After March 15, 2017**

**Dress Code:**

Morning & Conference ~ Uniform F or USPS Blazer  
Banquet ~ Wild West Attire

**Hotel Information:**

ConCorde Inn  
44315 Gratiot Ave.  
Clinton Twp., MI. 48036

**For reservations call (586) 493 – 7300**

To ensure USPS Special Rates use, Event Code # 0325 D/9

CHECK-IN TIME 1500 hrs ~ CHECK-OUT TIME 1100 hrs

Room Rate \$79.99 per night if staying two nights plus state and local taxes

Room Rate \$99.99 if staying one night plus state and local taxes

Hospitality Room \$79.99 per night for one or two nights plus state and local taxes

**Note:** Reserve Hospitality rooms with the hotel. Please get a confirmation number from the hotel and email to Mike Rachuk (mike.rachuk@gmail.com). We need the information to make the hospitality room tour card. Without the info, it is hard to determine who has a hospitality room and your squadron might be missing on the card. Each room will have 2 tables, and 5 chairs provided. Beds will only be removed from rooms that do not have a separate parlor.