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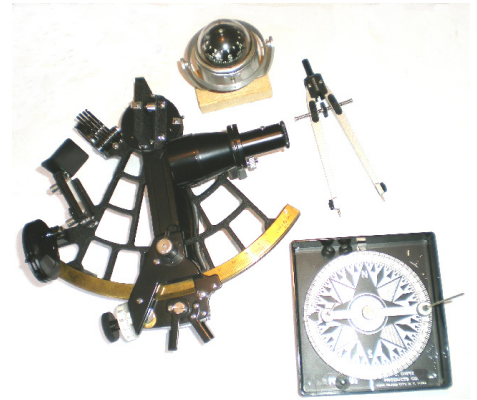
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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 17 Sep. 2018
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

Sail and Power Boating Education

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We will meet at the Carlyle Grill west of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu and pay your own bill. Please call Jeannine Buchanan 734-971-6589, so we can have enough tables set up. Visit Carlyle Grill web site to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>



Carlyle Grill

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN will present 'Rogue Wave sinks their 27 year cruise'. Jim and Joy Carey's yacht, *Kelaerin*, was sunk during their homeward bound final cruise from Hawaii to Washington. They were rescued by the US Coast Guard.



Joy and Jim Carey in Moorea,
French Polynesia

Omega 45 Sailboat





Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Six of us, Tom Eisenbeiser, Randy Baier, Diane Malesko, Peggy Moller, Freddy Ohou and Ron Schwartz launched 2 canoes and two kayaks into Hiland Lake on Friday, August 24, a mile southwest of Hell MI, and paddled to Hell, then back southwest to Halfmoon Lake, then back to launch site. Hiland Lake's east and north sides are mainly private homes. See the picture below. The south and west sides are mainly in the Pinckney Recreation area. We saw Blue Herons, Swans and the Hiland Lake mermaid. After the boating we drove to Hell and had burgers and pasties and drinks at the Hell Hole bar, and walked around the Hell city park and inspected the dam in Hell. There is something therapeutic about dipping your paddle into a lakes clear water and pulling your canoe forward. We had a good time.



Private homes on Hiland Lake in Hell Michigan

During the fall colors we plan to do another, similar paddling trip.

Our fall basic boating ABC class starts October 14 and will run for 8 Sunday evenings at St. Joe's classrooms.

The D9 Fall Conference is early this year -- October 5 to 7 -- in Bay City. See page 11.

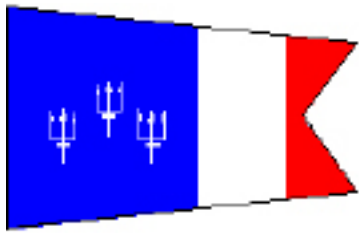


Ron, Peggy and Freddy at the Hell Party Store
Photo by Dianne Malesko



The Hiland Lake Mermaid. A great geocach destination.
South side of the island in Hiland Lake. ca 42° 25' 41" N, 83° 59' 26" W
Photos by Randy Baier





P/C Bob Buchanan, P



Hello All,

We had a delightful Bristol Bay cruise; a nice time to visit with John Jr. who was also on board. I spoke to several squadron commanders, all with similar comments.

The large squadrons such as Detroit, St. Clair Shores, Lansing, Dearborn average about 25 members attending meetings. AASPS averages about 12, which is consistent with our size. None are able to recruit new and younger members so USPS is becoming a "gray" organization.

Squadrons continue to teach the ABC course but average about 2 - 3 students /class. Two/class does not seem worth the effort to me but this is typical for D9 squadrons. All agreed that the squadron education function has been destroyed by National's offering of online courses. The consensus is that the squadrons are becoming social squadrons.

The Bristol Bay cruise is "an educational cruise." However, all on board were older USPS members who came for the social function. Strangely, I was the only person doing some "hands on" teaching of marine radio and chart plotters.

The Ann Arbor News headline story for July 5, 2018 read "643 people drowned in the Great Lakes since 2010. 637 did not wear life vests." In other words, essentially none of the drowning victims wore Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs). The data was collected by the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project. The data collected includes only the open waters of the Great Lakes, not river or inland lake events.

Lake Michigan consistently reports the highest proportion of drowning, about 46%. Although the number decreased in 2014 and 2015, the Project attributed this to an unusually cool summer. Overall, the annual number of drowning has increased from 2010 to 2017 in spite of educational programs. At the federal level, the U.S. Bureau of Transportation has reported that PFDs were not worn in 89% of drownings. Further, the number keeps increasing each year.

The Michigan regulations are clear, do not need to be repeated here. A PFD 1) must be in good condition and 2) must be readily available. During our sailing days on the open waters of Lake St. Clair, Jeannine and I always held an instruction section with an examination if we had friends aboard regardless of whether they had previously sailed with us. Boating accidents give all of us a bad name.

Finally, Jeannine and I have sailed the North Channel, Lake St. Clair, Caribbean waters for almost 20 years. Although we had many interesting moments, usually my fault, we never had an emergency due to a complete commitment to safety.



Lt/C John Barr, Jr.
Secretaries comments



I agree with Bob. I likewise came on the Bristol Bay cruise with the expectation that the cruise was supposed to be "educational" about the boating process, boat rules and safety, Power Squadron, Great Lakes, geography, etc. taught or lectured as a class in which cruise participants would be expected or encouraged to take notes in order to gain boating knowledge or expertise in running their own private boats and certification. The cruise had a Coast Guard officer in charge as the emcee who has an excellent speaking voice much like a WAAM radio host who offered running commentary of how the Bristol Bay ship operates and showed charts of how we were navigating the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair and natural and man-made landmarks along the way and history which was a good experience. He said there were several parts of Lake St. Clair in which water depth is less than five feet deep so therefore the boat cannot safely navigate outside of the designated lane markers. He also made clear he didn't like it if participants stood or walked in the yellow zone because in that area you are only protected from falling off the boat by a chain. I also learned that the OIC (officer in charge) has participated in several Port Huron to Mackinaw boat races. However apart from the OIC's emcee commentary, the experience was almost entirely a social gathering where any education occurring was entirely casual or coincidental. I was disappointed that while bottled soft drinks, water, and potato chips were offered there were no hot dogs or other food available. They did have sweatshirts, sweatpants, and coffee cups available for sale, however. It was great getting to see uniformed Coast Guardsmen and officers on deck on duty to run the boat and to offer assistance as needed. One of them admitted to me that several of the guardsmen joined the Coast Guard because of the Kevin Costner- Ashton Kutcher movie The Guardsmen even though some of the scenes in that movie are not believable or possible such as the helicopter rescue scene at sea with high winds.

It was also very nice to see Bob, Jeanine and meet their grandson Frank on the cruise. Perhaps Frank might be interested in joining the squadron fulltime after he graduates high school ?

Sincerely,

Lt/C John Barr Jr.

Pictures from our 2018 Picnic



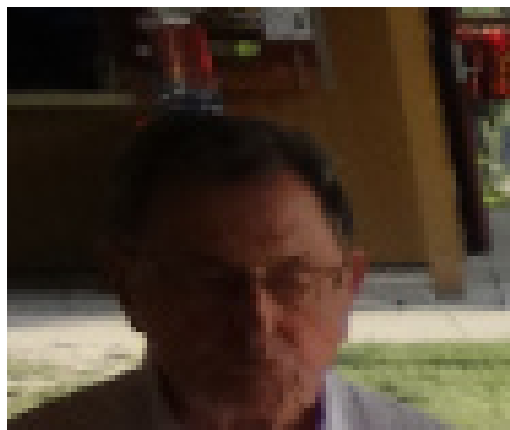
P/C Bob Buchanan, S and Lt/C John Barr, Jr.



Lt. Sharon Pinsak



P/C Art Pinsak, SN and Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



P/C John Barr, AP



Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan and Lt/C Marlene Barr

More Picnic Pictures



Freddy Ohou

Dr. Kurt Kamper

Dr. Sue Kamper

L/C Peggy Moller



Karl Barr II and Karl Barr

Boating Education

Basic Boating Course. Our ABC class starts Sunday, 7 PM, October 14 at St Joe's Hospital class rooms. 8 weeks, 2 hours per week. \$30 for members, \$45 for nonmembers. Price is for one book, and the whole family. Call 734-769-3476 for questions and to register. Course teaches about the Michigan DNR Boating Course, USPS basic boating course, boat types, laws, required and optional equipment, marine radios, boating safety, course plotting, and free digital charts thru OpenCPN, GPS instructions, compass course, compass corrections. Graduates get the Michigan DNR and USPS certification, and boat insurance deductions from some insurance companies.

Michigan inland lake depth contour maps can be found at

https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79119_79146_81198_85509---,00.html

A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Sept. 17	AASPS	Meeting. Ron Schwartz will present 'Rogue Wave Sinks their Yacht'
Oct. 5-7	D9 Fall Conference	Bay City
Oct. 14	AASPS	ABC class starts at St. Joe Hospital
Oct. 15	AASPS	Meeting. Bob and Jeannine Buchanan will present Glaciers of Alaska
Nov. 19	AASPS	Meeting Marlene and John Barr. Subject to be selected.

2018 D/9 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



Holidays with D/9

5 - 7 October 2018



Wrist bands are required for Friday night hospitality. Please register even if you are only attending Friday's event.

Attention: All registration requests must be received, on this form, by 28 September 2018. Registration requests received after 28 September will be accepted on a space available basis.



Uniform of the Day: Seminars & Business Lunch: Uniform F
(or USPS Blazer, Polo or appropriate attire)
Dinner: Business Casual attire

	Rank	Last Name	First Name	Grade	Certificate #	Squadron	First Time Attendee?	
							Yes	No
(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 28 September 2018 (if meals are available).

Lunch

Choice: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Choice: Raspberry chicken salad _____ Thai roasted vegetable salad _____

Carvers roast beef sandwich _____

Salad choices include rolls; sandwich includes chips and pickle. All choices include apple pie.



Dinner

Choice: _____ @ \$43.50 = \$ _____

Choice: 10oz Sirloin _____ Bourbon Street Salmon _____ French Lentils (vegetarian.) _____

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

Special Meal/Dietary Requests: _____

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:

\$105.00 per night – Call Doubletree to reserve room.

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

Mention Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron to reserve. Room reservations must be made by September 21, 2018 to lock in the \$105.00 rate.