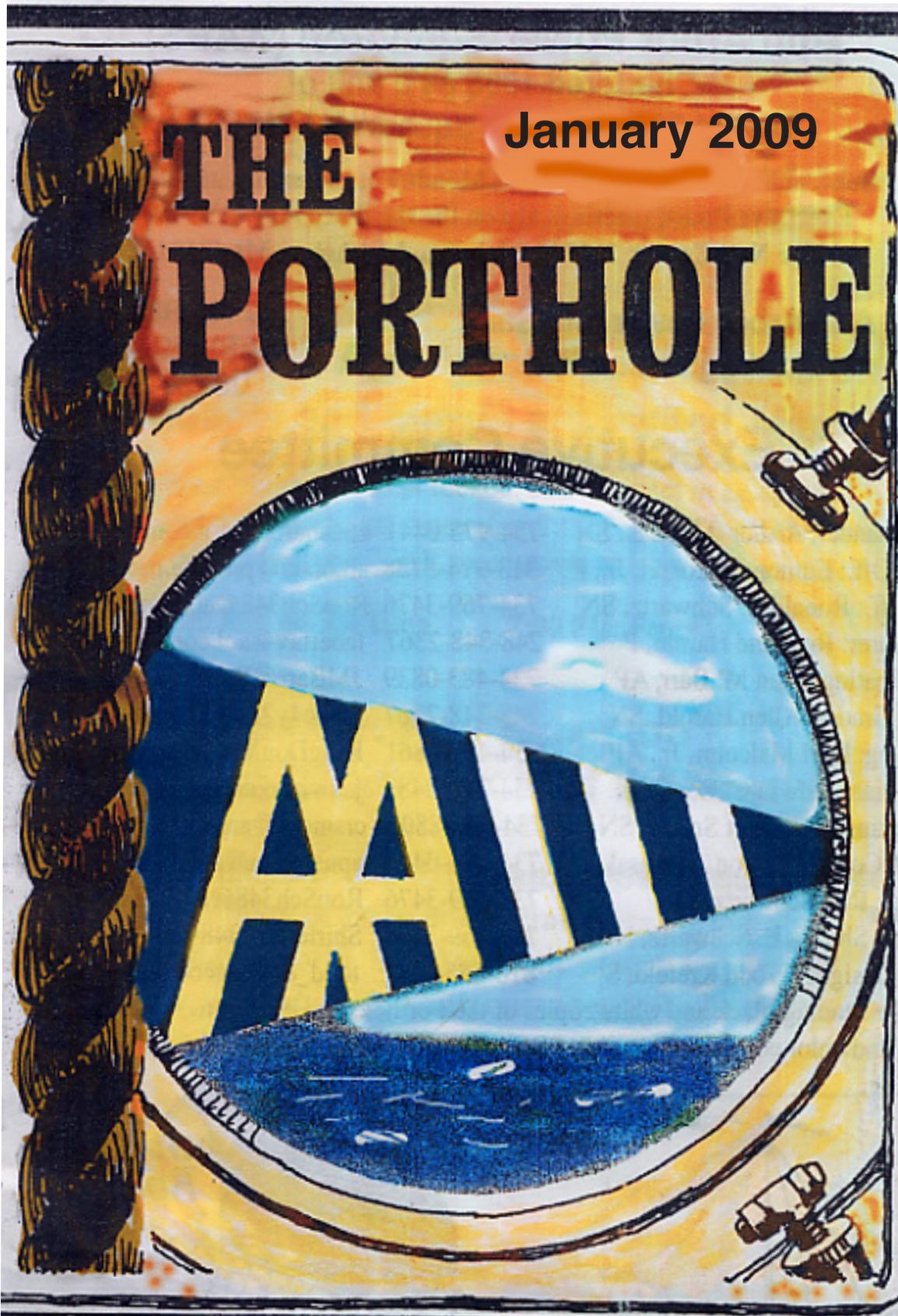


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# THE PORTHOLE



**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
A Unit of United States Power Squadrons**

# Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Chartered 1965 as a unit of United States Power Squadrons (USPS)

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# Change of Watch and General Meeting Monday, 5 January 2009

at the NEW Center, 1100 North Main Street, Ann Arbor

**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
(Sail and Power Boating Education)**

**6:00pm: Potluck Dinner - Please bring a dish to share.**

Please call Sharon Pinsak - 734-973-0441 - and tell her what food you will bring so that we have a variety.

Change of Watch Ceremony

General meeting

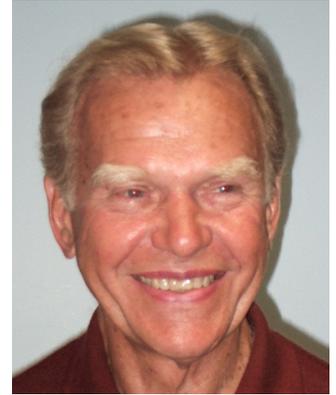


NEW Center at 1100 N. Main Street,  
on west shore of Argo Pond, Ann Arbor,  
first building north of the railroad crossing.

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# Commander's Message



Commander Arthur Pinsak, SN

After experiencing relatively low water levels and exorbitant costs of fuel this past year, the future prospects of high water and reasonable fuel costs seemed to be positive. Then the country is hit with virtual collapse of the finance industry. Hopefully, the institutional problems will be resolved and we can once again take advantage of the positives and avoid another year moored to our docks. Everyone must be anxious in the new year to rekindle their interest in boating and marine safety through review and preparation for the next boating season. All the new information available through USPS should provide for enthusiastic endeavors.

I had previously mentioned introduction of the “Star” program by USPS. As you recall, this program is aimed at establishing achievable goals within a squadron. Such a program, conceptually, is not a new idea. Goal setting has always been a way of life, but attaching a specific by-word helps to highlight the current effort. Before we were aware of the PR jargon, AASPS has established goals this past year that could be considered modest but achievable: (1) An increase of at least 10% new members, (2) Increased participation in on-line courses. Of course, this goal was readily attainable because of the increased availability of new and revised courses by USPS. (3) Construction of a website has not yet been fully accomplished but most of the preparation has been completed. (4) We also had increased our non-member attendance through advertising at general meetings when speaker subjects dealt with specific interests. We will again identify goals (Star program) to be achieved in 2009 but developing a comprehensive set is difficult because achievement of most goals requires participation of the entire membership. It would be great if we could reclaim some of the awards that used to be commonplace here. It will be extremely helpful if members suggest goals and/or participate in their achievement. Other D/9 squadrons make us look feeble with their listing of numerous types of social and fraternal activities in which members participate. Even if you only try attending our general meetings, you hopefully will discover that the time spent will be both enjoyable and educational. If society is shaped by incentives, your interest in boating should be enough to become involved.

Change of Watch (COW) is scheduled for 5 January at the NEW Center. The Bridge has made an effort to keep our squadron viable in accordance with USPS standards. It would be a laudable gesture for you to show appreciation to the outgoing Bridge and to welcome the incoming Bridge officers. We have purposely made our COW low-key in an attempt to attract greater participation.

The USPS Annual Convention will be in Anaheim, CA 17-21 February 2009. If anyone is in the area (eg. Disneyland) and happened to miss the Fall Governing Board meeting in Detroit, a visit to the convention will be a worthwhile experience.

Thank you again for all your support. May all your resolutions be realized during the coming year.

## MERIT MARKS – 2008

Congratulations to the following AASPS members who have been awarded a merit mark in recognition of their contributions during 2008 that were approved by USPS national office. This is the one way National expresses its appreciation. I would be ecstatic if every member of our squadron could be recommended:

John M. Barr	Carolyn P. Knaggs	Jadwin C. Root
Marlene Barr	Margaret Anne Moller	Ellen Shirley Schwartz
Robert J. Cox	Karl D. Malcolm, Jr.	Ronald E. Schwartz
Frank Hoy	Sharon A. Pinsak	C. Robert Snider

Bob Cox, Jadwin Root, Ron Schwartz and Bob Snider are currently life members with at least 25 merit marks.

## SEO Message

We need more teachers (class chairpersons) to offer more classes. USPS has a lot of great, well designed courses and seminars. If you want to teach one of these, please let me know what subject you want to **teach**, location, dates and times and minimum number of students. I will put this information into our newsletters. Maybe this will help to get our education program moving. [Here is our current list of classes being offered.](#)



Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN (Life)

### CLASSES

**Squadron Boating Class:** Certified boating class and navigation. \$50. Open to the public. 6 Wednesdays starting 21 January, 7-9 pm at Washtenaw County Community College. Call Ron Schwartz for details. 734-769-3476 or [AAPSclasses@aol.com](mailto:AAPSclasses@aol.com).

**Weather Class** - 8 Thursdays, 7 to 9 pm, Feb. 5 to March 26, 2009. Weather course covers forecasting and reading weather patterns on-board. Location 165 Kingsbrook, Ann Arbor - at Bob Snider's home. 3 to 6 students. Contact Bob Snider, 734-665-8890 [crsnider@ameritech.net](mailto:crsnider@ameritech.net)

**Seamanship Class** - 8 Wednesdays, 7 to 9 pm, Feb. 11 to April 1, 2009. Seamanship covers basic deck seamanship, marlinspike (knots and ropes), anchoring and rafting, basic boat care and maintenance, and nautical and USPS customs and etiquette. Location - John Barr's office, 105 Pearl St., Ypsilanti - near Huron Street. Contact John Barr, 734-483-0839 [JMBarr@BarrLawFirm.com](mailto:JMBarr@BarrLawFirm.com). Parking is available on the street or in the North Huron Parking Lot 1/2 block north of the office.

**Advanced Piloting Class** - 12 Wednesdays, 7 to 9 pm, Feb. 11 to April 29. Advanced Piloting covers more advanced coastal navigation techniques, navigation in tides and currents, and more advanced GPS usage. Location - Art Pinsak's home, 3365 Tacoma Cir., Ann Arbor. 3 to 6 students. Contact Art Pinsak, 734-973-0441 [apnsharon@aol.com](mailto:apnsharon@aol.com).

Junior Navigation - Classes are being held 4 - 6 pm Mondays at the NEW Center prior to our ExCom and General meetings. Contact Cary Jones - 734 - 433-0150

Navigation: Saturday afternoons 2 to 4 pm, starting February or March. at Ron Schwartz's home. 348 Eighth St. Ann Arbor. For details [AAPSclasses@aol.com](mailto:AAPSclasses@aol.com), or 734-769-3476.

From Ann Arbor News October 28, 2008

## Memories, lessons of judge abound

William F. Ager Jr. died Friday at 87

BY LIZ COBBS  
*The Ann Arbor News*

William F. Ager III still recalls advice that his father, retired Washtenaw County Circuit Court Judge William F. Ager Jr., gave him years ago.

"My father said to me that the most satisfaction you get later on in life (is) the good things you've done for other people," the younger Ager said. "He told me that you don't want to go through life and think about things you should have done, because

life seems to pass very quickly."

William F. Ager Jr., 87, a lifelong Ann Arbor resident, died Friday.

His son said Ager lived a satisfying life because he enjoyed helping others.

"It's surprising how many people he's touched in a very positive way, from judges to attorneys and even people

SEE AGER, A5



William F. Ager Jr.

I have been the SEO for three years. It has been a challenge, and fun to interact with the students and other instructors. We could use a few more instructors and proctors.

Good memories come from helping others. Volunteer to teach.

Our September Boat Smart and Squadron Boating Classes had 100% graduation. Congratulations to Mike Crawford, John Hodgins, Dennis Horton, Spenser Horton, Joe Jaeger, Sue Leonard, Lori Lozen, Andy McKee, Mike Perrin, Marc Renner, Junko Stevenson, Randy Stevenson, Tobey Thelen, and Shih-Chieh Yin.

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**Partial list of Events, 2009**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
5 Jan. 09	AASPS COW and General meeting.	1800 at New Center, 1100 N. Main St. Ann Arbor. See page 3.
19 Jan.	AASPS Exec. Comm. meeting.	1900 pm at New Center, 1100 N. Main St. Ann Arbor.
2 Feb.	AASPS General meeting.	1800 at New Center, 1100 N. Main St. Ann Arbor.
16 Feb.	AASPS Exec. Comm. meeting.	1900 at New Center, 1100 N. Main St. Ann Arbor.
17-22 Feb.	USPS National Meeting,	Anaheim California, see USPS web site

**Detroit Boat Show - Feb. 2009 - Squadron members can get into the Detroit Boat Show free if they volunteer to be at the USPS booth for 2 hours to answer questions about USPS. Contact Linda M. Lumpkin to reserve a 2 hour slot in the schedule. 586-779-2766 lmlumpkin@comcast.net**

Please check USPS web site ([www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org)), D9 website (<http://d9-usps.org/app/HomeContact.aspx>), and web sites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

To locate any squadron web site	<a href="http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html">http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html</a>
Anchor Bay PS	<a href="http://www.usps.org/localusps/anchorbay/">http://www.usps.org/localusps/anchorbay/</a>
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