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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Picnic

Monday, 14 June 2010

Argo Pond Park and Canoe Livery
Lat. 42° 17.47' N, Long. 83° 44.68' W

Sail and Power Boating Education

<http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org>
or <http://www.aaspsq.org>

Public is invited

6 pm to 9 pm Picnic Potluck: We will meet at the Argo Pond Park and Launch Site - east side of Huron River next to Argo Pond Canoe Livery on Longshore Dr.

Please bring a dish to pass - Please call Sharon Pinsak - 734-973-0441, and tell her what food you want to bring so we can have a variety.

Sharon Pinsak will bring beer, wine, pop and fried chicken, plates, cups, tableware. \$5 each.

DIRECTIONS

Exit M14 at Exit #4 and take Barton Dr. south and east to Longshore Dr. Follow Longshore Dr. south along the river to the Argo Canoe Livery. X on the map.

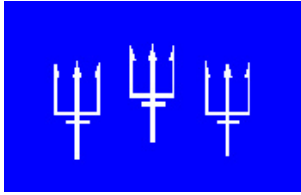
Or, from downtown take Division St. or Detroit St. north to Broadway St. Follow Broadway St. northeast to Moore St. Take Moore St. northwest. Moore St. will become Longshore Dr. on the west side of Pontiac Tr. Continue west to the river.

You can bring a boat or canoe or kayak or rent one.
There is a shallow boat launch at the picnic site.



Canoe Livery and
picnic site

Commander's Message



Commander John Barr, AP, Life

The boating season is here! I know because I keep getting boating flyers and catalogs. I know also because my boat is in the shop!

Remember the June meeting is Monday, June 14, 2010 at Argo Park. The June meeting is always a great meeting with little business but lots of food, friendship and drinks. Last year Lt Commander Frank Hoy brought two kayaks. I wonder what he will bring this year.

We will be in the Argo Park Pavilion, across the river from the New Center. This is a delightful location and very worth a visit if you have never been there. Worth a visit even if you have been there.

I just put a report in the mail to National. It concerns the filing of the 990 tax forms. I now know, and I am letting squadron members know, that we have to file the e-990 form each year by May 15th. I did file our return and was able to send in a clean report to National. Once one has the three or four bits of information required to file, the process is simple.

The Seamanship exam will be June 17th at 7:30 at St. Joseph Hospital in the Education Center where the class has been meeting and we hold our general Meetings..

John



Ron's *Half Angle*
on Opal Lake
about 1975

SEO Message



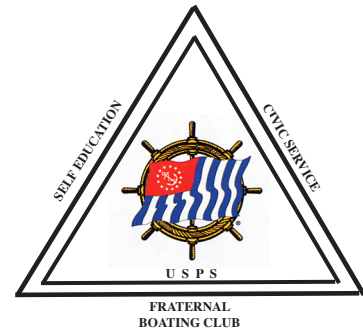
Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN (Life)

With the new directives from AAPS National we can teach any course to anyone - member or nonmember. Therefore, we will try to have a class for any course USPS offers if we can get enough students. Or you can do a home study with private tutoring as needed. Let me know which courses/seminars/study guides you want. USPS web site WWW.USPS.org describes all the courses, seminars and study guides that are available. Call me at 734-769-3476.

Commander John Barr's Seamanship class and home studiers will take their exams Thursday, June 17, 2010.

We have several people home studying the Piloting class. Lt./C Bob Buchanan and I just took the Piloting exam.

Ron



AASPS Booster Club

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Booster Club is in need of your support. \$25 lists your name and boat in the Porthole for one year. Bring or mail check to Marlene Barr, Treasurer, 1200 Whittier Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197-2152

Partial list of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
June 14	AASPS Picnic	
June 19	Detroit Parade of Lights	
June 21	AASPS Picnic	
June 22	USCG/USPS/USCGAUX D/9 educational opportunity	aboard the 140-ft. Coast Guard Cutter "BRISTOL BAY". E-mail aapsclasses@aol.com for the application to be e-mailed to you in pdf format.
July 9-11	Gold Cup Hydroplane Races in Detroit River	
Aug. 7	USCG Parade in Grand Haven	
August 14	Les Cheneaux Antique Boat Show in Hessel Michigan	
Oct. 22-24	D9 and D29 joint Fall Conference.	Holliday Inn, Perrysburg Ohio



Boating is fun... we'll show you how

Please check USPS web site (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.

For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website (annarborsailandpowersquadron.org) and select District 9 Squadrons.

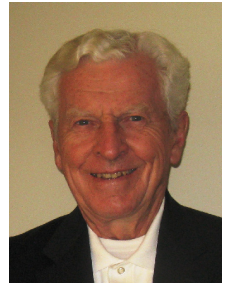
A map showing each squadron's location with a link to its website is at your disposal, or http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org/district9_links.html

Or alternatively, for a list of D-9 websites visit:

<http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html>



Secretary's Message



Lt/C Robert Buchanan

First, AASPS meeting minutes can be distributed electronically to any squadron member who would like to receive them. The easiest way is to contact me at BuchananRA@msn.com.

The following information described in the April 21, 2010 Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping News can be found at www.boatnerd.com.

The April 21th Detroit News reported that after a dry winter, Michigan boaters can expect levels of most Great Lakes to be 5 to 8 inches lower this summer than last year. For boat owners, that means more shallow spots and docks further from the water, but for lakefront cottage owners, it means slightly bigger beaches. The reason for expected lower levels on the lakes is a very dry winter and early spring, said Bill Deedler, weather historian for the National Weather Service in White Lake Township. While southeast Michigan was among the wettest areas, places to the north were much drier. Northern Michigan had one of its driest winters since 1893, said Jim Keysor, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Gaylord.

During the next six months, Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie, Ontario and St. Clair are expected to be 5 to 10 inches below last year's levels, while Lake Superior will be at almost the same level as last year, according to the Army Corps of Engineers' Detroit office.

Lake St. Clair was hit hard by ice jams on the St. Clair River that dropped the level of the lake nearly 2 feet in February, but it's rebounding. Still, it's 9 inches below its level last April and will gain only about an inch through the summer.

Bob Buchanan



Art Pinsak in Frank's
Kayak
on Argo Pond

Executive Officer's Message



Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN, P/C

Well this is the start of the summer boating season. It promises to be a good one. I hope you all will come to the picnic, which has been moved the 14th of June.

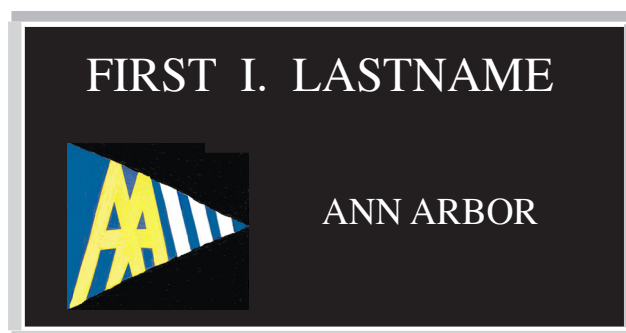
I can't find much support for a garage sale this summer to raise money for the Squadron. My next project will be to hold a Gold party in the fall. This is where you bring all your old gold, and sell it to a buyer, at my house, and you keep the money he pays you. I get paid 10% of anything that is bought by the gold buyer, which I will donate to the Squadron. So, if we sell \$ 2,000.00 of your old gold, the squadron will get \$ 200.00. You get to sell your old gold and keep the money, and the Squadron gets some money. Looks like a win/win to me. So start looking through your old gold and figure out what you can live without. The squadron has certain expenses that we need help with. We have only recently started to show a small increase in our monthly balance, but we need to make a bigger increase so we can get back to being active in District and National activities, which all cost money. The details for this fund raiser will be announced in the fall. Be ready to make some money for yourself and the Squadron.

Also please check out the following web site: www.boatnerd.com, you will really like it.

Thanks to everyone who has, does, or will support the Squadron.

Lt.Cmdr. Frank Hoy JN/PC

AASPS MEMBERS Name Tags



We are going to order name tags for our members. We need to order at least 10 tags to get a reduced price of \$10 each. The tags can be attached to your clothes by a magnet. No holes in your clothes. If you want one, please send a check for \$10 payable to *Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron* to Art Pinsak, 3365 Tacoma Cir., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. The tags will be black/white laminated plastic with a white beveled border, white engraved letters and the AASPS burgee, similar to the picture above.

Administrative Officer's Message



Lt/C Curtis Hoff

Administrative Department Lt/C Curtis Hoff

The picnic is our next event on June 14. Note that the date was changed since the last newsletter.

Also BRISTOL BAY educational opportunity is June 22. This will be a unique 3-hour educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft ship and its 130-ft barge for a total of a 270 foot vessel. Boarding begins at 7:00 pm, departure at 7:30 pm with a duration of 3 hours. I will have sign-up forms at the picnic for anyone who is interested or you can download it at <http://d9-usps.org/app/D9edcruise10.pdf>. June 15th is the deadline but please note that space is limited to the first 250 people and is expected to fill up quickly. I'm not sure if there are still spaces available.

Summary of upcoming events this summer to consider are:

June 14 – Picnic

June 22 – USCG/USPS/USCGAUX D/9 educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft. Coast Guard Cutter "BRISTOL BAY".

August 13-15 – District 9 Rendezvous – East Tawas State Dock

August 14 – Led Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show, Hessel Michigan

I'm beginning to plan our fall meetings. Please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas.



Ron's *Soft Shoal*
at the 1988
Les Cheneaux Antique
Wooden Boat Show
at Hessel, Michigan