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



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## Sail and Power Boating Education

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

# General Meeting Monday, Sept. 20, 2010

L 42° 15' 49.98" N, Lo 83° 39' 20.56" W  
at St. Joseph's Hospital Administration Building  
5305 Elliott Dr., parking Lot P,  
2nd floor room EC 5 in the Education Center.

Take stairs or elevator to the 2nd. floor. Turn left and walk about 35 paces. Then turn left thru the double doors and walk past the rest rooms to classroom 5.

## Public is invited

**6 pm Potluck:** 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.

**7 pm Program:** John Barr Jr. will present pictures and commentary about the Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show which is held on the 2nd Saturday in August in Hessel, Michigan.

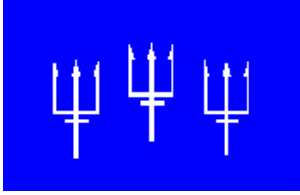


Les Cheneaux islands in northern Lake Huron

One of about 150 wooden boats in the Boat Show



## **Commander John Barr, AP, Life**



### **Labor Day is Behind Us**

It is that time of year again. The time when the boating season is winding down and the instruction season is winding up. Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron has great plans for the fall season. At least two Boating Courses will be offered, thanks to Ron Schwartz and Robert Buchanan.

### **Squadron Meeting**

Our next squadron meeting will be Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm with a potluck dinner. Our monthly meetings are very enjoyable and informative and I encourage squadron members to attend. Bring a friend. The meeting program will be "The Hessel Antique Boat Show" presented by John M. Barr, Jr. Marlene and I will be out of town in September and return on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see everyone at the meeting.

### **A Happy Event**

P/C Robert C. Snider, SN and Luz Victoria Infante were joined in matrimony on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We wish them all the best for a long and happy marriage and give thanks for their continuing interest and dedication to AASPS!

### **A Sad Story**

Last year the engine in my boat was running hot. I changed the water pump in the outdrive and assumed all was well. When I put the boat up, I used the same winterizing system I had used for several years. The system has a large container that is filled with antifreeze, and then attached to the engine water intake on the outdrive with a hose. The engine is run and the antifreeze is pumped throughout the engine block, etc. The process worked well in past years. Last year however, the antifreeze did not get throughout the engine resulting in a cracked engine block! Not a happy picture. I believe that the problem was that the water pump on the engine was not working and thus the antifreeze did not get to all parts of the engine. The moral of the story is that when winterizing a boat engine it is good to pull the drain plugs to insure that no water remains. I am thinking of retaking the Engine Maintenance course. On a brighter note, I was able to sell the boat with full disclosure. The new owner is very pleased with the boat and his "new" engine.

"We know what we are, but know not what we may be." William Shakespeare





## Education Officer Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



Congratulations to Lt/C Bob Buchanan, P, for passing the Seamanship and Piloting exams this summer.

We are teaching the public boating course - ABC 3rd edition - this fall at 2 locations, co-sponsored by WCC (Washtenaw Community College) - both the Ann Arbor Campus and Willis, Lincoln HS branch. See the WCC catalog. Class starts Sept 22 at Ann Arbor with class chairman Ron Schwartz (734-769-3476), and Oct. 14 at Willis with class chairman Bob Buchanan (734-971-6589). Call them for details.

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](http://WWW.USPS.org) describes all the courses, seminars and study guides that are available. We have several people home studying the Piloting class. Call me at 734-769-3476.

Ron on *Soft Shoal* at the Les Cheneaux Antique Wood Boat Show in Hessel Michigan, 1988



## Partial list of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Sept. 20	AASPS meeting at St. Joseph Education Center - see page 3	
Sept. 22	AASPS Public Boating Course starts at WCC - contact Ron Schwartz 734-769-3476	
Oct. 14	AASPS Public Boating Course starts at Willis HS - contact Bob Buchanan 734-971-6589	
Oct. 22-24	D9 and D29 joint Fall Conference. Holliday Inn, Perrysburg Ohio - see page 9	

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.

For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website ([annarborsailandpowersquadron.org](http://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](http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org/district9_links.html)

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

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



## The USPS® Pledge

*"I do solemnly pledge to:*

*Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadron;*

*Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;*

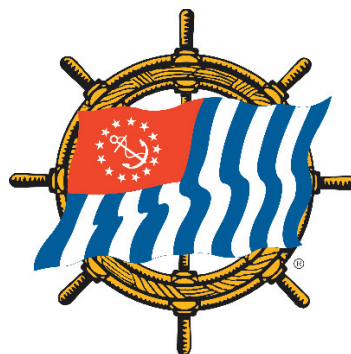
*Maintain my boat and operate it legally;*

*Render assistance whenever possible;*

*And conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige,*

*honor, and respect to the*

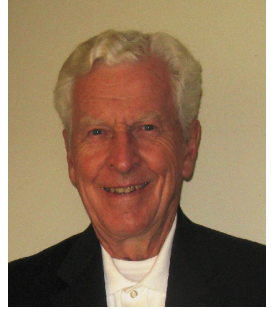
*United States Power Squadrons."*







## Secretary Robert Buchanan, P



As Squadron Secretary, my summer was a quiet time and a nice break. Just wait 'til fall.

Sailing our Catalina 30 on Lake St. Clair proved interesting because we enjoyed an abundance of wind on every sail, much more so than in past seasons. This difference is not a function of any climate change, rather the particular days we selected for sailing. The Cat30 easily achieves 5 knots or more boat speed with a 10 knot wind. Maximum possible speed is about 7 knots (square root of water line length x 1.34). However, at winds of 14-15 knots, I generally would reef the jib first, then consider reefing the main. Our jib is mounted on a roller reefing around the forestay so reefing is easy while underway; release the sheet, ask the helmsman to sail on the main while rolling in perhaps a foot of jib, then trim the sheet again. A main reef is equally easy; release the main sheet while asking the helmsman to sail off the jib, then release the main halyard while bringing in the reefing line. The procedure can easily be reversed.

So constantly adjusting sail area based on wind speed is easy. The result is improved passenger comfort, a more relaxed job for the helmsman but actually little or no sacrifice in boat speed. In other words, make life easy for yourself. In fact, we can achieve almost the same boat speed while sailing jib-only in a 15 knot wind as compared to full sail. The only real difference is that the helmsman will work a bit harder on a reach since the main sail is not available to contribute to trim. Finally, I must confess that as we grow older, Jeannine and I are searching for the easiest way to sail with physical activity appropriate to our ages.

Bob and Jeannine  
with their Catalina 30  
*Tanguary Times*

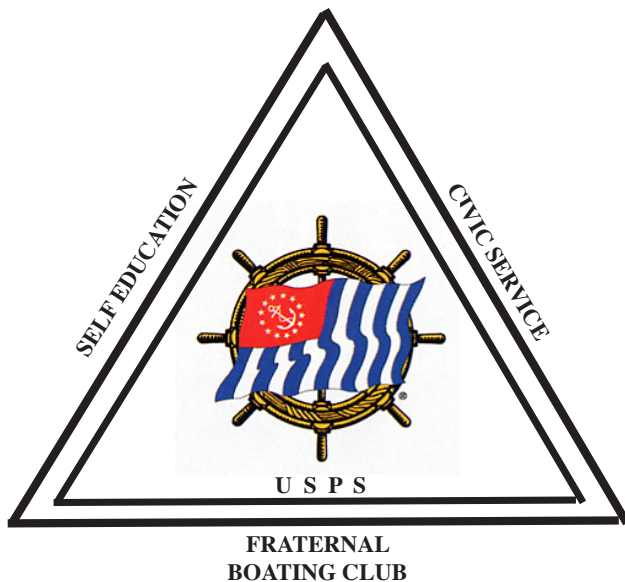




## Executive Officer Frank Hoy, JN



I trust everyone had a safe and happy summer. Now, as we go into fall, I'd like to hear suggestions on how we might raise some money for the squadron. One of the things we used to do was to have members at the general meeting put a dollar in the pot. Then we would draw names from the total membership, and if your name was drawn you would win 50 % of the pot, with the other 50 % going to the squadron. The catch is you have to be present to win. So, if your name was drawn and you were not at the meeting, the pot would roll over. At times the pot would get very big. The name of the person drawn was put in the Porthole. Our attendance at meetings would increase with the size of the 50/50 pot. I would like to hear some other ideas, too. I hope to see more of you at the meeting this month.



Frank's  
*Bobber1*



### 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

Name	Boat Name	Date
John and Marlene Barr		June 2011
Jeannine and Bob Buchanan	<i>Tanguary Times</i>	June 2011
Frank Hoy	<i>Bobbin' Job</i>	June 2011
Art and Sharon Pinsak	<i>Calypso</i>	June 2011
Ron and Shirley Schwartz	<i>Half Angel, Whale, and Soft Shoal</i>	June 2011



## Administrative Officer Curtis Hoff



Lt/C Curtis Hoff

I am a bit behind working on the fall programs after a difficult summer of family issues. So far, I have the September meeting arranged and continue to work on the October, and November programs. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for program topics. The September program will be John Barr Jr. showing pictures of the 2010 Les Cheneaux Antique Wood Boat Show.

In October Bob Buchanan will discuss Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and the addition of Rescue 21. Rescue 21 is partially available now, will be fully available next summer in the Great Lakes area. Bob had a Rescue 21 experience this summer on Lake St. Clair that he will describe.

I ran across a pretty comprehensive fall de-commissioning list on the Aurora Boat Care Products web site. This may be of interest to some of you as our boating season comes to a close. It is available in both Excel and PDF formats. Excel format is available at:

<http://www.auroramarineclub.com/clubhouse/downloads/Fall-Decommissioning.xls>

PDF format is available at:

<http://www.auroramarineclub.com/clubhouse/downloads/Fall-Decommissioning.pdf>

My final thought is advice from an experience this summer. My boat's air conditioning was not cooling adequately but was still working to some extent. Due to the hot summer the A/C technician was swamped and could not service it for 10 days. However I left the A/C running since it was still cooling. I have learned I should have immediately turned off the A/C, and so should you if you ever question your A/C's performance. The low cooling was due to low Freon and the Freon cools the compressor. My compressor overheated and seized up. As a result I now have a brand new compressor that was an unnecessary expense.

Curtis and Melanie's  
boat  
Hither 'n Yon



# USPS D/9 & D/29 2010 Fall Conference

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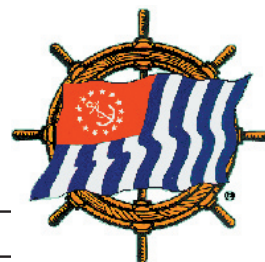
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United States Power Squadrons - District 9 / 29 - Fall Conference 22 - 24 October 2010

Rank Last Name

First Name

Grade



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Herb Encrusted Talapia \_\_\_\_\_

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Macomb Twp, MI 48044

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Questions? Call P/D/C Rich Gallop, SN 586-202-2299

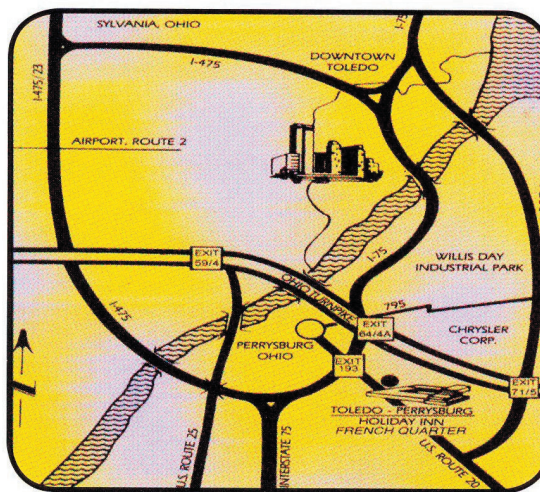


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