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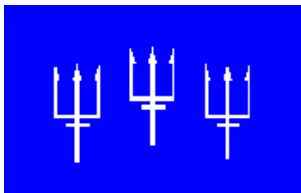
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in St. Joseph's Hospital Administration Building
5305 Elliott Dr., parking Lot P,
2nd floor in the Education Center.**

Sail and Power Boating Education

Public is invited

7 pm Program: Bob Buchanan will describe the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and the addition of Rescue 21.





Commander Comm. John Barr, AP, Life



Squadron Meeting

Our next squadron meeting will be the third Monday in October – October 18, 2010. We will start with a potluck dinner at 6 pm followed by a program and meeting. Our meetings are short and to the point and well worth attending. Support your squadron and join us at the next meeting. Our program for this meeting will be our own L/C Bob Buchanan, P, who will present on Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and the addition of Rescue 21. Bob had a Rescue 21 experience this summer on Lake St. Clair that he will describe. Rescue 21 is partially available now, and will be fully available next summer in the Great Lakes area.

Training

There will be training for Administrative Officers at the District 7 (Seven) conference this fall on Friday, November 5, 2010. The training will be at the Kalahari Indoor Water Park Resort and Conference Center, 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, OH. Telephone 877-525-2427. If you stay overnight the rooms are at the special rate of \$98 with free parking.

Training includes Leadership, Teambuilding, Problem Solving, USPS Structure and Planning and Executing Effective Meetings. This training will be great for squadron use and will also be valuable for our everyday life. I encourage all AASPS members to attend. The training will begin at 9am and end at 4pm. There will be a continental breakfast, working lunch and afternoon snacks. All attendees are invited to a commander's cocktail party at 6pm hosted by D/C Robert Ball, SN and the Mansfield Power Squadron. Dress is USPS casual. More information is available from D/LT/C Wayne Powers, SN at 440-572-5940 or at panel55@aol.com Registration forms are at <http://www.usps.org/national/ot/TransitionfromWarriorstoChieftainClevelandOH.htm>

Growing our Squadron

All volunteer organizations are having difficulty maintaining membership numbers and we are no different. Please help your squadron continue to be a viable force for teaching safe boating by attending squadron meetings, teaching and proctoring courses, and by bringing a boating friend to our squadron meetings.

Christmas Party

We will be discussing the Christmas Party at our next Squadron meeting. Come and learn the details! At this writing the date will be Monday, December 6 with the place to be determined. Put this date on your calendar. The Christmas Party is a highlight of the year.

“My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.” Charles F. Kettering



Education Officer L/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



We have 4 students in the ABC3 class at WCC (Washtenaw Community College) Ann Arbor which started 22 Sept. 2010, and 9 students at WCC's branch in Lincoln High School on Willis Rd. which started 14 Oct. 2010. See the WCC catalog.

Spring 2011 ABC3 classes will start Wednesday 23 Feb. 2011 at WCC Ann Arbor, and Tuesday 8 Mar. 2011 at WCC branch in Lincoln High School.

With the new directives from USPS 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 self study with private tutoring as needed. Let me know (734-769-3476 or AAPSclasses@aol.com) which courses/seminars/study guides you want. USPS web site www.USPS.org describes all the courses, seminars and study guides that are available. We have 2 Piloting course students, 2 Advanced Piloting course students and 2 Navigation course students doing a self study.

Congratulations to Stephen Anderson, S for passing the Seamanship exam.



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Lake St. Clare

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Conference Registration Form

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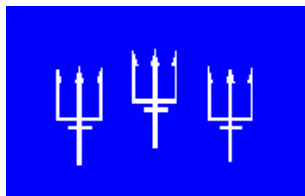


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Membership Chairperson's Message

P/C Carolyn Knaggs. P



Membership is back in full swing after a very nice summer. I attended the D-9 council meeting in Sterling Heights. It was announced that a motion to remove the \$25.00 processing fee for new members will become effective as of November 30th, 2010. This was seconded and passed at the National meeting. That will help bring down the cost of dues for first time members. District 9 also decided to reimburse new members who joined their squadrons from February 1, 2010 to the Nov. 30th date. This money will be sent to each squadron with the suggestion that they apply the money towards the new member's next class.

As of November 30th, any new member will be charge \$78.20 for one year's dues. Please tell all your boating friends what a bargain this is!!!

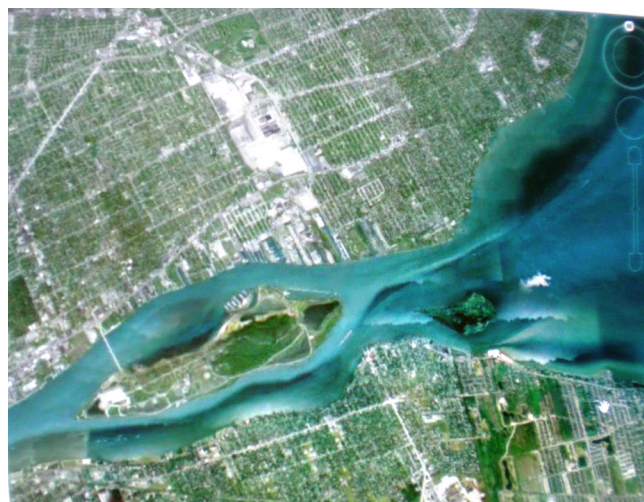
Our District 9 conference this fall will be held with the Ohio District 29 as a joint weekend meeting. Lots of fun, classes and events are included in this Friday evening Thru Saturday evening event. If you can, sign up for Friday night festivities...they are free but you should sign up so they have a count. Saturday morning there are several seminars and conferences included including instructor certification, which is a must if you decide to help teach a class. These seminars are also free but you should sign up for conference ahead of time. Saturday afternoon is the general business meeting and Saturday night is a cocktail party put on by the districts and a dinner dance. This is a great time to interact with other boaters from across our great state plus Indiana and Ohio!

Please welcome Gregory P. Allen who was reinstated as a member of the Squadron.

Carolyn

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."*



Belle Isle to Lake St. Clair
from Google Earth

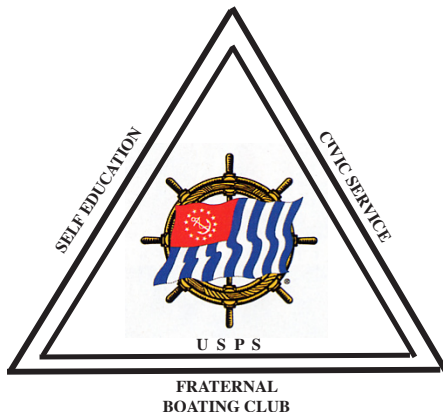


Executive Officer P/C Frank Hoy, JN



P/C Frank Hoy, JN

Time just seems to fly, as we get older. It's time to put the boats away, already. There are still some nice days left, but not many. I haven't had any luck locating a tumbler device to use for a monthly drawing at our monthly meetings. If you know where I can find one please let me know. Call me, 734-214-0199. In order to win you must be present at the meeting, dues paid up to date, and be in the pool. So, if no one wins the pot it roles over to the next month. I'm hoping to be up and running at this month's meeting. Let's hope this will increase attendance at our meetings. We also have some very interesting speakers at our meetings. Please come out and have a potluck dinner with us, and stick around for the meeting. It's really painless. Hope to see some new faces this month.



Sandusky OH to
Pelee Is. Canada

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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 Lt/C Curtis Hoff



Lt/C Curtis Hoff

The recent nice weather makes it hard to believe this year's boating season is entering its final days. Unfortunately I'm sure the number of good days remaining is limited and the focus for most people is preparing for winterization - if not done so already. In last month's Porthole I noted a good resource for comprehensive winterization – please check it out if you need a good checklist.

For me, I'm finalizing plans to move my boat south. The plan is to cruise from Baltimore area to Norfolk in early November and then down to Georgetown, S.C. in late November to layup for the winter. We evaluated going back to Florida but it is just too far considering we're cruising New England next summer. Georgetown is a good balance between winter temperature and distance to Michigan. Typically there should be only two months of sub 40's °F lows with highs in the around 60's °F.

This month's program at our General Meeting will be Bob Buchanan discussing Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and the addition of Rescue 21. Rescue 21 is partially available now, and 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.

Remember the upcoming Fall Conference October 22-24 in Perrysburg, Ohio. The conference will be in conjunction with D/29 and the theme is 'Famous Paris'. Deadline for registration is October 16.

Curtis

Partial list of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Oct. 18	AASPS meeting at St. Joeseph Education Center - see page 3	
Oct. 22-24	D9 and D29 joint Fall Conference. Holiday Inn, Perrysburg Ohio - see page 6	
Feb. 2011	AASPS Public Boating Course starts at WCC - contact Ron Schwartz 734-769-3476	
Mar. 2011	AASPS Public Boating Course starts at Willis HS - contact Bob Buchanan 734-971-6589	

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

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

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.

