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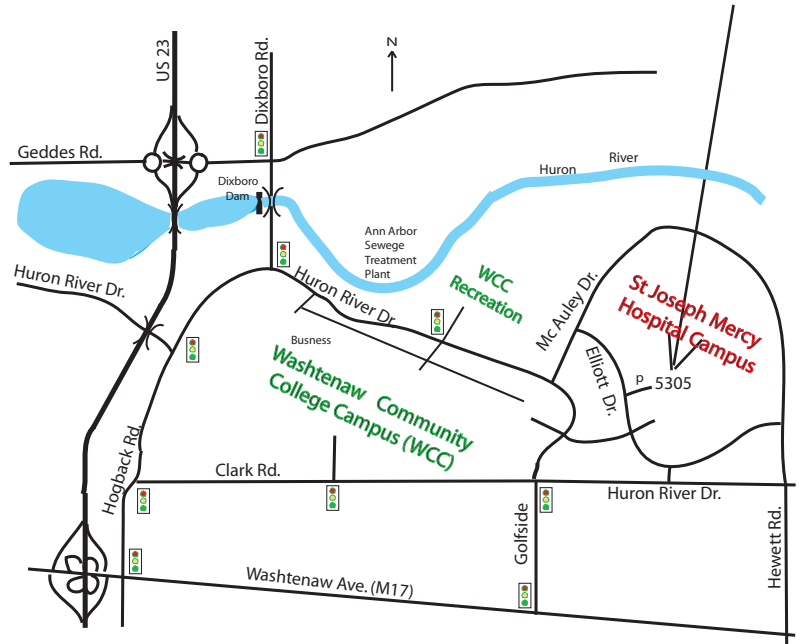
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6 pm Potluck: Please bring a dish to pass - Please call Sharon Pinsak - 734-973-0441, and tell her what food you want to bring, so we can have a variety.

General Meeting Monday, April 18, 2011

L 42° 15' 50" N, Lo 83° 39' 21" W
in St. Joseph's Hospital Administration Building
5305 Elliott Dr., parking Lot P,
2nd floor in the Education Center.

Take stairs or elevator to the 2nd. floor. Turn left and walk about 40 paces. Then turn left thru the double doors . We will be in one of the 5 conference rooms.

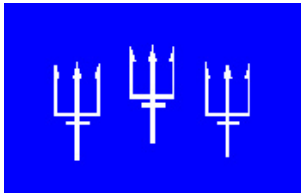


7 pm Program: Alan Osterdale. Alan will talk about boat insurance and the associated issues such as coverage and claims.



Run aground on the shores of Sable Island, this sailboat's owner and crew got safely ashore, having no idea where they were. It turns out they were using inadequate paper charts that did not even have 27-mile-long Sable Island marked on it.





Commander's Message

Com. John Barr, AP, Life



Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron received a number of National USPS awards at the recent District 9 conference. Our membership chair L/C Carolyn Knaggs attended and accepted the awards on behalf of our squadron. Her report lists the awards. This is impressive. AASPS is on the move!

Thanks to all who made the awards possible, and especially Ron Schwartz our SEO and The Port-hole editor.

Administrative Officer L/C Curtis Hoff has taken over our web site and is hosting it free of charge on his company computers. Thanks Curtis! If you have not seen the new site please visit it. You will be impressed! www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org

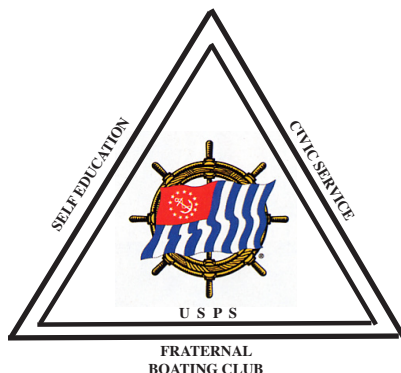
L/C Frank Hoy attended the National meeting in Florida. L/C Robert Buchanan attended the District 9 Conference. Be sure to attend our next meeting on April 18th to get their reports.

Congratulations to Margaret Anne (Peggy) Moller who is now a Senior Member with 5 merit marks! Way to go Peggy!

We will hold a retreat on May 9th. All bridge officers are requested to attend. Members should attend also. If you plan on attending please be sure to let Sharon Pinsak know. If you are attending the pot luck dinner to start at 6 pm, please let Sharon know what you will be bringing. apnsharon@aol.com. 734-973-0441. Please plan to attend and bring your ideas. We will discuss who we are, where we are, where we want to go and how to get there. The retreat will be on the 2nd floor of the education wing of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Park in lot "P."

D/Lt/Commander Linda Lalonde has agreed to attend and be the retreat facilitator. Remember, the only dumb suggestion is the one not asked.

'Let us live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry'. Mark Twain.





Education Officer's Message

L/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



ABC3 Course: All 9 students graduated. Congratulations to Larry Cook, Chris and Geraldine Darling, Hongbin Kang, Christine and Jay Miles, Sara Stephens, Jan and Derek Warren. The next ABC3 class will be in October. Call Bob Buchanan for details. 734-971-6589

Weather Course: Bob Snider is teaching 11 students in the class that started March 29th. in St. Joseph Hospital's Education Center, 7 to 9 pm on Tuesdays.



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

A partial list of events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
April 18, 2011	AASPS	General Meeting St. Jpseph's Education Center - See page 3
May 9, 2011	AASPS	Retreat St. Jpseph's Education Center
May 16, 2011	AASPS	General Meeting St. Jpseph's Education Center

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

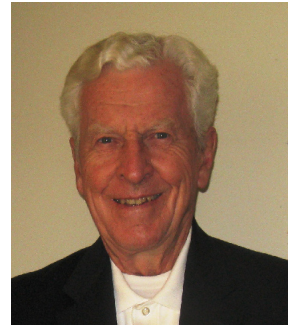
Or alternatively, for a list of D-9 websites visit: <http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html>

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.



Secretary's Message

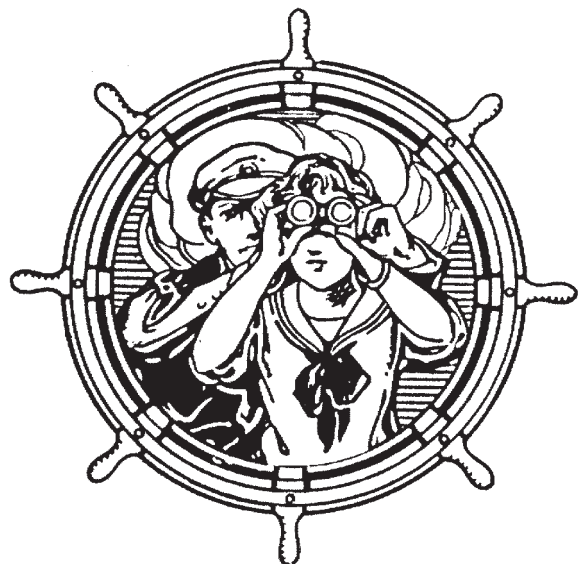
Lt/C Robert Buchanan, P



One of the squadron secretary's tasks in cooperation with the squadron historian, P/C Jadwin Root, is to prepare an annual Historian's Report for both our District 9 and the National USPS Headquarters. One important element of this report is AASPS member activities on behalf of USPS. For example, our Bob Snider is currently teaching the weather course for the 43rd time, clearly an amazing lifetime achievement! Another important part is significant community contributions by our members. An example is the Marlene and John Barr Ypsilanti Music Fund recently established by our squadron Treasurer and Commander. Each member of AASPS can assist the squadron historian by providing information about similar events because everyone is constantly making squadron and community contributions. Send the information to the Secretary (BuchananRA@msn.com).

As the boating season starts, remember 3 points. First, the majority of boating accidents occur in perfectly clear weather under ideal boating conditions. Second, the most common cause of boating fatalities is that someone falls overboard and drowns. Finally, 70% of these overboard fatalities could have been prevented by wearing a PFD, a life jacket. We sail on Lake St. Clair where each year about 3 to 5 such events occur. In addition to the terrible human tragedy, all of us who are committed to safe boating get a bad reputation.

We take guests along for lovely day sails on our beautiful lake; often they bring beer or a glass of wine for their lunch served either topside or in the main salon. However, the 2 co-captains, Jeannine and myself, never have any alcohol until we are secularly tied to the dock following a good day. Then and only then we both enjoy a beer while stowing the sails, securing the lines, cleaning, etc.





Executive Officer's Message

Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN, PC



Sailor Kissing girl after World War 2,
at
Marina Jack's in Sarasota Sota,
Florida

Greetings from Lat.26.9 N, Lon. 82.3 W, El. 12 ft. I'm leaving here April 5 and going Lat. 32.8 N, Lon 79.9 W, El. 40 ft. I plan on going sailing there, if the weather permits.

Then it's on to Lat. 42.3 N, Lat.83.8, El 938 ft. So, I will be back for the April meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again, and sharing our winter adventures. One of the re-occurring themes of the annual meeting was to stay flexible, and don't be locked on something that doesn't work, without being willing to try something else that might work. Our core workers all have the spirit that would save us from our demise. Our dilemma is that we need a bigger core of workers.

Safe boating through education is at the heart of our organization. Therefore, we need to focus on boaters who are willing to join us in our efforts to promote safe boating through education. I would like to hear any ideas on how we might do this. Hopefully we can survive the current downward trend, and reverse it, to rebound to where we were years ago.

I'm sending a picture of "the sailor and the nurse" kissing after the Second World War ended, which is at Marina Jack's in Sarasota. Some see it as art, and some don't. Go figure.

AASPS Booster Club

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron would like 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's Message

Lt/C Curtis Hoff, P



I'm writing this from my boat, sitting in a beautiful marina in North Carolina, waiting out a nasty storm. Gale force winds are predicted so we decided to play it safe and stay in the marina, instead of heading out. Our next two cruising days require overnight anchoring, due to the distance and lack of marinas. Thus, it didn't seem prudent to leave in this bad weather. This marina is first class, so staying here a few extra days is most enjoyable.

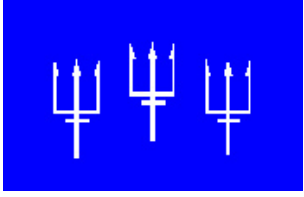
Our April program will be by Alan Osterdale. Alan will talk about boat insurance and the associated issues such as coverage and claims. Alan has been in insurance sales since 1985 and is a Licensed Insurance Counselor in Property and Casualty Insurance and has a designation of AAI (Accredited Advisor in Insurance). He works for L&G / Klebba Insurance in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

I have given Alan some general topics about boat insurance - claims that are probably of interest to most of us. Please let me know if you have any specific topics of interest and I will have Alan address those during his presentation.

Any suggestions/volunteers for upcoming programs are always appreciated. Please contact me by phone (734) 654-7779 or e-mail choff@hoff.com.



Membership Chairperson's Message P/C Carolyn Knaggs. P



**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron won 4 awards at the District 9 Spring Conference!
The conference was held in Lansing March 25th and 26th.**

Here are our 4 awards:

National Communications Committee Award to staff and editor of Porthole

USPS 2010 New Member Award for 3 new members.

USPS 2010 Growth Award for membership growth of 2% for 2010

USPS Educational Fund Certificate of Merit. This is presented because Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron members gave 100% to the education fund in 2010.

These awards were presented at the business meeting on Saturday afternoon by District Commander James Draper and National Guest Representative, R/C Gregory E. Korstad.

Following the awards presentation, our new District Commander was sworn in. We all welcome D/C Mary Ann Jensen and hope 2011 will be a great year.

Please welcome our newest members....Jim Bills, Diana Jaeger, Joe Jaeger, Pat MacArthur, and Russ Merriman.

