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Ch. Engine Maintenance, Ch. Teaching Aids, Calligraphy on certificates and wallet cards, Ch. of various seminars.

Misc. Staff - Ch. Member Involvement, Ch. Operations Training. Advertising Staff for public courses and programs.

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Sail and Power Boating Education
<http://www.aaspsq.org>

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
 General Meeting
 6 pm Wednesday, 22 Feb. 2012
 Classic Cup Café
 4389 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor
 Lat. 42° 17.119' N, Long. 83° 49.006' W
Note: we changed to Wednesdays

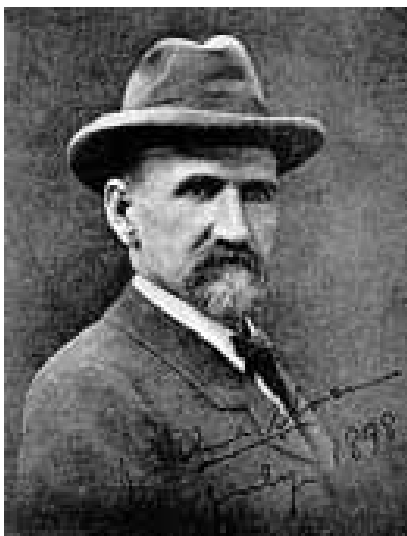
6 pm: We will meet at the Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor.
 Order from the menu. On south side of Jackson Rd. west of Wagner Rd.
 In the Parkland shopping mall



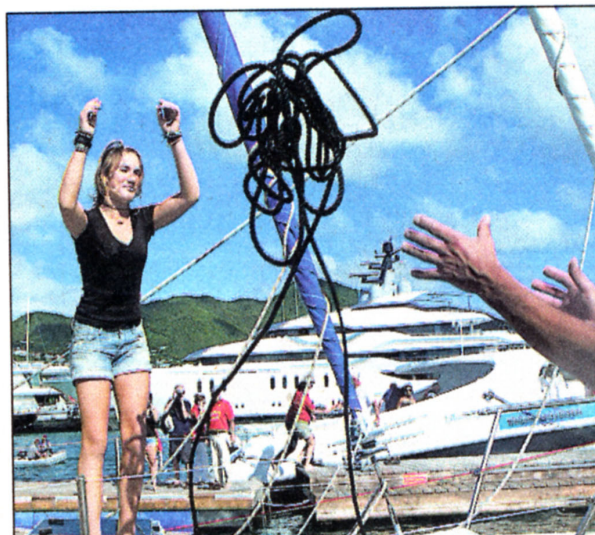
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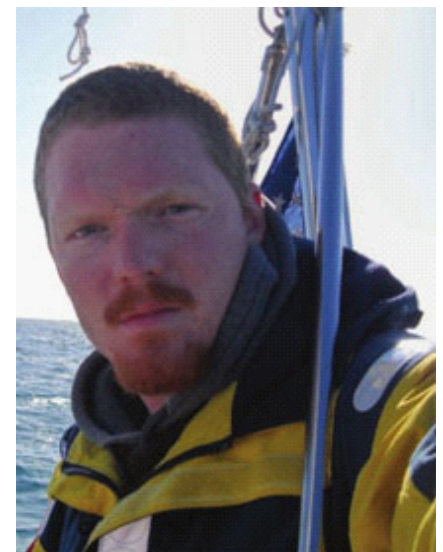
7 pm Program: Ron Schwartz will briefly tell about
 several world solo sailors and describe the latest
 ocean navigation methods taught by USPS.



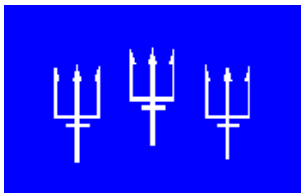
Joshua Slocum - sailed solo
 around the world in 1895-1898



Laura Dekker sailed solo around the world last year



Matthew Rutherford-now sailing
 nonstop around the western
 hemisphere.



Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



My first task as the 2012 Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Commander is to sincerely thank our Past Commander, John Barr, for his 3 years of outstanding leadership. During this time, the squadron has flourished in several ways. Our financial position is strong, the educational programs have a broad base, the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) was started and will continue. But typical of John who has a big heart, he has already volunteered to accept an assignment as squadron PRO, public relations officer. This means that AASPS can tell the USPS story that "Boating is fun, we will show you how."

VSC is important because our squadron is "land-locked" or many miles away from the open waters of the Great Lakes. This means that the VSC program will be conducted on inland lakes.

Our meetings will be held at the Classic Cup, a restaurant west of Ann Arbor out Jackson Road in a mall on the south side just past the Lexus dealer. The Classic Cup has been described as "a little gem" or one of Ann Arbors' best kept secrets with really good food, drinks available, all served by Jennifer the Waitress with a big smile. Service is prompt so that we can have a social time, then dinner before the program and squadron meeting, yet adjourn at a reasonable hour. The meetings will start at 6:00 pm but I hope people will arrive about 5:45 pm in time for a drink together. Here are the programs for the days ahead.

February 22nd . SEO Ron Schwartz will talk about Finding Your Way. Ron's presentation will describe some world solo sailors, celestial navigation, pilot charts, and the Advanced Piloting course. This program should not be missed by boaters interested in these advanced courses to achieve a higher level of boating proficiency.

March 28th. I will describe The Lakes in Winter. This date is selected because the Great Lakes Navigation season starts March 25th when the Soo Locks open. This entertaining slide show will include storms on Lake Superior, freighters stuck in the ice, icebreakers at work, pilots changing ships, the beauty of the Great Lakes.

April 25th. John and Marlene Barr are planning a cultural presentation, The Waterways of India, based on their recent travels. The rivers are an integral part of the Hindu religion as well as the history and life of India.

May 22nd (Tuesday). AO Curtis Hoff will describe his experiences Cruising along the East Coast. This will include a look at ports, navigation, fascinating events as well as an introduction to his boat.

We are already working on programs for next fall. Would you like to travel on a U. S. Navy nuclear submarine, search for wrecks off Thunder Bay, go deep inside a 30 foot sailboat? These are just a few of our plans.

I hope that you share my enthusiasm for the days ahead with our squadron.



Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



The next ABC class starts Feb. 14, 2012 at WCC. Call Bob Buchanan for details. 734-971-6589.

Advanced Piloting course was completed and exams sent to USPS for grading.

Birmingham Power Squadron is teaching P, JN, N, and Sail this winter. Contact Lt/C Thomas Smith, JN, SEO at tommyjohn1248@yahoo.com for details.

We need more volunteers to serve as class chairpersons - those who organize, schedule, and teach a course or seminar - so that we can teach more of the wonderful subjects available through USPS. Please look at the variety of subjects we can choose from at National Power Squadron's website, <http://www.USPS.org> If you have a desire to enhance and share your knowledge in any boating subject, please let me know. We can probably get others to share the teaching responsibilities. It's fun to teach and learn.



Boating education may have prevented this grounding !

The latest edition of Chart #1, which tells you everything you need to know about chart symbols and abbreviations, can be downloaded at no charge from: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/chartno1.htm>
Other charts are at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/index.html>



Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



These are my first comments as newly elected squadron secretary. One of my tasks is to maintain minutes of the squadron business meetings. The minutes are intended to archive decisions and actions taken, present an overview of our financial picture, and summarize squadron activities. They are distributed electronically to the Bridge plus others who have an interest. In the spirit of transparency, I would gladly add anyone to the distribution who would like to be aware or involved in squadron activities.

Commander Bob and I are spending our winter days working on a sailboat by proxy. Greg, our son in Fort Walton Beach Florida, purchased a Catalina 30 that is seaworthy but needs loving care to restore it to pristine condition. We are spending hours searching for the correct marine battery charger (do not use an automobile charger), a chart-plotter (they have already run aground), engine maintenance procedures (wonder what is in the fuel tank), depth sounder (does the boat have to be hoisted out of the water for this?), carpeting for the main salon (make it yourself). This has been a learning experience for both of us. Although Greg is a career Air Force pilot (C-130 instructor pilot and base test pilot), Bob is forcing him to take the ABC course.



At our January Change of Watch D/Lt/C Bill Stano, JN, administers the oath to SEO, Ron Schwartz; Secretary, Jeannine Buchanan; and Treasurer, Marlene Barr.

More Change Of Watch Pictures



Com. Bob Buchanan, P, receives the oath from D/Lt/C Bill Stano, JN



P/C John Barr, AP, congratulates Com. Bob Buchanan, P



Past commanders Jadwin Root, SN, and Bob Snider, SN



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

A partial list of events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Feb 10 - 19	Detroit	Detroit Boat Show at Cobo Hall
Feb. 14	AASPS	ABC class starts at WCC. Contact Bob Buchanan, 734-971-6589
Feb. 22	AASPS	General meeting at the Classic Cup Cafe'. See page 3.
Mar. 23-24	Dearborn	D9 Spring conference, Double Tree Hotel in Bay City. See page 10.

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. Please send a check to Marlene Barr, Treasurer, 1200 Whittier Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197-2152

Name	Boat Name	Date
John and Marlene Barr		June 2012
Art and Sharon Pinsak	Calypso	June 2012

Internet sites for other Squadron activities.

For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website

<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

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

Please check USPS website (www.USPS.org),

D9 website (<http://d9-usps.org/app/HomeContact.aspx>),

and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

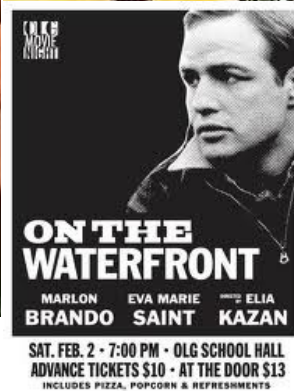
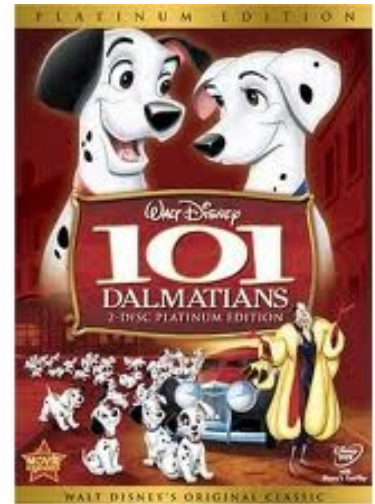


Model of the *USS Michigan* in the Dearborn Historical Museum's McFadden-Ross House

The *USS Michigan*, was involved in King James Strang's career, and his assassination on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan in 1856, and the failed Rebel assault on Johnson's Island prisoner camp in Lake Erie, during the Civil War. It was the U.S. Navy's first iron-hulled warship. Launched in 1843, she operated on the Great Lakes for her entire career, was later renamed Wolverine and was decommissioned in 1912. See Wikipedia for more information.

D / 9 Goes Hollywood

March 23-24, 2012



DIRECTED BY: Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron

LOCATION: Double Tree Hotel, Bay City

STARRING: D/9 **HOSPITALITY ROOMS:** Select a movie, musical, stage play or cartoon from the year that your squadron was chartered to decorate your room; prizes awarded.

2012 D/9 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



D9 GOES HOLLYWOOD



23 – 25 March 2012

Attention: All registration requests must be received, on this form, by 17 March 2012.
Registration requests received after 17 March will be accepted on a space available basis.

Uniform of the Day: Seminars & Business Lunch: Uniform F
(or USPS Blazer or appropriate attire)
Dinner: Uniform A or appropriate attire

	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Squadron</u>	<u>First Time Attendee?</u>	
							<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
(1)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____								
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____								

MEALS

NOTE: An additional surcharge of \$5.00/meal will apply for any reservations made after 17 March 2012 (if meals are available).

Lunch _____ @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

Choice: Chicken Caesar Wrap _____ Northlander Salad _____

Lunch choices include yogurt and fruit parfait.

Dinner _____ @ \$43.50 = \$ _____

Choice: Prime Rib _____ Parmesan/Walnut Crusted Salmon _____

Dinner includes dessert and entertainment at the Planetarium Digital 360 Theater.

Special Meal/Dietary Requests Vegetarian: _____ Other: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____

Make checks payable to: **Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron**

Mail checks and this form to:

P/C Leon Collins, SN
33064 Sandra Ln
Westland, MI 48185

Hotel Reservations/Room Rates:

\$99.00 per night – Call Doubletree to reserve room.

One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City (989) 891-6000

Indicate Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron, if one of the rooms is a Hospitality room and if adjoining or nearby rooms are required.



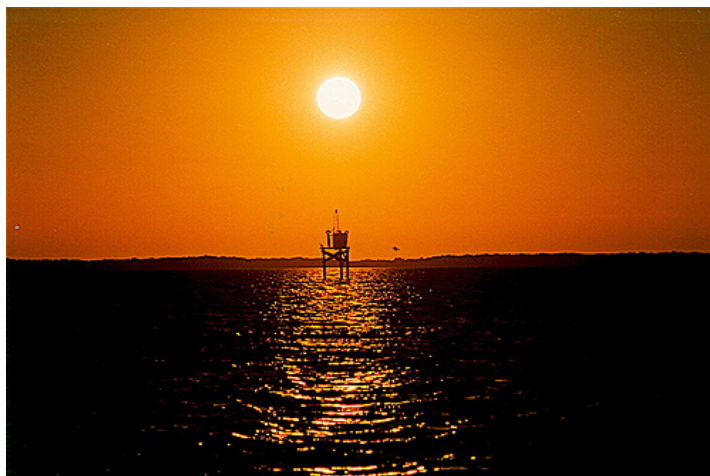
Executive Officer's Message

P/C Frank Hoy, JN



Greetings to one and all. Congratulations to our new commander, Robert Buchanan. Let each and every one of us lend ourselves to Bob for the next year. If we work together as a team it ensures that the Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron will have a great year. Our goals include increasing membership, and member involvement with the squadron. This spreads the workload out so that no one person is overwhelmed with the operations of the squadron. If there is anything you can do help the squadron. please contact anyone on the bridge.

This winter has been unusually warm. The water activities here in Florida never stop during the winter. There are sailboat races every weekend on Charlotte Harbor. Recently there was an international sailboat race involving hand-capped individuals from all over the world. It was heart warming to watch these people climb out of their wheel-chairs and into their racing hulls. A Canadian fellow won the competition this year. These people, even though handicapped, never slow down in the face of their own limitations. It was inspiring to follow the races and watch people with unstoppable determination. It makes me wonder what we all can accomplish if we put our minds to it.



Pictures from Google Earth of Charlotte Harbor, Florida. Frank's winter home. From Wikipedia: 26.96°N 82.1°W. As of the census of 2000, there were 3,647 people, 1,771 households residing in the area. The population density was 1,671.9 people per square mile, 94% White. The average family size was 2.41. The median age was 70 years. For every 100 females, there were 69 males.