

# The Porthole

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General Meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of the month  
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Sail and Power Boating Education

<http://www.aaspsq.org>

**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
General Meeting  
6 pm Wednesday, 28 Mar. 2012  
Classic Cup Café  
4389 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor  
Lat. 42° 17.119' N, Long. 83° 49.006' W**

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

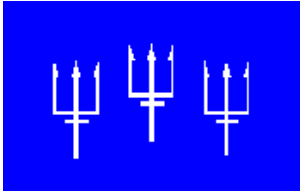
Classic Cup Café'



**Program: Cdr. Bob Buchanan, P, will present 'Great Lakes in the Winter'**







## Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P

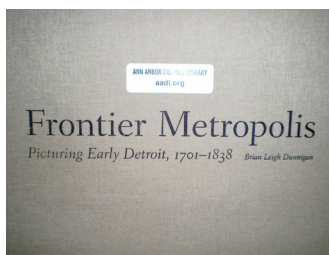


The exciting event in the life of the squadron is the ABC program in progress at Washtenaw Community College (WCC). The course has 20 students about equally divided between those who registered through the USPS website and through the WCC catalogue and website. Several have come by "word of mouth" or based on information that they received at the Detroit Boat Show. They range from students with large powerboats to several who are completely new to boating, anxious to learn more about boat life. We also have 5 families.

The total number means that the room is almost completely filled. The room is designed for a maximum of 24; we have 20. Several calls were received after the start date so they were referred to the Dearborn squadron which has the same program starting about 4 weeks after our Ann Arbor program.

SEO Ronald Schwartz and Dr. Larry Marentette have shared the teaching responsibilities. Our squadron's problem is finding additional teaching faculty. WCC has requested that we present the course more often. Also another community college would like to have the ABC course, but this requires more instructors. I would be pleased to talk to anyone who has an interest in teaching boating skills.

Our next squadron program on March 28th will be The Great Lakes in Winter. This slide show will describe how the system closes for the winter, but what shipping routes remain open, types of weather that can be expected, and the role of icebreakers. I also expect to report to the squadron about new information from the District 9 conference being held in Bay City on the previous weekend.



Pictures from *Frontier Metropolis* by Brian Leigh Duneigan. This book has great stories and pictures. Ann Arbor Public Library (5th Ave. upstairs, on display)



Rene Robert Cavellier  
Sieur de LaSalle  
(1643-1687)



1615 chart of Canada and the Great Lakes



## Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



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

Congratulations to our Advanced Piloting graduates, Joe Jaeger, Chris Juillet, Mike Perrin, Randy Stevenson, and Claire Zepeda.

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 United States 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.

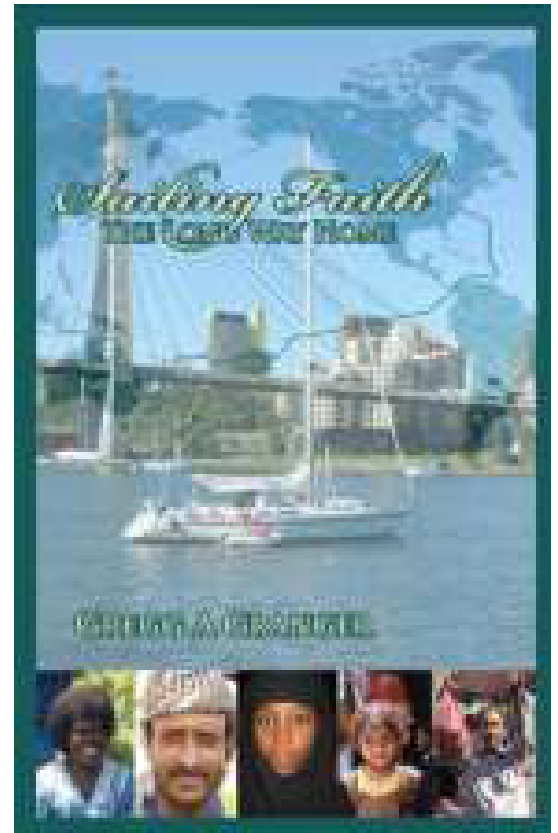
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From Lansing Sail and Power Squadron's March newsletter

### Sailing Faith: The Long Way Home

Join us for an inspiring  
global adventure presented by  
Gregg A Granger. Gregg and his family  
sailed the world for 4 ½ years.

Monday, April 16, 2012 7:30pm  
MSU Campus/Plant and Soil Science Bldg.  
(corner of Bogue and Wilson) Room 1200





## Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



First, Commander Bob and I have just made our plans to attend the D9 Spring Conference in Bay City. I believe that this attendance is important to maintain a link between our squadron, the district bridge, and other squadrons with similar interests and issues. In other words, we may be able to learn from other squadron's strengths so that our Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron is not existing in isolation.

Second, we have been surprised at the number of phone calls to our home from people interested in the ABC course. When asked, the callers have reported that they obtained our contact number from the USPS booth at the Detroit Boat Show, not from the USPS website nor the Washtenaw Community College catalogue. This means that the USPS boat show booth indeed is providing a real outreach to folks interested in safe boating. Each squadron is asked for volunteers to devote 2 hours to the boat show booth; I can state that this is important time well spent.

I have not been able to accommodate all of the callers, either because our ABC course at Washtenaw Community College had filled, or because they called after the start date. However, I have worked hard to direct them to other nearby courses that were available.

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From Saginaw Bay Power Squadron's newsletter

### **Small Vessel Reporting System (SVRS) for US Border Crossings**

As part of the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) comprehensive effort to improve security of our nation's borders while enhancing legitimate travel for small boaters, CBP has implemented the Small Vessel Reporting System.

**Overview:** SVRS enables boaters to report their arrival from foreign waters quickly and easily to CBP with a telephone call from their landing port. It is a free, easy to use, voluntary program that you enroll for on-line.

**Eligibility:** SVRS is available to all U.S. citizens, nationals and lawful permanent residents.

Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada who are nationals of a Visa Waiver Program Country, Current Local Boater Option participants, Trusted Traveler Program (NEXUS) members, and current holders of I-68 (Canadian Border Landing Permits) must apply for enrollment in SVRS on-line in order to participate, but they do not need to schedule an interview with a CBP officer to complete their application.

**How to Enroll:** The enrollment system is Web-based. New applicants register on-line and self-schedule an interview with a CBP officer at an authorized reporting location of their choice. Participants receive a welcoming email with their Boater Registration (BR) number and password for SVRS. The system is currently deployed in Florida, Puerto, United States Virgin Islands and the U.S./Canadian border. Apply at <https://svrs.cbp.dhs.gov/>.

You must still call in by phone upon arrival in the U.S.

The program requires you to file a float plan on line as well, which is an important safety benefit.





## Executive Officer's Message P/C Frank Hoy, JN



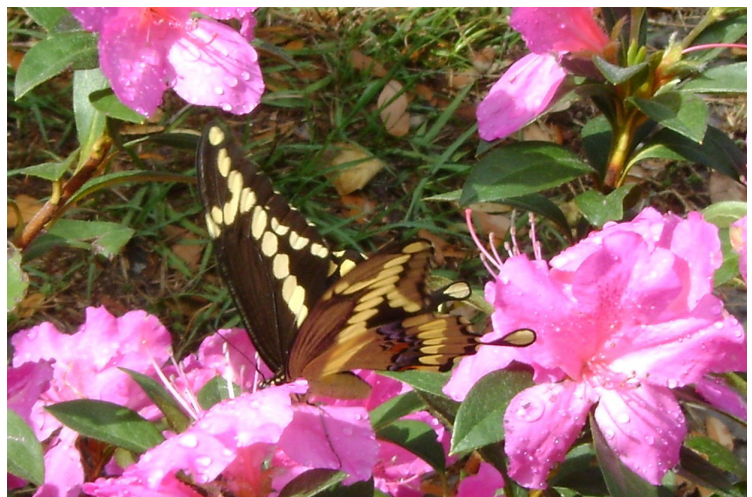
Greetings to everyone. I hope your winter has been as nice as mine. Soon we will be working on our boats and getting ready for the coming boating season.

I wish we could recruit a bunch of happy boaters into our squadron. There is a common bond between us, and we all enjoy one another's company. A larger community would be wonderful. Here in Florida there are many boating organizations that enjoy being on the water year around. The Sarasota Sailing Association has over 800 members. The Sarasota Power Squadron has over 300 members. I wish that we could achieve numbers like these.

When I was the commander for our squadron we had approximately 150 members. I guess those were "the good old days." I plan to make recruitment and retention of new members a top priority this year. I hope you will join me in this effort. Thank you all for what you do for our squadron now.



Pictures from Frank's Charlotte Harbor, Florida area - Gulf of Mexico and backyard flowers





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

## A partial list of events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Mar. 15-18	Novi Michigan	Novi Boat Show_
Mar. 23-24	Dearborn	D9 Spring conference, Double Tree Hotel in Bay City. See pages 9 and 10.
Mar. 28	AASPS	General meeting at the Classic Cup Cafe'. See page 3.

## 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](http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org/district9_links.html)

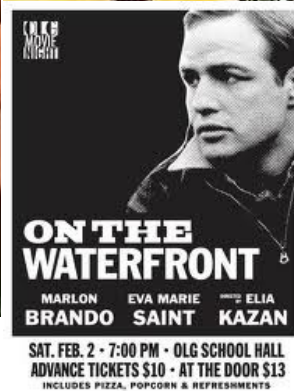
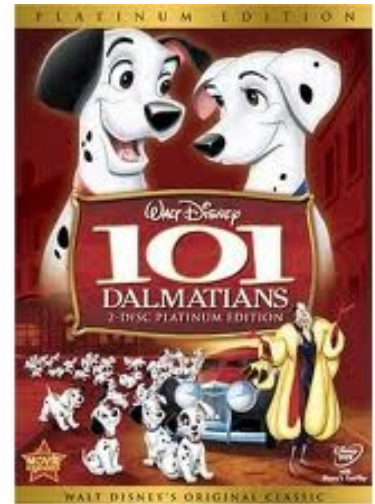
Or alternatively, for a list of D-9 websites visit: <http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html>

Please check USPS website ([www.USPS.org](http://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.



# 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.