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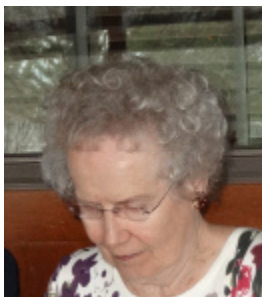
6 P.M. Monday May 19, 2014

Carlyle Grill

3660 Jackson Rd.

Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W

6 pm: We will meet at the Carlyle Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. West of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu. Please call Sharon Pinsak for reservations. 734-973-0441. Visit Carlyle Grill website to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>

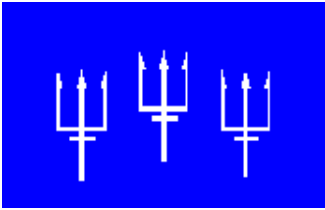


John and Marlene Barr



Carlyle Grill





Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



Past Commander John Barr along with Lt/ Cdr Marlene Barr will be our featured speakers at the May 17th squadron meeting, talking to us about The Cape of Good Hope. If names like Cape Town, Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth have made you dream of faraway places, then our May meeting will be the time to fulfill your dreams. John and Marlene have also transited Cape Horn in their previous travels. This will be the last formal meeting of the spring session, to be followed by the squadron picnic on June 9th.

Roger LeLievre made an exciting presentation on April 21st. Roger, the owner of Marine Publishing Company which annually publishes *Know Your Boats*, has sailed on a number of Great Lakes freighters. His slides of freighters range from the old but beautiful *St. Mary's Challenger* to the huge *Paul Tregurtha*. Gail Treece was our special guest. At the start of the meeting, she received a text from her son, Captain Eric Treece commanding the *Wilfred Sykes*, stating that the *Sykes* was beset in the ice outside Escanaba at that very moment.

We were delighted to welcome back Dr. Shirley Schwartz, N to our meeting. Our P/C Frank Hoy, JN will be having surgery on May 13th so hold good thoughts for Frank.

At the spring D9 conference, P/C Arthur Pinsak accepted 3 squadron awards; 1) our 20th consecutive Educational Certificate of Merit for supporting the USPS Educational Fund, 2) National Distinctive Communicator Awards for our 2013 Porthole and our website. Thanks go to Lt/Cdr Ronald Schwartz, SN, supported by Lt/Cdr Peggy Moller for publishing The Porthole and to Lt/Cdr Curtis Hoff, AP, for maintaining the squadron website.

While at Eglin Air Force Base in April, our son (a military pilot) took Jeannine and myself on night sails twice on his Catalina 30. I thought I knew all about sailing but found that night sailing is a quite a different experience. First, a chart plotter is essential. I also believed that I knew all the landmarks but soon realized that I could not see any of them. Dimming the light on the chart plotter is important for night vision. Next, a strong hand-held spotlight is essential to finding buoys and day markers. Many claim to be lit but the lights are of minimal value. The spotlight is splendid for identifying day marks since most have reflective material. Local knowledge is a big help. Lastly, spotting other vessels underway requires watching for the configuration of masthead lights, stern lights, and the side lights. A white masthead light plus red and green side lights means that the vessel is coming directly at you! Night sailing is an adventure with spectacular sunsets on the water and steady winds, but requires quite different skills and advanced planning.



<http://www.marinetraffic.com/> This web site has great maps and pictures of world shipping.



Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



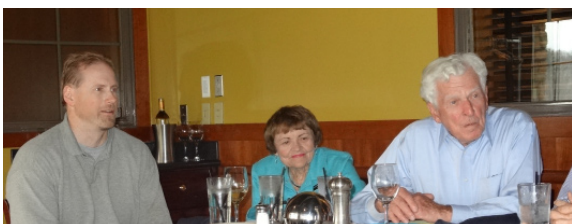
The National Museum of the Great Lakes opened on April 26th in Toledo. Here is a summary found on the Boatnerd website:

Located at 1701 Front Street, Toledo, the 12,000-square-foot museum took six years to complete and is filled with more than 250 artifacts from the Great Lakes as well as 40 hands-on displays. One of the highlights is an inflatable life raft saved from the wreckage of the Edmund Fitzgerald after it sank to the bottom of Lake Superior nearly 40 years ago. The largest artifact is a boat, the Col. James M. Schoonmaker, which has long ties to Toledo and was restored specifically for the museum. The total cost of the museum: \$12 million - paid for by private donations, grants and the Great Lakes Historical Society. The museum hopes to welcome more than 40,000 visitors a year. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Learn more about the museum by visiting www.inlandseas.org/museum/

Roger LeLievre, our April guest and speaker, was present at the opening and posted a number of splendid photographs on the Boatnerd website. This new museum will be an addition to other excellent marine museums around the Great Lakes such as the Dossin Museum on Belle Isle in Detroit, the Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, the old icebreaker Mackinaw at Mackinaw City. Others are found at South Haven, Michigan, Duluth, Minnesota.

This new museum could be combined with the visit to the Toledo Museum of Art, then onward to a ferry ride to Put-in-Bay for the day.

Our April 2014 General Meeting attendees.



John Barr, Jr., Jeannine, and Cdr. Bob Buchanan



Captain Philip Klintworth, Art and Sharon Pinsak



Art, Sharon and Julie Pinsak



Evrard Freddy Ohou and Peggy Moller



Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



Five of the seven Weather students took the exam. A large part of the fun of USPS membership is taking our courses. For some, including me, the fun is tempered by the pressure of an exam at the end. However this gloomy tension can be reduced by the fact that you can take the exam booklet home. So if you don't pass the first time you can study the booklet and take the exam again, for even more fun.

Now, we have a variety of 2 hour seminars to choose from with no exams, just pure pleasure. We will offer some of these if we have students interested.

Our teachers have been heroic in their dedication to teach classes, and I encourage them to take classes of interest to them, and, for variety, teach classes they have not taught before. In the past I have taught several of the USPS courses and enjoyed the teaching more than taking the classes.

Please send me (AAPSclasses@aol.com) a list of the USPS courses and seminars that you want to study during the next 5 years, so we can plan and advertise these and attract more students.

Please look at the variety of boating topics we offer at United States Power Squadron's website, 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.

USPS Basic Boating Classes can be found at toll free 1-888-367-8777 (1-888-FOR-USPS) Or go to www.usps.org

USPS offers On-the-water training, and certifications for Inland and Coastal Navigation. Go to www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/main.htm#news If you are interested in this, please call me 734-769-3476.

Environmental Branch US Army Core of Engineers - Detroit District <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/>

Great Lakes water levels: <http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/GreatLakesInformation/GreatLakesWaterLevels.aspx>

Put NOAA charts into your Garmin GPS

<http://www.gpsfiledepot.com/tutorials/creating-raster-noaa-charts-for-garmin-gps-units-with-moagu/>

Enjoy pictures from a private world cruise at www.tischtravels.com

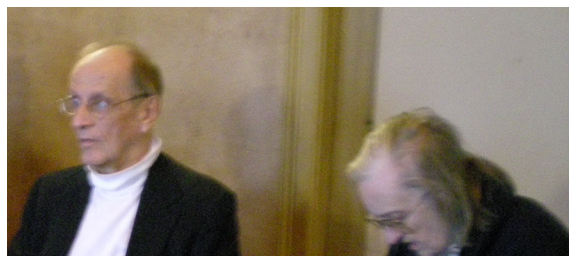
More April 2014 General Meeting attendees.



Curtis Hoff and Frank Hoy



Marlene and John Barr



Ron and Shirley Schwartz



Gale Treece and Roger LeLievre



Download NOAA Booklet Charts Free and treat yourself to a desktop cruise. <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/BookletChart.html> Use google earth to see pictures from the area.

There are many companies that give discounts to USPS members. To see this list go www.USPS.org and click on Index, then member benefits.

Internet sites for other Squadron activities. For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website www.aaspsq.org and select District 9 Squadrons.

D-9 websites: <http://d9-usps.org/>

Please check USPS website www.USPS.org and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

A Partial List of Events

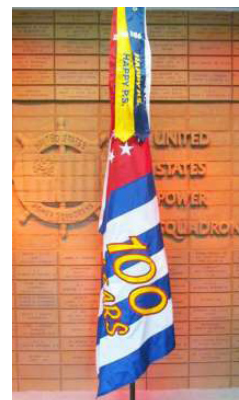
DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
May 19	AASPS	General Meeting. John and Marlene Barr will tell about their trip to the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa
June 9	AASPS	Picnic at Argo Pond Park - see page 3
June 25	D9	Education Cruise - Coast Guard Cutter Bristol Bay - page 10,11
Oct.17-19	D9	Fall Conference at the Doubletree in Bay City

FOR SALE

MENS UNIFORM A, B Jacket 46 Long, Trouser 38/32, Shirt 42, Shirt 17/34
Blazer 46 Long, White Trouser 38/32, Grey Trouser 38/32, Cap 7 1/2

LADIES UNIFORM A Jacket 40 Reg, Shirt 16/32, Jacket 22, Trouser 38/27, Skirt 22

Insignia included. An opportunity to acquire necessary items for fall and winter business and social events. Contact: Art Pinsak (734) 973-0441 or apnsharon@aol.com





Executive Officer's Message

Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN



A Hoy Members,

As summer gets ever closer we are reminded that our primary purpose is to make boating safer for everyone on the water. The vessel safety inspections program helps to achieve that goal. Lt/C Curtis Hoff and I are involved in this program. It gives us a chance to talk, one on one, with boat owners interested in having everything right on their boats. We present ourselves as 'non-enforcement' Power Squadron members providing a courtesy vessel safety inspection. We have been received very well by the boat owners while doing these inspections. Hopefully, we will reach our goal this year, and have a successful summer in regards to vessel safety inspections. I will keep everyone posted as to our progress.



I wish everyone a safe and a happy boating season. I hope to be at our picnic next month, and see everyone there.

IN MEMORIAM

P/C Kathryn A. Sullivan, JN, crossed the final bar on March 15, 2014 at the age of 81 in Indialantic, Florida. Katie, as she was known to everyone, was a fun loving and loyal member of Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron. Her husband Richard joined the squadron in 1969. Katie was a regular with him at squadron meetings and rendezvous and joined the squadron in 1983 when women were first allowed to be members. She worked through the bridge positions and served as commander in 1988.

Katie always made squadron events fun; be it taking classes, teaching and proctoring classes, planning meetings or cruises and especially squadron get-to-gathers. She was famous for her wonderful Harvey Wallbanger cake and pot-luck dishes.

Katie and Dick purchased their 25' "Tally Ho" cruiser from squadron members Mel and Virginia Dabich and enjoyed many squadron cruises. The squadron enjoyed many small boat cruises that finished with a rendezvous party at their cottage on the Chain of Lakes with a picnic barbeque. They were a regular Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron presence for over 20 years until they moved to Florida. In Florida they kept the tradition alive and joined the Banana River Power Squadron.

Katie was born on August 14, 1932 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She graduated from Charity Hospital in New Orleans and completed her Bachelor's degree in Nursing at the University of Michigan. She spent several decades helping and dedicating her life to the community as a registered nurse. Katie was universally described as a loving and caring woman, wife and mother.

Katie is survived by her husband, P/C Richard (Dick) Sullivan, JN, and her son Michael and three grandchildren, Kelly, Elizabeth and Adam Sullivan.

R.I.P.

P/C John Barr, AP

D9 Bristol Bay Education Cruise

Sign up for a 3-hour United States Coast Guard (USCG), United States Power Squadron (USPS) and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX) D/9 educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft. Coast Guard Cutter "BRISTOL BAY." The Bristol Bay will also be pushing their Aids to Navigation (floating buoys, fixed aids and ranges) barge. The barge is capable of carrying approximately 250 people. Bring binoculars if you have them, and dress warmly.

The U S Power Squadron, the U S Coast Guard and US Coast Guard Auxiliary are the world's premier marine safety organizations that take great pride in sponsoring this educational opportunity to recreational basic boating students. This will be a unique 3-hour educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft ship and its 130-ft. barge for a total of a 270 foot vessel.

We will be traveling the waters of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. We hope this event will provide the basic boating students with a better understanding of the aids to navigation and their light characteristics. An understanding of the aids to navigation is an essential part of safe boating, although covered in the classroom during your course; it is best understood by actually seeing the aids at sea. The timing has been planned so that daytime and evening light characteristics of the aids can be seen. During the entire voyage, a Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary member and an active duty Coast Guard Officer will provide commentary. You will see and hear about Aids to Navigation and more during our river and lake cruise. You'll have fun and improve your boating safety.

Each Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary student will be given a chart replica of the river and lake areas we are going to cruise, showing the various navigational aids and their individual characteristics. They will be numbered on the chart and the actual aids and their light characteristics will be identified as we pass them.

We will begin boarding promptly at 7.00 PM at Coast Guard Station Group Detroit. This is at the foot of Mt. Elliott Avenue, right at the Detroit River. We will have personnel there to assist and direct you on parking and boarding procedures. A detailed map of the area will be mailed to you along with your boarding passes. Departure time is 7:30 P M.

CHILDREN: Children who attend the USPS or the USCGAUX Public Boating Courses are welcome to participate in this educational opportunity. However, we must restrict participation by other family members (and friends) to those 12 years of age and older. The Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary are family oriented organizations and we sponsor many activities that include children. But, because this cruise requires the concentration of the participants, we have the age restriction. Thanks for understanding.

ABOUT USPS: Formed in 1914, the United States Power Squadrons is the world's largest nonprofit boating organization. Their 60,000 members in the 450 squadrons are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating on the water and in the classroom.

All USPS members are volunteers. USPS District 9 is composed of 2,003 members in 22 squadrons. Collectively, these 22 squadrons teach the USPS ABC3 Boating Course to residents of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Indiana.

ABOUT USCGAUX: The Coast Guard Auxiliary was created by an Act Of Congress in 1939, as a non- military, civilian affiliate of the Coast Guard, and as such plays a substantial role In the National Safe Boating program. The total Coast Guard Auxiliary family consists of 35,000 volunteers. The District 9 Central region is composed of 10 Divisions, with 56 Flotillas and about 1 500 members.

All of our basic boating students are being invited to join this event and because of this, we u rge you to get your reservations in early.

Fill out the form today and mail it along with your check. We are limited to 250 passengers and expect to fill up fast. First come, first served. If you are among those who enroll too late, your check will be refunded.

Instructions:

Yes, we are interested in joining the USPS and USCGAUX educational opportunity aboard the Coast Guard Cutter "Bristol Bay" on Wednesday June 25th, 2014 and would like to reserve space now. We understand that we will be mailed boarding passes and directions to the Bristol Bay. We understand that if the cruise is canceled because of extremely bad weather we will be contacted by phone and the cruise will be rescheduled or our money will be refunded.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

S t a t e: _____ ZIP:

Email Address:

Phone Number: _____

I have attached a check in the amount of \$.....

(\$15.00 per person to defray costs of training materials, refreshments and incidentals) to D/9 Educational Cruise Committee. Please write your phone number on the front of the check. List all names of the attendees in the space provided on the back.

Please read the following statement of responsibility and indicate your agreement by signing and dating in the space provided. This Statement must accompany your form and check. Thank You.

Responsibility:

This D/9 educational opportunity is an optional voluntary event intended to familiarize the student with Aids to Navigation. The United Stated Department of Transportation, the United Stated Coast Guard or any of its officers or agents, U S PS, US PS District 9, squadrons in District 9 and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Divisions, Flotillas in 9 Central Region and the District 9 Cruise Committee shall be held free of responsibility for any damage, injury or loss resulting from any cause. Alcohol and unlawful substances will not be permitted on board and any student known to have same in his or her possession shall be denied boarding.

Neither USPS , USPS District 9, the squadrons, USCG AUX , Divisions, Flotillas in 9CR the District 9 Cruise Committee employees, affiliates or representatives own, or operate, manage, control, inspect, distribute or warrant any vehicle, vessel, or any product, premises or service, provided directly or indirectly in connection with the cruise; nor are they or any of them responsible or liable for any accident, injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, delay or any other irregularity of any nature whatsoever arising directly from the District 9 Educational Cruise, or from any part thereof due to any cause whatsoever including negligence, strikes, terrorism or Acts Of God

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I/we agree to its terms. Passengers under the age of 18 require consent and signature of a parent or guardian. Please sign and date. We cannot make your reservation unless signed by each person

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Sign and remove this section and send it along with your check by **June 18th, 2014**.

In the space provided below, please **PRINT** the name of each member of your family or guests who will be accompanying you on the D/9 Educational Cruise.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

I understand that there will be no refund if I do not show up for the regularly scheduled cruise. If the cruise is canceled, I will be notified and the cruise will be rescheduled or my money will be refunded.

The Sponsoring Organization that I took the class from was the: _____

Power Squadron

USCGAUX _____ **Flotilla**

Fill out the form today and mail it along with your check made payable to **D/9 Educational Cruise Committee**, to:
Reservations

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Student _____

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US CG/USPS®/USCGAUX
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Come Aboard
the Cutter

“Bristol Bay”

25 June 2014

Board 7: 00 PM

Depart 7: 30 PM

