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Sail and Power Boating Education

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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron

6 P.M. Monday Sept. 15, 2014

Carlyle Grill

3660 Jackson Rd.

Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W

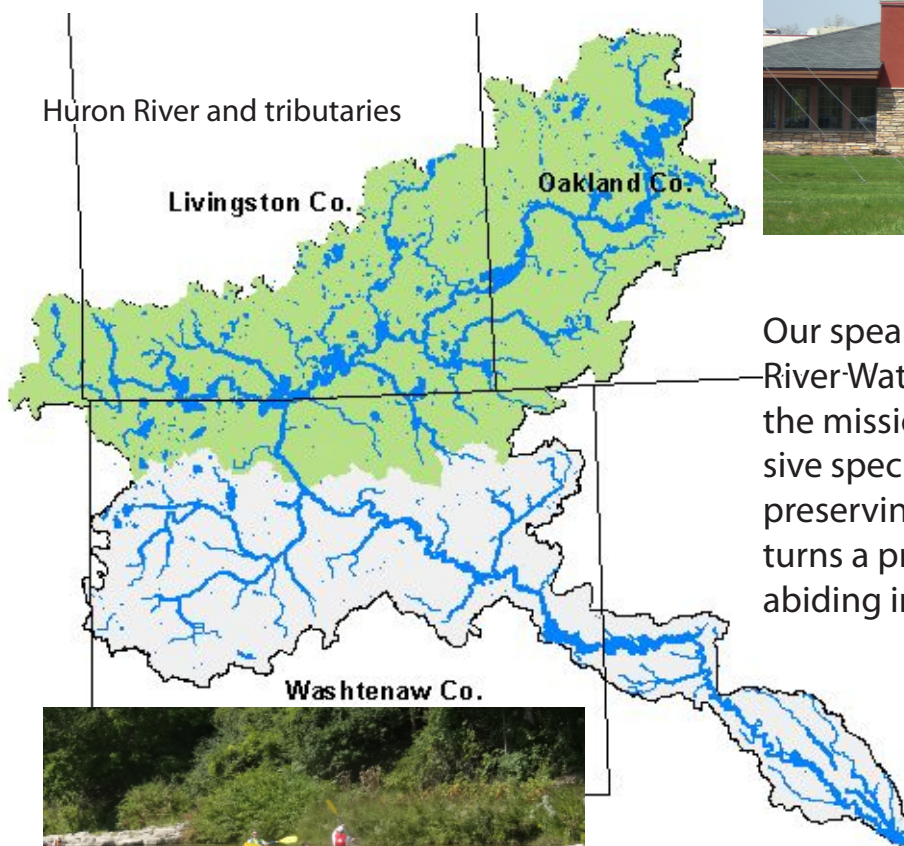
6 pm: We will meet at the Carlyle Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. West of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu. Please call Sharon Pinsak for reservations. 734-973-0441. Visit Carlyle Grill website to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>

Speaker: Jason Frenzel; Our Home, the Majestic Huron River; from Milford and Stockbridge to Lake Erie. We all love it -- how might we ensure its protection

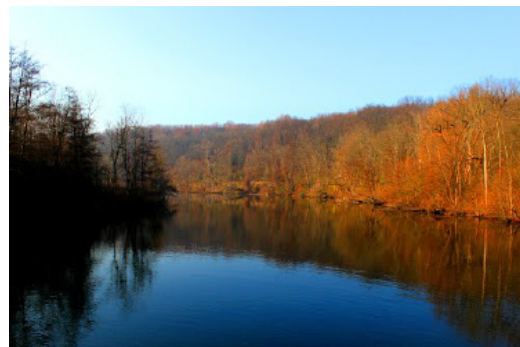


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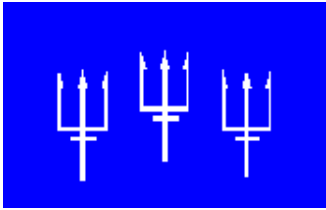
Our speaker, Jason Frenzel, from the Huron River Watershed Council, plans to talk about the mission of the Council, clean water, invasive species plus all the factors that enter into preserving our Huron River. Anyone who turns a propeller or pulls a sheet has an abiding interest in water quality.



Argo Pond Cascades -- a man-made unique feature of our Huron River in Ann Arbor. Photo by Ron Schwartz



Huron River Viewed from Barton Nature Area, Ann Arbor, Michigan
By Dwight Burdette



Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



Our September 15th meeting speaker will be Jason Frenzel from the Huron River Watershed Council. Jason is a good friend of Karen Snyder, is an articulate speaker so we can look forward to an outstanding program. He plans to talk about the mission of the Council, clean water, invasive species plus all the factors that enter into preserving our Huron River. Anyone who turns a propeller or pulls a sheet has an abiding interest in water quality. He may also tell us what happened to the water supply in Toledo last month.

Randy Tisch will be on board November 17th with a fascinating presentation, *Tales from the South Pacific*. Randy may also tell us about transiting the Panama Canal with his *Argo*. The October program is still under development but should be ready shortly.

The fall D9 Conference is scheduled for October 17 – 19 at the Double Tree in Bay City. This is a delightful venue located directly on the Saginaw River. Historically, Bay City is an old Michigan lumbering community with majestic old homes. The historical museum contains photographs that show kit houses made in Bay City -- two are SEO Ron's kit houses. The fall colors should be at their peak so the conference will be a delightful fall getaway in addition to being a lot of fun. Our squadron is not planning a hospitality room due to the logistics.

Jeannine and I had two extensive "water" travels this summer. The first was to Marquette and the Soo, our favorite Michigan destination to view 16 freighter passages in 2 days during daylight. Other Long Ships passed quietly through the night during our sleeping hours. A new travel adventure of ours was on a Mackinaw Island ferry. They depart from either Mackinaw City or St. Ignace and take a detour under the Bridge. Ask for a "bridge sailing."

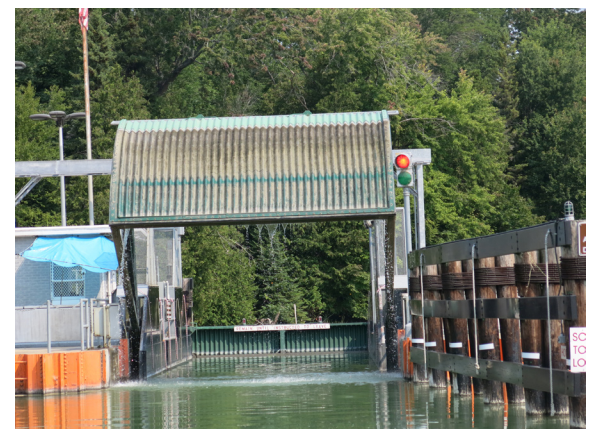
Then our entire family, all 14 of us, spent a week together in a house in Harbor Springs, perhaps one of the best resort communities in Pure Michigan. We rented a pontoon boat for all of us on Crooked Lake, then transited the Crooked River to Burt Lake. First, this required locking through a small lock with 3 other pontoons as shown in the included picture. Next we had to request that a swing bridge be opened that carried a county road, easily done with 3 blasts on our horn. After lunch and swimming, the return was not so easy because the bridgemaster was having a nice afternoon nap and did not respond to our horn. Our son went forward, gave him a mighty yell to wake him from his sleep. He then hustled inside the little shack, stopped traffic, and swung the bridge for us, truly a quaint adventure in Pure Michigan. Saugatuck still has a hand-operated ferry. Michigan still has marine adventures out of the past.



The swing bridge on the Crooked River.
Photo by Buchanan



The lock sign on Crooked River
Photo by Buchanan



Entering the lock on the Crooked River
Photo by Buchanan



Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



Our P/D/C Jack Knaggs recently had a bicycling accident which resulted in a broken collarbone and regional nerve damage. An open surgical management was required and was successful. Carolyn reports that Jack is doing well at home but still has residual paresis of his involved arm. He has been told that this will resolve with time. Hold good thoughts for a continued recovery for Jack who is being skillfully minded by Carolyn.

We plan to return to the Carlyle Bar and Grill for our fall programs. The Carlyle has proven to be an excellent venue with good food, excellent service, reasonable prices. Importantly, the meeting room has a wall screen so that the squadron only has to bring a projector; this is a huge benefit. You can review their menu in advance on their website which might save time in ordering our dinners. The "Squadron wine" is Pinot Grigio, but this can be changed if anyone has a favorite. We are fortunate because other squadrons have told us that finding a venue such as the Carlyle with all of its advantages can be a problem.



The Mackinaw Bridge from below on the ferry.
Photo by Buchanan



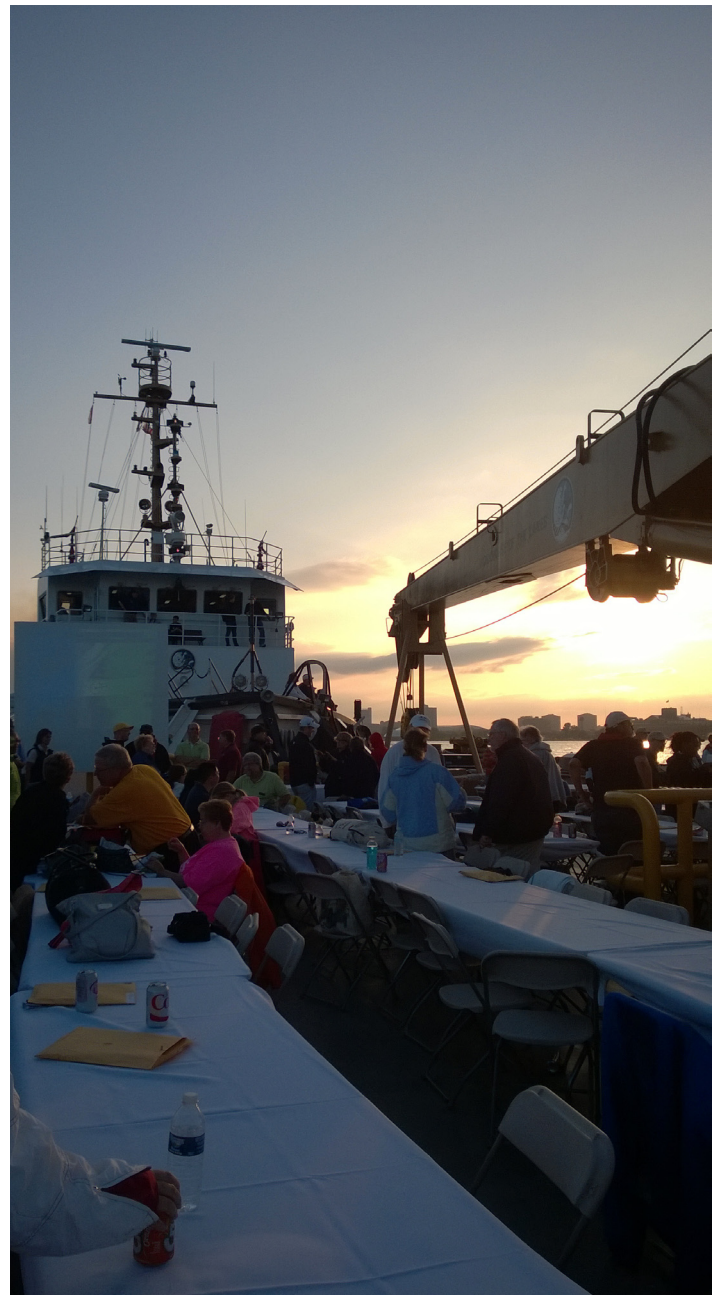
Friends Good Will, historic replica of an 1812 era Tall Ship, enters the harbor at South Haven. Photo by Peggy Moller



Pictures from the Bristol Bay Education cruise by Peggy Moller and Freddy Ohou



Freddy Ohou and Art Pinsak off the Detroit Renaissance Center during the Bristol Bay Cruise





Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



The **ABC (Basic Boating)** class at WCC will start Tuesday, Oct 14th, and run for 8 Tuesdays. See page 11.

JN class will start this fall. We have 5 potential students. This course teaches celestial navigation -- determining your position from sextant sights on the sun. Send me an e-mail if you want to take this class. aapsclasses@aol.com. See page 8.

On-Line seminars are now available -- developed by USPS and Boat US. Three online seminars now available - Weather for Boaters, Partner in Command and Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes. <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/promos/quimby-ad-finals.jpg>

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. See <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/seminars/main.htm>

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 Randy Tisch's world cruise at www.tischtravels.com

Web sites for sailors

Blue Planet Odyssey - now in the Northwest Passage

<http://cornellsailing.com/sail-the-odyssey/blue-planet-odyssey/>

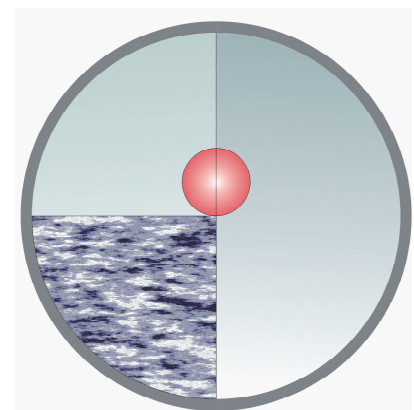
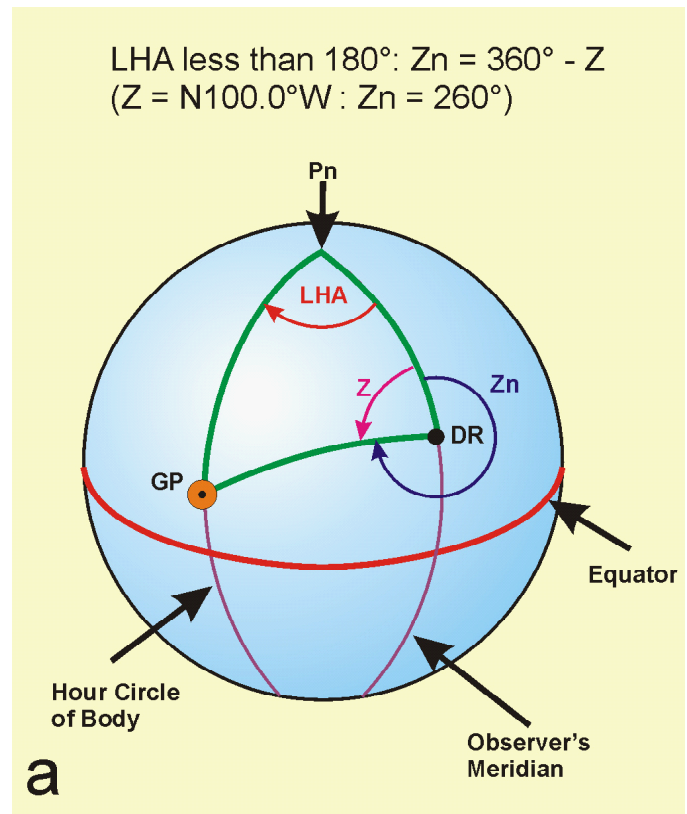
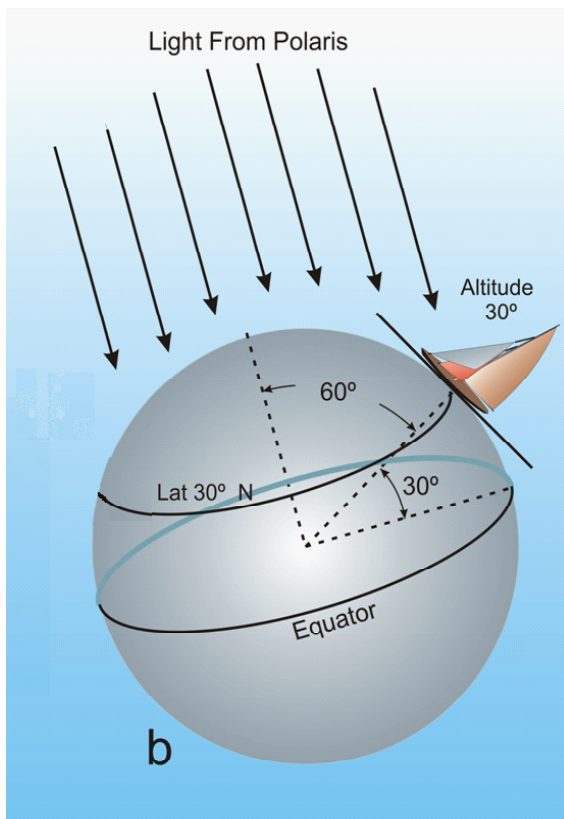
American Sailing Association

<http://www.asa.com/>

JN (Junior Navigation Course), 13 to 15 Tuesday nights, starts in October and teaches how to determine your position from celestial sights.

NOTICE: USPS allows anyone to take the JN course, but will not grant the JN rating until the Boating, Seamanship, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting courses have been completed. See <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/jn/main.htm> and <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/jn/main.htm#description> and <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/n/files/advisories.htm>

Cost: \$89 for members, \$169 for nonmembers.



Split Field



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/>

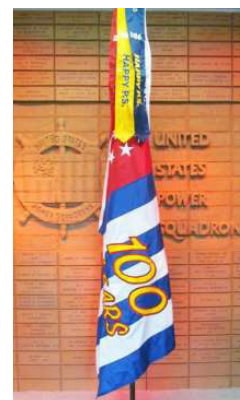
Please check USPS website www.USPS.org and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

A Partial List of Events .

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Sept 15	AASPS	General meeting. Jason Frenzel - Huron River Watershed Council
Oct. 14	AASPS	ABC class starts at Washtenaw Community College. Call Bob Buchanan at 734-971-6589 for information
Oct.	AASPS	JN Class starts. Call Ron at 734-769-3476 for information
Oct.17-19	D9	Fall D9 Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Bay City
Oct. 20	AASPS	General meeting.
Nov. 17	AASPS	General meeting. Randy Tisch - "Panama Canal and South Pacific Private Yacht."



Ron Schwartz kayaked the Argo Pond Cascades on Labor Day and was dunked into the Huron River on the last one.





Executive Officer's Message

Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN



A Hoy Members,

It seems that summer has flown by as the Labor Day Holiday rapidly approaches. I spent a day at Portage Lake in the Waterloo Recreation Area doing vessel safety inspections in June. I am happy to report that I inspected a total of 11 boats this year, which will keep my certification current for 2015. The two photos below are from that day. I have been at this site for the last three years and had several repeat inspections. I always am well received at this location, and I met a lot of very nice people.



There were several serious boating accidents this summer. One accident, not at Portage Lake, involved a person pulling his speed boat out of the water, while his wife rode in the boat. As luck would have it, the trailer with the boat on it came loose from the hitch, and the safety chains were not hooked up. The trailer had enough momentum to roll past the car, across the street, and hit a big rock, where it flipped over, trapping the wife under the boat.

Now, with the wife pinned under the boat, unconscious, and gas leaking out of the gas tank, panic is starting to set in. They had to use jacks to get the boat off the wife, and she was transported to the hospital in serious condition. The boat was totalled. Fortunately the wife has recovered. This accident shows just how Important our mission of teaching boating -- and trailering safety -- really is. No one should ever be allowed to ride in the boat while it is being trailered, even on the ramp.

I hope everyone had a wonderful boating season. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our September meeting.

Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN AASPS EXO

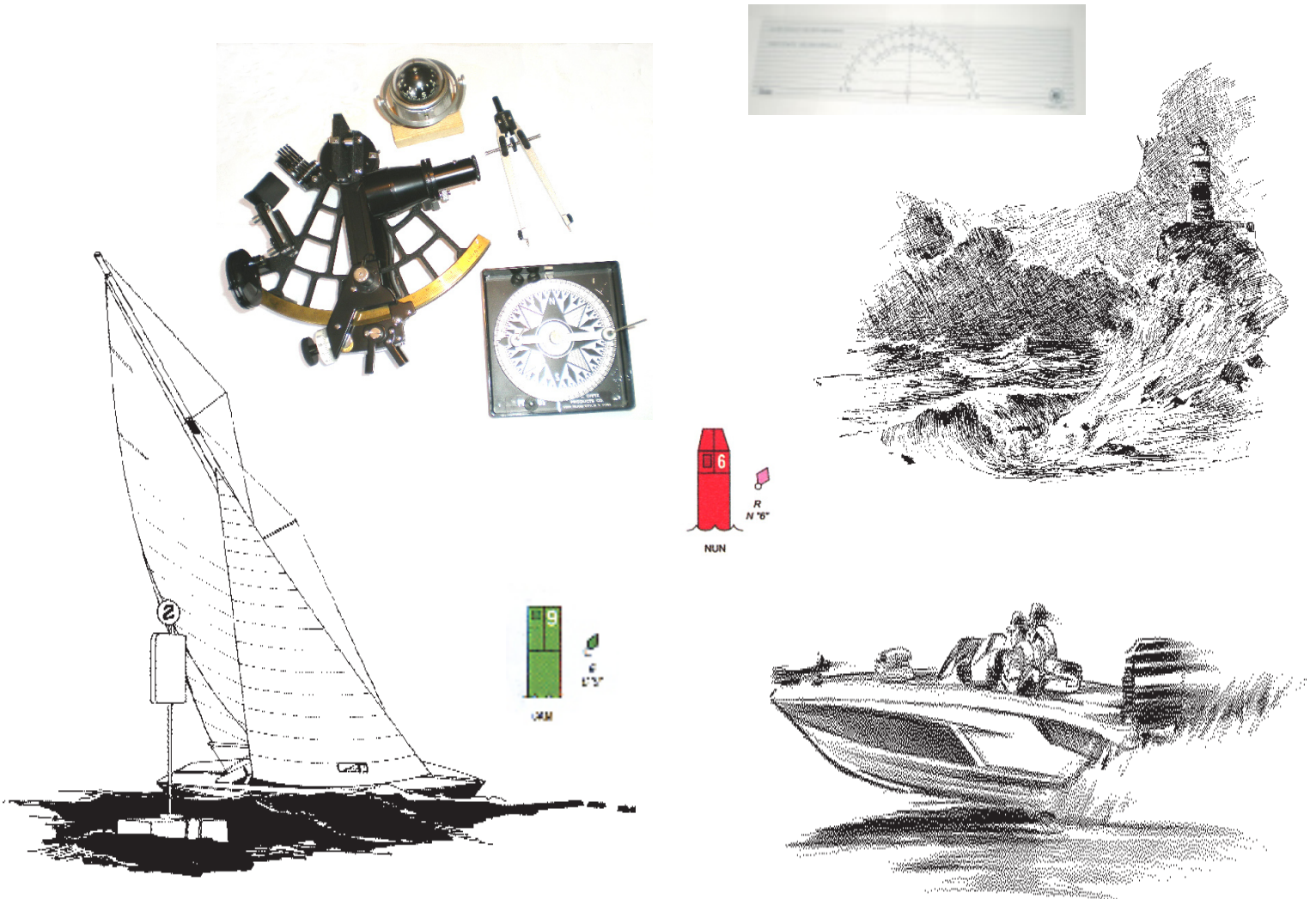


Portage Lake launch site and Frank in his vessel examiner shirt

PUBLIC BOATING CLASS Oct. 14 to Dec. 2, 2014

USPS (United States Power Squadron) 8 week America's Boating Course. Learn the fundamentals of safe boat handling and operation, boating laws and required equipment, knots, buoy systems, marine radios, compass corrections, charts, bearings, navigation, digital charts, personal watercraft laws, taught by volunteer members of AASPS (Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron). This basic 16-hour course at Washtenaw Community College, meets Michigan Department of Natural Resources, US Coast Guard, and National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) requirements for boat and personal water craft operator certification. Completion of this course is accepted by most insurance companies. (See www.usps.org). For details please e-mail BuchananRA@msn.com or call 734-971-6589

We also teach classes in GPS (Global Positioning System), Weather, Seamanship, Tides and Currents, Great Circle Sailing, Celestial Navigation, Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Weather, Cruise Planning, Sail, and other boating subjects. Contact Ron Schwartz. AAPSclasses@aol.com or call 734-769-3476



2014 D/9 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



D / 9'S HALLOWEEN FRENZY OCTOBER 17-19, 2014



Attention: All registration requests must be received, on this form, by 03 October 2014.

Registration requests received after 03 October will be accepted on a space available basis.

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

Dinner: Blazer with polo or open collar shirt or appropriate business casual attire

ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER – WRISTBANDS ARE REQUIRED for Hospitality Suites

	Rank	Last Name	First Name	Grade	Certificate #	Squadron	First Time Attendee?	
							Yes	No
(1)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

REGISTRATION: POTATO CHIPS PROVIDED BY UNCLE RAYS, DETROIT, MI

MEALS NOTE: An additional surcharge of \$10.00/meal will apply for any reservations made after 03 October 2014 (if meals are available).

Lunch _____ @\$16.00 = \$ _____
Choices: Chicken Croissant _____ Grilled Veggie Wrap _____ Raspberry Chicken Salad _____
Lunch choices include signature house-made brownies.

Dinner _____ @\$43.50 = \$ _____
Choice: Prime Rib _____ Seared Salmon _____ Vegetarian (Portabella Veggie Stack) _____
Dinner includes dessert and entertainment at the Planetarium Digital 360 Theater.

Special Meal/Dietary Requests _____

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: RSVP by 22 September 2014

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

One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City (989) 460 1670

Use code: DPS. Specify if one of the rooms is a hospitality room and if adjoining or nearby rooms are required.