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Sail and Power Boating Education
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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
6 P.M. Monday Oct. 20, 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/>

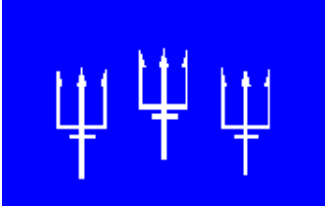
Program: Sail Racing pictures by Bob Buchanan and Nominations for 2015 officers.



Carlyle Grill

E-Scow Nationals on
Crystal Lake





Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



Our October 20th squadron meeting will be an "Executive Committee meeting" where we will establish plans for the 2015 squadron year. Any member of the Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron who is in good standing is welcome to attend and participate in the task of planning for the next year. Topics include:

- The 2015 Bridge
- Meeting times and programs
- Dues
- Squadron property
- Educational programs

I will prepare and distribute a detailed agenda in advance of the meeting to ease the decision-making process.

On September 5 – 6th, Jeannine and I were fortunate to stay with friends on Crystal Lake to observe the E Scow Nationals. This was the first time that the Nationals have been held on Crystal Lake so was a once-in-a-lifetime event. We had access to a pontoon boat so were able to follow closely the 6 races over 2 days.

First, the E class scow is a 28' racing sailboat designed solely for competition. It does not have a centerboard, has 2 rather small rudders in event that the boat heels and lifts 1 rudder out of the water. Crews ranged from a minimum of 3 up to 5; you can see pictures of a scows underway on page 5 and 6.

The race course was up to a windward mark, then a spinnaker run back to the starting mark, then a repeat without any reach. This required that the crew douse their spinnaker at the downwind mark, turn, and beat back to windward. The result was considerable shouting over right-of-away and occasional crashing of fiberglass as they turned the downwind mark. See the mark in the picture.

A novel feature is that the 2 races were sailed back-to-back so how will the crew get lunch? Each had ordered lunch in advance, then a supply boat pulled along side to cater each and hand over what each had ordered. You can see a picture of the caterer at work. Jeannine and I attended the skipper's meeting as "visiting commanders", also had a VHF transceiver so were able to closely follow the events.

Crystal Lake near Frankfort Michigan, Scow racing



Lunch for the Scow crew



Scows racing on
Crystal Lake



Spinaker work at the turn.



Hiking out on the beat



Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



Several of our squadron members have had health problems but all are now recovering. Our Past Commander Frank Hoy had several problems this past year but now is in excellent health so he was able to resume VSCs this summer. We enjoyed seeing, Frank healthy again, at our September meeting. Karen Snyder has had a new knee, is under the good care of Peter, so I imagine that she will recover well. Jack Knaggs had a fall from his bicycle but is able to travel, so he is also recovering.

At the next meeting, we need to talk briefly about the date of the Christmas Party. Holidays seem like a distance away; the leaves are just starting to turn. However, the holiday time can be busy with concerts, travel, and family visits, so the October meeting would be a good time to think about a date.



Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
First Fall Meeting, September 15, 2014

Art and Sharon Pinsak, Frank Hoy



Cynthia Overmeyer, Jeannine and
Bob Buchanan

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Peggy Moller, Evrard Ohou



John and Marlene Barr



Karen Snyder, Peter Hinman, Jason Frenzel



Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



The **ABC (Basic Boating)** class at WCC was canceled -- only three students applied. They were offered assistance in a self teach program.

JN class starts Tuesday Oct. 14. This course teaches celestial navigation -- determining your position from sextant sights on the sun. We have 6 students.

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> or <http://www.boatus.org/course-preview/pic/index.html>

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/>

Web sites of ocean cruisers and other subjects of interest;

Randy Tisch's world cruise www.tischtravels.com

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

American Sailing Association <http://www.asa.com/>

American Sailing Institute <http://americansailinginstitute.org/>



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.

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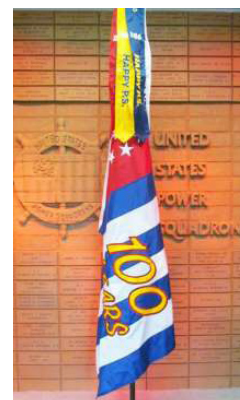
Internet sites for other Squadron activities. For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website www.aaspsq.org and select District 9 Squadrons.

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
Oct. 14	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. See page 3.
Nov. 17	AASPS	General meeting. Randy Tisch - "Panama Canal and South Pacific on a Private Yacht."





Executive Officer's Message

Lt/C Frank Hoy, JN



A Hoy Members and Friends,

Last month I was up north visiting friends on Lake Charlevoix, and it was surprising to see how much the water had risen this summer. When the docks were set up in the spring they were a foot above the water. Last month the water reached the bottom of the docks. There was a very bad storm the week before my trip up there, and a lot of damage was done to the docks, my friends' included. The wave action from the strong winds had literally torn the docks apart, and sent them off in various directions. It seems that the bolts were slowly loosening up as the waves hit the docks and rocked them in place. When the storm was over it had finished doing its very worst damage. There was one entire dock that had been rolled completely over and was upsidedown in the water with only its legs sticking up in the air. My friends' dock was broken apart out near the farthest third. The wood was all waterlogged, and each section weighed a ton. We spent the weekend taking the dock out, and dragging the sections up on shore. Needless to say, when we were done, I was as sore as I can ever rememeber being. They usually don't take their dock out until deer season, and it's so cold one freezes to death as the dock is taken out. This year was the earliest the dock has ever been taken out, and all due to Mother Nature at work. The picture of the dock was taken earlier in the summer before the damage was done

I wish to thank all the members of our squadron for contributing to the squadron in whatever way they choose. I hope to see everyone at the dinner meeting on October 20th.



Friend's dock on Lake Charlevoix

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

	<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: _____								

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.