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Sail and Power Boating Education

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We will meet at the Carlyle Grill west of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu and pay your own bill. Please call Sharon Pinsak, 734-973-0441, so we can have enough tables set up. Visit Carlyle Grill website to see their menu.
<http://www.carlylegrill.com/>

**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 21 September 2015
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**



Jeannine and Robert Buchanan

Our presenters for September's program will be Robert and Jeanine Buchanan describing Norwegian Fjords. Robert and Jeanine's dialog will be descriptive and entertaining, as it always is.



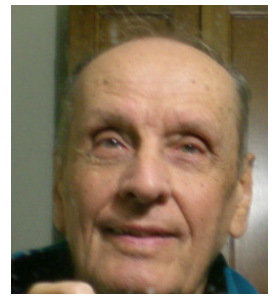
Edøy kirke på Smøla. Norway. By Bjørn Fransgjerde



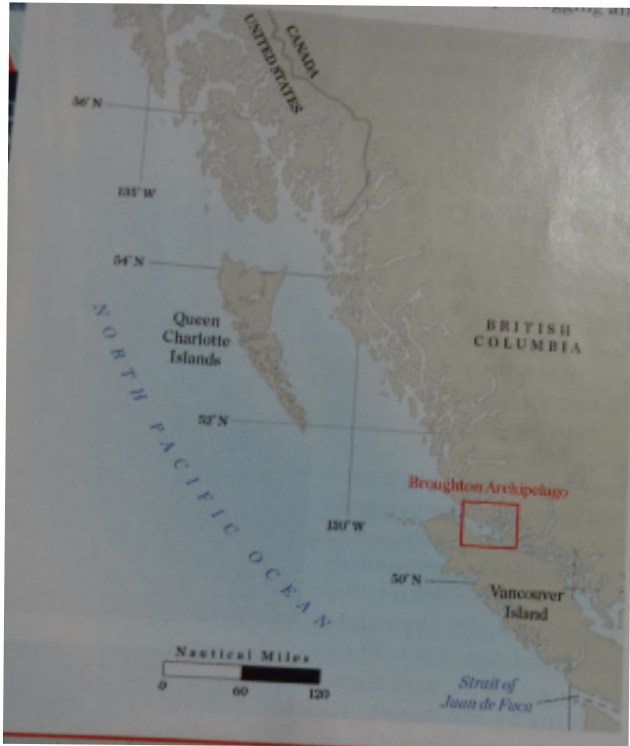


Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Welcome back from your summer travels and travails. This month's desktop cruise is to the Broughton Archipelago - islands east of the northern part of Vancouver Island. Two articles about this area are *The Abundant Broughtons* by Liza Copland in the July 2014 *Cruising World Magazine*, and *Solo in the Broughtons* by Larry McDonald and Fern Magnus-Brown, in the Spring 2015 issue of the *Ensign* magazine. It is difficult to get your boat there, but your mind and vision are transported there almost instantly with these articles and pictures. It is a beautiful place with water, birds, bears, fish, whales, waterfalls, rocks, trees, islands, etc. Google Earth has more very good pictures.



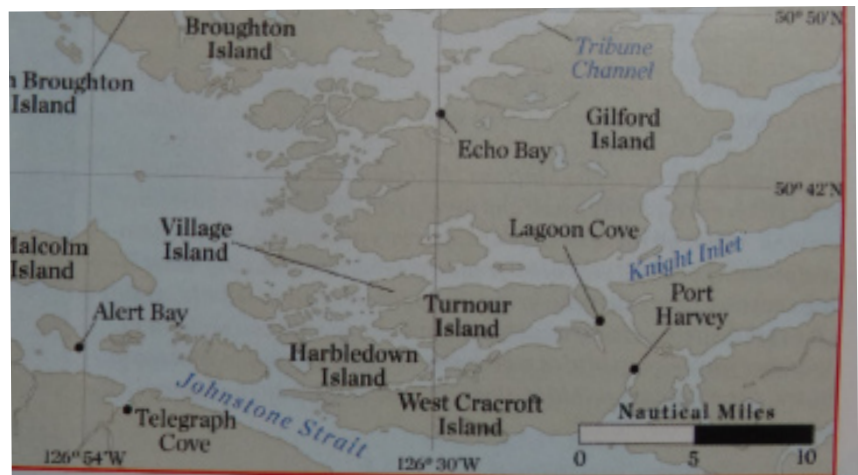
Beach in Burdwood Group Islands

By Norm G Smith



Windsong, Echo Bay

By ardentbear



I hope to see you at our September meeting - see page 3. Bob and Jeannine's presentation on their trip to the fiords of Norway will be a good one.

We need several people to take over teaching our Basic Boating course. It is fun to interact with the students, and promote safe boating. Teaching is easy with the excellent PowerPoint, text book and DVDs from USPS.



Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



Like everyone, we had a delightful summer of marine activities. Here are 2 highpoints.

After driving south from Lake Superior Provincial Park, we arrived in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the Canadian Dominion Day. The Canadian fireworks celebration was lovely to see from the Michigan shore of the St. Mary's River. But just before the display started, Interlake Steamship Company's *Herbert C. Jackson* cleared the locks downbound at dusk. We drove to Old Mission Point, best boat-watching location on the Lakes, and caught the *Jackson* just as the moon was rising. The pictures --pages 5 and 7-- of the *Jackson*, which have been published on the Great Lakes Shipping website, are probably the best yet in our collection of Great Lakes photography.

The National Maritime Museum in Toledo has been described in previous issues as an absolute treasure. On the 4th of July, the museum was closed at 5:00 pm and all visitors departed. Then at 6:00 pm, it re-opened for members-only by advance reservation only. Under ideal weather, we were permitted to climb onto the main deck of the museum ship Colonel James Schoonmaker with folding chairs and our picnic dinner. After a glass of wine, we enjoyed our buffet dinner which was spread out on the hatch cover, then had time to further explore the Schoonmaker and leisurely return to the museum.

At 10:00 pm, all of the ship's lights were turned off, we rose for the National Anthem, and watched the superb Toledo fireworks display set to traditional patriotic music including the military hymns. The only music that was absent was Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, too difficult to coordinate with the fireworks. The picture shows the Schoonmaker's main deck looking aft from the wheelhouse to visualize the hatch covers with the Toledo skyline in the background.

This event could be a squadron meeting next year. The annual cost of a museum family membership is \$35, a bargain because it includes the 4th of July event.



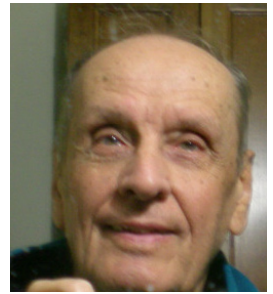
Herbert C. Jackson in moonlight



Colonel James Schoonmaker
in Toledo. Photo by Bob
Buchanan.



Education Officer's Message
Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



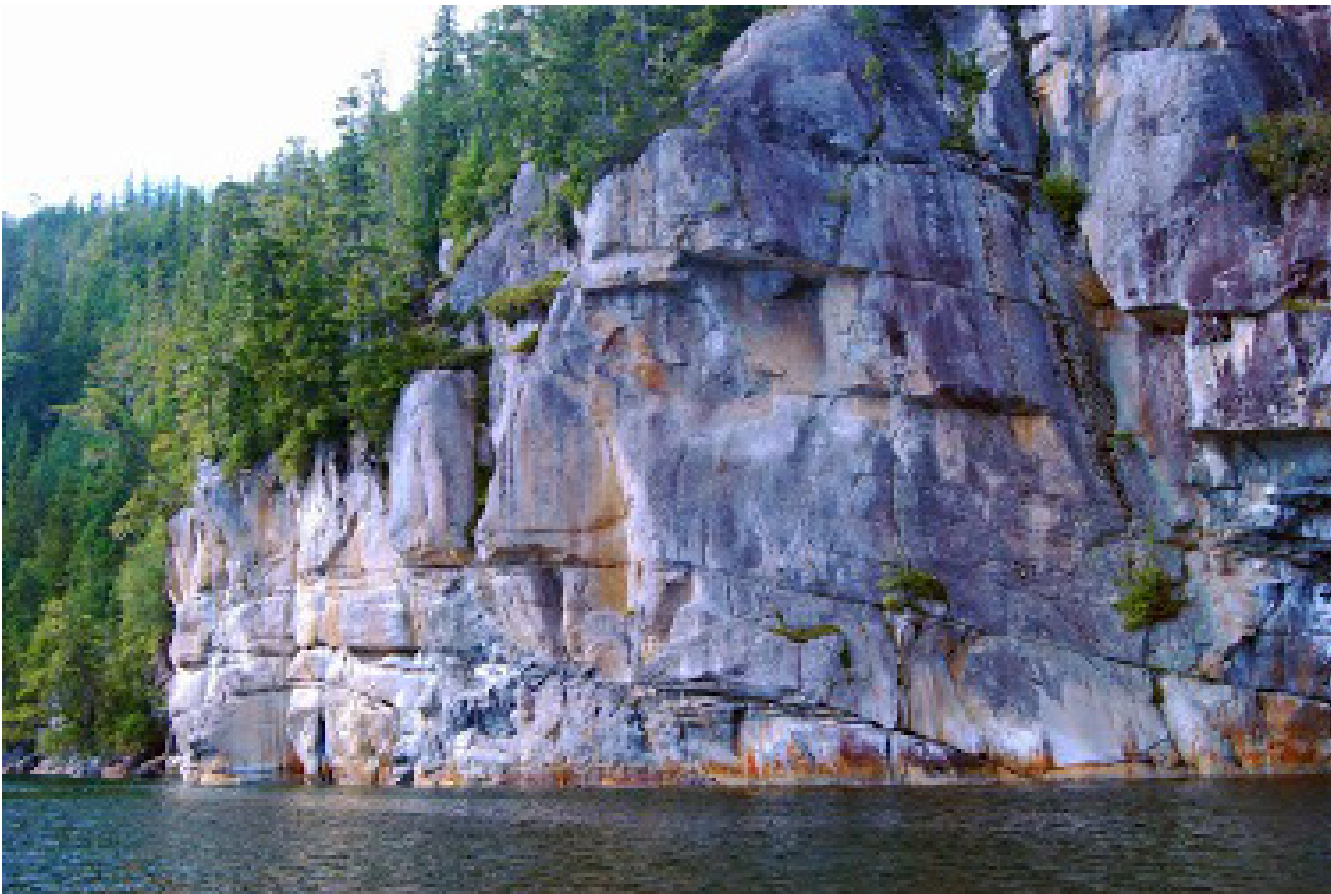
Our basic boating course - ABC (Americas Boating Course) is a 16 hour course that covers Michigan boating laws, required equipment, charts and navigation. We need someone to be the chairman of our ABC course. Bob Buchanan has done a super job as chairman but feels he needs to pass that job to someone younger.

Recently, the State of Michigan has changed their law and no longer require a proctored exam for boaters to get their certification -- boaters can study the laws and take the exam on the BoatU.S. web site, and, for \$30 dollars, get their certification. The local county sheriffs Departments still offer a free 8 hour course/exam in their offices to get the certification. This is tough competition that takes students from our ABC course. Our advantage is offering charting along with the basics. Call 1-800-367-8777 or 734-769-3476 for information.

On-Line seminars are now available -- developed by USPS and Boat US. Weather for Boaters, Partner in Command, Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes, and Crossing Borders. <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/e_stuff/seminars.htm

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. Please send (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. USPS offers On-the-water training, and certification for Inland and Coastal Navigation. If you are interested in this, please call me 734-769-3476.



North shore, Tribune Channel

Broughton Archipelago

By Jim Nieland

A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Sept. 19	D9	Planning meeting for Fall D9 Conference, and 3 hour cruise on the Diamond Jack. See below.
Sept. 26	DSPS	Dearborn SPS Commanders Ball See page 10.
Sept. 21	AASPS	General Meeting at Carlyle Grill. See page 3.
Oct. 16-18	D9	Fall Conference at Auburn Hills Marriott at Centerpoint. See page 9

September 19 - Detroit: Narrated Cruise on the Diamond Jack leaving from/returning to the docks at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle; hors d'oeuvres buffet, soft drinks and coffee on board. Detroit is celebrating their 100 year anniversary in 2016; DPS is hosting a "kick off cruise" for D9 members and friends to help them begin their year of celebration. Please make reservations early. After the Cruise, you are welcome to make reservations for dinner at the Detroit Yacht Club. Contact: L/C Tony Drewek, dscooley@att.net; detroitpowersquadron.com.



*Herbert C. Jackson
in moonlight by
Bob Buchanan*

The USPS® Pledge

I do solemnly pledge to Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;
Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;
Maintain my boat and operate it legally: Render assistance whenever possible:
And conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor, and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.



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. I have attached two photos 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 the man's 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 ramp, across the street, and hit a big rock, where it flipped over, trapping the man's 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 totaled. Fortunately the wife has recovered.

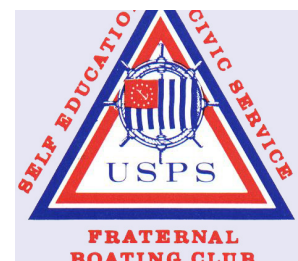
This accident shows just how important our mission of teaching boating, and trailering safety, really is. The trailer chains should always be attached to the tow vehicle, and no one should ever be allowed to ride in the boat while it being trailered, even on the ramp.

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



Owl to scare off birds, Lake Charlevoix and sunset over the lake, by Frank.

Grade





*The Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron
And*

*Commander Mark Schools, JN &
Nancy Konopka*

*Request the honor of your presence
At the 61st Commander's Ball honoring the
Officers of the 2015 bridge
And
DSPA Past Commanders*

*Saturday, 26 September 2015
St Mary's Cultural Center
18100 Merriman Road
Livonia, MI*

*Social hour 1830 Open Bar/Appetizers
Dinner 1930
Dancing 2100*

*Uniform A with Bow Tie or appropriate attire
Guests Welcome*