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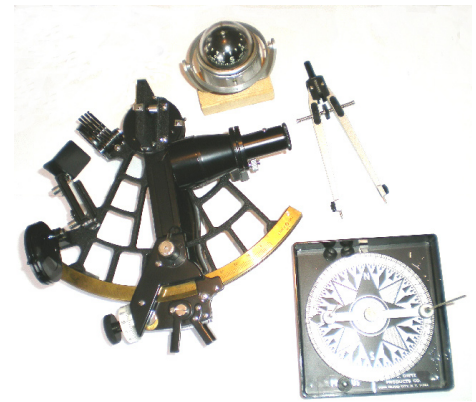
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Misc. Staff - Ch. Member Involvement, Ch. Operations Training. Advertising Staff for public courses and programs.

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Sail and Power Boating Education

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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 21 March 2016
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

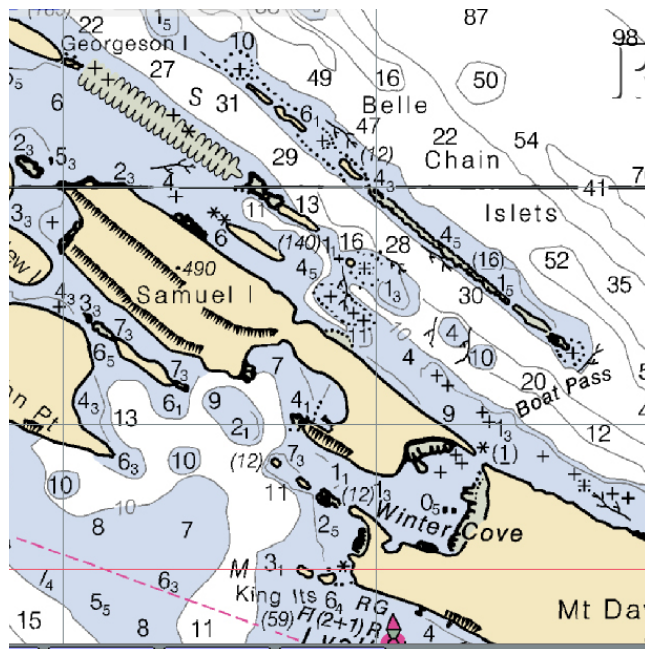
We will meet at the Carlyle Grill west of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu and pay your own bill. Please call Jeannine Buchanan 734-971-6589, so we can have enough tables set up. Visit Carlyle Grill web site to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>



Speaker: Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN will describe how to download OpenPCN and NOAA charts, and plot waypoints on a chart. We will tour the northwest waterways with digital NOAA charts and Google Earth pictures, and see a little bit of the scenery that George Vancouver and Peter Puget saw in 1792 while looking for a northwest passage and charting the area.



Great sailing area



Part of the Strait of Georgia Chart near Vancouver



Commander's Message

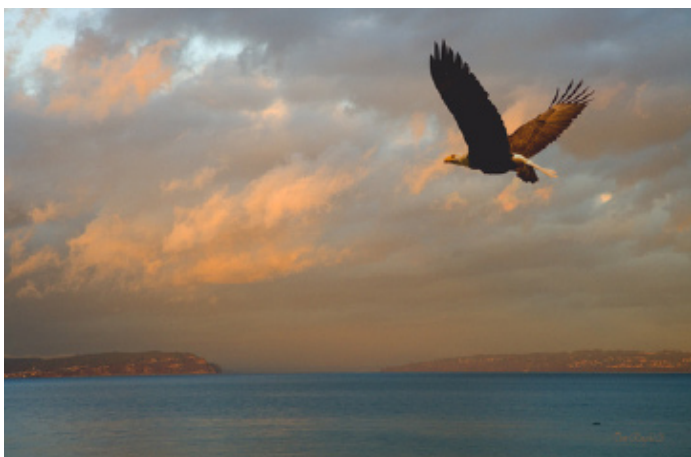
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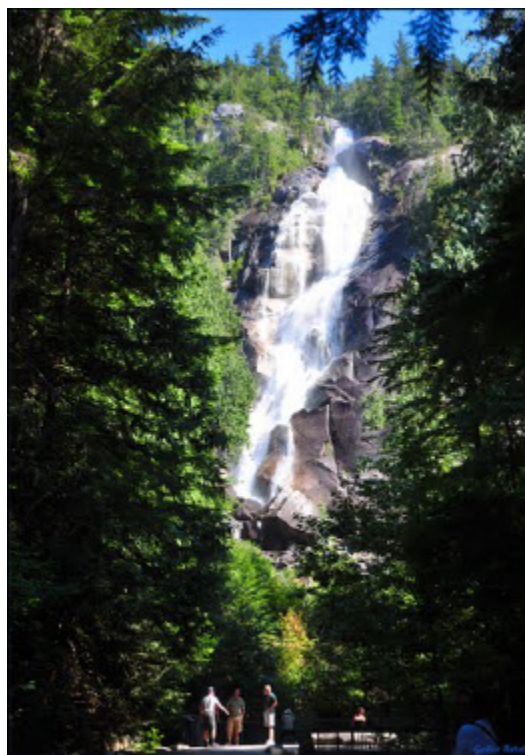
We have scheduled an ABC class to start Thursday April 21 and finish Thursday June 9. Ads have been placed in the DNR Marine classes web site and USPS/google web site, and posters taken to Secretary of States office and libraries (Plymouth, AA Pittsfield, AA Traver/Huron Pkw. AA Malletts Creek), Play It Again Sports, and e-mailed to all our members to print and place wherever they think boaters will see them. The posters at the libraries had to get a supervisor approval, so I don't know if they were posted. With the competitive free boating classes of the sheriffs offices, and the on-line classes, our 8 week classroom course may attract very few students. If we can't get enough students to hold an ABC class we will try teaching the free 8 hour Michigan DNR Safe Boating Class and introduce the USPS courses to those students.

The USPS D9 spring conference will be Friday night April 8 and Saturday April 9 at the Doubletree Detroit/ Dearborn Hotel. Reserve a room before March 16 if you want to stay there overnight. 313-982-3983. You can attend the Friday night party and Saturday seminars for free if you want to stay at home Friday night. It is lots of fun --- especially the Friday night free hospitality rooms with lots of free food and meeting other squadron members. The seminars on Saturday are interesting and educational. See the last 4 pages of this newsletter for details and schedule. It is on the Southfield freeway (M 39) north of Ford Road (M153). There is usually a USPS information table in the hotel lobby to obtain room numbers for the hospitality rooms and seminar rooms and schedule. 5801 Southfield Expressway Detroit MI 48228 Phone: 1-800-291-9434.

Frank Hoy, our snowbird Executive Officer, sold his Ann Arbor home and plans to stay in Florida. We will miss him. I don't see how he can stay away from all of our wonderful natural air conditioning that falls from the sky and turns our roads into a carnival fun bumper car arena. Maybe, when a hurricane floods and blows away his Florida neighborhood, or the zika mosquitoes carry it away, he will realize how wonderful Michigan really is.

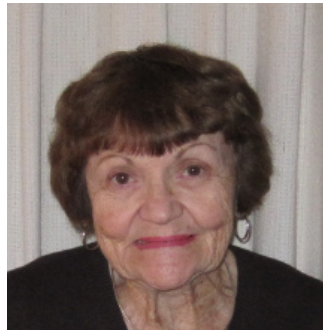


Laptop Cruise pictures from the Puget Sound and north.





Administrative Officer and Secretary's Comments



As described in the previous Porthole, our squadron has exciting programs planned for the spring meetings that should not be missed. In March our Commander Ron will talk about electronic charts and chart downloading, and George Vancouver and Peter Puget charting the waters by Washington State. As we continue in the new age of information technology, this will be an exciting topic. In April, P/C Bob will talk about what is happening to the Panama Canal. This presentation will be surprising, not what you might expect, will describe future changes to our country. Our May meeting will be special when Freddy Ohou will tell us about Boats in the Ivory Coast. This will be a once in a lifetime presentation. Freddy, who grew up in the Ivory Coast, now officially named Cote d'Ivoire, and now resides in the United States.

In February, Bob and I took a Western Caribbean cruise with a stop in Haiti which proved fascinating. Haiti is clearly one of the poorest nations on the planet with an illiteracy rate of 65%, and an unemployment rate of 80%. Along the coastal areas, the Haitians attempt to make a living by fishing. The first problem is that the little fishing boats have minimal or no cooling ability so they must hurry in with their day's catch, especially since Haiti has a hot, sunny climate. You may remember the movie, A Perfect Storm. The second problem is that the fishing boats are not powered so they depend solely on the wind in their sails. Thirdly, the little fishing boats are small, wooden vessels.

Here are several pictures of the little Haitian fishing boats. They are either lateen rigged or gaff rigged as shown here with a spar at the head of the mainsail. Notice that the relatively small jib is held out by a spar or whisker pole. The sails are merely pieces of cloth sown together, not the wonderful Dacron sails that we have. The boats shown here were running toward port with their catch but doing so under the hot tropical sun. We also saw several fishermen who had left their boats to spear fish, no evidence of a diver down flag.

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan, Administrative Officer and P/C Bob Buchanan, P, Secretary



Haitian fishing boats returning with the day's catch

February meeting participants



P/C Art Pinsak, SN Lt. Sharon Pinsak



Lt/C Bob Buchanan, P Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan D/Lt
P/D/C Jack Knaggs, SN D/Lt Carolyn Knaggs, P



Freddy Ohou

Lt. Peggy Moller



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Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN

Education Opportunities

USPS Courses and Seminars - <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/>

On the left side is a list of courses, seminars and guides.

Read descriptions of the courses and seminars and guides.

Prices range from about \$15 for seminars, \$45 to \$140 for courses. E-mail or call for details.

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Great Lakes Cruising Club School Webinars available to USPS members at discount.

All GLCC on-line cruising-related webinars are available to USPS members at reduced USPS registration rates. Note that there is now a NEW discount code for the coming year, so be sure to use this new discount code when signing up for a webinar. Details are available on the USPS GLCC School web page. Live, real time on-screen presentations with visual aids provide an opportunity for participants to interact with the instructor and each other in a virtual classroom. Sessions typically run 60-90 minutes. If scheduling doesn't allow someone to attend a live webinar, they have an opportunity to view a recording of the live event on demand at a later date. In addition, selected previously broadcast webinars are periodically made available for recording-only registration.

On average webinar registration is only \$20.00, discounted to \$15.00 for current Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC), United States Power Squadron (USPS) and Canadian Power and Sail Squadron (CPS) members. Monday, April 25, 2016 Successfully Living and Working Together 24/7 on a Boat. Wednesday, April 27, 2016 North Channel Ports.

USPS On-line Courses and Seminars thru University of West Florida

<http://www.usps.org/edonline/> scroll down to the bottom and click on "Narrated traditional USPS courses and seminars are available online via the University of West Florida". There is a list of USPS course being offered.

BoatUS with USPS or USCGA has on-line courses at www.BoatUS.org/courses or <http://www.usps.org/edonline>

Modern Marine Navigation, Planning Your Cruise, Hurricane Preparation, Weather for Boaters, Partner in Command, Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes, Learn to Sail, Clean Boating Course, All About Marine Radio, and many other courses are planned. <https://learn.boatus.org/catalog/>

A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Mar. 21	AASPS	Member meeting at Carlyle Grill. See page 3.
Apr. 8-10	D9 and DPS	Spring conference Double-Tree Hotel, Dearborn MI
April 21	AASPS	Start ABC class at St. Joseph Hospital.

USPS D9 2016 Spring Conference

Hosted by Detroit Power Squadron

Theme:

Celebrating 100 Years! Cruising on the Great Lakes



Conference Registration Form

United States Power Squadrons - District 9 - Spring Conference 8 - 10 April 2016

Rank Last Name

First Name

Grade

Squadron _____ Phone () _____ E-Mail Address _____

☐ Check if a **First Timer** at a district conference

☐ No Meals, Friday hospitality registration only

Lunch \$20.00 each

_____ **Chicken Cacciatore**

_____ **Special Diet** Specify _____

Dinner \$60.00 each

Entertainment Provided by: **Midwest Dueling Pianos**

_____ **Prime Rib** (with Natural Jus and Creamed Horseradish)

_____ **Atlantic Salmon** (with Citrus Lemon Sauce)

_____ **Special Diet** Specify _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Reservations must be received by 1 Apr 2016

!! Notice !! Any reservation received after this date will be returned

Questions? Contact Mike Rachuk mike.rachuk@gmail.com 586-876-5818

*Please Make Checks Payable To:
Detroit Power Squadron
Mail Check & Registration to:*

**Dave Dudek
35801 Schmid Dr
New Baltimore, MI 48047**



DoubleTree

Detroit/Dearborn

Room Rate \$109.00

Includes Breakfast at Grille 39

Parking fee will be waived (validation)

Notes !

- An e-mail confirmation will be sent to the address you provided. If you don't receive a confirmation after 5 days, please contact Mike Rachuk (586-876-5818)
- The only meal tickets available after the cut-off date (1 Apr) will be unclaimed tickets or tickets turned in for resale.
- Any reservation received after the cut-off date (1 Apr) will be returned.

Hospitality Rooms Wrist Band: Wrist bands will be distributed at the registration table for security reasons during Friday night hospitality tour. Please register even if you do not want any meal tickets. Check box above for no meals if applicable.

Hospitality Rooms Reservations: All hospitality room must be reserved through District 9. Contact Mike Rachuk mike.rachuk@gmail.com 586-876-5818 Rooms at \$109.00. Each room will have bed removed, 2 tables, and 5 chairs. Additional tables or chairs come with an additional fee. Cut-Off Date **9 Mar 2016**

Rooms Reservations: Reserve on or before 16 Mar 2016 Call 313-982-3983

DoubleTree group rate reservation Link ==>> <http://tinyurl.com/D9conference-S2016>

D/9 2016 Spring Conference Seminar Descriptions April 8-10

Administrative Officers: Please join D/Lt/C Janet Klumpp, AP in an exploration of the responsibilities of the AO and interactive discussion on how squadrons are getting the “work” done. As an elected bridge officer, the Administration Officer is responsible for the “internal affairs”. These activities include Membership, Boating Activities and much more. Come learn with fellow Squadron Administrative Officers.

Boating Activities: P/D/C Denise Samu, AP, chair of the District Boating Activities Committee, will lead discussion to build a consolidated schedule of events being held during the boating season from the various Squadron events. The goal is to have a consolidated list so all USPS members can find your Squadron's event, if they are visiting Michigan, boating in that area or visiting that area. So be there- a list of dates and events that have been emailed to: denisesamu@comcast.net will be provided as our base to add more.

Border Patrol: Sean P. Reynolds, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Border Patrol. Agent Reynolds is an expert in border crossing policies and procedures, and will share with us his first-hand experience with border activities both lawful and unlawful. He has 25 years of experience. Commanders: P/D/C Bryan Bartlett will lead an open discussion between squadron commanders for the purpose of sharing information, ideas and concerns.

Danube River Cruise: Please join boaters and world travelers Marilyn Bezdek, AP and Bill Bezdek, SN of LSPS who will share their Danube River boat cruise. Learn about the famous cities that border its banks beginning with Budapest, Hungary, then Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, Vienna and Salzburg. View the scenic towns of Melk and Durnstein in Austria, ending with the medieval towns of Regensburg and Nurnberg, Germany.

Engine Maintenance: P/Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP from GTBSPS will present this seminar. After a brief introduction, there will be a round table discussion with all the Engine Maintenance Instructors. Please bring your handouts and training aids to share. We will discuss delivery methods and course content. With twenty D9 EM instructors sharing their course information, we will have the best Engine Maintenance courses in the nation.

Executive Officers: The Executive Officer is responsible for coordinating and directing civic activities with the public and other organizations such as U.S. Coast Guard. This includes vessel safety checks, participating in parades and boat shows, public relations, legislative and environmental issues. In this session, led by D/Lt/C Anthony Lewandowski, SP, we will review the responsibilities of the Executive Officer, where to find help and guidelines on the USPS website, hand out material and a discussion of best practices. We will also discuss how to prepare to move up the Bridge to become Commander.

Geodetic Marker Recovery Program: What are geodetic markers? Who installs them and determines their coordinates? Why are they important? How many markers are there? How are the markers identified? Why are we asked to “recover” or find them? What is a Geodetic Hunt? What do we report? Attend this seminar to find the answers to these questions and learn why the USPS National Cooperative Charting Committee is focusing attention on this activity. P/C Donald Mathews, AP of MSPS is the presenter.

Membership: Stf/C Linda LaLonde, P of DSPS and Lt/C Rose Stano, P of GPPS will present “New Strategies Fresh from National on Member Attraction and Retention.”

Secretaries: District Secretary D/Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP will go over the roles and responsibilities of the squadron secretary. Whether this is your first time around or you have been your squadron's secretary for some time your attendance is encouraged to contribute to what will be an interactive and informative session. DB2000 will also be covered.

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D/9 2016 Spring Conference Seminar Descriptions April 8-10 (continued)

NOAA- Great Lakes Water Levels: Andrew (Drew) Gronewold, Physical Scientist of NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab will present a session on the Great Lakes water levels. Review of historical and recent trends water level by month, year and decade, going back 150 years. What caused the more recent rapid changes, including declines in the late 1990's, and recent surges Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron in 2013 and 2014. Ex-planation of some of factors ranging from changes in meteorology; regional climate patterns, changes induced through anthropogenic (human causation) influence and geological processes. Concludes with discussion of how understanding historical water level patterns and relationships to climate, ice cover, and other drivers is used to improve water resources man-agement decisions and water level forecasts.

Nominating Committees: Does your Nominations Committee dread the duties and typically wait until the last minute to start looking for people to nominate for the upcoming Bridge? D/Lt/C Ralph Ziegler, JN will present this session which is based on USPS Anita Walker's Nominating Committee strategies. Those of us who have attended Anita's seminar found it to be eye-opening and walked away with valuable insights to take back to our squadrons.

Social Media: Marketing Consultant Sarah Kew will present this session. In addition it having her own consulting business she is also the Marketing/Public Relations Chairman for the Michigan District of Kiwanis. Sarah's specialty is social media, graphic design, email and web. We are living a dot com world where Facebook, Twitter and Google are parts of everyday vocabulary. Allow Sarah to walk you through the basics of what Facebook has to offer. She will talk about what your page should look like, what to post, how to schedule posts, how to track how your page is doing, how to run contests, how to build your fan base, etc. She will also discuss other social media venues like Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and LinkedIn and if they are needed in your squadron right now.

Squadron Education Officers – 2 hours: DEO Tom Smith, JN, assisted by ADEO Janet Curle, SN will lead this 2-hour session aimed at squadron education officers. Updates provided by the NEO at the National Annual Meeting will be presented as well as a discussion of the use of the Boating Safety Virtual Trainer within our District and District efforts to develop an On-the-Water Boating Instruction program to augment our ABC course and attract new students.

Tall Ships: In 2001, Tall Ships America launched its most ambitious project to date, creating the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE®, an annual series of tall ship races and maritime port festivals. In 2016 TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® returns to the Great Lakes. Shirley Roberts, Event Coordinator for Tall Ships, Bay City, will present information on the 2016 TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® as well as volunteer opportunities for D9 Members.

Treasurers: The Treasurer's Seminar is presented once a year at the D/9 Spring Confer-ence, hoping to catch the new squadron treasurers. P/D/C John Bennett, SN and D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN, a retired IRS Field Agent and a Tax and Accounting instructor at Macomb Community College, have presented this session for the past several years and have agreed to present again this spring. The seminar includes the USPS, D/9 and Squadron dues classes and rates. Included also, are several different accounting methods and sample treasurer's monthly reports. Naturally, taxes are covered, as related to IRS, USPS, MI and IN, and WE CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS! Finally, USPS contacts and forms will be discussed. Many "handouts" will be available. **Treasurers, this is a must-attend seminar.**

Vessel Safety Checks: P/D/C Bill Stano, JN of GGPS will provide updated information on Vessel Safety from the National Safety Committee Meeting in Orlando. In addition, he will discuss the use of Rope LED lighting and whether or not the vessel examiner should fail the boat owner for using the rope lighting. He will also have a question and answer session to present concerns to relay to the National Safety Committee.