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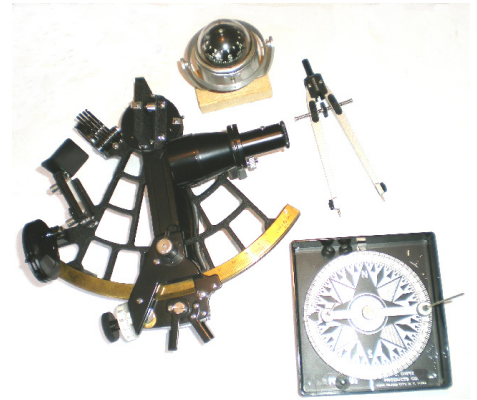
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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 19 Mar. 2018
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W

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Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Carlyle Grill

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN will describe his trip last May from Hartwick Pines museum along the Au Sable River to the Lumbermen's Memorial with pictures of animals, power dams and scenic river overlooks.





**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
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Carlyle Grill



Curtis and Melaine Hoff

Our talk will cover our 2017 cruise and the sale of our boat. After eight years of owning *Hither 'n Yon*, Melanie and I decided 2017 would be our 'swan song' cruise before selling her. Our cruise lasted seven months from March through October 2017. The cruise started from Beaufort, North Carolina then up to Maine and back down to Annapolis in the Chesapeake Bay where she was put up for sale. We made significant stops along the way in New York City, Long Island Sound, Rhode Island, Martha's Vineyard, Boston, Portland, etc. Like any long cruise, there were mostly great memories and experiences but also a few 'boat owner' times that we'll present. Finally, selling a boat is always an 'experience' that results in interesting stories to be told.



Hither 'n Yon



Clams in a half shell and boiled lobster



Mooring buoy



Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



We thank D/Lt/C Michael Babairz, AP, for substituting for D/Lt/C Thomas Smith, SN and officiating at our Change of Watch at January's meeting. And we thank P/C Bob Buchanan, S, for a short unplanned but greatly appreciated presentation and pictures about ships and ice breakers in the annual winter entertainment along Saint Clair River. See the picture below.



Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN

D/Lt/C Michael Babairz, AP

Lt/C Marlene Barr,

Lt/C John Barr Jr.

The Spring D9 conference is in Pontiac from April 6 to 8 at the Centerpoint Marriott at 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, which is between Square Lake Rd., Opdyke Rd. and South Blvd. west of I75. To get there, exit Square Lake Rd. at Opdyke Rd. and go north on Updyke Rd. to Centerpoint Parkway. See page 7 for details.

From the widower chef. A simple lemon sauce for fish can be made from concentrated frozen lemonade and butter with a little salt and pepper. Orange sauce for Chinese can be made from concentrated frozen orange juice and honey with a little lemonade mixed in. Vegetables are good mixed with Gorton's Fish Cakes and concentrated lemonade. Chocolate cake is good sprinkled with lemonade. A taste, healthy snack is black beans with peanuts.



P/C Bob Buchanan, P giving a presentation on ships caught in the ice on the St. Clair River

Workshop hint: If you have a bottle of misc. screws, nuts, bolts, washers, etc., to find what you want, pour it into an aluminum pie tin, take out what you need, then bend the edge of the pie tin into a spout to pour the remains back into the bottle.

January Meeting Attendees



P/C John Barr, AP

Lt/C Marlene Barr,

Lt/C John Barr Jr.



P/D/C James Knaggs, SN

P/C Carolyn Knaggs, P

Maureen Smith

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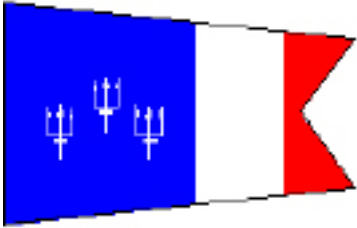


P/C Art Pinsak, SN

Stephen Anthony

P/C Bob Buchanan, P

L/C Jeannine Buchanan



Past Commanders Message

P/C Bob Buchanan, P



Regular readers know that this column generally describes the Great Lakes and the long ships that silently transit the majestic lakes. But the past January was violent due to the arctic blast of subzero temperatures that resulted in freezing conditions. Keeping shipping lanes open before the Soo Locks closed on January 15th is vital to insuring that blast furnaces at the steel mills have adequate taconite to produce steel during the winter months. Both the U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard deployed their entire fleet of icebreakers to maintain open waters, especially the St. Mary's River system, Straits of Mackinaw, and St. Clair River. *Bristol Bay*, cutter #102 on which many of us have enjoyed warm summer evenings on the Detroit River, was assigned to ice-breaking duties in Whitefish Bay and the lower St Mary's. In spite of their strong efforts, a number of lakers were beset by ice.

Jeannine and I watched the Canadian *Samuel Risely* rescue *American Mariner* off of Marine City on the St. Clair River a the clear day with the temperature at zero. An icebreaker at work is actually noisy due to the sound of smashing ice. But we were not alone; boatnerds for miles came to witness the spectacle resulting in a traffic jam. We had to double park.

The 800 residents of Sugar Island were partially stranded because their only access to the mainland at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, was the ferry Sugar Islander II. Ice flows moved down by the current and pushed by winds obstructed docking areas and resulted in only intermittent ferry service. Several school children got to school in the Soo but enjoyed sleep-overs with friends when the ferry was unable to take the school bus back to the island. Plumbers would not take service calls from island residents with frozen pipes for fear of being unable to return. In addition, St. Clair River ferry service between Sombria, Ontario and Marine City has been indefinitely suspended because ice has destroyed a causeway between Sombria and the dock, requiring an expensive reconstruction.

According to the Detroit Free Press, in 2017 the Great Lakes ice coverage was 15.28 percent, 4.71% in 2016. The present ice coverage is; Lake Superior: 55.63%, Lake Michigan: 38.97 %, Lake Huron: 63.73%, Lake Erie: 90.42%, Lake Ontario: 16.38%, Lake St. Clair: 99.23%. This is based on satellite imagery.

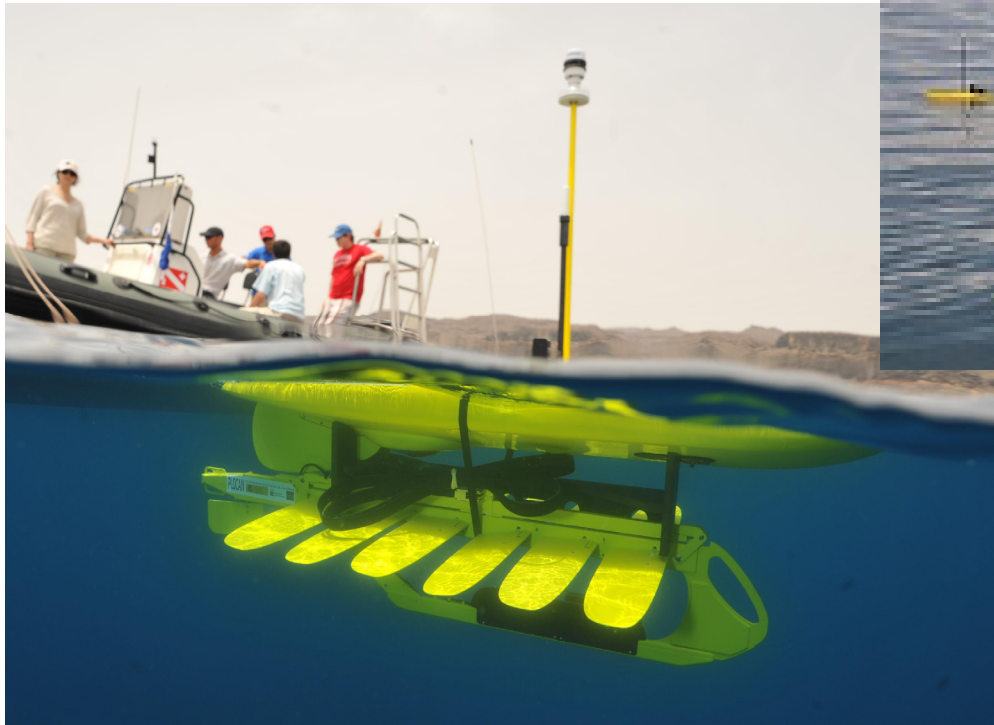


St. Mary's
River

Boating Education

Basic Boating Course. Our ABC course starts March 18, 2018, and runs 8 weeks. <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?C> Click on the course , enter your zip code and the distance you are willing to travel and click 'Locate'.

Boat US is a great organization to belong to. Basic membership is only about \$15 a year. They have a very good magazine and offer boat and towing insurance. Their 2013 April/May edition on page 16 has an article about 150 robot solar and wave powered boats called Wave Gliders about the size of a surf board that have been cruising the oceans since 2009, and radio transmit wave, weather and other scientific information.



Wave Glider built
by Liquid Robots
Company
[en.wikipedia.org/
wiki/Liquid_Robot-
ics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liquid_Robots)

A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Mar. 19	AASPS	Meeting Carlyle Grill See page 3.
Mar. 18	AASPS	ABC class starts at St. Joseph;s Hospital
April 6 to 8	D9	D9 Conf. Marriott Center Point Hotel in Pontiac, MI. See page 9
Apr. 16	AASPS	Meeting Carlyle Grill. Hoff's latest cruise. See page 4.
May 21	AASPS	Meeting Carlyle Grill. John and Marlene Barr -- Iceland
Oct. 5-7	D9	D9 Conf. Bay City



USPS District 9
2018 ~ SPRING CONFERENCE
6-8 April 2018



FRIDAY NIGHT THEME



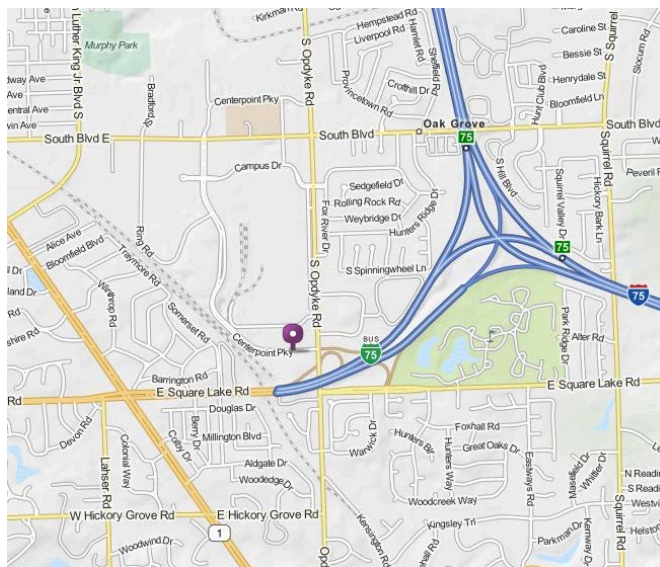
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SATURDAY NIGHT:
CASINO NIGHT
007 BOND STYLE



Hosted by:

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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☐ Check if you are a Conference First-Timer

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Business Lunch-

Traverse City Chicken Salad _____
 Turkey & Swiss on Ciabatta _____
 Vegetarian _____

Dinner-

Roast Pork w/ Madeira Sauce _____
 Artichoke & Asiago Stuffed Chicken Breast _____
 Vegetarian- Vegetable Armani _____

Total Lunches ____ @ \$27.ea. = \$ ____ Total Dinners ____ @ \$55.ea. = ____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

NO MEALS RESERVATIONS AFTER 30 MARCH 2018

Make Check Payable to:

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

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P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN

22594 Ardmore Park Drive

St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2011

Dress Code:

Morning & Conference~ Uniform F or USPS Blazer

Banquet~ Uniform A or White Dinner Jacket w/ Bow Tie

Ladies- Cocktail Dress o

CENTERPOINT MARRIOTT HOTEL ROOM REGISTRATION

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
DISTRICT 9 SPRING CONFERENCE 6-8 April 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone-Home: _____ Work: _____

Email Address: _____

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CHECK-IN TIME Guaranteed by 1800 ~ CHECK-OUT TIME 1200

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____

Reservations MUST be received by 16 March 2018

ROOM TYPE: SINGLE DOUBLE

____ Standard Room \$119. \$119.

____ Hospitality Suites \$250.

Rates are Per Room,
 Per Day, plus State &
 Local Taxes & Bed Rem. Fee

To ensure USPS Special Rates,
 this form must be Mailed or
 Faxed in by: 15 March 2018

On-line Registration:

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/District9>

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Signature (Required)

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