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General Meetings are usually held on the first Monday of the month unless a holiday interferes.
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**Ann Arbor Power and Sail
Boating Education**

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General Meeting

Monday, 6 October 2008

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
(Sail and Power Boating Education)

6:00pm: Potluck Dinner : Please bring a dish to share.

Please call Sharon Pinsak - 734-973-0441

7:00pm: Talk and slides by P/C Bob Snider - The Delta Queen -
Mississippi River Cruise boat

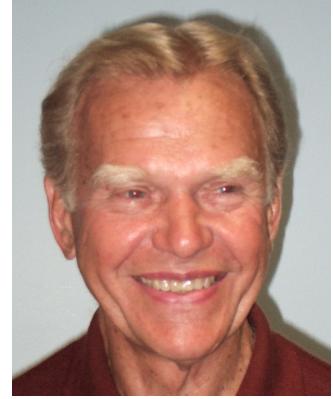


NEW Center at 1100 N. Main Street
on west shore of Argo Pond, Ann Arbor
1st building north of railroad crossing



Commander's Message

This may or may not be news to you but I want to mention that our request to amend Ann Arbor Power Squadron by-laws in order to change our name to Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron was approved by the National Rules Committee effective 27 August 2008. You have seen the amended name in recent Portholes as our editor had anticipated approval. This amended name better reflects our interests to the general public.



Commander Arthur Pinsak, SN

The boating season in the Great Lakes basin is sadly coming to an end. Recreational boaters generally wrap it up before the fishermen. I would hope that your experiences on the water this past summer have highlighted some areas in which you feel a need to sharpen your perspective. As you know, study programs are available in virtually all aspects of boat operation and safety on the water.

USPS is trying in all sorts of ways to pique your interest. Courses can be taken in a classroom setting or, alternatively, as self study courses. This approach is an attempt to broaden the reach to people who are unable or not inclined to commit to a set class schedule. Courses are still available; they only require your expression of interest. Some of the advanced courses are being updated and modernized. New texts are available along with power point for Seamanship, Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Weather, JN. Those of you who have completed these courses in the past may be interested in refreshing and updating your knowledge and capabilities. The popular Seminar Series available on CD's continues to expand. New offerings include Trailering Your Boat; Paddle Smart; Marine Radar; Anchoring; Knots, Bends and Hitches; and Hurricanes and the Boater. These exciting additions to the USPS University program continue to be widely accepted. The seminar series is certainly worth your consideration as these are typically three hour courses.

The U.S. Coast Guard continues to emphasize their "Wear It" program to encourage wearing life jackets when boating. This is not a one shot program. Drowning statistics support their efforts to educate boaters. Inflatable life vests have been on the market for some time but the USCG did considerable testing before they were approved for use. USCG now recommends these Class V PFD's for use with some restrictions. For example, they must be the proper size, wearer should have some swimming capability and they are not acceptable in some types of water craft. The fact that these inflatable vests are not cumbersome should make them attractive to potential users. Even the inflatable vest is better than nothing. Late season fishermen should especially be aware of the hazards associated with going into the water and the fact that impact of hypothermia is more acute without flotation.

The District 9 Fall Conference is scheduled for 31 October-2 November at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek. Travel distance is relatively minimal so you could enjoy the hospitality rooms Friday evening or attend seminars Saturday morning as a commuter.

Deadline for submitting merit mark recommendations is approaching. In order for me to give proper credit for your USPS involvement and contribution of time, I need to hear from you. As a volunteer organization, merit marks are the principal means for you to receive recognition and the gratitude of USPS.

Chairman of Boating Course Message

I get phone calls several times a month from young adults that have received citations (usually a \$100 fine) from marine law enforcement officers - usually the local sheriff - for operating a PWC (personal water craft) without having their Boating Safety Certificate - it is a wallet card that we or the local sheriff issue to boating class graduates. These callers did not know that the law requires that people born after 1978 must have this certificate to operate a PWC in Michigan. Other states have similar laws.



Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN (Life)

These callers report that they have a court date in the near future and they are hoping the judge will waive the fine if they show up with the certificate in hand. So they are anxious for a fast boating class. I advise them that some of these sheriffs offer an 8 hour boating class on a Saturday or two week day evenings. Or, if they are at least 16 years old, they can take a home study course thru USPS (Americas boating course) or an internet course thru Boat Ed (www.Boat-Ed.com).

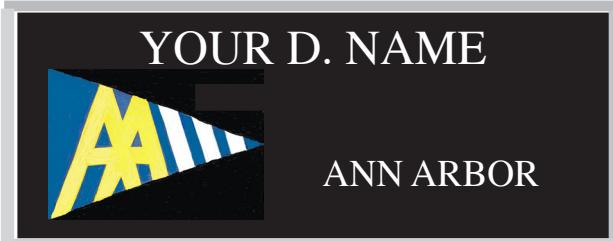
Maptech Capn

Go to <http://www.maptech.com/water/thecapn/> for information on maptech Capn. This is an Ultimate Situational Awareness system - navigational system using your computer. Connect an Automated Identification System (AIS) receiver to your PC. Then let CAPN plot the position, course, speed, type, size and identity of commercial traffic near your vessel. When combined with radar, this is ultimate situational awareness.

Video Camera - Ready. Visual and audible alerts for vital events such as Waypoint Approach/Arrival, Alarm Zone Approach/Entry, Man Overboard, Outside Anchor Zone, Cross Track Error, and GPS Trouble. CAPN is the only program that allows you to dead reckon and easily plot manual bearings (LOPs) should your GPS fail.



We are going to order name tags for our members. The cost is \$10 each. They can be attached to your cloths by a magnet. No holes in your cloths. If you want one please send a check for \$10 payable to *Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron* to Art Pinsak, 3365 Taoma Cir., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. The tags will be black plastic with a white beveled border, white engraved letters and the AASPS burgee.



Partial list of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Oct. 6	AASPS	General meeting - 7 pm, at the NEW Center, 1100 N. Main St. Ann Arbor, MI. See page 3.
Oct. 11	D9 Fall Council	- Grand Rapids Sail and Power Squadron, Crown Plaza, Grand Rapids MI, 10am - 12 noon
Oct. 20	AASPS Ex. Com.	meeting - 7 pm, at the NEW Center. 1100 N. Main St. Ann Arbor, MI
Oct. 31 - Nov. 2	Kalamazoo PS	- D9 Fall Conference - McCamly Plaza, Battle Creek, MI. See page 8.

Please send 2008 merit mark information to Commander Pinsak

Please check the USPS web site (www.USPS.org),
the D9 website (<http://d9-usps.org/app/HomeContact.aspx>), and web sites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

To locate any squadron web site	http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html
Anchor Bay	http://www.usps.org/localusps/anchorbay/
Birmingham PS	http://www.bpsd9.org/
Dearborn PS	http://www.dearborn-squadron.org/
Detroit PS	http://www.detroitpowersquadron.org/
Flint PS	http://www.usps.org/localusps/flint/
Grand Rapids	http://www.grpsmi.org/
Grosse Ile PS	http://www.usps.org/localusps/grosseile/
Irish Hills PS	http://www.usps.org/localusps/irishhills/
Lansing PS	http://www.lansingpowersquadron.org/
Mount Clemens PS	http://usps.org/localusps/clemens/
Port Huron	http://mywebpages.comcast.net/phpsd9/
Saginaw Bay	www.saginawbaypowersquadron.org
St. Clair Shores PS	http://www.scssps.com/

NOTICE

Directory of AASPS members -P/C John Barr, AP, is making a new directory. Please send him up-to-date information such as your name, USPS certificate number, number of merit marks, address, phone number, e-mail address, rating (P, S, AP, JN, N, SN, life), elective courses, seminars and teaching guides completed, and USPS courses that you have taught. Please phone, mail or e-mail the information to **P/C John Barr, AP** 734-483-0839, 1200 Whittier Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197, JMBarr@BarrLawFirm.com

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2008 D/9 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Friday 31 OCTOBER – Sunday 2 NOVEMBER 2008

KSPS 60th Diamond Jubilee

Registration requests received after 10 October will be accepted on a space available basis.

Uniform of the Day: Friday evening hospitality rooms – Casual or Vintage Costumes

Seminars & Business Lunch: Uniform F (or USPS Blazer or Appropriate Attire)

Dinner: Vintage Costumes of the 1940's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's or Dressy Casual



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Address	City	St	Zip code	First Time Conference Attendee? Yes
Phone (H)	Phone (W)	Email	Want email notification of special seminars? Yes	

MEALS Friday night hospitality rooms offer Hors d'oeuvres and other food (enough to satisfy).
Breakfast on your own - Starbuck's (opens 7 am) J.W. Barleycorn's (opens 6:30 am).

Lunch Saturday 1 Nov Soup De'jour, Turkey wrap with potato salad, beverage and dessert
attending social lunch* _____ # attending business lunch _____ # Vegetarian lunch _____

* social lunch activity -- create jewelry and keepsakes via The Bead Shop

Dinner Saturday 1 Nov

Choice: Roasted Ruby Trout # _____ Roasted Garlic Marinated Sirloin # _____

Special Dietary Requests // _____ Vegetarian Dinner // _____

**** Add a surcharge of \$5.00 for any meal reservations made *after 10 October 2008*.

Post marked by 10 Oct *after 10 Oct*

Total # of lunches 0 @ \$25.00 = \$0.00 @ \$30.00 = _____

Total # of dinners 0 @ \$47.00 = \$0.00 @ \$52.00 = _____

Check # _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$0.00

Meals only – Mail check and this form to:

KSPS or Kalamazoo Sail & Power Squadron
Lyn Bleyer
6553 N 37th St
Richland, MI 49083
(269) 731-5601

Hotel Reservations/Room Rates:

Mention D/9 conference to get special rate of \$99 per double occupancy per night.

*** *Must book room by 10 October.* ***

Call McCamly Plaza to reserve your room

50 Capital Ave, SW Battle Creek MI 49017

(269) 963-7050 (888) 622-2659

