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Sail and Power Boating Education
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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Monday, September 17, 2012
General Meeting
Classic Cup Café
4389 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor
Lat. 42° 17.119' N, Long. 83° 49.006' W**

**6 pm: We will meet at the Classic Cup Café. Order from the menu.
In the Parkland shopping mall. On south side of Jackson Rd. west of Wagner Rd.
Please call Sharon Pinsak for reservations. 734-973-0441**

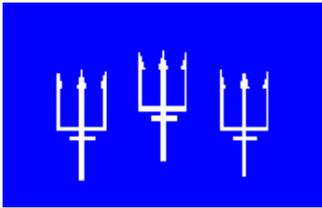


Speaker: Curtis Hoff. Cruising the northeast coast of USA



Curtis's boat in a foggy Maine Harbor





Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



Commander's Comments

Jeannine and I will miss the first AASPS fall meeting (we are out of the country), causing us to miss Curtis Hoff's exciting program about his summer cruising along the New England coast and waterways. We are delighted for Curtis because his adventure must have been the cruise of a lifetime, truly a dream experience.

Our October program title is USS Michigan and the Timber Wars, presented by Professor Charles Olson, also a retired navy captain. This will describe a fascinating part of Michigan's marine and state history. Chuck is an authority on Michigan nautical history.

Next, I have 2 items to place on your "bucket list", adventures for the future. First, the Bristol Bay cruise sponsored by our District 9 educational committee was a great success with almost ideal weather conditions. The USCG tender Bristol Bay passed under the Ambassador Bridge, then up into Lake St. Clair, turned for a spectacular night trip back to the home base.

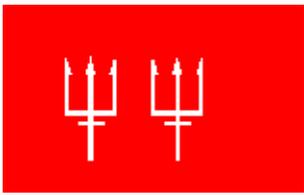
Next, the Detroit Power Squadron sponsored a glorious 1 day trip to Put-in-Bay. Jet Express 2, a large and fast catamaran left the Detroit Yacht Club dock for a 2.5 hour trip down the Detroit River, through the scenic Livingston Channel with heavy freighter traffic, on to Put-in-Bay in the open waters of Lake Erie. We had all afternoon free so rented an electric golf cart to see the island, then had an early dinner overlooking the harbor. But the best was yet to come as Jet Express 2 returned back up at the river at night. We saw sailboats without proper lights, small power boaters who did not know the right-of-way rules but we enjoyed our time searching for night navaisds from the open top deck.

SEO Ron Schwartz has described the fall educational program. The ABC course starts October 2nd, will meet in room #114, Technical and Industrial Building, Washtenaw Community College. This is on the northwest corner of the WCC campus with accessible parking. The syllabus is being prepared now.

Finally, I imagine a change in our educational program. New York State has pending legislation making boating education mandatory for their state waters. Obviously the details are not known at present but education courses could become requirements in other states. At present, only 5% of boat operators on the open waters of the Great Lakes have had any formal training; this may change.

Loch Tummel, Scotland





Secretary's Message Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



I need squadron help with 2 important reports or submissions that we prepare in the fall of each year for both District 9 and USPS.

One is our recommendation to USPS for merit marks. The recommendations are prepared and submitted by Commander Bob but he depends on everyone for a description of their AASPS activities. AASPS may be a small squadron but we are a hard-working squadron so I imagine that quite a few members will receive merit marks. One example is that our Executive Officer P/C Frank Hoy had a successful vessel check season. The merit mark report will be a landmark report in the life of AASPS because P/C Art Pinsak will receive his 25th merit mark leading to life membership. Actually Art has already overachieved for his recommendation.

The second report is the historical report prepared by our squadron historian, P/C Jadwin Root. SEO Ron maintains a record of number of courses, number of students in each course, etc. However, Jad needs help in summarizing your personal activities in AASPS, USPS, and in the community. I believe that community participation reflects well on USPS.

As you think about these 2 reports, you can see an overlap in some of the content.

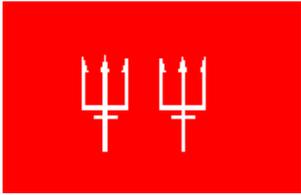


Governing Board, Detroit

Detroit Tigers vs Cleveland Indians September 4, 2012



Come join your fellow Power Squadron members for a fun-filled evening, at Comerica Park, to watch the defending, American League East Champion Detroit Tigers, take on the Cleveland Indians. We will take the People Mover to the Grand Circus Park exit for a short walk to the Park. Cost is \$25 and includes tokens for the trip to and from the Detroit Marriott, host hotel, for the Meeting. Tickets are limited. Reservations must be in by July 10th, for the baseball game. The registration form may be found at usps.org. Your host for this event is Dearborn Sail & Power Squadron.



Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



Future Classes: This fall we plan to offer ABC3 (October 2 thru Nov. 20), Weather, Seamanship, and any other class or seminar if we can get instructors and students.

We need more volunteers to serve as class chairpersons - those who organize, schedule, and teach a course or seminar - so that we can teach more of the subjects available through USPS. Please look at the variety of subjects we can choose from at United States Power Squadron's website, <http://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.

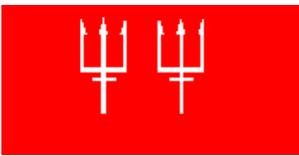
For discounts for USPS members on various products, go to the MEMBER BENEFITS page at the USPS web site

http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/benefitsdescription.htm#Techsoup



From Michigan History Magazine
March/April 2012

The opening engagement of the War of 1812 occurred when sailors from Fort Malden took possession of an American Schooner in the Detroit River, as depicted in Capture of the Cuyahoga by Peter Rindisbacher.



Executive Officer's Message P/C Frank Hoy, JN



Greetings AASPS Members.

As usual, summer has flown by and now we are headed into fall. I trust everyone got out on the water this summer and had a good time. The weather really affected boaters of all sizes and descriptions this summer. Low water levels actually closed parts of the Mississippi River and stopped much needed commercial shipping there. Locally, rivers and small ponds have dried up. Hopefully they will refill with water by next summer. Farmers have lost their entire summer crops due the drought. We all will feel the pinch as prices rise in the grocery stores.

As boaters, we depend on water for recreation use. The water level is down on Lake Charlevoix this summer, where I took this picture of a sailboat tied off on its mooring buoy. I think that someday someone will figure out a way to capture water in areas where it is abundant, and transport to areas where it is desperately needed in a cost effective manner. Let us all hope for the day that there is enough water for all our needs, without having to sustain ourselves through periods of prolonged drought. I hope to see everyone at our September meeting, Monday, the 17th, located at the Classic Cup Café, on Jackson Rd. We have a great program planned for that night, and again thanks for all you do to keep our squadron up and running.

Sailboat on lake Charlevoix



Lock Ness Scotland





Boating is fun... we'll show you how

A partial list of events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Sept. 4	USPS/D 9	Detroit Tigers Baseball Game . See page 5.
Sept. 4-9	USPS/D 9	USPS 2012 Governing Board meeting in Detroit. See The Ensign
Sept. 17	AASPS	meeting. See Page 3 Curtis Hoff talks about 'Cruising the Maine Coast'
Sept. 20-23		Metrobeach Boat show
Oct. 15	AASPS	meeting. 'Lawmen on the Water' by Cpl Robert Pasternack, Director of Marine Safety, Washtenaw Country Sheriff's Department.
Nov. 19	AASPS	meeting. 'U.S.S. Michigan and the Timber Wars' by Professor Charles Olson, UM Department of Natural Resoucrs.
Oct 26-28		D9 Fall Conference at Best Western Sterling Inn. See page 9 and 10

AASPS Booster Club

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron would like your support. \$25 lists your name and boat in the Porthole for one year. Please send a check to Marlene Barr, Treasurer, 1200 Whittier Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197-2152

Name	Boat Name	Date
John and Marlene Barr		June 2012
Art and Sharon Pinsak	Calypso	June 2012
Bob Cox		May 2013

Internet sites for other Squadron activities.

For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website

<http://annarborsailandpowersquadron.org>

and select District 9 Squadrons. A map showing each squadron's location with a link to its website is at your disposal, or http://www.annarborsailandpowersquadron.org/district9_links.html

Or alternatively, for a list of D-9 websites visit: <http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/squadrons.html>

Please check USPS website (www.USPS.org),

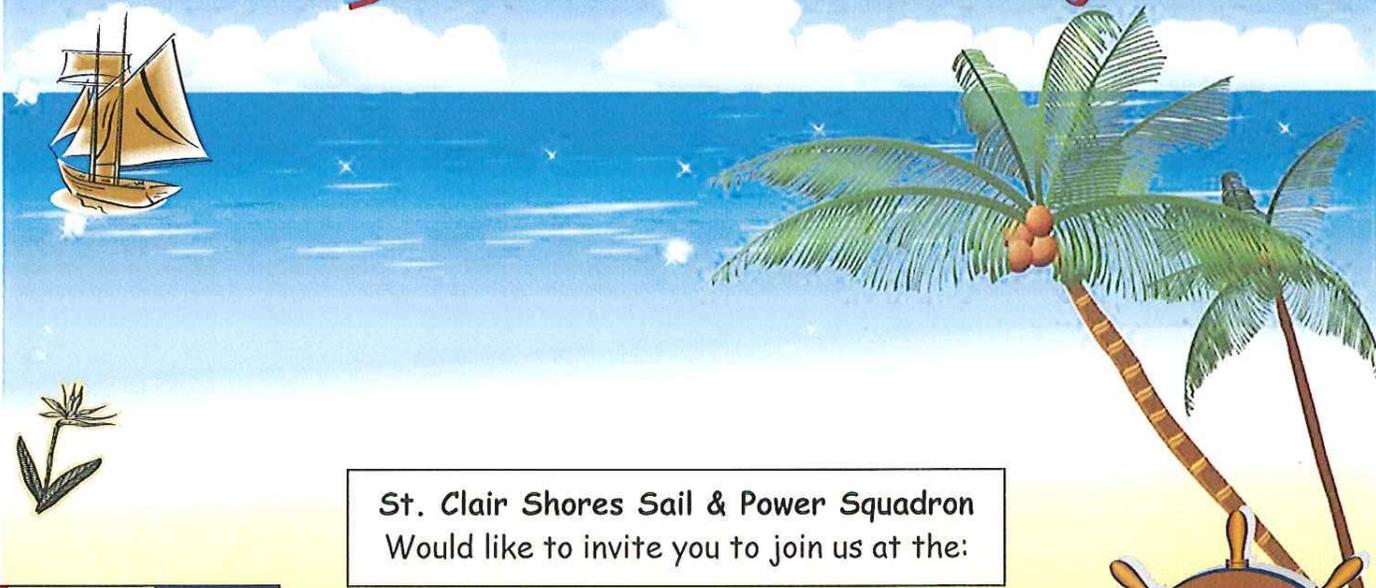
D9 website (<http://d9-usps.org/app/HomeContact.aspx>),

and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.

Come to the Shores of Paradise

October 26-27, 2012

District-9 Fall Conference



St. Clair Shores Sail & Power Squadron
Would like to invite you to join us at the:



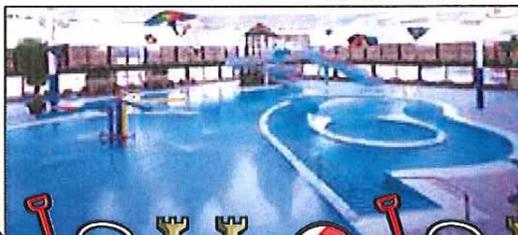
"Shores of Paradise" District-9 Fall Conference



Come and visit all the Hospitality Rooms, look for hidden treasures, attend interesting and educational seminars, visit the splash zone, fun for all ages. Mark your calendars now, you won't want to miss this unforgettable event... more details coming soon!

Location:

Best Western Sterling Inn
34911 Van Dyke Avenue
Sterling Heights, MI 48312
(800) 953-1400





October 26-28, D-9 Fall Conference Registration:
Best Western Sterling Inn ~ www.sterlinginn.com
34911 Van Dyke Avenue
Sterling Heights, MI 48312



To reserve hotel and hospitality rooms, please call the hotel no later than October 5th at 586-979-1400 or toll-free 800-953-1400 and reference the USPS District 9 Fall Conference to receive the special hotel room rate of \$89-99 per night plus tax.

- **Kids Crew:** We are excited to provide a kids crew this year, however participation info is needed! Please contact Linda Lumpkin at (586) 218-9255 no later than October 5th. The Indoor Water Park is open till 10pm, and the arcade is open until midnight. Call Linda for more info!



Please detach and mail checks with registration form no later than October 17th, payable to:

SCSSPS
23139 E. 13 Mile Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48082

Contact: Mike Boyle 586-531-2064

- **Friday ~ Island Theme w/ Prizes awarded:**

- 3 - 8 pm - Registration
- Hospitality Rooms

- **Saturday:**

- 8 am - 12 noon - **Seminars** (Ships Store till 2pm)
Registration desk open
- 12 noon ~ **Hot Lunch**
Chicken Parisian w/ Wild Rice and Michigan Cherry Salad
- 6 pm - 10 pm ~ **Dinner with Entertainment that you won't want to miss!**
Grand Three Entrée Dinner Buffet including Beef, Poultry and Fish w/ all the fixins.
* Child's Dinner (under 12)
Chicken Strips & French Fries
* Please contact Mike Boyle with any special meal/dietary needs.

_____ @ \$16.50 ea. = _____

_____ @ \$42.00 ea. = _____

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Total Enclosed: \$ _____

- **Saturday ~ Uniform of the Day:**

- Seminars & Business lunch: Uniform F (or USPS Blazer or appropriate attire)
- Dinner w/ Entertainment: Island Attire (or casual or appropriate attire)

RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	CERTIFICATE #	First Time Attendee?
					YES / No
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