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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Monday, 16 September 2013
the Carlyle Grill, 6 PM
3660 Jackson Rd.
Lat. 42° 17' 8"N, Long. 83° 48' 13"W**

6 pm: We will meet at the Carlyle Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor. West of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu. Please call Sharon Pinsak for reservations. 734-973-0441. Visit Carlyle Grill website to see the excellent menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>

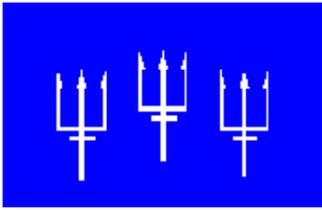


Carlyle Grill



Program: Cpt. Phil Klintworth, USN: “Breakfast under the Ice”. The talk discusses the trip under the Arctic ice pack made by submarines USS Aspro and USS Tautog in 1982. The trip included a surfacing at the North Pole, the first time in history that two submarines had surfaced at the pole in winter.





Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



First, I imagine that everyone has had a wonderful summer of marine activities, as have Jeannine and I. This is the first Porthole of the fall season so will include a number of topics.

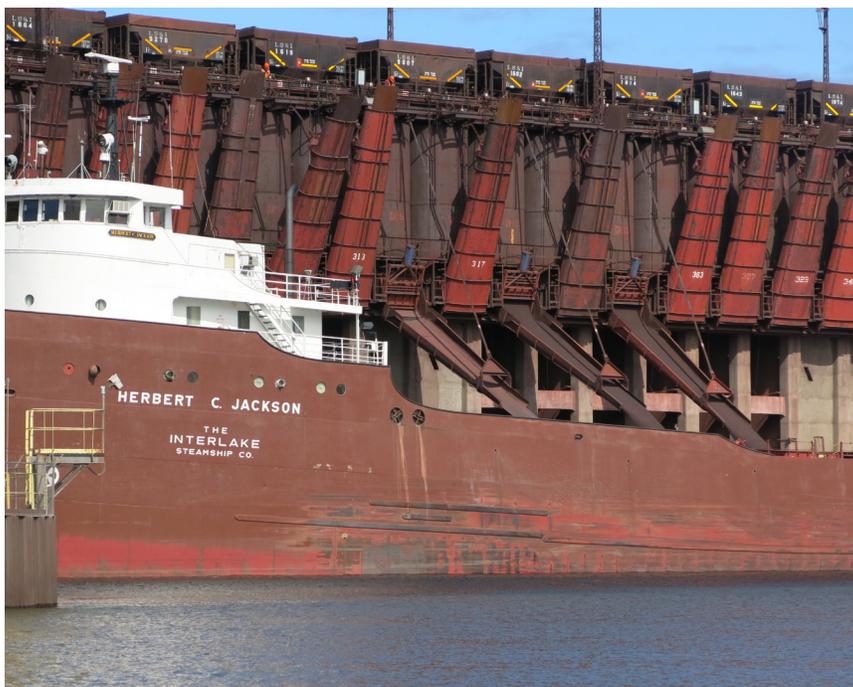
Our squadron has two exciting programs planned for the fall meetings. Philip Klintworth, Captain, USN (ret) will talk to us on Monday, September 16th at our first fall meeting at the Carlyle Grill. Phil is the former Univ. of Michigan NROTC commander. Prior to his Ann Arbor days, his career was devoted to commanding nuclear submarines. His topic will be "Breakfast under the Ice" as he tells us about his arctic cruise on board a nuclear submarine. I remember Phil's Rotary presentation when he was asked about another cruise, "What was your mission?" His reply, "To spoil somebody's day."

One of Tom Clancy's characters in several books including Hunt for Red October was the American submarine captain Bart Mancuso. Clancy could have patterned Bart Mancuso after Phil. You do not want to miss this high adventure program. Due to the room capacity at the Carlyle Grill, I would urge people to call Sharon Pinsak at (734) 973-0441 to reserve a space. Guests and potential new members are always most welcome.

Then our planned October 21st speaker will be Will Warner, a student from the last ABC program who sailed from Seattle to Honolulu this summer as part of the crew on board a 38' sailboat for a 3 week passage. This will be another high adventure program with more details in the next Porthole.

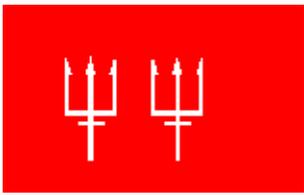
The District 9 Fall Conference is scheduled for October 11-13 at the ConCorde Inn in Clinton Township. The conference will be hosted by the Birmingham Squadron to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The Michigan football team is on the road October 12th at Penn State, so there is no conflict.

The fall ABC program will start Tuesday, October 8th at Washtenaw Community College. SEO Ron Schwartz will describe this in greater detail in the Education Section. Our squadron continues to teach the 12 hour program which includes charting and plotting leading to the navigation endorsement. This means that SEO Ron and I always need additional table proctors when we get to Weeks 6 to 8. Ron will distribute the syllabus separately.



Herbert C. Jackson loading iron ore at Marquette





Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



Bob and I had a delightful summer full of nautical activities. The evening cruise aboard the USCG Bristol Bay on the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair was excellent with many of our ABC students on board. The highlight for everyone is having the run of the cutter.

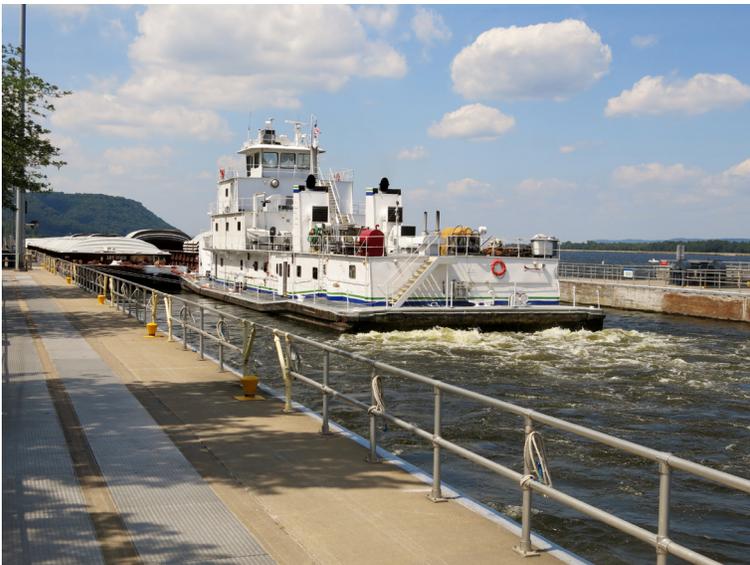
After visiting family in Chicago, we traveled to La Crosse, Wisconsin to stay with my college roommate. La Crosse is on the Mississippi River adjacent to Lock #7 so we could see the huge barge units, usually 18 separate barges being pushed by a tug as they locked their way along the river. River barge operation is very different from Great Lakes freighter operations; complex channels, shallow water, etc. We were able to follow the river traffic on the internet (www.marinetraffic.com) so we knew when to expect an arrival.

Duluth can be a boat-watcher's delight. The freighters all must pass through a narrow channel to reach the docks to load either taconite ore or thermal-grade coal from Wyoming. The Corps of Engineers Maritime Museum posted arrival and departure times for activity about 24 hours in advance, usually accurate to about 30 minutes. Due to the warm summer weather, it seemed that most of the tourists lined the shore to welcome the ships. Two Harbors, Minnesota usually has 1 ship a day but we did not have any luck there.

Our next stop was Marquette. We arrived just as Interlake Steamship Company's Herbert C. Jackson started to load ore under the chutes. Seeing the chutes drop, hearing the ore crash down, then watching the Jackson settle lower in the water under her load was an amazing sight. We left for dinner but returned to find that Jackson was gone and Mesabi Miner had arrived to unload coal, a slow process that required most of the evening.

Finally we discovered that our new smart cell phone, an iPhone 4s, could be used as a reasonably good guide for inland lake boating by using the satellite map feature. It functioned well as a chart plotter on Higgins Lake.

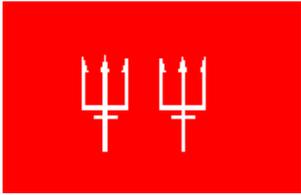
Bob and I are looking forward to our fall programs.



New Dawn leaving Lock #5 on the Mississippi River

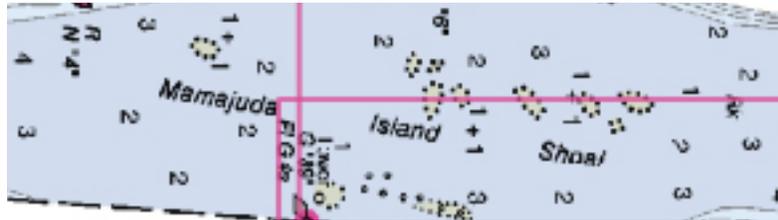


Presque Isle entering Duluth harbor



Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life



Our ABC class starts Oct. 6 at Washtenaw Community College - contact Cdr. Bob Buchanan. P (734) 971-6589.

Michigan History magazine for September/October 2013 has a story by Patricia Majher, about the 15 year old Maebella Mason, living in the Lighthouse on Mamajuda Island Shoal in the Detroit River east of Point Hennepin/Grosse Ile, rescued a man in the Detroit River on May 11, 1890. The Shoal is labeled on Chart 14854 that can be seen in the Coastal Navigator program that comes with our ABC course. Point Hennepin was named for Father Louis Hennepin, a Catholic Priest who traveled in the Great lakes with Robert de la Salle in the 17th century.

USPS Basic Boating Classes can be found at toll free 1-888-367-8777 (1-888-FOR-USPS) Or go to www.usps.org

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, 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.

Download NOAA BookletCharts Free and treat yourself to a desktop cruise. Use google earth to see pictures from the area. www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/BookletChart.html



Hurricane on East Coast

Weather Course About 8 to 10 weeks. Please contact Lt. Randy Stevenson, AP for details. 734-429-5099.

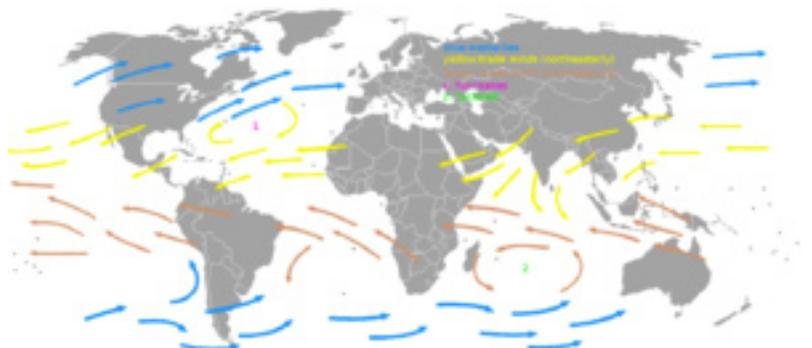
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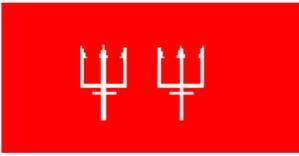
Cost is \$64 for members and \$144 for non-members.

Clouds, and the easterly and westerly trade winds, and jet streams - caused by the earth's rotation and uneven heating by the sun - are explained in our weather course.



Can you name these cloud types ?





Executive Officer's Message

P/C Frank Hoy, JN



A-Hoy There Friends,

It's hard to believe that summer is winding down already. I have kept busy all summer doing a variety of fun things. I am glad to announce that Lt/C Curtis Hoff and I completed more vessel safety inspections this year than we did last year. This accomplishment was not without some problems created by me when I lost the original 10 stickers sent to me by national. I went out June 9th without any stickers, and inspected 8 boats, all of which passed inspection. Once I finally got some more stickers I mailed them to the boaters I had inspected on June 9. This will probably be our last year in the VSC program. The United States Power Squadron doesn't lend a helping hand the way they used to.

On to other business. I spent last Saturday, 8/31/13, in the "Around the Island Race" on Mackinaw Island. This is a traditional sailboat race held every Labor Day weekend. I was invited to crew on 'Blue Skye', a 36 foot Nonsuch, owned by Joe Valley. The winds were light, but the sun was shining, and everyone had a great time, even though we didn't win. I have attached some pictures from the race.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and getting caught up on all of summer activities.



Grand Hotel



Marina



West end



East end

A Partial List of Events

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SPONSOR</u> | <u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---|
| Sept. 16 | AASPS | General Meeting. See Page 3. |
| Oct. 6 | AASPS | ABC class at Washtenaw Community College. See page 6. |
| Oct. 11-13 | D9/BPS | District Conference. See pages 9 and 10. |

Internet sites for other Squadron activities.
For quick access to any of the D-9 Squadrons, click on the Links section of our website
www.aaspsq.org
and select District 9 Squadrons
Please check USPS website www.USPS.org
and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.
D-9 websites: <http://www.d9-usps.org/>



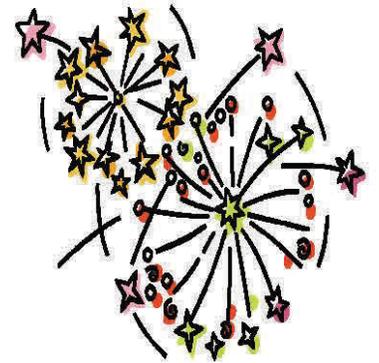
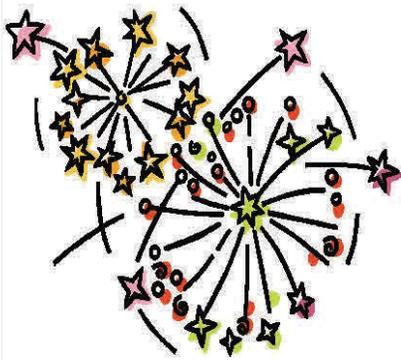
Lake of the Woods in Minnesota has 14,000 islands and a storied cabin culture. It is also the site of the Lake of the Woods International Sailing Association Regatta. Photo by Theresa F. McGraw



2013 District 9 Fall Conference

11 - 13 October 2013

Hosted by Birmingham Power Squadron



50th Anniversary Year
1963 - 2013

Theme:
Celebrating
"Then and Now"

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In Celebration of their 50th Anniversary
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Join Birmingham Power Squadron as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary at the District 9 Fall Conference with the theme “Then and Now.” Many changes in boating, technology, fashion, etc. have occurred in the last fifty years. Each squadron can decide how they want to interpret the theme. But, most of all, it should be fun and entertaining!

Plans for the weekend include special guest speakers, great food, a chance at some excellent prizes for those in attendance at Saturday night’s banquet, dancing after dinner Saturday night to live music provided by *Legend the Band* featuring your favorite dance music from the 50s to the 80s and, of course, Birmingham Power Squadron’s famous ice cream sundaes. This is guaranteed to be a fun weekend that you won’t want to miss!

Location:

ConCorde Inn, 44315 Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Township, MI 48036, (586) 493-7300

<http://www.concordeinn.com/cthome.html>

Room reservations MUST BE made no later than 07 October 2013. Call the ConCorde Inn directly at (586) 493-7300 and mention Registration Code **1012D** to get the USPS discounted room rate of \$79.99 per night for a two-night stay or \$99.99 for a one-night stay. Hospitality Room rates are \$79.99 per night. Quoted room rates do not include 6% Tax and 3 ½% Occupancy Tax. Check-in time is 1500 with checkout by 1200. Deluxe continental breakfast is included for those staying at the hotel and is available on Saturday and Sunday from 0600 to 1200. Free Wi-Fi is available in all rooms.

| RANK | LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | GRADE | CERTIFICATE # | SQUADRON | First Time Attendee? Yes / No |
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| BUSINESS LUNCH | Cobb Salad: _____ @ \$24 ea = _____ | _____ @ \$27 ea = _____ |
| | Lemon Chicken: _____ @ \$24 ea = _____ | _____ @ \$27 ea = _____ |
| DINNER/ENTERTAINMENT | Buffet: _____ @ \$46 ea = _____ | _____ @ \$51 ea = _____ |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ (No meal reservations after 30 September 2013) | | |

Mail to:
P/C Dave Kowalski, SN
59522 Sunridge Drive
New Hudson, MI 48165

DRESS CODE: Morning & Conference – Uniform F or USPS Blazer / Dinner – Uniform A w/Bow Tie or Appropriate Dress for Theme

For additional information, contact registrar P/C Dave Kowalski, SN at (248) 330-4346 or dkkowalski@comcast.net