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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
Monday, 14 October 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

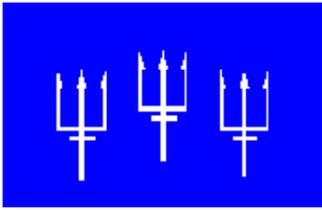
Will Warner  
after 20 days  
offshore



**Program: Will Warner: *Three Weeks under Sail to Hawaii.*** Our October speaker was a student from the last ABC class who sailed from Seattle to Honolulu this summer on a 38' sailboat.



First anchorage, Honolua Bay, Maui



## Commander's Message

Cdr. Robert Buchanan, P



Our squadron October meeting will be October 14th , not the 21st. This is necessary due to room availability at the Carlyle.

Our October program promises to be thrilling. Three Weeks under Sail will be described by William Warner. Will, his brother-in-law John, and a friend sailed a 38' sailboat, Valkyrie, from Seattle to Hawaii this last summer. Many of us watched Valkyrie's progress across the Pacific via their daily web postings which described course, speed, and winds. The 4 pictures here show Valkyrie dockside in Seattle, an example of the daily postings, arrival at Maui with a rainbow, also at anchor in Maui.

Will's sail is an adventure of a lifetime which made me secretly jealous; I would kill to have such an experience. I imagine that we will learn about the logistics of a 3 week sail across the Pacific; provisions, water, energy, health, communications, weather. This presentation will be pure high adventure. Will also has a video of Valkyrie making passage on a broad reach with a swell system running off their port quarter.

In Nordic mythology, Valkyrie was the goddess who decided whether warriors would live or die in battle. The Ride of the Valkyries is the popular theme for the beginning of Act III of the opera Die Walküre composed by Richard Wagner, first written in July 1851.

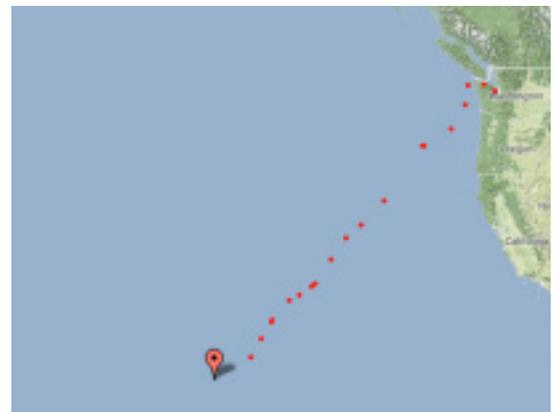
For the folks unable to attend the September meeting, Philip Klintworth, Captain, USN (ret) presented Subs under the Arctic. Phil was captain of the SSN Tautog which engaged in an antisubmarine exercise along with the SSN Asbro for 6 weeks under the arctic ice. Operating a nuclear submarine under arctic ice requires a down-looking fathometer to detect depth under the sub, an up-looking sonar to provide clearance from the sub to the ice above, and a forward-looking sonar to detect ice ahead. Using this information, the sub can then navigate relatively safely. If the ice is less than 6' thick, the sub can surface by retracting all the masts and rotating the horizontal fins into a vertical position.

When surfaced in the ice, an armed guard needed to be posted to guard for polar bears should anyone want to step off onto the ice. Phil showed amazing photographs of both his Tautog and Asbro surfaced together, then several pictures of Asbro submerging, leaving only a break in the cold arctic ice.

Please give attention to the Secretary's Comments. We are planning a change in meeting format starting in October.



Valkyrie dockside in Seattle.



A position report as posted on the internet.



Valkyrie arriving with a rainbow



Valkyrie at anchor in Maui



## Secretary's Message

Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



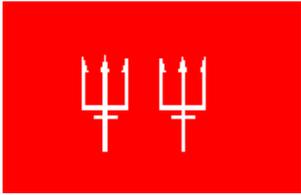
First, we learned at the September meeting the importance of an RSVP to our diligent social chairperson, Sharon Pinsak; we had to add another table and chairs at the last minute. Her phone which has an answering machine on it is 734-973-0441. A call to Sharon only takes a moment and will help us prepare more efficiently for our meeting.

We are delighted with the Carlyle Grill for squadron meetings and would like to continue the tradition of ordering off the menu. Other squadrons have an evening buffet but this would be difficult because of our relatively small number which would create planning problems. However, ordering from the menu introduces a time delay while the kitchen fills a variety of different meal requests. This period can be a delightful time for conversation.

However, I have suggested to the Commander that he conduct the squadron business meeting while we are waiting for our meals to arrive. This will work especially well if the squadron business is short and the program is full. This also means that the speaker need not be hurried and we would have time for discussion of the program. In summary, I suggest this order; 1) wine and conversation, 2) order food, 3) Pledge of Allegiance and meeting, 4) Invocation 5) our dinner, 6) the program.

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](http://www.aaspsq.org) and select District 9 Squadrons. D-9 websites: <http://d9-usps.org/>  
Please check USPS website [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org) and websites of squadrons near you for their activities that you might want to attend.





# Education Officer's Message

Lt/C Ron Schwartz, SN, Life

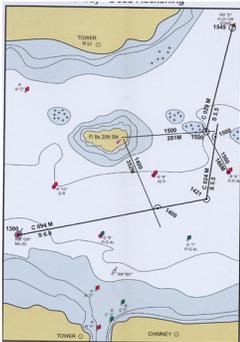


Our ABC class starts Oct. 8 at Washtenaw Community College - contact Cdr. Bob Buchanan. P (734) 971-6589.

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

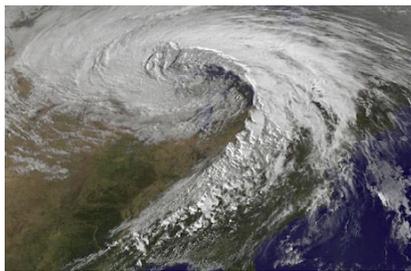
Congratulations to our successful Seamanship Class students Peter Hinman, Debra Iacovacci, Robert Iacovacci, and Ross Keddle

We need more volunteers to serve as class chairpersons - those who organize, schedule, and teach a courses 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](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.



Charting example

**Piloting Course** will start Tuesday Oct. 22 for about 10 weeks if we have enough students. Please contact the class chairman P/C Art Pinsak, SN, 734-973-0441, for details. Classes will be held at St. Joseph's Hospital Education Center. Course covers several aspects of charting your cruise. A description is at <http://www.uspsorg-national/eddept/p/main.htm> Cost is \$55 for members and \$135 for non-members.



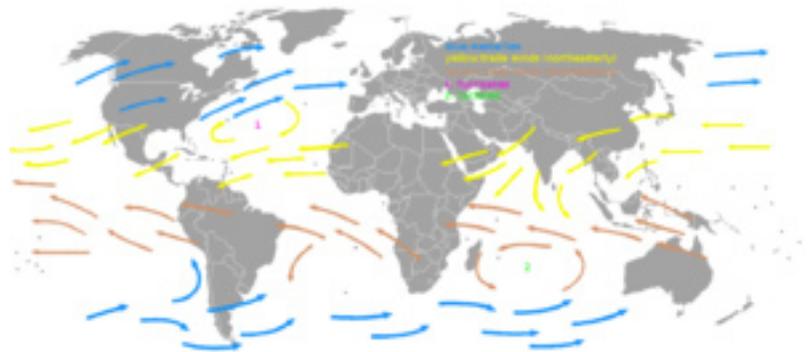
Hurricane on East Coast

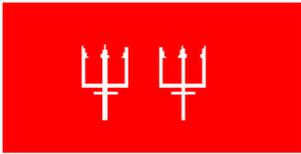
**Weather Course** About 8 to 10 weeks. Please contact Lt. Randy Stevenson, AP for details. 734-429-5099. [rstevenson@accioenergy.com](mailto:rstevenson@accioenergy.com) Cost is \$64 for members and \$144 for non-members.

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.



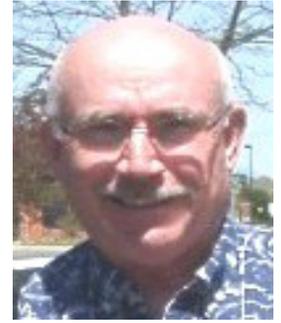
What kind of clouds are these ?





# Executive Officer's Message

P/C Frank Hoy, JN



A Hoy Mates,

I was in Bimini this past April with Curtis Hoff, onboard *Hither 'N Yon*. *Hither 'N Yon* is pictured in Bimini. It was a very interesting place, and very beautiful. We stayed at Browns Marina (gate in picture), a very nice place to be in April. The sailboat is a dive charter in the Bahamas. It had about 20 people on it, besides the crew, who were diving in the area. The hull of a lost ship is shown on the west beach of Bimini. We also tried our hand at fishing. We caught "Trigger" fish, as shown in the picture. They had very big teeth, and very thick skin. We left Bimini and moved the boat up to Brunswick, GA. It was a great trip. Thank you Curtis.

The boating season is slowing down for the summer here. It has been a great summer for me. I hope everyone has enjoyed many adventures on the water. I'm looking forward to helping with the ABC Boating course this fall. Please stay involved with our squadron, and thank you for all you do for our squadron.



Miami to Bimini



Bimini Islands in The Bahamas

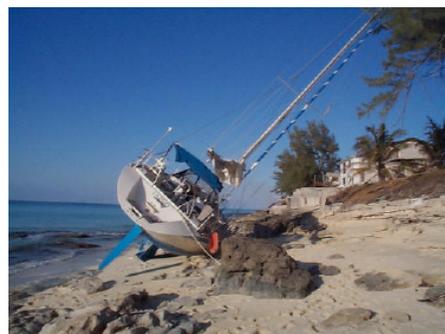


Beach At Bimini Bay by Lyle's Photogs

Alice Town is located on North Bimini island. It is the centre of the tourist trade on the island: there are several hotels, bars and restaurants. North of Alice Town is the main settlement (where most islanders live) called Bailey Town. To the north of Bailey Town is Porgy Bay (from Wikipedia).



Bimini Sands Resorts by Lyle's Photogs



Sailboat on the Rocks. Photo by GunterOTT



Hither 'N Yon photo by Frank Hoy



Gate to Browns Marina in Alice Town, Bimini



Mangrove



The hull of a lost ship



Dive boat photo by Frank Hoy



Bimini Sunrise photo by Jer8994



Alice Town, Bimini beach, west side of island

Homes in Alice Town





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A Partial List of Events

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>EVENT AND LOCATION</u>
Oct. 8	AASPS	ABC class at Washtenaw Community College. See page 6.
Oct. 11-13	D9/BPS	District Conference. See page 7.
Oct. 14	AASPS	General Meeting, 6 PM at Carlyle Grill. See page 3.

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Blazer 46 Long  
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Insignia included. An opportunity to acquire necessary items for fall and winter business and social events.

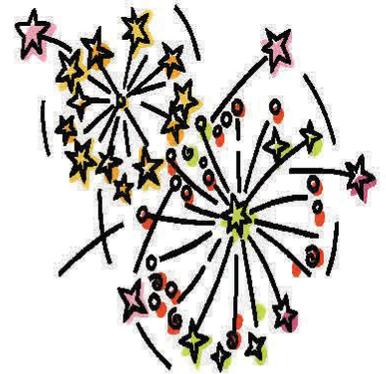
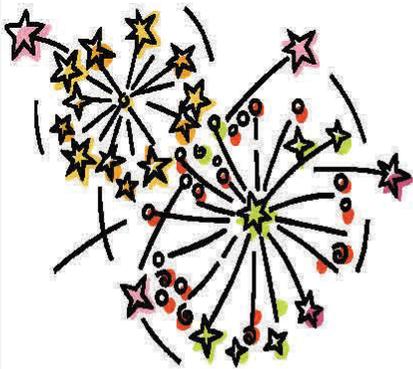
Contact: Art Pinsak (734) 973-0441 or [apnsharon@aol.com](mailto:apnsharon@aol.com)



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Join Birmingham Power Squadron as they celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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](mailto:dkkowalski@comcast.net)