White Shoal Lighthouse, Lake Michigan
Coordinates 45°50′32″ N 85°8′7″ W

Photo by D/Lt Peggy Schwaller, AP

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Call to Special Council Meeting
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To: D9 Bridge, D9 General Committee Chairs, Squadron Commanders, Voting D9 Past District Commanders, Voting D9 Past District Educational Officers.

You are invited and requested to attend.

D9 Special Council Meeting Saturday, 18 April 2020 at 1000 electronically using FreeConferenceCall
Details to follow Week of April 13

Bill Bailey at the Wheel of Cavalier cruising in the Straits

Jan Stone’s photos with the impressive Mackinaw Bridge in the background are of Bill Bailey piloting Cavalier westward through the Straits of Mackinaw toward Lake Michigan.

The Photos were taken by Jan Stone on 29 July 2018 at 0642 with Tom Stone at the wheel of S’surprise leaving Mackinaw City and heading back to the home base area of Traverse City.

Photo on the cover and above are two of the many boating photos on the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron facebook.
DATE: 27 March 2020

TO: District 9 Bridge, District 9 General Committee Chairs and Squadron Commanders, Voting District 9 Past District Commanders, Voting Past District Educational Officers.

FROM: D/C Ralph Ziegler, JN

SUBJECT: CALL TO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 18 April 2020

A Special District 9 Council Meeting will be on Saturday, 18 April 2020, beginning at 1000. You are invited and requested to attend.

Place: Electronically using FreeConferenceCall Details to follow the week of 13 April 2020

Meeting Time: 1000 hours

Requirements for a Special Council Meeting

Bylaws Article 5
Section 5.4: Special meetings of the Council … may be called by: (1) the commander…
Section 5.4.1: The commander shall select the date, time and place of such special meetings…
Section 5.4.2: The business of any special meeting shall be limited to action upon the agenda items contained in the meeting notice.
Section 5.6: Notice of any district meeting shall be sent by the secretary to members of the Council…Not less that 15 days prior to the date of a special meeting.

Agenda Items:
1. Donation to USPS Education Fund – P/R/C Gene VanRhee
2. Budget extension into 2020/2021 term.
3. Appointment of D/Lt Peggy Schwaller AP to position of Assistant Secretary until Spring Conference in April 2021. Position vacant due to resignation of current Asst. Secretary.
4. 2021 Spring Conference to be held 9-11 April 2021 at Shanty Creek.

Voting Members of Council - The voting members of the Council are: the District Commander, the District Lieutenant Commanders, the most recent nine Past District Commanders who are active members of a Squadron of District 9, the most recent three Past District Educational Officers who are active members of a Squadron of District 9, Chairs of the General Committees, and Squadron Commanders. In the absence of the Squadron Commander, the Squadron Executive Officer or Squadron Administrative Officer may act for the Commander. In the absence of an officer for whom there is an elected assistant, the assistant may act for the principal. At any meeting of Council, 50% of the members of Council shall constitute a quorum.

I look forward to seeing you electronically at our 2020 Special Council Meeting.

Fraternally,

D/C Ralph Ziegler, JN
United States Power Squadrons®

Headquarters closed Friday, March 27, at 5 p.m. through April 17

Chief's Message Regarding CoronaVirus
March 17, 2020

COVID-19 continues to challenge us as we all desire a return to ‘normal’ with ourselves, our families, our communities, and our squadrons. We must, however, proceed to ‘hunker down’ (hurricane preparation lingo) for a while. All is not lost; there are things you can do to not just entertain yourself during this downtime, but to educate yourself.

For instance, take a look at our online offerings:

1. **Courses and Seminars:** [https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education](https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education)

2. **America’s Boating Channel – view all of the YouTube videos:** [https://americasboatingchannel.com/](https://americasboatingchannel.com/)

3. **Become a Vessel Safety Examiner!** Study the manual and take the exam online: [https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/12000/12900](https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/12000/12900)

4. **Member Benefits** – have you looked at all of them recently? You can be saving $$$: [https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/1450001/benefits-alphabetical](https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/1450001/benefits-alphabetical)

**UPDATES: from the Board of Directors and Executive Director:**

1. **Our headquarters building in Raleigh will be closed the remainder of this week** (17-20 Mar 2020). Calls and emails will be monitored. A message was sent to all district and squadron commanders today.

2. **Also, with regard to squadron and district meetings, votes, changes of watch, etc.:** while we do not have a formal (unbelievable, I know, given the size and scope of our Operations Manual and Bylaws) procedure for conducting business when a national emergency has occurred, the National Committee on Rules position is: “…for squadrons and districts to conduct business by the best available means while preserving the safety and security of our members”; thus you may make use of electronic means.

3. **The Educational Department is in the process of creating a Virtual Meeting Indocribination seminar** which will be sent to all district and squadron commanders. Target: in hands early next week!

4. **Vessel Safety Examiners:** The USCGAux has recommended that examiners suspend performing Vessel Safety Checks until further notice. We support that recommendation.

I wish you fair winds, calm seas, and good health.

Mary Paige Abbott
Chief Commander
Hello to all,

I must say it has been an interesting time since our 2019 Fall Conference. Besides the normal attendance of Changes of Watches, Commander’s Balls and Christmas parties, I had a rather unique experience. I had the pleasure of attending my United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 22 Change of Watch as the United States Power Squadrons District Nine District Commander. This was unique in the fact that I am also a USCGAux member and at this meeting spoke about the relationship of both organizations. I also met USCGAux District 9 Central District Commodore Susan Thurlow. She is a great person and I had the opportunity to invite her to our Spring Conference in Shanty Creek which she thought she would be able to attend.

Now getting down to the business at hand. Plans for the Council, Spring Conference are in the cancellation mode. Because of the national and state emergency measures, we had to take this step. The District Bridge will be formulating a plan and will review it for approval through the Council for the future election and Change of Watch. We will keep our member apprised of these plans as they are ready for implementation.

As I mentioned in the past, we are always concerned about membership loss and recruiting new members. Please note that each and every one of you are the membership committee and it is you that have the ability to recruit members. We do boat shows, Vessel Safety checks and classes, but it is each of you who make the difference on whether someone joins us or not. So don’t be bashful, talk up the Power Squadron, America’s Boating Club: we are a great organization and a great group of people, so let’s get out there sell ourselves.

DC Ralph Ziegler, JN

2020 National Meeting Photos by D/Lt LeRoy Strey
Sawgrass Resort, Florida
L to R around table: Maureen & Bill Smith (Detroit) Julian Fiander, Linda & Mike Downie, Tom Geggie, Dave Kowalski (Birmingham)
P/C/C Joe Gatfield (CPS-ECP) Joyce Strey (Detroit)          Photo by LeRoy Strey (Detroit) Pictured.

L to R around table: Gary & Kim Ratcliff (Wyandotte) Bonny Utz (Grosse Pointe) Jan Hartesvelt (Grand Traverse Bay) Rose Stano (Grosse Pointe)  D/C Ralph Ziegler, MaryAnn Jensen (Lansing) Guy Leslie (Grand Traverse Bay) Ron Utz (Grosse Pointe)  Cheri & Frank Muylaert (Dearborn)
I’m writing this on March 16, 2020 from snowy northern Michigan. As you know, life is changing every instant of everyday with cancellations and postponements of gatherings and events. My hope is that when we read this document that all is well with our members and our families. I’ve prayed more in the past week than I have all winter.

Getting excited about being D/C isn’t easy at a time like this. I thank those of you who have called me, reminding me of what I should be doing to prepare. E-mails of encouragement are appreciated as well.

Soon we’ll get our boats uncovered and launched. Every summer I’m amazed that Grand Traverse Bay can warm up enough to swim and sail on her after such long brutal winters. If I could bottle the wonderful feeling of spray on my face after slicing through a huge wave, of watching sea gulls hang on the wind above the water, the warmth of the sun on my face….I’d be a wealthy woman. Let’s all have a safe boating season. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone throughout the year at our events.

Jan
D/Lt/C David Kowalski, SN-CN
District Educational Officer
deo@d9-usps.org

Member of America’s Boating Club-Birmingham Squadron
Birmingham Power Squadron

Hello all,

It has been a strange and eventful time since we last met. Looking back, I’m not really sure where all the time has gone. My mission has been to empower all of squadrons with the confidence to approach their members who have taken Instructor Development in the past and get them recertified. I am very pleased with the efforts that have been made. Please, keep up the good work. Paraphrasing a line, I heard somewhere – If we build a great instructor base, start getting material that is timely, high quality, relevant to the current boaters and people start recognizing who we are…they will come. There is nothing worse than telling a prospective student how great your programs are and then having to explain that you can’t tell them when that item will be offered.

Before I get too far, I am obligated to inform you that we were shamed at the last two national meetings – along with quite a few other districts – for not providing a Chapman Award Nominee. The form has changed: it is no longer your fathers’ application. This new form is electronic. You fill it out at your computer. Most of the information needed is right in HQ-800. The sooner you start will make completing everything on time much easier. You will probably end up with so much extra time you will rewrite the submission several times. I am looking forward to a competition.

P/D/Lt/C Tom Smith, SN-CN has been very busy working with the United States Coast Guard to get the 2020 Educational Cruise up and running. Tom has also been very busy dealing with the State of Michigan on a couple of projects. Tom is a member of the Basic Public Education Committee, a national committee that is responsible for ABC3 and getting it to be compliant with NASBLA and each individual state that we teach the course in, amongst a myriad of other duties. Tom has been getting approval for Michigan’s Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) along with 4 other states. He has gotten a link on the MI DNR website to America’s Boating Club website that will provide courses and contacts by zip code – provided the HQ-800 was filled out properly and in time. He is also helping to ensure that all peace officers in the state recognize our (USPS) card as a valid safe boating course completion certificate. I am trying to keep this short so I will just say if you see him, thank him for his effort on our behalf.

Finally, Sawgrass was a beautiful venue, a little cool but beautiful. A lot of time was spent on the rollout of new course material, what was coming soon, and where we are heading. I will cover that in more detail when I am able to. The good news, at least to me, was that the turnover to new leadership will not break the momentum that has started since the America’s Boating Club rebranding has started. It might sound like I drank the purple Kool-Aid to some of you, but I believe this is something we need to follow in order to expand our name recognition.

Tom Smith has been very busy and has some information we think is important for all our members.

Please keep in mind several things when offering ABC3 to the public.

We do not charge a fee for the course; all monies collected are to cover expenses incurred for offering the course such as the book, cost of the meeting space, and AV equipment. We do not pay our instructors or take money for the instruction.

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Be sure that all students who pass the course with a score of 80% or higher on each (graded separately) exam receive a wallet card from USPS. There are TWO tests from USPS – 50 questions that are labeled either 1A or 1B and 10 questions that are specific to the State of Michigan. Our wallet card and/or certificate is all that is needed to fulfill the State of Michigan boating education laws.

If you still want to issue a Michigan DNR card, you must abide by their rules. You need 2 DNR certified instructors, you need to post on the DNR web site, you must administer their test along with our 60 questions, you must submit all paperwork to the DNR, and all other rules I have not listed.

There are On the Water Guides in the ABC manual. Take advantage of them if you can. There is a lot of downloadable help on the ABC Downloadable Material page. It is there for you to use.

Tom will be communicating with SEOs and CDRs with respect to 2020 BOC programs. There are plans for America's Boating Clubs BOC schools to offer classes at their school on Lake Erie toward the end of this summer. This will be for all candidates who have their passport and have completed the required skills training. Additionally, locally, our D9 certifiers will offer IN (Inland Navigator), and CN (Coastal Navigator) on the water certification again this summer.

Squadrons (clubs) should take advantage of On the Water guides for all classes and explore opportunities for Jump Start and OTW.

D9 Educational Cruise - As previously communicated, we have agreement with USCG Bristol Bay to resume our D9 Educational Cruise. Although the "Coasties" have been unable to commit a specific date, they have advised that it would be the week of June 22. This too, is dependent upon the status of the Corona Virus Pandemic.

I hope everyone stays safe so that we can meet again in person soon.

Dave
D/Lt/C David Kowalski, SN-CN
District 9 Educational Officer

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Certifications will include, Certifier, Certifier Trainer and Certifier Instructor
The CPR & First Aid Class taught at the National Meeting from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. by an AHA Certified Instructor provided a two year certification through the American Red Cross. Upon training completion students received an AHA Course Completion Card in CPR & First Aid which meets the requirements for the USPS BOC Certification and USCG for a Captain’s License. An AHA approved CPR Face Mask (in the red cases on student’s desks) was required for the course.

The Finley medal is presented to individuals who have provided outstanding civic service, educational proficiency and leadership roles to both Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons.

CPS-ECP P/C/C Joe Gatfield, JN
Diane & CPS-ECP C/C Peter Bolton, SN
Canadian Power Squadron

USPS P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN and P/C Jay Montgomery, AP (Port Huron)
Awarded the USPS® Finley Sea Scout Service Award

Photo by Jay Montgomery’s Son
Our world is changing every day and it’s hard to predict what our boating world will look like in a couple of months. “Stay in Place” is hard on us boaters; we tend to be social people who like to get together and talk about our boating experiences; the one that got away, experience with bottom paint, surfing into the channel on a big wave. The administrative office is responsible for internal functions in your squadrons – gatherings, social events, fellowship, member acquisition, member benefits.

How do we keep our connection at this time? Technology can be our friend. Many of you still are not on facebook; yes there’s a lot of crap (can I say that?) on it but it’s also full of great ways to communicate with your fellow boaters as well as wonderful boating articles. I urge you to join facebook and become friends with your fellow boaters; you never know when you may discover a new friendship along the way. I will be sending administrative officers in your squadrons some ideas of how to stay connected via your newsletter or other forums. Work on planning your next cruise, learning a new skill while we take a deep breath and slow down. Check out the member benefits on the America’s Boating Club website – we have a lot of great benefits including the new DAN Boater.

If you are so inclined there are a multitude of ways to promote your squadron through volunteerism. Many schools are supplying free lunches to children for pick up; why not create some knot kits with a piece of line and an instruction sheet compliments of your squadron in a baggie which can be included with the lunches being distributed OR some boating activity sheets from our coloring books. Little things that can relieve harried parents not used to homeschooling will be appreciated and remembered by them.

Looking forward to seeing all of you when boating season begins. In the meantime – check out my facebook page to see what new thing you might learn about me!

Alanna

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Alanna holding the Saturday a.m. Seminar on Social Media to promote ABC
Facebook, Meetup, etc.
D9 2019 Fall Conference
Photos from the 2019 D9 Fall Conference - Thanks Photographers

Conference Hosts
Mount Clemens
Saginaw Bay

2019 Cdr Debbie Foley 2019 Cdr Cindy Sinicki

D9 Hostess Sally

SPORT-RED WINGS - Mount Clemens

SPORT of SAIL to PINK PONY BAR - Grosse Pointe

SPORT of GOLF - Saginaw Bay & Flint

SPORT SEA HORSE RACING - Birmingham

SPORT SEAHORSE RACING - Detroit

SPORT NEWS REPORTERS - Wyandotte

SPORT OF HUNTING - Detroit

D9 Host Bartender Chet & Kids

SPORT-TIGERS - Lansing

D9 2019 Fall Conference Luncheon Meeting - Reports & Awards

April, Spring 2020

District 9 Interlaker
On March 3, 2020 I was honored to fulfill an invitation from USCGAux Commodore Joe Chenevert to attend the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18-07 meeting at the Coast Guard Station Belle Ile and present an overview of America’s Boating Club (United States Power Squadrons) and its missions. D/Lt Peggy Schwaller, AP and I were warmly greeted by Flotilla 18-7 Detroit leaders Commander James Faile, Vice Commander Donald Lozen and Auxiliary members (seasoned and young). We enjoyed being guests and representing America’s Boating Club (National and of Detroit) and I enjoyed participating in their meeting. Check out the meeting photos and photos of interest on Flotilla 18-7 Detroit’s Facebook:


Most of our District 9 squadron members have known USCGAux Commodore Joe Chenevert and his lovely spouse Judy Chenevert for several years and consider both of the Chenevert’s as friends. For years Joe and Judy have joined us at the District Conferences and the Educational Cruises. Commodore Joe often addresses the members during the Saturday D9 business meeting and has written safety articles for the D9 newsletter, Interlaker. Joe and Judy have joined us for informal fun at the conferences’ Friday eve hospitality rooms and semi-formal Saturday eve banquets.

Since the District 9 Spring Conference at the Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan has cancelled due to the highly contagious Coronavirus, district and squadron editors and webmasters will receive the USPS 2019 Distinctive Communicator Award (DCA) Certificate sometime/somewhere this Spring, probably from your squadron commander. In the meantime visit the USPS Communication Committee website and download the 2019 logo.

https://www.usps.org/departments/15000/15800

**Congratulations to the editors** of the: The Bilge Chatter, Anchor Lines, Dumping Grounds, Waterspout, 45th Parallel, Tars & Tripe, Crow’s Nest, Mooring lines, SPLASH! and D9 Interlaker.

**Congratulations to the webmasters** of: Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Grand Traverse Bay, Grosse Pointe, Lansing, Mount Clemens, Saginaw Bay, Wyandotte and D9.

The DCA evaluation year is 1 January to 31 December for publications and 1 January to 30 November for websites.

Al, D9 Secretary
Week of August 5, 1989 marked the 199th birthday of the United States Coast Guard.

Each member carried a staff with squadron name and burgee attached. This group was followed by a white convertible carrying D/C William Bayer, N (Warren Power Squadron) and his wife Claire. A beautiful twenty four foot trailer and boat pulled by a late model sedan decorated with flags and Ensign was next. Aboard the boat was a family wearing proper PFD’s and waiving to the crowd. Signs on the sides of the car and boat proclaimed, “United States Power Squadrons” and “We Teach Safe Boating.” Grand Haven has a special relationship with the U. S. Coast Guard and the cutter USCGC Escanaba WPG-7. Historian Articles from old USPS ENSIGNS (USCG traces its founding to August 4, 1790)

In 1998 Grand Haven became the first USA city designated a "Coast Guard City" designated as such by the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard on application of the local civilian government. Wikipedia

When and Why have USPS Squadrons become involved in the Vessel Safety Check Program?

In the February 2000 issue of The ENSIGN, C/C Lance Jensen’s bridge message discussed the new Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program and how USPS members could become involved.

On 29 January 2000, the USPS Chief Commander Arthur H. Farr signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX) to participate in the Vessel Safety Check Program (VSCP).

Beginning 1 May 2000 the new VSCP, Vessel Safety Check Program was launched nationwide by the USCG Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons.

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Officer’s Report

D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP
District 9 Treasurer
treasurer@d9-usps.org

Member of America’s Boating Club of Grosse Pointe
Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

We are facing some trying times. The Covid-19 virus has brought our nation to a standstill. We must stay home! Under Michigan’s law recreational motorboating is not allowed. America’s Boating Clubs are cancelling all events. District Nine has attended National Meeting, Change of Watches and Local Boat Shows. Expenses has been at a minimum due inactivity. Covid-19 will pass then we will continue our mission. Stay Safe, Stay Well and GOD BLESS!

Americas Boating Club District Nine is financially sovereign. All checks received were deposited and all bill due were paid. Please send payment requests within one week of the event for payment consideration.

Action Items: I attended the St. Claire Shores Sail & Power Squadron’s combined event.

Chet, D9 Treasurer
**Department of Command**

Assistant Flag Lieutenant - D/Lt Carolyn Knaggs, P (Flint)
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Attitude Adjustment - D/Lt Rahmon A. Dunbar (Grosse Pointe)
D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar Jr., AP (Grosse Pointe)
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D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar Jr., AP (Grosse Pointe)
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Stf/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing)
D/Lt Maureen J. Smith (Detroit)
D/Lt William R. Smith, AP (Detroit)
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Educational Fund Rep. - D/Lt Dawn L. Flynn, JN (Lansing)
Flag Lieutenant - D/Lt Alice Marie Whittmore, AP, (Anchor Bay)
Hospitality - P/Stf/C Sally C. Lemus, P (Detroit)
Law Officer - D/Lt Lynne A. Draper, AP (Flint)
Liaison to CPS-ECP - P/NIF/Lt Dick Jarmon, SN (Birmingham)
Liaison to USCG - P/D/C Anthony C. Lewandowski, AP (Birmingham)
D9 Merit Marks - D/Lt/C Albert W. Schwallier, JN (Detroit)
Parliamentarian - D/Lt Laddie L. Hudson Jr., SN (Mt. Clemens)
Photographer - D/Lt LeRoy Strey, P (Detroit) P/Stf/C Sally C. Lemus, P (Detroit)

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D/Lt Maureen J. Smith (Detroit)
Co-op Charting, N MI -
Co-op Charting, S MI -
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Executive Aide - Stf/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing)
Executive Officer Seminar
Homeland Security Officer - D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P (Detroit)
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Liaison Officer -
Parade Coordinator - D/Lt David L. Brinks, AP (Grand Rapids)
D/Lt/C Jan Hartesvelt, P (Grand Traverse Bay)
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Safety Committee - D/1st/Lt Ronald P. Homer, AP (Mt. Clemens)
Squadron Development - D/Lt Denise C. Samu, AP (Birmingham)
Vessel Safety Check - D/Lt William A. Stano, JN (Grosse Pointe)

**Department of Educational Officer**

ABC Coordinator - D/Lt Thomas J. Smith, SN (Birmingham)
ADEO - D/1st/Lt Judith Delargy, SN (Birmingham)
Advanced Piloting - D/Lt Thomas H. Geggie, SN (Birmingham)
Boating -
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BOC Coordinator - D/Lt Thomas J. Smith, SN (Birmingham)
Coordinator/Aide - P/D/Lt/C William M. Stewart, SN (Dearborn)
P/D/Lt/C Thomas J. Smith, SN (Birmingham)
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P/D/Lt/C Thomas J. Smith, SN (Birmingham)
D/Lt Georgia C. McFarland, JN (Lansing)
Dockhand Training - P/D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN (Mt. Clemens)
Educational Cruise - P/D/Lt/C Thomas J. Smith, SN (Birmingham)
Engine Maintenance -
Instructor Development - D/Lt Shirley Geggie, AP (Birmingham)
Junior Navigation/Navigation - D/Lt Frederick J. Hoitash, SN (Dearborn)
Marine Electronics - D/Lt Robert P. Blau, SN (Birmingham)
Piloting - D/1st/Lt Judith Delargy, SN (Birmingham)
Sail -
Seamanship -
Teaching Aids - D/1st/Lt Judith Delargy, SN (Birmingham)
**Past District 9 Commanders**

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**Past District 9 Educational Officers**

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**Note:** from old Historian Files - Prior to 1947 there were no district education officers. Initially the ranking educational officer, the chairman of education, served without rank and was appointed by the Governing Board. Later he became the DEO and was granted the rank of D/Lt/C in 1956. In 1962 an Asst.DEO was authorized, serving as a D/Lt. In 1974 the DEO and Asst.DEO were elected at the district conference, with prior approval of the director of education. Since 1967, every DEO who has served a full 3-year-term, except one, has been an officer of the National Educational Department.
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Boarding will Begin @ 8:30 am, Departure time @ 9:00 am
We will be transported to Downtown Put-N-Bay
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We will begin Boarding for Return to DYC @ 6:45 pm
Departure time from Put-N-Bay @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Joe Tatham at commanderjosephdt@gmail.com or C: 586-871-9013 or H: 586-997-3618

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Sunday, September 06—Sunday, September 13
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Free tours of the United States Power Squadrons® Headquarters  
Meet some of the Headquarter’s staff  
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Saturday  Member’s Reception, Luncheon and USPS® Governing Board Meeting  
Saturday Evening “Back to the 50’s” Drive-In & Woolworth Buffet and Casual Sock Hop

Events:  
Motor Coach Tour of Historic Downtown Raleigh  
Kayaking Trip at Lake Wheeler Park

Discounts Prior to July 23  
Friend’s Night  
Keynote Speaker Breakfast  
North Caroline History and Science Museums Tour  
Murder Mystery Dinner Theater  
Afternoon Tea Service at The Carolina Inn

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See you there!

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Full & Individual Conference Meal Plans Available - Booking Early Discounts

Friday Evening “All That Glitter’s “ (black & silver) Formal Dinner & Party
Saturday CPS–ECP Western Ontario Annual Luncheon & General Meeting
Saturday Evening “Chief Commander’s Gala Dinner and Dance”

Day Trips:
Belle Isle Attractions and Historical Detroit Yacht Club Luncheon & DYC Tour
Amherstburg Walking Tour & Lunch
Windsor Yacht Club and Wiser’s Distillery/Hiram Walker Tour & Tasting
Other Fun Stuff To Do - Suggestions Listed

Merchandize to Purchase Online: Shirts, Jacket, Hat, Scarf