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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by *Cdr Kathleen Penzien, AP*



A beginning of a new year is upon us. This is a great time to get back to basics – Public Boating Classes, Education & Socializing with your fellow squadron members. I want to encourage all squadron members to get involved. This is your squadron and without you it is not the same.



There is a public boating class starting on February 26th at the Chesterfield Fire Department on 23 Mile Road and Baker. Please come and help proctor. It is the sharing of our different experiences on the water that get new people to join our group. So please come and contribute. Also, it will help you earn a merit mark.

I know that our SEO, Mike Rachuk, is more than willing to organize an advanced grade or elective class that you are interested in taking. He just needs you to tell him. You never know who else may be interested in the same class.

Our general membership meetings have been changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month. We will be meeting at Bobby Mac's Bayside Tavern (aka Buds). I hope that by having a consistent day and place that more members will come and participate. Also, our executive board meetings have been changed to the first Tuesday of the month. We will be meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church's Education Building on the corner of Green Street and Maria.

I am enclosing the Calendar of Events for the year so you can plan ahead. (See back cover)

Let's make this a great year!

Kathy

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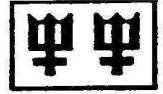
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

by Lt/C Ronald Chitwood, AP



I don't have much to talk about at this time, except to say that I am looking forward to seeing alot of our members, and guests at our Commander's Ball. I hope everyone that can remembers to send in their reservations. Please try and come out and welcome our new Commander and new Bridge Officer's for the coming year.



LT/C RON CHITWOOD

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

by Lt/C Mike Rachuk, SN



Now is the time to prepare for the upcoming boating season. We have the second part of both Sail and the Seamanship course starting now. You could take the second course now and make up the first half at a later date, if you desire. These are both basic courses, but there is a lot of useful information in them. You can easily take this half without having taken the first part. Call now. You will have fun doing it.

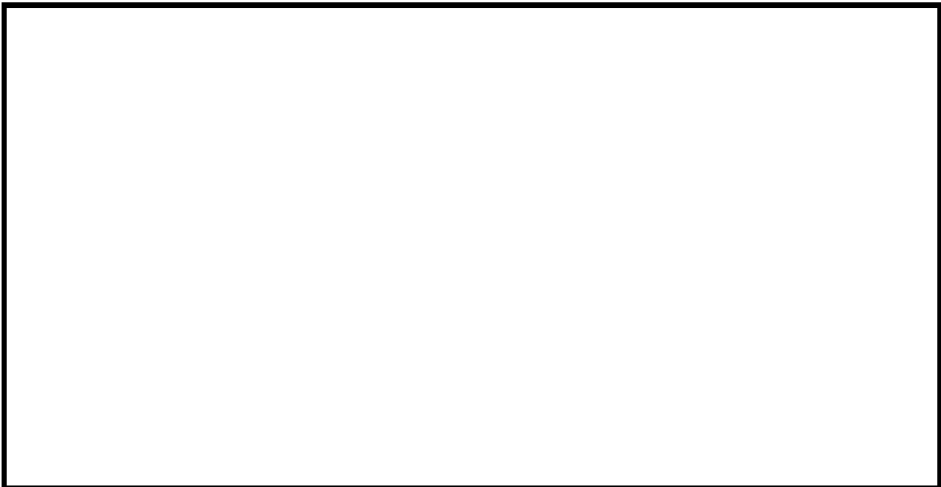
Four members took their exam for Sail 101. Two members took the exam for Seamanship 101. I am positive they all did well. These members were well prepared for the exam, so I am sure they all passed with ease. These members are learning things that may help them on the water, or they may be able to help teach these classes in the future. It is very gratifying to pass on the concepts that you have learned.

The new squadron year has started. A new bridge has been sworn in. This bridge is eager to serve you. If you have any suggestions how to make this a better squadron, just let any bridge member know. We are always looking for new and fun activities. All ideas will be considered and you may be responsible for making future memories that will be talked about for years to come. You can make a difference.

District 9 will be hosting the 2008 Fall Governing Board in Detroit. We will need many people to help with this event. Talk to me to find out what it is all about. The district has hosted this event twice since I became a member. We all had a great time working on this event. Call to find out more.

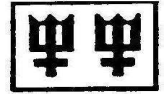
The squadron is here to serve you. If you have any suggestions how to improve our organization, contact any member on the bridge. This is your squadron. Please help us make it the best squadron in USPS.

Mike Rachuk



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

by Lt/C Danny Woody, AP

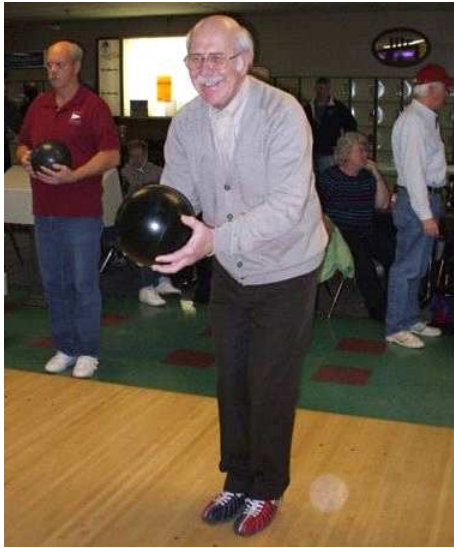


I would to thank everyone in advance for all the help I will be getting this year. We have many things to do, Nancy is doing a great job with the rendezvous line up, we still need host for the outings, call Nancy with your help. Also, don't forget to take a class this year and ever year, this is what we are all about.

The boat show is comming up, never to late to to get in for free, call Gary Kowalczyk.

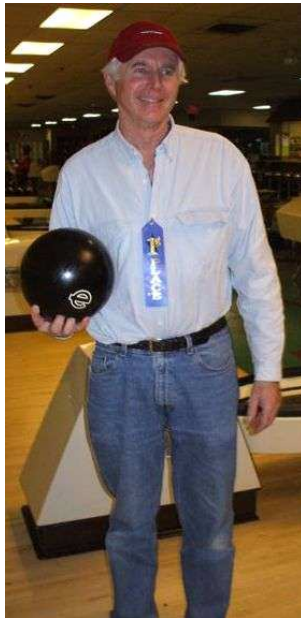
I will see all of you at the Commanders Ball in Feb.

Thank you *Woody*





Bowling Party 19 Jan 2007



From our Newest Past Commander

Hi Everyone,

I can't believe my year is all over. It went very fast. I want to thank everyone that helped me make this a memorable one. We have some hard workers in our Squadron. Some are quietly doing a lot of work to help the Squadron out. Even making the monthly phone calls so to remind you if we are having a meeting. The people behind the scenes that do the running around and setting up the meetings and get our speakers in place. People that year after year put your Anchorage together with no complaints. The people that teach and proctor our educational classes so that we can become better boaters and others in the public that take our classes. The people that help represent us at the boat shows. The people that put our summer rendezvous together and host them. The people that do the vessel safety inspections for our Squadron and hit 100 for this year. The people that put all our information to National so that we can get our merit marks every year. The bridge members that help to make things run smoothly.

I can go on and on. Our Squadron wouldn't be where it was without everyone pitching in and volunteering. It takes a lot of hours and many different talents to make our Squadron. I want to thank you all for helping to make this Squadron great. You all did a wonderful job. I applaud you all.

Sincerely,

P/C Alice Whittemore A.P



Calendar of Events

Feb 2007

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|----|------|--|
| 3 | | Change of Watch / Commander's Ball, Sycamore Country Terrace |
| 6 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 27 | 1830 | General Membership Meeting, Bobby Mac's Bayside |

Mar 2007

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| 3 | | D/9 Council Meeting, Mt Clemens PS |
| 6 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 30—1 Apr | | D/9 Conference, Lansing Holiday Inn, Golden Opportunities |

Apr 2007

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| 3 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 24 | 1830 | General Membership Meeting, Bobby Mac's Bayside |

May 2007

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| 1 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 22 | 1830 | General Membership Meeting, Bobby Mac's Bayside |

Jun 2007

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| 5 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 9 | | Merit Mark Party, Weber's Island |

Have Safe and Enjoyable Summer

Sep 2007

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| 4 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 25 | 1830 | General Membership Meeting, Bobby Mac's Bayside |

Oct 2007

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| 2 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 26—28 | | D/9 Conference, Bay City Double Tree Pirates |

Nov 2007

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| 7 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| Fri/Sat | 1830 | General Membership Meeting TBD – Something Fun |

Dec 2007

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| 4 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 11 | 1830 | Annual Christmas Party, Bobby Mac's Bayside |

Happy Holidays

Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.