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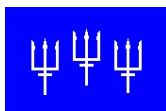
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Danny Woody, AP



Only a month ago I was complaining about Michigan winter, but the recent thaw emphasized that winter will soon come to an end. It is time to think about the upcoming boating season, and to order parts, equipment, and materials I need to get ready for launch day. As a squadron we are also beginning to plan events for the summer, rendezvous, picnic, etc, we need your help, if you can find time to help with just one event, it will make a better summer for all, and less work for everyone. How about a charter fishing trip, I have never been on one. If there are any other activities you would like us to undertake as a squadron, please bring them up at the next membership meeting or suggest them to the executive board. By the time you get this the Commanders Ball will be over, I know I will have a great time.

Thank You
Cdr Woody Thank You

Cdr Woody

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Calendar

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15		Membership Meeting, McRae's Big River Grille (page 4)
20	1800	Public Boating Class, Algonac Community Center (Lions Club)

Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

by Lt/C Mike Rachuk, SN



The public boating class at the Chesterfield Fire Station finish on 9 Mar 2009. Seven of the nine students finished the class successfully.

The next public boating course will start 20 April 2009. The class will be held at the Algonac Community Center (aka Lions Club). This will be an 8 hour boating class. The classes will run from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Spread the word. We need to get all the new boaters educated.

The Boat Operator's Certification program will certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. These certifications are expected to be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. The USCG has asked congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. USPS intends to have certification acceptable for the above. On the adjoining page is an overview of the certification levels.

This is your squadron. Let us make it the best that it can be.

Mike Rachuk

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

by Lt/C Jan Gawel, S

Hi everyone. My name is Jan Gawel and I'm your new administrative officer.

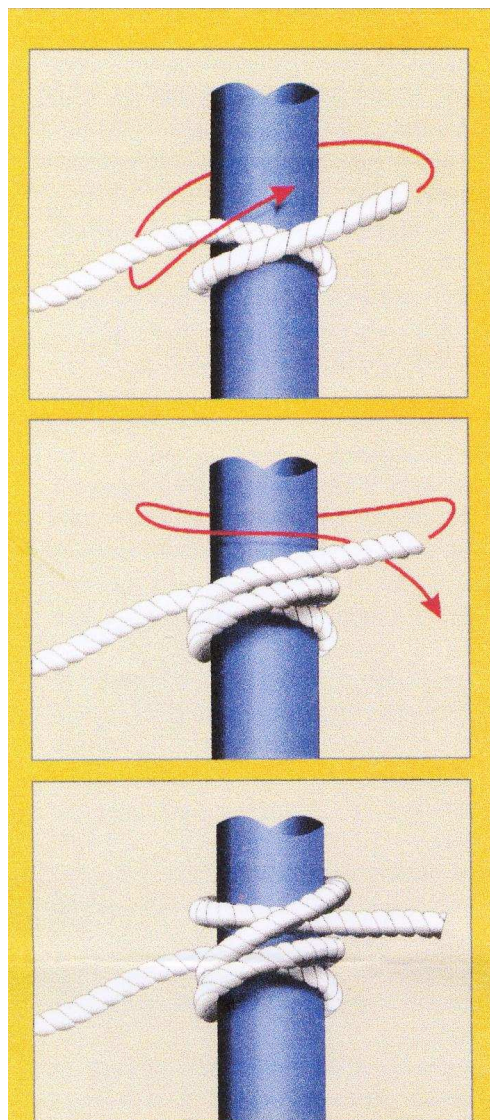
At the last general membership meeting I mentioned that we were looking for people that were interested in manning some of our committees. But I have not received any response, except for Joanne Rachuk on the district conference committee (great job).

Come on people, we really need some help. We're losing membership so we need all the help we can get.

It seems like the same people always volunteer, we all need to share the load. Besides some of you may have a great idea that just needs to be brought out.

Thank You

Jan Gawel



Fit to Be Tied

Rolling hitch

AKA: Magner's hitch, magnus hitch

Uses: Mooring, fastening

Strengths: A highly effective way of securing a small rope to a larger line. Takes the strain off another rope and is easily adjusted.

Note: As long as the smaller line is perpendicular to the larger, the knot will slide. But once tension is exerted and the ropes form a straight line, the knot locks into position.

FYI: It's basically a clove hitch with an extra turn.

Tip: Lock the hitch into place by tying a stop knot, such as a figure of eight, into the line to which you're tying.

Surf's up: This is an essential knot for windsurfers to secure the wishbone boom to the mast.

Certification Level Overview

This table summarizes the four levels of certification:

Certification Level>	Inland Navigator (IN)	Coastal Navigator (CN)	Advanced Coastal Navigator (ACN)	Offshore Navigator (ON)
Boating Waters>	Rivers, canals, small lakes, and protected waters within 2 nm of shore	IN plus local coastal waters (within 5 nm of shore), including the ICW	CN plus extended area, but within 50 nm of shore	All (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)
Boat Types > (Non commercial)	Member's Own Boat up to 8M (26.2 Ft.)	Any up to 12M (39.4 Ft.) (within endorsements)	Any up to 20M (65.6 Ft.) (within endorsements)	Any up to 20M (65.6 Ft.) (within endorsements)
Boating Conditions>	Fair weather, good visibility, daylight	Fair weather, good visibility, daylight	Any within limits below (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)	Any (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)
Maximum Winds>	Force 4 (16 Kt, 18 mph)	Force 5 (21 Kt, 24 mph)	Force 6 and sometimes above during brief storms (27Kt, 31mph)	Any (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)
Maximum Waves>	1 meter (~ 3 Ft.)	1.8 meters (~ 6 Ft.)	3 meters (~ 10 Ft.)	Any (except for certain extreme conditions – see note below)
Applicable Endorsements>	IW, PAD, SA	CAN, IW, MEX, PAD, SA	CAN, EURO, IW, MEX, PAD, SA	CAN, CAR, EURO, IW, MEX, PAD, SA
UN 40 Compliant>	No	No	Yes	Yes
Availability>	2007	2007	2008	2008 or 2009

Notes for Table 1:

- (1) The extreme conditions mentioned above include operating in Arctic or Antarctic regions, in areas with large icebergs or ice fields, in areas with tidal bores, whirlpools, waterfalls, or currents approaching the cruising speed of the boat, or in Class III or above rapids.
- (2) "Within endorsements", means holder is only certified to operate types covered by the endorsements they have. For example, to operate a sailboat, they would need a Sail (SA) endorsement.
- (3) Wind condition limits (and the resulting sea states) may be less for less seaworthy boats, or boats lacking certain equipment or a sufficient number of capable crewmembers. The operator is responsible for determining if the conditions are compatible with safe operation.
- (4) The hazard posed by waves is not only a function of wave height but also is a function of wave steepness, which is influenced by current wind velocity, water depth, currents and the interaction of different wave trains. Again, it is the responsibility of the operator to judge his limits and the safe limits of his boat and crew.
- (5) Note that not all endorsements are available in 2007.



ANCHOR BAY POWER SQUADRON MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Place: McRae's Big River Grille

Address: 9715 St. Clair River Road - Algonac

<u>Agenda:</u>	Executive Board Meeting	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
	Fellowship and Cocktails	6:30 pm (Cash Bar)
	Pizza and Salad	7:00 pm
	After Dinner Speaker	Dr. Dennis Zembala, Port Huron Museum

General Membership Meeting to follow Speaker



Please join us for AYCE PIZZA and SALAD

\$11 PER PERSON

**INCLUDES SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE AND TEA
TAX AND GRATUITY**

IF PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO CASH

We look forward to seeing you!!

Guest Speaker

Dr. Dennis Zembala,

Port Huron Museum

BRING A FRIEND!

Good Times, Good

Friends, and Good Food!

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COME CELEBRATE

SPRING!