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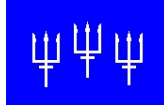
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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*Cdr Jan Gawel, S*



Well, here it is November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Where did our summer go? I would like to start off by thanking anyone who had anything to do with the rendezvous this year and say what a great job everyone did. They were all a lot of fun and very well attended. It's because of you that they were so successful and enjoyable.

My personal favorite was Put-N-Bay! It turned out to be a wonderful vacation for Carol and I and it was our first time there. We had great tour guides in the Fakult's. They're originally from Ohio and knew the area very well. Also, the James who shared a cabin with us and the Fakult's. It made for a fun and exciting trip. On Wednesday, when we all met for dinner, and a short meeting, time just flew by. It's so nice to spend time with our members, other than meetings, and just have fun.

The fall conference in Shanty Creek was exciting. We met a lot of new friends and enjoyed the company of those we have met throughout the year as well. The hospitality rooms were interesting and we made friends with a Harley Davidson group that had a hospitality room as well. They were a great group of people. They also made the rounds to our hospitality rooms. I thought the conference itself was very informative and worthwhile. Everyone's number one concern is membership. How to keep our older members happy and gain new members along the way. Any ideas on this would be very helpful and I will make sure your ideas are passed on to district.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and May God Bless All of Us and Keep Us Strong.

*Cdr Jan*

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## Calendar

### Dec 2011

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Christmas Meeting

**Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.**



Greetings all. It is almost the end of the boating year. Most of us have put our boats up for the winter. Now that the busy portion of the year is behind us, why not take an advanced grade class over the winter? Maybe it will help you get over the long stretch until its time to take the boat covers off again. We have a lot of classes to offer, all we need is some people to take them. So think it over and you might see something you could use. And don't forget the national meeting in Jacksonville Florida. Need a mini vacation? Nice time and some better weather, makes a nice break in the winter, Alice and I intend to be there our reservations are already in. Hope to see you there.

*John*

**Public boating class starting  
mid January**

### FIGURE THIS OUT

Five siblings are they, their color is true;  
One belongs to one, four are shared by two.  
Connected together, some by locks; Many  
Meet their fate upon the rocks.

Arrange their initials, and you should find  
Things that are found in a neighborhood.  
What has just been described?

Author unknown.

Come to the next meeting to find out the answer.

Well here it is the middle of November and I'm wondering why I put my boat up for the winter two weeks ago. I could have been on the water at least six times since then. I imagine a few of you might be feeling the same way as me considering the warm weather we've been getting lately. Today I resigned myself to the fact that winter is close at hand so I cut the grass for the last time, put away the mower and brought out the snow blower. The leaves of course still keep dropping and I'll keep on raking.

Although I've been a member of the USPS for over 35 years, this is the very first year I became active with the organization attending rendezvous, membership meetings and other special events. I must say that after this very active year with Anchor Bay I'm sorry I didn't get more involved years ago. My loss! For those of you who are in the same boat (pun intended) I would suggest you start coming to the membership meetings and try to attend a few rendezvous and other sponsored events. The Anchor Bay Power Squadron is made up of a great group of people who have a common interest in boating and good fellowship.

Now on to our fund raising. As most of you know, I have been working with the State of Michigan Gaming division to obtain authorization as a Fraternal organization to conduct gaming events. I am pleased to announce that we have met all qualification requirements to conduct licensed gaming events in the State. I'm currently trying to get us into the Charity Poker program at Snookers on Hall Road. It goes without saying that to be successful in this endeavor, we will need volunteers to help with these upcoming events. More to come on this!

See you all at the upcoming events and to steal a phrase from a famous cowboy "Until we meet again, may the good Lord take a lik'n to ya!"

Keep your oars in the water,

*Capt. Frank*

# Safety Officer Report

## Winter Ice Safety

Just because the water is frozen does not mean boaters cannot still have fun on the water. There are many things to do on the water in the Winter. One is ice-fishing; just keep in mind these friendly, helpful tips.

### Ice Thickness

It is important to remember that there is no such thing as 100% safe ice! Many factors affect the strength of ice besides thickness.

- Thawing and freezing
- Pockets of air can form under the ice on lakes where the water levels are raised and lowered by flood control.
- Ice seldom freezes uniformly
- The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process
- Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often too dangerous  
Schools of fish moving warm water up can open holes in the ice

Here are some guidelines for determining if the ice is safe:

- 4" of new clear ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot
- 5" is the new minimum for snowmobiles and ATVs
- 8"-12" for cars or small trucks
- Check with a local resort or bait shop for known thin ice areas.  
Refrain from driving on ice whenever possible.

A minimum of five inches of ice is recommended for safe enjoyment of ice skating, ice fishing, ice boating and snowmobiling on state park lakes. However, even if the ice is several inches thick, ice-covered water is never completely safe.

### Never venture onto the ice alone, and follow these ice safety practices:

- Let someone know when you will be on the ice and when you will return.
- Wear a life jacket or float coat.
- Carry two screwdrivers, ice picks, or large nails to help gain a firm grip, should you have to pull yourself out of water.  
Avoid areas of thin ice or open water.

### Be aware and know how to respond:

It is important to pay close attention when boating or walking on ice. Cold water will cool a body 25 times faster than cold air of the same temperature.

### If you feel the ice begin to crack beneath you, follow these steps:

1. Do not run.
2. Lie on your stomach and spread your arms and legs (like an airplane).
3. Stretch your arms over your head and bring them together.

### If someone has fallen through the ice:

1. Do not go onto the ice-if it broke once, it will break again.
2. Call for help.
3. Tell the victim to hold their hands close to their face and breathe into their hands.
4. Toss them something that floats. (Try a cooler, or empty plastic bottle)  
Encourage them to use car keys, a pen, or other object in their pocket to begin to pull themselves onto the ice.

If the victim is close enough to shore, you can help pull them in:

1. Kneel or lie face down on solid ground.
2. Throw or extend whatever you can find, such as jumper cables or skis, or push a boat ahead of you.

P/C Danny Woody

# **Anchor Bay Power Squadron Nominating Committee Report**

## **Nominations of Officers to Serve in 2012**

The Nominating Committee is charged with a great responsibility. We are asked to recommend candidates to serve in the elected positions of the squadron. It is not an easy task to pick the best candidate for each office. Our main tool in the selection process is to observe members working for the squadron during the year. We look for ability, willingness, dedication and being able to work with others. After careful consideration, we make the following recommendations.

*Each member has agreed to serve if elected, in the position indicated.*

### **Bridge**

- 31000 - Commander: E064127 John Whittemore, AP
- 32000 - Executive Officer: E010837 Frank A. Fakult, P
- 33000 - Educational Officer: E116552 Michael J. Rachuk, SN
- 33001 - Assistant Educational Officer: E071523 Chester A. Falle, SN
- 34000 - Administrative Officer: ,
- 35000 - Secretary: E217855 Christine Wludyka
- 36000 - Treasurer: E193879 Kenneth Karl Radjewski,

### **Executive Committee (Members at Large)**

- One year term Eunice Woody,
- One year term Rita Browne,
- One year term Carol A. Gawel,
- One year term Cynthia K. Chitwood,

### **Nominating Committee**

- One year term P/C Danny Woody, AP (Chairperson)
- Two year term P/C Andrew Kasinec, AP
- Three year term P/C Jan Gawel,

### **Auditing Committee**

- One year term P/C Michael Weber, SN
- Two year term Lt. Marjorie Gorski, P
- Three year term David M. Dudek, P

### **Rules Committee**

- One year term P/C Judy James, AP
- Two year term P/C Michael James, S
- Three year term P/C Jan Gawel, S

*Respectfully Submitted by the 2011 Nominating Committee*

*P/C Ronald Chitwood, AP (Chairman)*

*P/C Danny Woody, AP*

*P/C Andrew Kasinec, AP*