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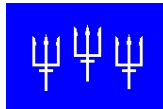
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Danny Woody, AP



Well this is my last article as your commander, we have had a lot of ups and downs, more ups than downs, I have enjoyed this year very much, with a large number of challenges. The new bridge will now take over and continue where we left off.

I believe that the biggest challenge facing ABPS and all United Power Squadrons today is membership growth and funding. Nationally we have seen membership dwindle and our Squadron mirrors the national trend. This reflects two trends. One is a result of the economic conditions which this great nation is experiencing. This is causing people to cut back on memberships and adjust their lifestyle expenses. We have lost 973,000 jobs in the State of Michigan since 2000. WE have over a fifteen percent unemployment level in the state. This hits home with me, our son and grandson are unable to find good paying jobs, and I suggest they look out of state to there dislike.

The second is a demographic shift. After the baby boomers, there was a decline in birth rates. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, there was a drop in the high school and college population as the baby boomers delayed having children and also had fewer children. This smaller generation which followed the baby boomers (I believe this group is called "Generation X") is approaching their late 30s and 40s, a time they might consider boating as a lifestyle or family activity. This trend will affect the numbers entering boating.

The membership drop has resulted in financial constraints, since there are fewer members, resulting in lower membership revenues.

I known the new Bridge will be focused on retaining and increasing membership. They will also continue our efforts to broaden membership involvement. They have a hardcore group of members they will rely on. I will give all the help, when and where I can.

In closing I would like to thank all of you for you help and support over this last year, without your help I never would had made it.

Thank You

Cdr Woody

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Calendar

Jan 2010

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20	Membership Meeting See page 3

Feb 2010

3	E-Boarrr Meeting
27	Road Trip See page 4

Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.

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Please make sure your personal information is Correct. We need good info for good squadron communications.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

by Lt/C Mike Rachuk, SN



Happy New Year.

This years educational program has started with a great start. We conducted a seminar on *Anchoring* on Monday 11 Jan 2010. It was well attended.

The next seminar on this year's schedule is *Onboard Weather Forecasting*. It is scheduled to start at 7:00 PM on 8 Feb 2010. The location is the Chesterfield fire station on Baker and 23 Mile Road. Mark you calendars and spread the word.

The first boating class of the year is scheduled to start on 22 Feb 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Chesterfield fire station on Baker and 23 Mile Road. Registration will begin at 6:30 PM. The class will run 5 weeks. We are teaching the America's Boating Course - 3rd edition. Information about this course is available on our web site.

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

Mike Rachuk

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Bob Sweet

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Powerboats Sailboats Both

A United States Power Squadrons Guide

THE ANCHOR BAY POWER SQUADRON

Dear Membership

Our Incoming Commander, Andy Kasinec

Cordially invites you to attend

The Change of Watch 2010

At

Club Capri

On

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Please choose one entre

--Chicken Parmigiana with Fettuccini--

--Fish (cod) and Chips--

--Pasta Bake w/Meatballs and Italian Sausage--

Includes Tossed Salad w/Red Wine Vinaigrette,
homemade bread, tea, coffee or soft drink

\$15 pp

Kindly RSVP to ritaafbrowne@aol.com or 810.794.2497

**Our Outgoing and Incoming Bridge wish you a
very Happy New Year! We look forward to
seeing you!**



Road Trip!!



The Dossin Great Lakes Museum and Ford Seahorses Scuba Diving Club present: **The 28th Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival.**

The event will be held on Saturday February 27th, 2010 at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Bldg. at their campus on E. Huron River Drive near I-94 and US-23 in Ann Arbor. Hours are approx 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

The Festival highlights three audio and video presentations: "Saltwater", "Great Lakes Shipwrecks" and "Educational – Diving". The saltwater presentation is typically of a tropical location. The times of each show will be available later. There will also be exhibits of related items.

Whether your interest lies in shipwrecks, diving, history, or you just have an interest in the underwater world, this year's festival promises to satisfy.

Tickets with transportation to and from the event are \$22 per person payable by cash or check to ABPS by February 12th, 2010. A head count is needed by February 13th to assure adequate transportation.

Transportation will be from the parking lot of the former Tractor Supply Co located at 23 Mile Rd and Seaton in Chesterfield Twp.

Departure is scheduled for 8:00 am and return anticipated approx 6:00 pm. A group lunch (Dutch treat) is planned for a local restaurant of our choosing between shows.

For more information see Lt/C Gary Kowalczyk, or call 810.794.4970. You can also visit the festival website at www.shipwreckfestival.org.

