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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Hello Membership!

Well, spring is around the corner and so is the District Spring Conference on March 19 & 20 at the Marriot Hotel in Southfield. The theme for the Hospitality Rooms will be the "Wonders of Different Countries." Our Room will be USA (Western), so dress in your cowboy/cowgirl outfits and join us in having fun. The other Rooms will offer flavors of different countries.

We also know spring is coming because the Mariner's Church in Detroit is celebrating "The Blessing of the Fleet" on March 14th at 11:00 AM. Be there by 10:00 AM to get a seat as this is a popular event. I'll be there to have our Squadron Burgee blessed. The Church will also serve cookies, punch and coffee courtesy of the "Yacht's Women Society".

The Squadron's Commander's Ball is scheduled for April the 24th at the Salt River Country Club. I'm encouraging the membership to attend and to also invite friends and families to attend. We're all going to have a great time!

I attended the District Council Meeting on February 27th in Lansing and I have brought back lots of info to share with our different Departments.

Our first Field Trip of the year was a great success thanks to some planning and hard work from our Activities Committee, especially the "Kowalczyks & the Rachuks".

Thank you

Cdr Andy

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Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.



Hello fellow members:

First and foremost I want to thank you for electing me to the ABPS 2010 Bridge as your Administrative Officer. I promise to do my best to live up to your expectations. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me via email at gkowalczyk10@comcast.net or on my cell phone at 586.438.7299.

In this, my first article, I will lay the groundwork for what I hope will be many future articles. The following are some of the points I would like to cover on an ongoing basis this year:

Spring Launch: Remember that checklist you made last fall after Frostbite of the things “needing attention” before launch this year? Well now is the time to get that list out and dust it off. Go over it and start gathering the tools and parts needed. It’s also a good time to call on your friends – projects always go better with help. Just remember to

help them with their projects too! And don’t forget to schedule your Vessel Safety Check with P/C Danny Woody after the boat is in the water!

Rendezvous: We have an event scheduled for the weekend before the Memorial Day holiday (May 22/23) at St. Clair Municipal Harbor in St. Clair. You need to make reservations on your own as we cannot get group res at this time. Other events and dates will be posted when more info is available. We always need volunteers to Host events. This is a great way to make friends and put in service toward your Merit Mark. The ROAD TRIP was a great success! 15 people attended the Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival and some asked to make this an annual event on our calendar! The speakers were FANTASTIC! On another note, ABPS is in need of a Rendezvous Chairperson for 2010. Please call or see me personally if you are interested. How about some more “Raft-Ups” in Anchor, Goose or Muskamoot Bays??

Fund Raisers: Many thanks to all that continue to sell goods for squadron fund raising! Last year’s coffee drive resulted in over \$600 profit to the squadron. We hope to do the same this year. We have the opportunity to place another order if you did not get enough of your favorites last fall. There is an ongoing Morley candy bar sale where you can get a handful or a boxful of candy bars and sell them for the squadron. No money is needed up front – just turn in your collections when you are done. Alice Whittemore has been having a blast selling these – everywhere she goes she is the center of attention, including having wait staff make multiple purchases from her at her favorite eateries! Call or see me if you want to have fun like Alice! Don’t forget to turn in your empty CLEAN bottles and cans to Cdr. Andy or Lt/C “Grumpy” Gary for our bottle drive! Collections are at E-Board and Membership meetings and will also be at summer events where possible (I think we’ll get rich at some of those events!).

Boat Show support: As many of you know I am also assisting D/Lt. Linda Lumpkin with the D/9 Boat Show booth as well as keeping my old position as the ABPS Boat Show Chair. For the COBO boat show 2010 ABPS was represented for booth set up, several weekday spots, and all slots on the Sunday before closing, plus booth takedown. It’s not official yet, but I think Anchor Bay was the most represented squadron of D/9. Great Job and Many Thanks To All!

New Stuff: Got Photos? Not THOSE kind, but photos that can be shared in a G rated audience? I would like to start collecting boating related photos of ABPS members doing what we do best: enjoying ourselves on or in the water with our past, current and new friends. How about “Where Our Burgee Flies”? Really good photos can be published or will be sent to D/9 to be included in the photo album on display at our booth. For now I will take any format: digital, hard copy or whatever. Please remember once you give them to me, I cannot be sure you will get them back - so don’t send your only photo of ‘ol Aunt Bessie holding a USPS Flag at Iwo Jima – OK? One last note: Please make sure your flags are right side up. Thanks! Gary

Our first Boating class of the year started on 22 February 2010. The exam will be administered on Monday , 22 March 2020.

We will have a Boating class at the Idle Hour Yacht Club on Saturday, 15 May 2010, and Sunday, 16 May 2010. Stay tuned for information on times.

The District 9 Spring conference will be the weekend of 19 - 21 March 2010. This is a great opportunity to learn what is happening within USPS®. There will be seminars on Saturday the cover all aspects of squadron life. Learn about boating activities, Vessel Safety Check, and updates to our educational program. Make plans to attend the conference.

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

Mike Rachuk

Safety Report

What's the "Best" PFD?

In terms of risk of drowning, the safest Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is the one you're willing to wear!

"I only need a PFD in case I'm unconscious or incapacitated, right?"

Wrong, you need your PFD before you're unconscious, otherwise, how would you put it on? Once you understand the importance of wearing a PFD, you're prepared to consider the best design for you. There are many good choices to keep you and your loved ones safe on the water. Some of the choices are better for certain situations than others, and therefore the choices are explained in the "Think Safe" PFD pamphlet that is sold with every US Coast Guard approved PFD. By reading the pamphlet, you can understand how to safely have fun on the water.

Obviously, the best PFD is the one that saves your life every time it's needed. To accomplish that task, a PFD must be available for proper use at the time of an accident, must be designed to perform well enough to keep your head out of the water, and must be reliable enough to provide its design performance when needed. It is the combination of these three characteristics that define the life-saving potential, or safety, of your PFD. If a PFD fails to do any one of these three essentials, it can't save your life.

The perfect life preserver, lifejacket, or PFD has not yet been designed. All the designs in existence today have some limitations. For example, Type 1 PFDs (off-shore lifejackets) have the highest buoyancy of the inherently buoyant types, but they are not considered comfortable enough to be worn continuously. Therefore, they are frequently not being used when accidents occur, and many boaters have died that could have been saved with just part of the buoyancy in this kind of PFD. Another example is the inflatable Type 3 PFDs. These recently approved PFDs provide the buoyancy of a Type 1 PFD and are comfortable to wear, but they lack the reliability and low maintenance characteristics, and cost, of inherently buoyant PFDs. Because each style has limitations, users are given a choice of PFDs to match to their particular boating activities. The Coast Guard requires the "Think Safe" pamphlet to be attached to each PFD sold in order to give boaters the information needed to make a good choice.

Accident data clearly shows that Type 3 PFDs have very significantly reduced fatalities overall, as well as those fatalities in which a PFD was somehow used. While the number of people who boat has steadily increased, the number of drownings (excluding other fatalities) has decreased from about 1500 to 500 annually (from 1971 to 1996) since Type 3 PFDs were introduced. Equally important, the number of drownings when a PFD was "used" has decreased from nearly 200 to about 55 over the same period. So, while the total number of drownings has been significantly reduced (especially in light of increased boating) the drownings with a PFD used has been even more significantly reduced.

It can't save you if you don't use it. Research and boating accident statistics have shown that the most frequent failure resulting in drowning is not having a PFD available when needed. Nearly 1300 (1286) people drowned for lack of a PFD in 1971, the Coast Guard has approved Type 3 PFDs which are more wearable, and in 2006 only 423 people drowned for lack of a PFD. This remarkable reduction occurred even though the number of boats increased from about 5.5 million to over 12 million during the same 35 year period. That means that about 40,000 people are alive today because Type 3 PFDs are approved. That's 2400 in 2006 alone when the increase in boating and the trend prior to Type 3 PFDs are considered. The Coast Guard approves a number of Types of PFDs so that you can choose the one that best suits your boating activities and environment. All the types are explained in a pamphlet, entitled "Think Safe", provided with each PFD sold. This means that people who wear PFDs today are safer than they were 25 years ago.

What about someone drowning while using the "wrong" type PFD? It is unlikely that any different Type of PFD would have prevented most of the drownings where a PFD was used. Consider this regarding PFD performance. About 423 people drowned in 2006, apparently because they didn't have a PFD that they were willing to wear.

About 51 people died in accidents where PFDs were used, but only in a few of those cases is there any indication that a higher performing PFD might have prevented the drowning. In the majority of cases, other contributing factors would have overcome the benefits of any PFD. The factors include: being trapped in an overturned boat, being held under a boulder or log by strong currents of white water, removing the PFD for some reason (like swimming to shore), becoming hypothermic due to the duration of exposure in cold water, suffering other injuries that led to drowning, etc.

How would you tell someone to safely cross the street? Would you be remiss if you didn't warn them to look out for objects falling from the sky, like airplane and satellite parts? After all, things can fall out of the sky and kill you; however, the probability is very low. A pedestrian is much more likely to be struck by a car when crossing the street than falling objects. Likewise, one is much more likely to drown while boating due to not wearing a PFD than wearing one with inadequate performance for conditions which occur only occasionally, and only at places and times that most boaters know to avoid. Additionally, the very best performing PFDs ever made, Type 1, provide only a small increase in probability of survival over a Type 3 PFD.

Inflatable PFDs have a number of limitations as explained in the "Think Safe" pamphlet provided with them, and in some cases, as marked on them. They are not recommended for non-swimmers and not approved for use on personal watercraft and in water-skiing and similar water sports. Additionally, as characterized in the pamphlet, the reliability of inflatable PFDs is less than that of inherently buoyant PFDs. Some say that maintaining them is easy, but that is a small part of the issue. Actually doing the maintenance is the most frequent problem noted in studies to date. So, while inflatable PFDs may increase use in some circumstances, they aren't suitable for all boating activities, and their reliability when maintained by boaters is yet to be proven.

Conclusion: The best PFD is the one that matches your needs.

P/C Woody

GROANER JOKES GOOD ALL WINTER...

Q. Where does a snowman keep his money?

A. In a snow bank.

Q. What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A. A puddle!

Q. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A. Frosted Flakes.

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?

A. Frostbite.

Q. Why don't mountains get cold in the winter?

A. They wear snow caps.

Q. Why did Frosty have a carrot in his nose?

A. Because he forgot where the refrigerator was.

Q. What do snowmen wear on their heads?

A. Ice caps.

Q. What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark?

A. Frost bite!

How do you know when there is a snowman in your bed ?

You wake up wet!

Courtesy of Rita Browne



Slow Cooker Savory Sloppy Joe's

- 3 pounds ground beef
- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Condensed Tomato Soup
- 2 medium green peppers, chopped (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 3 medium onions, chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1/4 cup Dijon-style mustard
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper

Directions:

Cook the beef in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat until well browned, stirring often to separate meat. Pour off any fat.

Stir the beef, soup, green peppers, onions, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, vinegar, brown sugar and black pepper in a 6-quart slow cooker.

Cover and cook on LOW for 6 to 7 hours* or until the vegetables are tender.

Fill hamburger buns with the mixture and serve.

*Or on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours.

Courtesy of Rita Browne



Save the Date!!!!
Cdr Andy Kasinec & his Gal Pal Candy
will be having a Commander's Ball
on Saturday, April 24, 2010

at the Salt River Country Club, Chesterfield
from 6:00 pm until Midnight
Three Meat Dinner Buffet with Beer, Wine & Soft Drinks
Music by Bill Long "Margaritaville Theme"
Dress is Island Casual & Pizza will be served later in the evening
Come & help Cdr Andy celebrate 2010
with Food, Drink, Entertainment, Dancing, Prizes
and Most Important of all - FUN!!!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDS., APRIL 21, 2010

PLACE: **BOBBY MAC'S BAYSIDE,**
8287 Dixie Hwy (M-29)
Ira, MI 48023,

TIME: **6:30 pm Cocktails and Fellowship**
7:15 pm Dinner – We will order from the Menu

General Membership Meeting to follow Dinner

Along with a brief program and social hour planned by Cmdr. Andy
Just a reminder to bring your clean bottles and cans in support of our
Squadron Fundraiser. Cmdr. Andy and Gary K. will be happy to accept
them.

Also, for Mike Rachuk, bring along your 2011 SURVEY FORM as printed
in the Anchorage. Thank you!

RSVP to Rita at ritaebrowne@aol.com or 810.794.2497

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!



Hi, Everyone! We would love to hear your ideas for future Squadron events in 2011.



Time Times flies as you know ; so we want to start planning ahead for next year's activities. Please give this some thought and list three activities that you would like to see our Power Squadron schedule for 2011. It could be a summer or winter, spring or fall event. Please bring your survey to the April 24th General meeting or email your choices to mike.rachuk@gmail.com.. We look forward to hearing from you!!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

**ANCHOR BAY POWER SQUADRON
PRESENTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AND
ENTERTAINMENT,**

ANCHORS AWAY RENDEZVOUS

**Saturday: After dinner
games: Trivial Pursuits – guys
against the gals – Also, for you
card playing fans, Texas
Holdum!! You betcha,
pardner!**

**BYOB , Soft
Drinks and
Snacks**

Come one, Come all!!!

ST CLAIR BOAT HARBOR

<http://www.cityofstclair.com/Harbor.htm>

42° 49' 12" N 82° 29' 05" W

May 21, 22, 23

\$20 charge per person for Fri. and Sat.
dinner. \$18 for Sat. dinner. Fee must be paid
in advance by May 8 payable to The Anchor
Bay Power Squadron mailed to Carol Gawel,
38462 Lagae, New Baltimore, MI 48047.
Thank you!

**Signore e Signori: Bocce
Ball will be available for
daytime fun!!**

- ✚ **The St. Clair Harbor Master** requests that all boat reservations be made directly with the Central Reservation System (CRS) via phone at 1.800.44PARKS (447.2757). No Boat Slip reservations will be accepted via the Website.
- ✚ **If you would like to stay at the St. Clair Inn** for a one or two night stay, please call post haste as rooms are booking up very quickly. Call the St.Clair Inn at (810) 329-2222.
- ✚ **The Rendezvous Committee** has planned an exciting weekend for everyone that promises to be full of fun with enjoyable events as follows:
- ✚ **Friday, May 21:** Dinner from 5 pm to 8pm will be served onsite at the Boat Harbor Pavilion – Tasty Grilled Hot Dogs with all the fix'ins and two delicious versions of chili: Rita's hearty meat chili and a pot of Carol's acclaimed and yummy vegetarian chili. We hear that both are very tasty!!
- ✚ **Saturday, May 22:** The bottomless Coffee Pot will be perking, but for more sustenance, Breakfast will be on your own.
- ✚ **Saturday morning at 9:00 am:** Geocaching (a new fangled treasure hunt) is being planned by Danny Woody. The hidden "treasures" will be located close to the Boat Harbor. One GPS is needed for each team of people. If you haven't done this

before, don't hesitate to join in. It promises to be a lot of fun! Danny Woody says so!! Please let us know if you would like to participate.

✚ **Saturday Lunch** will be on your own. There are many nearby restaurants such as those listed below.

✚ **Saturday Dinner 5 pm:** We are excited to offer a delicious buffet dinner catered by Achatz Catering which includes 2 meats, 2 sides, tossed salad, rolls, and assorted desserts. Achatz will deliver and setup in the Boat Harbor Pavilion with all of the needed plates, napkins and silverware. Our Rendezvous Committee will be responsible for the cleanup. However, volunteer

helpers are always appreciated.

Drum roll please.....

A Prize will be presented to the Captain who has the best "Nautical Theme" decorated boat.

Also, a Prize will be presented to the person with the most unique "Nautical Theme" outfit!

Come on guys, let's get inspired. Let your imaginations run wild!?!

Restaurants near the Saint Clair Boat Harbor, MI 48079 are as follows:

1. *Voyageur* (810) 329-3331 (lunch)

525 S Riverside Ave, St Clair, MI

2. *Pepper Joe's* (810) 326-1710 (lunch)

119 Clinton Ave, St Clair, MI

3. *Burger King* (810) 329-6380 (brk., lunch)

200 Clinton Ave, St Clair, MI

4. *La Croix's Riverside Pub* (810) 329-9955 (lunch)

314 Clinton Ave, St Clair, MI

5. *Murphy Inn* (810) 329-7118 (brk.,lunch)

505 Clinton Ave, St Clair, MI

6. *SUBWAY* (810) 326-1258 (lunch)

201 N Riverside Ave # B7-1, St Clair, MI

7. *Hungry Howie's Pizza* (810) 329-5900 (lunch)

201 N Riverside Ave # 201, St Clair, MI

8. *Coney Island* (810) 329-3826 (brk.,lunch)

201 N Riverside Ave # D6, St Clair, MI.

9. *Achatz Riverview Restaurant* (810) 329-4913 (Brk., lunch)

201 N Riverside Ave # A7, St Clair, MI

10. *St. Clair Inn*, (810) 329-2222 (brk.,lunch)

500 N Riverside Ave, St Clair, MI

The "Anchors Away" Rendezvous Committee is at your service,

The Chitwood's, Gawel's, Woody's, and Browne's



RSVP by May 1 to Carol: careme52@comcast.net or 586.716.3922 or Rita: ritaebrowne@aol.com or 810.794.2497. Thank you!