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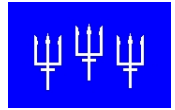
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

by *Cdr Kathleen Penzien, AP*



Congratulations! ABPS received the 100% Award for the USPS Educational Fund and the Distinction in Journalism Award. Thank you to Mike Rachuk and Ken Radjewski for making sure we receive these awards under your watch.

ABPS has lots of activities coming up. Please check out everyone's article for specific information. Plus, some of our fellow squadrons have some great activities coming up to which we are invited. Check out Ron's article for more information on those events.



Danny's department has been hard at work. Nancy Jo Kowalczyk has a great line up of rendezvous. Please check out the listing and mark your calendar. It looks like we could use some hosts for several of the rendezvous. Danny and Mike Rachuk are working on a possible Predicted Log event for ABPS. Please keep an eye out for additional information from Danny. Thank you to Joanne Rachuk, Julie Falle and your crew for the great job on the hospitality room at the D-9 Spring Conference.

Mike's is busy working on more classes. Thank you to Mike Rachuk, Ed Ross and all the proctors for the successful basic boating class. Please let Mike know what class that you are interested in and I know he will try to make it happen.

Ron's department is also full of activities. John Whittemore is working hard obtaining advertisers both old and some new ones. Alice Whittemore is working on a Coop event for ABPS. Henrietta Kasinec has been providing us with some great safety articles. John Niebieszczanski has been working hard getting the word out about the basic boating classes plus filling in as secretary. Chuck Penzien is coordinating several Vessel Safety Check events as well.

P/C Alice Whittemore is planning a great Family Merit Mark Picnic for June 9th. Please see her flyer and PLEASE mark your calendar. I know that P/C Alice is excited about this picnic and has put a lot of work into this picnic already. Let's show her our support!

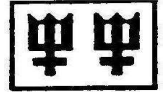
I would like to see everyone come to the May Award's Meeting. The Ray Dodd and Guy Adelin awards will be presented plus some other awards. These two members have worked very hard to earn these awards. Please let show them how much we appreciate all their work for our squadron. See you all at Bobby Mac's Bayside Grill and Tavern on May 22nd at 1830.

Thank you to all who help make ABPS successful! I appreciate everyone's hard work. Let's enjoy the summer boating safely.

Kathy

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

by Lt/C Ronald Chitwood, AP



I hope that everyone had a good time at the spring conference. Cindy and myself sure did. And my alter ego.

"Roni" sends her regards. I am sure there are pictures floating out there some where. You never know who or what might turn up at these parties.



Now to get serious, Detroit is having their Pelican initiation ceremony again on May 10, 2007 at the Detroit Yacht Club. I sent out e-mails with the registration form. If you have never been to this I suggest that you try and attend. I am going this year so I hope to see you there.

Also on May 19, 2007 Bouvier Bay Marina is having their raising of the flags and blessing of the fleet. They are also asking us to do vessel inspections after. Come out and join us for the flag raising and if you are an inspector the more people there is the more fun and inspections that we can do. Please try and attend.

Remember to check your calendars for up coming events, dates, time and locations.

Here's hoping warm weather gets here soon and that we all have a safe and fun summer.

Lt/C RON CHITWOOD

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

by Lt/C Mike Rachuk, SN



Our two Seamanship students have taken their exams for Seamanship102. I am positive they passed with flying colors. I look forward to notifying them soon.

The four students in the Advance Sail class are wrapping up their coursework. I have received the exams for Sail102 and will administer it within the next two weeks.

We will have a Boat Smart class on two Saturdays in May. Help spread the word. The location will be at the Chesterfield Fire Station.

Around Safe Boating week we will have a GPS seminar or one of the other new seminars. We hope to partner with a marine store in our area. This should help build public awareness of USPS.

In the Fall I am planning on offering a Piloting course. I also want to have a Marine Electronics course this Fall.

I have been asked to have a JN course. If anyone else is interested in taking JN, please let me know. I need to know in advance because we will only order books for confirmed students. This is a brand new course that has been geared toward the 21st century.

If you would like to take one of the many courses we have available, please let me know.

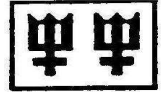
The May general meeting is very special. We recognize members for their contributions to education and other things at this meeting. The Guy Adelini and Ray Dodd award will be presented. Please help us congratulate the winners.

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



Hi everybody, well the spring conference is over, I had a great time, a lot of new stuff to go over, this will take some time, if you missed it, the fall conference is coming. Starts Oct. 26th in Bay City, be there or be SQUARE!!!!

I have some information about the Predicted Log contest, I have never done or seen this, but I would like to try it, make it a squadron event, Mike Rachuk will help. Let known if you are interested.

Ron Chitwood and I will be going to Detroit to become Pelicans, top secret, all we known is to bring a change of clothes and wear clean underwear, I'll find out, but I can't tell.

We still need host and hostess for the St. Clair outing, if you need or want help you will get more than you need, call us.

This is all for now.

Thanks *Woody*



Rendezvous Information

St. Clair - June 1nd - June 3th

Need Host and Hostess

You will need to make your own reservations - to do this online go to:

<http://www.midnrreservations.com/harbors/index.cfm>

You can make reservations up to 6 months advance. Indicate in the notes: Anchor Bay Power Squadron

Festival of Lights: Metro Park

August 3rd - 5th.

Host and Hostess needed.

You will need to get there early to get a spot.

Windsor, Ontario

Sept. 7th - Sept. 9th

Host/Hostess: Nancy and Gary Kowalczyk

Please contact Nancy at nancykowalczyk@comcast.net if you plan to attending, she needs a good head count and list for the resarvacations. Deposit may be needed, more details will be sent out as they come in.

End of Sept?? Frost Bite: Metro Park

This is a shared event with ST. Clair Shores. Dan/Eunice Woody and Ron/Cindy Chitwood is the host/hostess, contact us for this event. \$25 deposit is needed for a well. I'm trying to get with Detroit Power Squadron on the river.

If anyone would like to host an event, please contact Nancy

Recognizing a Stroke

STROKE: Remember The 1st Three Letters... **S.T.R.**

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and that she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm , Ingrid passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE:

Thank God for the sense to remember the "3" steps, STR. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S** * Ask the individual to **SMILE** .
- T** * Ask the person to **TALK** to **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)** (i.e. . . It is sunny out today)
- R** * Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

***NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this:**

Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.



**Hospitality Room at the Spring Conference
Lansing, MI
30 Mar 2007**

Thanks for the Help.

Calendar of Events

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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| 1—3 | | Rendezvous, St Clair Municipal Marina |
| 5 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 9 | | Merit Mark Party, Weber's Island (see pages 6 & 7) |

Have Safe and Enjoyable Summer

Aug 2007

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| 3—5 | | Rendezvous, Festival of lights, Metro Beach |
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Sep 2007

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| 4 | 1900 | E-Board meeting, St. John's Lutheran Church Ed Bldg |
| 7—9 | | Rendezvous, Windsor, Ontario |
| 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