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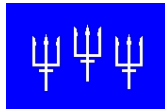
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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The Few, The Proud, The Power Squadron



Have you ever noticed, as you drive down a road, the number of United States Marine Corps flags flying in front of people's homes? Yet the Marine Corps is the smallest of the fighting forces. What makes a Marine so proud? Founded in 1775, the Marines are the oldest military branch in the country, so there is a long tradition. Marine Corps training is some of the toughest in the world, and during that training an esprit de corps is created that makes a Marine always a Marine. Lastly, there is probably no more impressive uniform than Marine dress blues.

The same could have been said for the United States Power Squadrons. We were founded in 1913, twenty-four years before the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The early squadron would drill in formation in great precision, much like a drill team. In 1915 a young yachtsman joined the New York Power Squadron. His name was Franklin D. Roosevelt. During World War 1, Roosevelt, who was Secretary of Navy, asked the Power Squadron to assist the Navy in seamanship training of its recruits. During World War 2, President Roosevelt made the same request of the Power Squadron, and we accepted the challenge. After the War, the Power Squadron continued its long-standing public boating training, using as its text book Chapman's Seamanship and Small Boat Handling considered by most people to be the "Bible" of Seamanship. Its author, Charles E. Chapman, was the National Education officer of the U.S. Power Squadrons. The class was twenty-six weeks long. For over 60 years our Boating Course was the best Boating Course available. We were "the few and the proud..."

In the 1970s and 80s an increase in recreational boating and boating accidents and fatalities led several states to recommend and even mandate boat operator training, and the issuance of a boat operator training card. By the year 2000 all 50 states offered a boater safety course in addition

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Calendar

Nov 2009

- 18 General Membership Meeting
Bath City Bistro
- 30 GPS Seminar (see SEO report)

Dec 2009

- 2 E-Boarrd Meeting
Americana Estates
- 16 Christmas Meeting (page 4)

Have fun by Participating in your Squadron.

to the course offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and even private contractors. The emphasis shifted from the "training" to the card. Some of the training is available on-line.

The US Power Squadron deviated from tradition and adopted a survival policy to be competitive in the current marketplace. It's what some call "No Sailor left behind." The Boating Course now has been reduced from 26 weeks of 60 years ago to just 8 hours now, and you can even take it on-line. Our uniforms are now optional and seldom worn. The Power Squadron name once synonymous with boating excellence is becoming increasingly less known.

Recently, a city worker in a small east coast town took our America's Boating Course at a local squadron. The training could be used in his work, and so he submitted a tuition reimbursement request. The request was originally rejected because, "training was not US Coast Guard approved," and the disbursement officer never heard of the US Power Squadron. The worker was later reimbursed. If this trend continues, we will no longer be "the few and the proud", we will just be the few.

Thank You.

Cdr Woody

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

by Lt/C Mike Rachuk, SN



Monday, 30 November is the date for our *Using GPS* seminar at the Chesterfield Fire Station on 23 Mile Rd and Baker. The seminar will start at 7:00 PM and run 2 hours.

The seminar, *How to Use a Chart* is schedule for Monday, 14 December 2009. This will be at the same location as the above seminar. Please help spread the word.

I participated at the Instructor Recertification seminar at the Fall district conference. As such, I will be able to conduct a seminar within our squadron to recertify those instructors whose certification expires.

Mark your calendars. The spring boating class will start on the first Tuesday of February 2010. I will firm up the location and report back next month.

If you are interested in one of the seminars listed below, let me know:

- ◆ [*Advanced Powerboat Handling*](#)
- ◆ [*Anchoring*](#)
- ◆ [*Basic Coastal Navigation*](#)
- ◆ [*Boat Handling under Power*](#)
- ◆ [*How to Use a Chart*](#)
- ◆ [*Hurricanes and Boats*](#)
- ◆ [*Knots, Bends and Hitches*](#)
- ◆ [*Marine RADAR*](#)
- ◆ [*Mariner's Compass*](#)
- ◆ [*Onboard Weather Forecasting*](#)
- ◆ [*Paddle Smart*](#)
- ◆ [*Sail Trim and Rig Tuning*](#)
- ◆ [*Trailer Your Boat*](#)
- ◆ [*Using GPS*](#)
- ◆ [*Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio*](#)

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

Mike Rachuk

Anchor Bay Power Squadron Nominating Committee Report

Nominations of Officers to Serve in 2010

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.

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ONE YEAR TERM	<i>Cynthia K. Chitwood</i>

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TWO YEAR TERM	<i>P/C Ronald Chitwood, AP</i>
THREE YEAR TERM	<i>P/C Danny Woody, AP</i>

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TWO YEAR TERM	<i>P/C John Whittemore, AP</i>
THREE YEAR TERM	<i>P/C Michael James, S</i>

Respectfully submitted by the 2009 Nominating Committee

P/C Alice Whittemore, AP (Chairman)

P/C Edgar Ross, AP

P/C Ronald Chitwood, AP

ANCHOR BAY POWER SQUADRON



December 16, 2009

At



Cedar Glen Country Club

**36860 25 Mile Rd
New Baltimore, MI 48047-2817**

**6:15 pm Cocktails and Fellowship
7:00 pm Buffet Dinner**

**Chicken Piccata
Sirloin Tips with Noodles
Green Beans
Au Gratin Potatoes
Tossed Salad w/assorted dressings
Relish Tray
Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Tea**

\$16.00 pp

Cash Bar

**Our donations this year will go to
St. Mary's of New Baltimore Food Pantry
(Please bring non-perishable canned goods)**

And

The Salvation Army – Needy Children of Macomb/St. Clair Counties

Suggested cash donation per household: \$5



Please RSVP to ritaebrowne@aol.com



Come one, come all and celebrate this beautiful Christmas season!!