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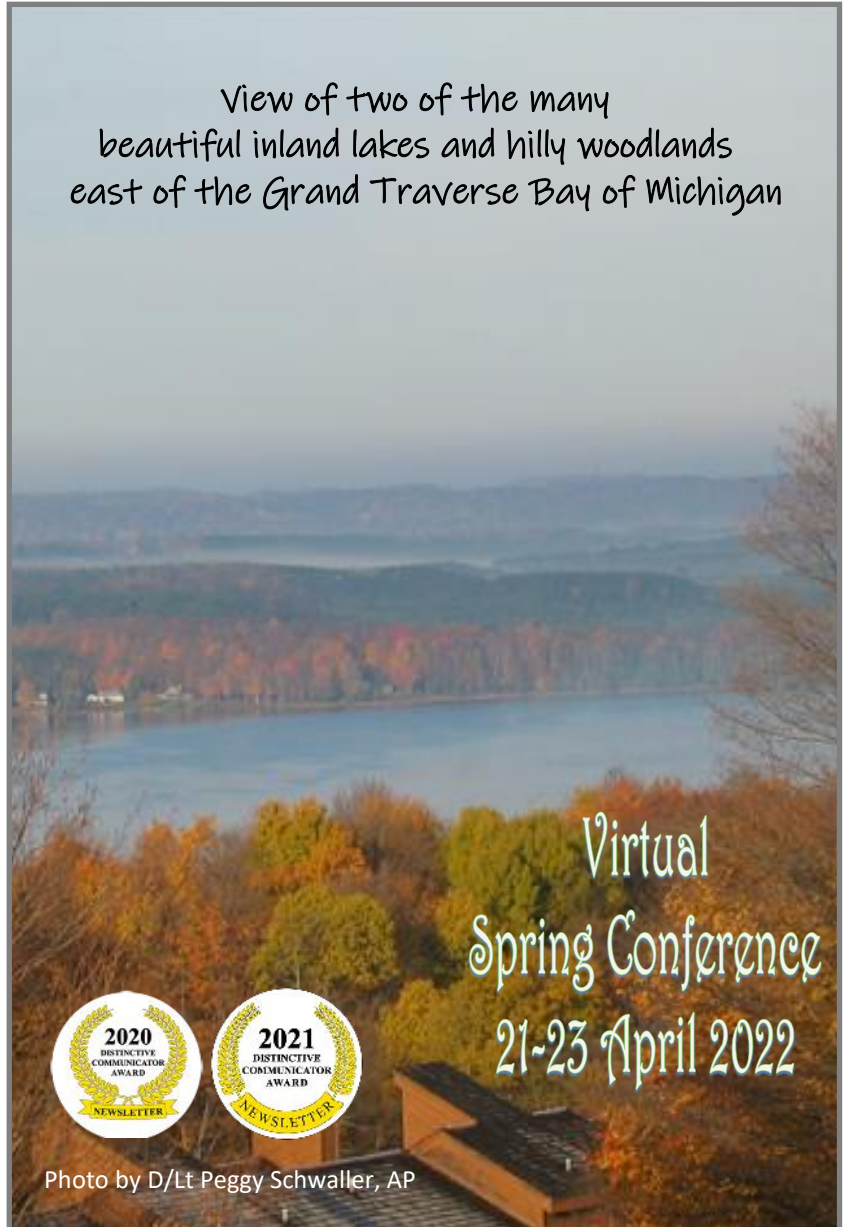
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View of two of the many  
beautiful inland lakes and hilly woodlands  
east of the Grand Traverse Bay of Michigan



Virtual  
Spring Conference  
21-23 April 2022



Photo by D/Lt Peggy Schwaller, AP



ANCHOR BAY - ANN ARBOR - BIRMINGHAM - DEARBORN - DETROIT - FLINT  
GRAND RAPIDS - GRAND TRAVERSE BAY - GROSSE POINTE  
LANSING - MOUNT CLEMENS - PORT HURON - SAGINAW BAY  
SAINT CLAIR SHORES - WYANDOTTE



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 D/Lt Margaret Schwaller, AP  
**D9 Photographer**  
 D/Lt LeRoy Strey, P

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**Officers at the National Meeting**



Photo by Cdr Rose Stano, AP ABC Grosse Pointe

**Front to Back**

- D9 Commander Janet Hartesvelt, P (Grand Traverse Bay)
- D9 XO D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P (Lansing)
- Stf/C Ralph Ziegler, JN (Lansing)
- Commander Dan Bodnar, JN (Detroit)
- D9 Secretary Stf/C Bill Stano, JN (Grosse Pointe)

**Missing from Photo**

- P/D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing)
- Commander Rose Stano, AP (Grosse Pointe)

**Join ABC Members on the Celebrity Cruise after the 2023 Annual Meeting. Cruise of 2022 photo**

Discount until end of May 2022





## Call to Virtual Conference

### 21-24 April 2022 District 9 Spring Conference Weekend Agenda

#### April 21 Thursday Evening

6:00 p.m. **Using the National Resource Center** with D/Lt/C Al Schwaller, JN-CN

7:00 p.m. **Vessel Safety Check Updates** with VSC Chair Stf/C Bill Stano, JN



#### April 22 Friday Evening

6:00 p.m. **Cocktails & Marketing Update** with PR Chair D/Lt Rose Stano, AP

#### April 23 Saturday

8:30 a.m. **Recertification of Instructors** with DEO Judy Delargy, SN

9:30 a.m. **SEO Meeting** with DEO Judy Delargy, SN

10:30 a.m. **Town Hall Meeting on USPS Reorganization Proposal**

12:00 p.m. **Call to Order** D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P

### Council/Conference Meeting & Change of Watch

**Chief Commander's Representative**  
**V/C William McManimen, SN-ON**

6:00 p.m. **Celebration Cocktails & Fun Night—A Variety Hour of Music**

**Zoom Links**, as well as any supporting documents, will be sent out by District Secretary D/Lt/C Bill Stano, JN closer to the actual conference.

**Dress Code for the Conference Weekend** is USPS/ABCClub casual attire except for the Conference Meeting and Change of Watch which is Uniform A.

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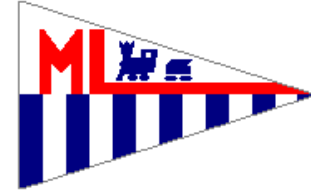
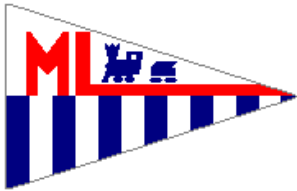


**Abridged 2022 Spring Conference Agenda  
23 April 2022**

12:00 p.m. Call to Order		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Invocation		D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP
Pledge of Allegiance		D/Lt/C Alice Whittemore, AP
Welcome Comments		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Order of Business—Reconvene Council		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Vote on the 2022-2023 Budget		
Adjournment of Council		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Call to Order—Spring Conference		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Recognition of Departed Members		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Prayer & Moment of Silence		D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP
Introduction of Guests		P/D/C Ralph Ziegler, JN
Introduction of National Officers and P/D/C's		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Review of the Voting and Floor Privileges		D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN
Determination of a Quorum		D/Lt Bill Stano, JN
Approval of the Minutes—2021 Fall Conference		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Chief Commander's Representative's Message		V/C Bill McManimen III SN-ON
Awards		D/Lt Delphine Cooley, S
Committees' Reports		
Bridge Officers' Reports		
Unfinished Business		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Matters of Interest		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
<b>2022 D9 Commander and Bridge Change of Watch</b>		
Review of Election Procedures		D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN
Report of Nominating Committee		P/D/C Ralph Ziegler, JN
If nominations are unopposed, Secretary shall move that unanimous ballot be cast for the election of new officers	D/Lt/C Bill Stano, JN	
Thank and Relieve Officers, Committees, Assistants & Bridge		D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
D/C Jan Hartesvelt's Farewell Address		
Pledge of 2022-2023	D/C Alanna Harvey, P      C/C Rep.	V/C Bill McManimen III, SN-ON
Request to Leave D9 Bridge		Junior P/D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
D/C Alanna Harvey, P calls up new D9 Bridge		
Pledge of 2022-2023 Bridge	C/C Rep.	V/C Bill McManimen III, SN-ON
Pledge of Appointed Officers and Committees	C/C Rep.	V/C Bill McManimen III, SN=ON
D/C Alanna Harvey, P      Inaugural Address		
P/D/C Jr. Jan Hartesvelt, P      Recognition and Gift Presentation		D/C Alanna Harvey, P
		D/Lt/C Al Schwaller, JN-CN
New Business      Grand Rapids Request for Dissolution		D/C Alanna Harvey, P
Benediction		D/Lt/C Chet Dunbar, Jr., AP
Adjournment		D/C Alanna Harvey, P



**The Chief Commander's Representative  
to the  
District 9 Virtual Spring Conference**



**National Educational Officer  
V/C William J. McManimen, SN-ON  
Bio from USPS® Website**

Bill has a Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics from La Salle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He worked for the same company for forty years in the aerospace industry and joined the many thousands of scientists, engineers, technicians and astronauts to land men on the moon and return them safely to earth. He retired as the senior vice president, director and plant manager. He spent three tours in the Mediterranean Sea aboard the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Independence, CV-62. He is a licensed private pilot and flew N8272A for over 20 years. Bill joined the United States Power Squadrons as a member of Pennsway Power Squadron in 1977. He was a squadron commander in 1982, District 5 secretary in 1986 and District 5 commander in 1992. He chaired the national Operations Training Committee for three years and was a member of the national Committee on Rules for two years. He has been a Squadron Educational Officer, District Assistant Educational Officer and District Educational Officer. He chaired the Educational Department's Educational Outreach Committee and has served as the Assistant National Educational Officer for three years. Bill has been a USPS and District 5 member continuously for forty three years and has been awarded 42 merit marks. He is currently a member of Pennsylvania's Main Line Sail & Power Squadron. He is a senior navigator, USPS certified instructor, and a Boat Operator's Certifier for Inland, Coastal, Advanced Coastal and Offshore Navigation. He is certified in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware to teach the NASBLA State Boating Safety Education Certificate Course. He is also a current certified Vessel Safety Examiner. Bill came for the education and stayed for the friends



Photo by P/C Cindy Sinicki. S

D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P represented District 9 and officiated at America's Boating Club of Saginaw Bay on March 26, 2022  
D/C Jan admiring gift from Cdr Guy Greve, P

I'd like to take this time to thank the District 9 Commanders and members for their support through the years as I climbed the ladder from Assistant Secretary to District Commander. I've enjoyed coming to your meetings and dancing at balls. Your friendships wouldn't have become if it weren't for America's Boating Club. Special thanks to those who lent me a guest room for many overnights downstate. Another special thanks to those who drove me around in Detroit, Dearborn, and Grosse Pointe after dark. I would have gotten lost! I'll never forget the great fun I had dancing with everyone till the end of the evening at Detroit Yacht Club and Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, etc. The most important thank you goes to my District Bridge. Their advice and guidance are immeasurable. Take care everyone. Good luck.

Sincerely,

*Jan*

D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P

P.S. If you're throwing a party with a dance band, please let me know. I'll crash it!



District Commander Janet Hartesvelt, P Administers the USPS Oath to Cdr Mary Petterson, N ABC Grand Traverse Bay December Change of Watch  
Photo by P/C Bill Bailey, JN



### **An Article of Interest from D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P**

Perhaps the best known ship today in Henry VIII's fleet is his favorite warship the Mary Rose, launched in 1511, and raised from the waters of the Solent in 1982. The maintenance of health and hygiene aboard ship was the responsibility of the barber surgeon, a difficult task considering the rudimentary sanitary conditions on all sailing ships of the time. A pewter chamber pot, presumably belonging to one of the officers and for his own personal convenience and comfort, was recovered from the area where the officers would have had their cabins. Most of the crew on similar ships would instead have used the beakhead, an area forward of the bow castle open to the sea and decked with gratings, through which the waves could break and so keep the area clean. This area was known as the 'heads' giving future generations of sailors a convenient term for their ablution areas. Sailors were encouraged to use the leeward side depending on the weather and prevailing wind direction, so that effluent would fall cleanly into the sea. (1) Among the crew the swabber was responsible for the cleanliness of the decks and the liar for cleaning the heads; this particularly unpleasant duty was assigned for a week to the first man to be found out telling a lie on a Monday morning. (2) Despite all attempts to ensure the hygienic state of the ship, the ship was infested with fleas, latrine flies, bluebottles, and rats. It was impossible to eliminate the regular stench of the ship, and at least one of the officers was fastidious enough to have a boxwood pomander, which would have contained dried herbs, flowers or spices, suspended from his sword scabbard or belt to combat noxious smells. (3) That is the history of why we call the 'head' the 'head' on our boats. That excerpt was taken from the book, Poxed and Scurvied, The Story of Sickness and Health at Sea by Kevin Brown. 2011. Footnotes (1) The Ocean Plague by R. Whyte. 1848. (2) An Emigrant's Five Years in the Free States of America by W Hancock. 1860. (3) Report on the Affairs of British North America from the Earl of Durham by Dr. Joseph Morin, quarantine station inspector. 1839.



**D9 Executive Officer**  
**D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P**  
**Member of**  
**America's Boating Club of Mid Michigan**



D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P presenting an informative seminar at a District 9 Conference during Alanna's year as the D9 Administrative Officer  
 Photo by Peggy Schwaller, AP

It feels like spring may be on it's way in. People are anxious to get out on the water; evidence of that was at the recent Novi Boat Show. District 9 had a booth with a lot of activity and new boaters looking for classes. An encouraging sign to all squadrons looking to start classes.

My boating activities have been pretty limited; I am not sure taking the ferry boat to Mackinac Island counts as boating but it felt good to be on the water and spend a relaxing fall weekend with friends. My boating may be limited this summer as I continue therapy on my arm.

**I did sign up for the Western Caribbean Cruise being sponsored by Dawn's Travel through USPS for next February. It will take place after the Annual Meeting in Orlando. Several years ago we had 40+ members of D9 take a cruise like this. It would be great to see many of you sign up for next year. More information will be available at the upcoming spring conference.**

We are working on a schedule for the spring conference to spread workshops and meetings over several days as well as a fun event for Saturday night. Looking forward to sharing boating activities with you and your squadrons this summer.

*Alanna*

## D9 ABC members volunteer at the Novi Boat Show, March 10-15, 2022

Boat Show photos by D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P

### 2022 Novi Boat Show

- Booth "Set Up" by ABC of Mid Michigan
- Booth "Break Down" by ABC of Detroit
- Volunteers from Clubs
  - Anchor Bay
  - Birmingham
  - Detroit
  - Grosse Pointe
  - Mid Michigan
  - Mount Clemens

**D9 Boat Show Chair**  
 D/Lt Bill Smith, AP  
 ABC of Detroit

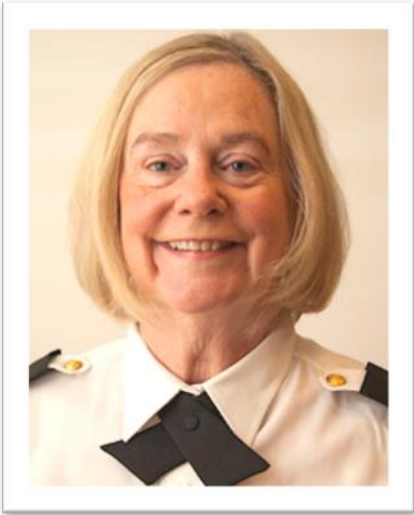


Mark Jankovic, Member providing boaters a list of classes.  
 ABC Mid Michigan



D/Lt Bob Blau, SN, Coordinator-Trainer at the popular Virtual Boating "Simulator"  
 ABC Birmingham Squadron





**D9 Educational Officer**

**D/Lt/C Judith Delargy, SN**

**Member of**

**America's Boating Club Birmingham Squadron**

During the Pandemic, online course registrations have skyrocketed, with the online squadron reaching 1700+ students. ABC, Boat Handling, Cruising & Cruise Planning, Weather, nineteen seminars and eight webinars are now offered online. However, only 35% of online registrants are completing the courses, leaving a potential space for squadron assistance. During the same time period, D9 squadron course registrations have suffered greatly. This was due not only to the Pandemic: NASBLA certification for extending the Emergency Virtual Classroom and in-person ABC classes was delayed until mid-February this year. Currently, five squadrons are offering ABC, all at in-person venues.

We will be offering an Instructor Recertification class as part of the virtual Fall District meeting. We have put together a list of 45 potential students whose certification lapsed between 2019 and today. This class is really more a trainer-led interactive discussion than technical training. This new format received very high evaluations last year at the D9 Spring Conference and was even labelled as FUN! We're all looking forward to this year's offering. *Judy*

**Attention Educational Officers & Instructors!  
Virtual Recertification Class this month!**

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

**Conducted by D/Lt/C Judy Delargy, SN**



**D9 Administrative Officer**  
**D/Lt/C Albert W. Schwaller, JN-CN**  
**Member of**  
**America Boating Club of Detroit**

After months of Covid 19 closures, masking, distancing, and virtual Zoom meetings, it is wonderful to meet in person again.

In the latter part of December 2021 America's Boating Club of Mount Clemens had a festive holiday in person Dinner Meeting and Change of Watch.

As the D9 Administrative Officer, I had the honor of administering the oath of office to Commander Wendy Oravec, AP, her Bridge officers and Committee members.

Earlier in December as Squadron Commander of America's Boating Club of Detroit, I attended the in person festive Dinner Meeting and participated in the Change of Watch at the Detroit Yacht Club. A week later I attended America's Boating Club-Birmingham Squadron's in person festive Dinner Meeting and Change of Watch. In March, I attended ABC Birmingham Squadron's first in person dinner/ meeting of 2022.

Spring is here and Michigan America's Boating Club members are ready to enjoy the boating season and camaraderie with fellow members. ABC Clubs have already posted boating events so check the D9 calendar regularly. Two popular boating events available to D9 members are ABC of Detroit's June 24 round trip Jet Express Excursion to Put-N-Bay, Ohio and ABC Grand Traverse Bay's August 13 Lobster Roast in Northport adjacent to the G. Marsten Dame Marina.

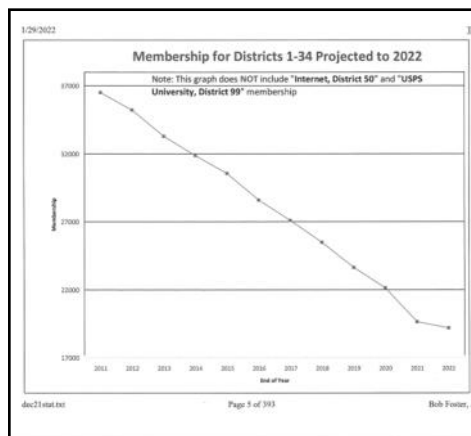
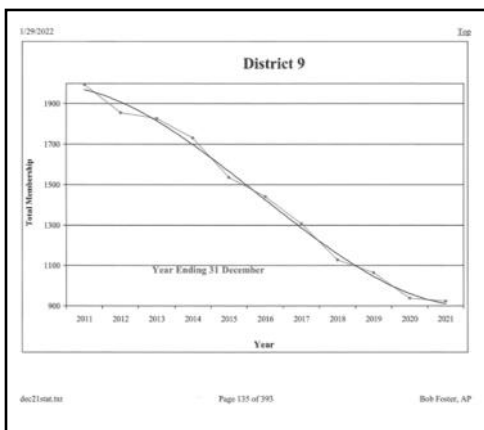
**Membership is Job 1!** Membership has been continuing to decline since 2011 as shown on charts for District 9 and all Districts in the United States Power Squadrons®. However, D9's total membership remained consistent in 2021.

As to the future of USPS, two reports were presented at the National Meeting. The first is the **Reorganization Proposal** posted in the online Ensign Magazine. <https://theensign.org/reorganization-update/> The second is the **Finance Committee Report**. This paper has been distributed to various USPS members. If you have not received a copy, contact your Commander. The USPS® has constantly adapted as needed since 1913 to survive. USPS® remains!

**District 9 and USPS® lost approximately half of their membership since 2011**



Commander Wendy Oravec, AP D/Lt/C Schwaller, JN-CN admiring his gift Mount Clemens Power Squadron Change of Watch, December 21, 2021



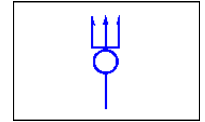
**A big "Thank You" to all the committee chairs and members who volunteered your services to the D9 Administrative Department during the past year. I am grateful as is District 9 & USPS®**

Sincerely,  
*Al Schwaller*



D9 Secretary

Stf/C Bill Stano, JN  
USPS® Planning Committee  
America's Boating Club



Member of  
America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe

Despite the many obstacles everyone encountered over the past two and a half years, we are still here and the District 9 Squadrons are ready to resume their in person activities of teaching classes, rendezvous and community services. Spring is in the air and everyone should be proud that we have persevered and are coming out of the "Pandemic Fog" stronger, ready to learn from each other, engage with each other and connect with each other.

Each year the Communications Committee reviews Squadron and District newsletters and websites and selects those which merit special recognition for sustained quality throughout the year that not only promote life within the United States Power Squadrons® but also instill interest and inspire and encourage members of the public to take courses and join our organization. This achievement is recognized with the **Distinctive Communicator Award**. There are awards for publications and websites to recognize those publications and websites that meet or exceed defined award criteria. Districts or squadrons recognized for the **Distinctive Communicator Award** can proudly display the logo in their newsletter or on their website.

[DCA Description \(usps.org\)](https://www.usps.org) is the link to download the **Distinctive Communicator Award Logos**

D9  
Anchor Bay Power Squadron  
Ann Arbor Power Squadron  
Birmingham Power Squadron  
Detroit Power Squadron



Grand Traverse Bay Sail & Power Squadron  
Grosse Pointe Power Squadron  
Mount Clemens Power Squadron  
Port Huron Sail & Power Squadron  
Saginaw Bay Sail & Power Squadron

I am grateful for the exceptional work and dedication to our District 9 Webmaster, R/C Jay Stevens, SN. When I attempted to update the district website, Jay was always there to fix my mistakes.

D9 – Interlaker  
Ann Arbor - The Porthole  
Birmingham – The Bilge Chatter  
Dearborn – Anchor Lines  
Detroit – Dumping Grounds



Grand Rapids – Waterspout  
Grand Traverse Bay – The 45th Parallel  
Lansing – Crow's Nest  
Port Huron – SPLASH!

I want to thank District 9's Editor of the Interlaker, D/Lt Peggy Schwaller, AP for her hard work and dedication for giving us a great district publication.



## New USPS/ABC LOGO

The National Marketing Committee approved two new USPS/ABC logos. These two Logos, horizontal and rectangular, include the United States Power Squadrons name. You can download these logos at

[Approved Logos \(usps.org\)](#). These logos are not meant to replace currently approved ones.



You can also download the America's Boating Club Letterhead to send "Official Correspondence."  
[ABCclub Letterhead.docx \(live.com\)](#)

## 2022 ABC Annual Meeting

The National Secretary's Report from the 2022 Annual Meeting  
can be found at the National Meetings Website:

[https://www.usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?sp\\_mtg\\_id=38&mtg\\_id=43](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?sp_mtg_id=38&mtg_id=43)

The Secretary's Report discusses a variety of topics under the National Secretary's Department,

## Changes of Watch

Mariners throughout history have maintained the course and safe operation of their vessels through a system of watches, during which a portion of the crew took responsibility for the ship's activities for a certain period of time. To those crew members were entrusted the lives and fortunes of the entire crew. So great was the responsibility for the success or failure of the voyage and so demanding were the challenges that no single group of crew members could bear the burden alone. Thus developed a system of watches where crew members shared responsibility for the fate of the vessel. The passing of responsibility from one group of crew members to the next became known as the Change of Watch.

I participated in the following Changes of Watch, and I had the honor of administering the oath of office to the following commanders:

- Dearborn- Cdr Frank Muylaert, SN
- Grosse Pointe – Cdr Rose Stano, AP
- St. Clair Shores – Cdr Matthew Grafton, S

I congratulate these three commanders and their bridges. Have a GREAT 2022 to all.

I want to thank my fellow District 9 Bridge Members and the Squadrons of District 9 for allowing me to serve as your District Secretary for 2021-2022.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stf/C Bill Stano, JN  
Secretary, District 9



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Marty & Sarah Lafferty  
Producers & Filming Team  
Season 5 Videos



A District 9 Event

### America's Boating Channel Season 5 Receives Award at the International Water and Boating Safety Summit in Washington, D.C.

*The Stano's  
invited the Lafferty's to film  
in District 9 and they accepted.*



Marty Lafferty accepting the  
Award from Yvonne Pentz,  
National Safe Boating Council

Accepting the IBWSS Communication Award was Marty Lafferty, Grant Project Manager for America's Boating Channel, which is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard.



Photos courtesy of Stf/C Bill Stano, JN & Lt/C Rose Stano, AP

Raleigh, NC, 17 March 2022 – America's Boating Channel™ has been honored by the National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) with its 2022 IBWSS Communication Award for Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Series. The award for the video service's fifth season of boating safety and boater education titles was presented by NSBC Communications Director Yvonne Pentz during the closing ceremony of the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS) on Wednesday March 16 in Washington, DC.



**D9 Treasurer**

**D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP**

**Member of  
America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe**



Covid-19 pandemic still has an impact on our District events. We didn't schedule any events during the Fall and Winter months. The Penta Conference was profitable for D9. We made \$219.93 after deducting the \$927 seed money. Combined with the District assessment and investment income then subtracting expenses we have net income of \$4682.13.

I couldn't attend any COW this year due to my back surgery. My road to recovery is progressing but I have many miles to travel.

Thanks to everyone who assisted me during the three years as the D9 Treasurer. Special thanks to the Budget & Finance Committees and Audit Committees for working with me. It was my pleasure serving D9! I plan to move up to Administrative Officer and become as effective as my predecessor. We are looking for a Membership Chairperson, anyone interested in this position please contact me.

I continue to pray that things will soon return to normal as we once knew it. Stay Safe, Stay Well and GOD BLESS!

Americas Boating Club District Nine is financially sovereign. All checks received were deposited and all bills due were paid.

Wishing You Safe Waters

*Chet*

### *America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe's Fabulous Kentucky Houseboat Adventure*



**Chet and fellow Past Commanders of America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe left their boats at dock in Michigan and rented a big houseboat and cruised around Lake Cumberland, Kentucky. Information on website below.**

**Photo from Website <https://www.go-Kentucky.com/State-Dock-750-Houseboat/>**



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**Report of the Committee on Nominations to the Conference**

April 23, 2022

Pursuant to Bylaws Section 2.10 and SOP's 14 and 15 of District 9, the Nominating Committee by unanimous vote hereby submits to the Council the following nominees for the District Planning Committee and Budget/Finance Committee to serve during the 2022-2023 operational year.

**District Bridge Officers**

District Commander	D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P	Lansing
District Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Albert Schwaller, JN-CN	Detroit
District Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Judy Delargy, SN	Birmingham
District Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP	Grosse Pointe
District Secretary	D/Lt/C William Stano, JN	Grosse Pointe
District Treasurer	Vacant	
District Ass't. Educational Officer	D/1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Tom Geggie, SN	Birmingham
District Ass't. Secretary	Vacant	

**District Audit Committee**

Year three of three year term	D/Lt Paul Loock, JN	Birmingham
Year two of three year term	D/Lt Bonnie Krieg, AP	St. Claire Shores
Year one of three year term	D/Lt Ronald Utz, AP	Grosse Pointe

**Nominating Committee**

Three year term	P/D/C Janet Hartesvelt, P	Grand Traverse Bay
Year two of a three year term	P/D/C Ralph Ziegler, JN	Lansing
Year three of three year term	P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP	Grosse Pointe
Three year term	Vacant	
Three year term	Vacant	

**Rules Committee**

Year three of three year term	D/Lt Cheryllyn Muylaert, JN	Dearborn
Three year term	P/D/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN	Lansing
Three year term	Vacant	

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**Report of the Committee on Nominations to the Council**

March 26, 2022

Pursuant to Bylaws Section 2.10 and SOP's 14 and 15 of District 9, the Nominating Committee by unanimous vote hereby submits to the Council the following nominees for the District Planning Committee and Budget/Finance Committee to serve during the 2022-2023 operational year.

**Budget and Finance Committee**

Year three of a three-year term	D/Lt Dale Lashbrook, AP	Port Huron
Year two of a three-year term	D/Lt Thomas Fisher, SN	Mt. Clemens
Year two of a three-year term	D/Lt Kim Ratcliff, AP	Wyandotte

**Planning Committee**

Year three of a three-year term	D/Lt Connie Hallenbeck, JN	Flint
Year three of a three-year term	D/Lt Dave Brinks, AP	Grand Rapids
Year two of a three-year term	D/Lt Dawn Flynn, JN	Lansing
Year one of a three-year term	P/C Gary Jialanella, JN-CN	Birmingham
Year one of a three-year term	P/C John Sulkowski, AP	Grosse Pointe

CC: P/D/C Ralph J, Ziegler, JN  
P/D/C Michael J. Babiarz, AP  
P/D/Lt/C Thomas J. Smith, SN-CN  
P/C Ronald W. Utz, AP





**Department of Commander**

Attitude Adjustment D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP (Grosse Pointe)  
 D/Lt Rahmon Dunbar (Grosse Pointe)  
 Chaplain D/Lt Kenyon Steiner, AP (Lansing)  
 D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP (Grosse Pointe)  
 Commander's Aides P/D/C Bryan Bartlett, SN (Detroit)  
 Stf/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing)  
 D/Lt Maureen Smith (Detroit)  
 D/Lt William Smith, AP (Detroit)  
 Conference Coordinator P/D/C Michael Rachuk, SN (Anchor Bay)  
 Asst. Conference Coordinator D/Lt Frederick Hoitash, SN (Dearborn)  
 Educational Fund Representative P/D/C Dawn Flynn, JN (Lansing)  
 Flag Lieutenant D/Lt Alice Marie Whitmore, AP (Anchor Bay)  
 Asst. Flag Lieutenant D/Lt Carolyn Knaggs, P (Flint)  
 Hospitality P/Stf/C Sally Lemus, P (Detroit)  
 Law Officer D/Lt Lynne Draper, AP (Flint)  
 Liaison to CPS-ECP D/Lt Patricia Jarmon, SN (Birmingham)  
 Liaison to USCG P/D/C Anthony Lewandowski, AP (Birmingham)  
 D9 Merit Marks D/Lt/C Albert Schwaller, JN-CN (Detroit)  
 Parliamentarian D/Lt Laddie Hudson, Jr., SN (Mount Clemens)  
 Photographer D/Lt LeRoy Strey, P and P/Stf/C Sally Lemus, P (Detroit)

**Department of Executive Officer**

Boat Show Coordinator D/Lt William Smith, AP (Detroit)  
 D/Lt Maureen Smith, (Detroit)  
 Co-op Charting N MI TBD Co-op Charting S MI TBD  
 Environmental D/Lt Erika Jensen (Lansing)  
 Executive Aide Stf/C Mary Ann Jensen (Lansing)  
 Executive Officer Seminar  
 Homeland Security Officer D/Lt Douglas Rocho, P (Detroit)  
 Legislative Officer D/Lt James Simpson< AP (Dearborn)  
 Liaison Officer D/Lt Michael Babiarz, (Grosse Pointe)  
 Parade Coordinator D/Lt Alanna Harvey, P (Lansing)  
 D/Lt David Brinks, AP (Grand Rapids)  
 Program Visitation  
 Public Relations Officer D/Lt Rose Stano, AP (Grosse Pointe)  
 Safety Committee D/Lt Ronald Horner, AP (Mount Clemens)  
 Squadron Development D/Lt Denise Samu, AP (Birmingham)  
 Vessel Safety Check D/Lt William Stano, JN (Grosse Pointe)

**Department of Educational Officer**

ABC Coordinator P/D/Lt/C Thomas Smith, SN (Birmingham)  
 ADEO D/Lt Thomas Geggie, AP (Birmingham)  
 Advanced Piloting D/Lt Thomas Geggie, AP (Birmingham)  
 Boating D/Lt Robert Blau, SN (Birmingham)  
 Boating Virtual Trainer D/Lt Robert Blau, SN (Birmingham)  
 BOC Coordinator D/Lt William Stewart, SN (Dearborn)  
 Coastal and Offshore Navigation D/Lt Robert Blau, SN (Birmingham)  
 Coordination Aide P/D/Lt/C Thomas Smith, SN (Birmingham)  
 Cruise Planning D/Lt Shirley Geggie, AP (Birmingham)  
 Dockhand Training P/D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN (Mount Clemens)  
 Educational Cruise P/D/Lt/C Thomas Smith, SN (Birmingham)  
 Engine Maintenance D/Lt Jerry Williams, AP (Grand Traverse Bay)  
 Instructor Development D/Lt Frederick Hoitash, SN (Dearborn)  
 Marine Electronics D/Lt/C Judy Delargy, SN (Birmingham)  
 Piloting D/Lt/C Judy Delargy, SN (Birmingham)  
 Sail P/D/Lt/C David Kowalski, SN (Birmingham)  
 Boat Handling P/D/Lt/C Donald Fiander, SN (Birmingham)

**Department of Educational Officer (continued)**

Teaching Aids D/Lt Robert Blau, SN (Birmingham)  
 USPS Guides TBD USPS Seminars TBD Weather TBD

**Department of Administrative Officer**

Administrative Aide D/Lt Joseph Grathoff, AP (Flint)  
 AO Seminar D/Lt/C Albert Schwaller, JN-CN (Detroit)  
 Boating Activities P/D/C Denise Samu, AP (Birmingham)  
 Cruise/Rendezvous P/D/C Denise Samu, AP (Birmingham)  
 Membership D/Lt Norma Gail Graham, S (Detroit)  
 D/Lt Wendy Caldwell, P (Detroit)  
 Operations Training P/D/C William Stano, JN (Grosse Pointe)  
 Port Captains D/Lt Dale Lashbrook, AP (Port Huron)  
 D/Lt Teena Lashbrook, AP (Port Huron)  
 Predicted Log D/Lt Dale Ellis, AP (Grosse Pointe)  
 Sea Scouts Liaison D/Lt Wayne Hastings, AP (Port Huron)  
 Squadron Ambassador  
 Trophies and Awards D/Lt Delphine Cooley, S (Detroit)

**Department of Secretary**

Asst. Secretary  
 Ensign Correspondent D/Lt Suzanne Rayburn, SN (Dearborn)  
 Historian D/Lt Margaret Schwaller, AP (Birmingham)  
 Interlaker Editor D/Lt Margaret Schwaller, AP (Birmingham)  
 Webmaster R/C H. Jay Stevens, SN (Lansing)

**Department of Treasurer**

Property Officer D/Lt Bonnie Krieg, AP (St Clair Shores)  
 Treasurer's Seminar P/D/C John Bennett, SN (Grosse Pointe)  
 D/Lt Laddie Hudson, Jr., SN (Mount Clemens)

**District Auditing Committee**

D/Lt Robert Malicki, JN (Grosse Pointe) 3 of 3  
 D/Lt Paul Loock, JN (Birmingham) 2 of 3  
 D/Lt Bonnie Krieg, AP (Saint Clair Shores) 1 of 3

**District Nominating Committee**

P/D/C Ralph Ziegler, JN (Lansing) 1 of 3  
 P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP (Grosse Pointe) 2 of 3  
 P/D/Lt/C Thomas Smith, SN (Birmingham) 3 of 3  
 D/Lt Ronald Utz, AP (Grosse Pointe) 3 of 3

**District Rules Committee**

Stf/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing) 3 of 3  
 D/Lt Cherilyn Muylaert, JN (Dearborn) 2 of 3

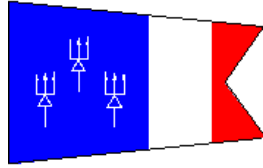
**District Planning Committee**

P/D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN (Mount Clemens) 3 of 3 yrs  
 D/Lt Joseph Grathoff, AP (Flint) 3 of 3 yrs  
 D/Lt Teena Lashbrook, AP (Port Huron) 3 of 3 yrs  
 D/Lt Connie Hallenbeck, JN (Flint) 2 of 3 yrs.  
 D/Lt David Brinks, AP (Grand Rapids) 2 of 3 yrs  
 P/D/C Dawn Flynn, JN (Lansing) 1 of 3 yrs

**District Membership Committee**

**District Budget & Finance Committee**

D/Lt Dale Lashbrook, AP (Port Huron) 2 of 2 yrs  
 D/Lt Thomas Fisher, JN (Mount Clemens) 1 of 3 yrs  
 D/Lt Kim Ratcliffe, AP (Wyandotte) 1 of 3 yrs



### Past District Commanders - P/D/C

1940-41	Lee S. Nelson, N	Toledo	1987	P/N/F/Lt Richard H. Jarmon, SN	Birmingham
1942-43	Charles R. Austerbury, JN	Detroit	1988	Lewis W. Dance, SN	Dearborn
1944-45	Carl J. Florian, N	Toledo	1989	William J. Bayer, SN	Warren
1946	George N. Lilygren	Grosse Pointe	1990	James R. Leonard, SN	Lansing
	Carl J. Florian, N	Toledo	1991	Fred C. Sellenraad, SN	Saginaw Bay
1947-48	Richard Webber, JN	Detroit	1992	Gerald Burpee, SN	Flint
1949	Eugene C. Swift	Saginaw Bay	1993	Stf/C Edwin R. Schwenk, SN	Grosse Ile
1950-51	Keith E. Brooks, AP	Port Huron	1994	Joseph F. VanBlerck, SN	Mt Clemens
1952-53	Fred L. Chalcraft, Jr. N	Detroit	1995	R/C E. Steven Jensen, JN	Lansing
1954-55	W. Kent Fenton, JN	Toledo	1996	Rick Mack, SN	Port Huron
1956-57	Robert L. Davis, JN	Grand Rapids	1997	James M. Gabocy, SN	Grosse Ile
1958-59	Charles L. Fead, AP	Port Huron	1998	Michael M. Maziasz, N	Birmingham
1960-61	William P. Ternes, JN	Detroit	1999	Gert A. Baldwin, JN	Muskegon
1962-63	Ray C. Stevens, AP	Kalamazoo	2000	P/R/C Allan F. Harold, SN	Ann Arbor
1964-65	James D. Happle, JN	Wyandotte	2001	Stf/C John Bennett, SN	Grosse Pointe
1966-67	Robert E. Stanley, N	Detroit	2002	W. Lyle Rea, SN	Kalamazoo
1968-69	Elliott B. Spreen, AP	Kalamazoo	2003	Richard P. Gallop, SN	Mt Clemens
1970-71	John J. Wetzell, N	Grosse Pointe	2004	Michael J. Rachuk, SN	Anchor Bay
1972-73	P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN	Birmingham	2005	James G. Knaggs, SN	Flint
1974	Frank R. Veit, JN	Grand Rapids	2006	Denise C. Samu, AP	Birmingham
1975	Everett R. Clark, N	Toledo	2007	Jerry Stephen, AP	Grand Traverse Bay
1976	George A. Richardson, SN	Ann Arbor	2008	Denise Brooks, AP	Port Huron
1977	James L. Mitts, SN	Kalamazoo	2009	Bryan Bartlett, SN	Detroit
1978	James C. Acheson, SN	Port Huron	2010	James Draper, JN	Flint
1979	Richard C. Rateich, SN	Grosse Ile	2011	Mary Ann Jensen, SN	Lansing
1980	Robert L. McLravy, JN	Lansing	2012	Linda LaLonde, P	Dearborn
1981	Odell C. Mercer, SN	Wyandotte	2013	William Stano, JN	Grosse Pointe
1982	Don L. Bender, SN	Dearborn	2014	H. Jay Stevens, SN	South Bend
1983	Marvin W. Warmels, SN	Grand Rapids	2015	Dawn Flynn, JN	Lansing
1984	P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN	Grosse Pointe	2016	Anthony Lewandowski, AP	Birmingham
1985	William J. Morrison, SN	Saginaw Bay	2017	Janet Marie Klumpp, AP	Mount Clemens
1986	Stf/C Gene R. VanRhee, SN	Kalamazoo	2018	Michael Babiarz, AP	Grosse Pointe
			2019-2020	Ralph Ziegler, JN	Lansing

### Past District Educational Officers - P/D/Lt/C

1947-48	E.C. Bogert, N	Detroit	1985-87	Herbert R. Davidson, SN	Lansing
1949	Avery T. Macklem, JN	Detroit	1988-90	J. D. Westbrook, SN	Irish Hills
1950-55	Reed E. Maes, AP	Port Huron	1991-93	Patricia A. Johnston, SN	Dearborn
1956-61	Fred L. Chalcraft, Jr., N	Detroit	1994-96	John P. Horan, SN	South Bend
1962-66	Lawrence Messersmith, N	Detroit	1996-99	Nancy L. McCully, SN	Birmingham
1967	Tracy B. Gardner, N	Dearborn	2000-02	Marlys H. Vickers, SN	Birmingham
1968	Arthur A. Obel, N	Detroit	2003-05	Thomas Hyatt, N	Detroit
1969-70	Glen H. Howell, N	Grosse Pointe	2006-08	William M. Stewart, SN	Dearborn
1971-74	Raymond H. Crockford, N	Grand Rapids	2009-11	Donald C. Fiander, SN	Birmingham
1975-78	James E. Ryan, N	Toledo	2012-15	Duane Carlson, SN	Mt. Clemens
1979-81	Donald C. Beran, SN	Flint	2016-18	Thomas J. Smith, SN-CN	Birmingham
1982-84	John D. Alstetter, SN	Grosse Ile	2019-21	David Kowalski, SN	Birmingham



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