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Virtual

D9 2021 Spring Conference April 9 - 11

Michigan Covi-19 restrictions and capacity limitations require virtual.



Round Island Lights - Mackinac Island

Photo by D9 Editor D/Lt Peggy Schwaller, AP



Officer's Report



DC Ralph Ziegler JN

District 9 Commander

Member of

America's Boating Club of Mid-Michigan

Lansing Sail and Power Squadron



To all the District Nine United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club Members:

This past year has been a year to remember but also one I would like to forget. In Michigan, we have had the most unusual experience for the boating season and our normal rendezvous and squadron gatherings. The pandemic has caused us to not be able to meet in person and therefore a loss of contact that would have helped rally our spirits. We have been encouraged to limit even one to one personal contacts, even family gatherings. We, however, learned to create virtual meetings and gatherings, which helped create some normality.

The future will bring a return to personal contacts, as vaccine shots are administered to the population. We have learned that we can teach classes via the internet, probably one of the best things for USPS/ABC. Remember we are boaters and have had to adapt to situations of all types at one time or another. Let's make this coming year worth remembering by promoting our organization through classes, Vessel Safety Checks, personal visitations, but all in a safe manner.

As far as my activities since last fall conference, I have performed virtual Changes of Watch for Grand Rapids, Birmingham, and Grand Traverse Bay. We had a successful virtual fall conference and I also participated in the virtual National 2020 Fall Governing Board and 2021 Annual Meeting. The District Bridge and the Co-hosts, Grand Traverse Bay and Lansing squadrons are putting together plans for our 2021 virtual spring conference.

Please note that our Chief Commander Mary Paige Abbott will be performing the Change of Watch for our incoming District Commander Janet Hartesvelt.



Gift to Ralph

Mount Clemens COW

Cdr Debbie Foley, SN

I am sorry to report that my activity as District Commander was severely limited. I attended the virtual 2020 Fall Governing Board and the 2021 Annual Meeting and participated in the DC/DXO meetings at both events.

I would like to thank all my bridge, committee chairs and members and my commander's department chairs for their work and support during this trying time. I also would like to thank all squadrons, their commanders and members for their support during this unusual time. As you know, many of our leaders doubled up on their terms of office because of the pandemic situation for this past year.

I am hoping that the coming year is more normal for our incoming Commander, Jan Hartesvelt and her bridge.

Fair winds and following seas, Jan.

D/C Ralph Ziegler, JN

District 9 Commander



Conference Representative from the United States Power Squadrons® C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN



2020 Boating Biography Brief of Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN

C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN, became a recreational boating safety advocate after a friend was struck and killed by a speedboat on an Indiana inland lake. She has served as commander of the Sanibel-Captiva squadron and district 22, Rear Commander of the Membership and Marketing Committees, and as National Administrative Officer and National Executive Officer. She teaches Partner in Command, Cruising and Cruise Planning, and OT in 3. A native of Birmingham, MI, her family relocated to Fort Wayne, IN. She is a UMASS Amherst graduate. Abbott retired to SW Florida in 1998 with her husband, Steve.



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Virtual 2021 District 9 Spring Conference Weekend Agenda 9-11 April 2021



Simplified

Friday, **April 9** 6:00 p.m. **Crazy Hat Night** and Cocktails with Rod Carpenter of HotBeats

Sat., **April 10** 10:00 a.m. **COUNCIL** of Squadron Commanders, D9 Bridge, last 6 P/D/C's, last 3 past DEO's, and Chairs of the General Committees

11:00 a.m. **Town Hall Meeting with C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN**

12-1:30 p.m. Lunch Break (on you own)

1:30 p.m. **CONFERENCE MEETING** (Reports in the Seat Packets emailed to Bridge and Commanders)

D/C Ralph Ziegler, JN Welcomes all, takes the helm and starts the Spring Conference.

Chief Commander's Message, C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN

CHANGE OF WATCH

D/C Ralph Ziegler's Farewell Address

Election of the 2021-2022 D9 Bridge Oath by C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN

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Educational D/1st/Lt Judy Delargy, SN

Executive D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P

Election of Committees & Appointed Officers Oath by C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN

D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P Inaugural Address

P/D/C Ralph Ziegler Recognition and Gift Presentations

D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P takes the helm and closes the Spring 2021 Conference.



5:00 p.m. **MOVIE NIGHT Presentation: ABC app** by D9 PR D/Lt Rose Stano & P/D/C Bill Stano, JN
FILM Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron presents: Boating Lake Superior

Sun, **April 11** 11:00 a.m. **Vessel Safety Check Updates** by VSC Chair D/Lt Bill Stano, JN



ZOOM LINKS have been supplied to Commanders and Bridge Officers.



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Report: District Executive Officer - D/Lt/C Jan Hartesvelt, P Member-ABC Grand Traverse Bay

In this era of electronic meetings let's remember to reach out to our members not only online but the old fashioned way of phone calls. That was a point brought up more than once at Nationals back in February during the days of online seminars.

Boat sales are up due to the pandemic so let's get out there with our message of boating safety and education! There's no time like the present to get new members!

I'd like to thank the people in the Department of Executive Officer for their service:

- Boat Show Coordinator – D/Lt William R. Smith, AP & D/Lt Maureen J. Smith (Detroit)
 - Environmental – D/Lt Erika S. Jensen (Lansing)
 - Executive Aide – Stf/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN, (Lansing)
 - Homeland Security Officer – D/Lt Douglas R. Rocho, P (Detroit)
 - Legislative Officer – D/Lt Janes A. Simpson, AP (Grosse Pointe)
 - Public Relations Officer – D/Lt Rose Stano, AP (Grosse Pointe)
 - Safety Committee – D/1st/Lt Ronald P. Horner, AP (Mt. Clemens)
 - Squadron Development – D/Lt Denise C. Samu, AP (Birmingham)
 - Vessel Safety Check – D/Lt William A. Stano, JN (Grosse Pointe)
- Positions not mentioned remain open



Activities since last Conference

- January 20 Officiated Flint Squadron online COW
- February 7 Officiated Saginaw Bay Squadron online COW
- February 15 – 26 Attended many seminars and meetings during online Nationals
- Attended online Squadron and District meetings monthly

Jan



Grab a hat and join us!

2021 Spring D9 Conference Kick-Off via ZOOM Friday, April 9 6pm-8pm



Crazy Hat Night



Join District 9 and Rod Carpenter of HotBeats for an evening of fun

as America's Boating Club kicks off the Spring Conference. Wear your Craziest Hat and be prepared for an evening of fellowship. We will have a variety of activities throughout the evening. Get your beverage of choice and munchie food ready to have on hand next to your computer, iPad or phone.

ZOOM LINK will be supplied prior to this event.



**Report: District Educational Officer - D/Lt/C Dave Kowalski, SN-CN
Member-ABC Birmingham Squadron**



I have been very busy behind the scenes with a myriad of little jobs that really do not sound like much when I list them out. So once again I am not going to do so.

I have submitted a couple of names for waivers of the Instructor Development Course. If you have submitted names that I did not forward yet to national it is because I felt that those individuals needed more substantial documentation to explain why they were entitled to the exception. I wanted the process to proceed smoothly and quickly through national and get approval on the first attempt.

To determine if your instructor may qualify for the waiver check to see if they meet the requirements that are listed online and in the Educational Department Operations Manual. Provide documentation along with the completed and signed form in a digital format.

I was asked to investigate the Boat Handling course to see when the narrated version would be released to the squadrons. I was informed that it was not in the works as of that time. I asked a few more questions and continued to be told the same story. The narrated version was for the public and not the squadrons seemed to be the stock answer. Two weeks later it was announced that the narrated version was now available for squadron use. Shortly after the Spring Governing Board Meeting a plan was devised to share the names of the students who purchase the course online with the closest district and squadron.

One last item. As of April 1, 2021, there is a new Federal Law in place. There are a couple of items that must be in place for the law to apply, including your vessel must be under 26 feet in length, your propulsion unit must create more than 150 pounds of thrust, and your helm is not in an enclosed cabin. Then when traveling on plane or above displacement speed in Federal Waters and having a working Engine Cut-Off Switch and Engine Cut-Off Link you are required to use them.

I again want to thank everyone for all the assistance I have received during my time at District. It was both the best thing I ever did and the most frustrating one. A lot of the frustration arose because I could see what I wanted to accomplish, and I could see the obstacles in the road ahead of me. Most of the obstacles eventually could be bypassed or corrected but until they were, I felt the proper thing to do was tell you the Power Squadrons answer, hint toward the right answer and hope I could keep everything moving in the right direction. I apologize if I let you down by not doing what you wanted me to do every time I was asked, but I tried to do what I thought was best for your squadron and the organization. Without the help I was offered, and the support I received I would not have made it. The last year has been mind numbing and makes it difficult to really express how many people I owe thanks to.

With that in mind I would like to say:

Thank You, Stay Safe, and most of all Have Fun,

Dave



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Report: District Administrative Officer - D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P

Member-ABC of Mid-Michigan (Lansing)



One year ago the executive board made the decision to cancel our spring conference and for the board members to continue in their positions for another term. This past year has been challenging with most live events cancelled. However, we have learned some new things during this time. I am much more proficient at online meetings and can have a conversation with my grandchildren about technology.

Looking back to 2019 we had many fabulous events which were never acknowledged due to the cancellation of 2020 conference. Special thanks goes to Joe Grathoff of Flint for organizing the Tall Ships event in Bay City. It was a great event and gave us a chance to shine with our virtual trainers. And then Cindy Sinicki of Saginaw Bay made sure we ended the event with a great party at her home. Many members of district 9 attended these events. Denise Samu of Birmingham offered us a great list of boating activities within the district to attend. One of those events was the Predicted Log event run by Dale Ellis of Grosse Pointe where the first all female team won the event. Wendy Caldwell and Gail Graham of Detroit gave us several great membership sessions at conferences and Delphine Cooley of Detroit organized our trophies and awards wonderfully.

We will get back to live events as I see squadrons looking ahead and beginning to plan in-person events. We aren't out of the woods yet but I am beginning to feel hopeful for the future and looking forward to attending future events.

Since the Fall 2020 Virtual District Conference I have attended a couple of virtual events just as a participant. I attended America's Boating Club of MidMichigan COW/Wine Tasting Evening. I attended a monthly meeting of Grosse Pointe as well as a monthly meeting of Grand Rapids. I attended the Virtual National Conference in February.

Alanna



**Grab your snacks and join us!
Everyone's Welcome**



2021 Spring D9 Conference Saturday Evening Entertainment

April 10 Start time at 5pm via ZOOM

Movie Night

Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron presents

Lake Superior Trip



The Movie follows a Presentation by D9 Public Relations Officer, D/Lt Rose Stano and P/D/C Bill Stano, JN on the Free America's Boating Club app. **MOVIE Let's join ABC Grand Traverse Bay on Lake Superior.** Afterburner follows.



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America's Boating Club has a New Free Boating App to help all Boaters be better Boaters.



D/Lt Rose Stano, AP
D9 Public Relations
ABC Grosse Pointe

It is easily downloaded from Apple Store or Google and you do not need to be a member to sign up or use. **Search America's Boating Club** and download the App. Then start and fill in your information. It has **My Location** to let your family know when you are out on the water. Once you put in your Boat information, it is easy to fill out a **Float Plan** on your next trip and email to friends and family, so they know where you are going. There is an **Emergency** how to guide, to give you confidence when you cannot recall how to call for help, send visual distress signal or handle emergency under stress BUT IT DOES NOT SEND OUT AN EMERGENCY ALERT.

The **Reference Guide** lets you look up terms, buoys, navigation lights, nautical flags, **Marine Safety** (life jackets, what you need for a **Vessel Safety Check** and link to the **U. S. Coast Guard Web Site to sign up for a free VSE**), weather, boating classes, America's Boating Channel how to videos, basic navigational rules. **Online Information** will take you to classes, membership, benefits, local clubs. **Bienvenido** gives you the information in Spanish.



This is just the start and America's Boating Club is asking its members for input to improve this App. Remember we "by Boaters, for Boaters" with our goal of improving boating safety while sharing the boating lifestyle with family and friends. I am going to request they include CO2 Poisoning under medical Emergencies.

I know the use of online technology is not easy for some and I hope we can get back together in person by the May meetings. But the use of new virtual programs has helped open up our organization to a whole new generation of potential members. Adapting is the key to success. Rose Stano, AP

Photo from the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron Facebook



**Report: District Secretary - Albert W. Schwaller, JN-CN
Commander-ABC of Detroit**



Although, we have all been affected with many COVID 19 restrictions, this has been a busy year in squadrons.

The USPS National meeting in September 2020 and February 2021 were conducted virtually. Also, the 2020 CPS-ECP AGM meeting in June and the CPS-ECP Council in January 2021 were held virtually. I attended numerous seminars at all of them. I'm ALSO a member of the Windsor Power and Sail Squadron.

With so many of our squadrons conducting their meetings virtually, I have been able to visit many squadron membership meetings online. What a nice way to keep in touch and learn how other squadrons have been managing their squadron activities during COVID 19 restrictions.

We have fifteen (15) squadrons in D9. Numerous squadron and district secretaries, editors, photographers, webmasters, Facebook managers, historians, etc. volunteer to maintain records, provide information and make America's Boating Clubs look great to our members, District 9 and the boating public.

Stf/C Jay Stevens, SN has completely developed and designed the District 9 new website. It is very attractive and easy to use. Thank you to all officers in the Secretary Departments. Congratulations to the district and squadron editors and webmasters who won the attractive 2020 Distinctive Communicator Awards. Post them.



This year has been a challenge, but we all have learned a lot about USPS, D9, our own squadrons and ourselves.

Al

**Report: District Treasurer - Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP
Member-ABC of Grosse Pointe**



Americas Boating Club District Nine is financially sovereign. All checks received were deposited and all bills due were paid. Please send payment requests within one week of the event for payment consideration. Requests received after year end closing may be denied.



D9 Friday Night Hospitality Room Hosts
Chet and D/Lt Rahmon Dunbar & Wife

Due to Colvid-19 D9 didn't conduct any in-person events. Therefore, we didn't have many expenses.

I attended virtual Bridge Meetings and viewed recording from the virtual National Meetings. I have started using the America's Boating Club App and found it to be a very useful tool.

I look forward to returning to beautiful times when we can have in-person meetings, rendezvous, COWs and Commanders Balls. Most of all I miss the Friday night hospitality rooms.

I have received both of my Covid-19 vaccines and I'm ready to have fun with all of my D9 boating friends.

Chet



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Flare Demonstration for ABC Clubs/Squadrons

**SATURDAY, MAY 8 at 10:00 AM at THE DETROIT YACHT CLUB
CONDUCTED BY AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF DETROIT**

RSVP to abcofdetroit.org homepage under **Upcoming Events** list.
so that we may provide a list of guests
to the **DYC** gate attendant.

You must RSVP by May 6.

Flyers have been emailed to squadron Commanders and the D9 Bridge.



Demos by D/Lt Doug Rocho, P

Sights, Sounds and Photo Ops at the Fort Gratiot Light in Port Huron, Michigan



Find this Geodetic Survey Marker
at the Fort Gratiot Light

D/Lt Peggy Schwaller AP, D9 Interlaker Editor

I love photographing lighthouses and looking for geodetic markers. It was exciting to discover the one at the light.

At one D9 Conference a group lead by D/Lt Doug Rocho went looking for geodetic markers in the Gaylord, MI area.

USPS® has a Geodetic Marker Discovery Program.



Fort Gratiot Light, 1829, was the first and is the oldest surviving lighthouse in Michigan. It marks the entrance to the St. Clair River from Lake Huron. The light is still active. The new USCG station, 2010, sits next to the grounds of the retired facility, now a park..



The Lighthouse Beach at Fort Gratiot provides a perfect spot for relaxing and watching the variety of freighters cruise by and slowly disappear from view as they pass under the Blue Water Bridge that connects Port Huron, Michigan, USA to Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.



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Spring Rendezvous by Boat or Car! D9 Members and Guests Welcome (space permitting)



2021 SPRING RENDEZVOUS

FRIDAY, MAY 14 @ 1800
MACRAY'S HARBOR

30675 N. River Rd
Harrison Township

Waypoints: 4236.609 N 08247.746 W



HOBO ATTIRE
REQUESTED

\$30 /pp

RSVP & payment
in advance required

Buffet Service
Fresh baked dinner rolls & butter
Harbor Salad
Mixed seasonal greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots & red onions with creamy balsamic vinaigrette and Ranch
Penne Pasta with Meat
Champagne Chicken
Roast Beef
slow roasted with zip sauce
Starch & Vegetables
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Green Beans
Beverage Service
Coffee, tea, soft drinks

+ Cash Bar

Join America's Boating Club of Detroit's (a.k.a. Detroit Power Squadron) salute to **Spring 2021** and Togetherness.

This event will be held outdoors observing prevailing health & safety guidelines. This event is open to members of D9 and guests (space permitting).

For guest dockage, please contact: 586.468.1900 ext. 443

- ✔ Prizes awarded for best Hobo costumes
- ✔ 50/50 Raffle
- ✔ Please **RSVP** by **May 11, 2021**
- ✔ RSVP online or by mail/check
- ✔ Make checks payable to:
Detroit Power Squadron
Memo = **Spring 2021**
- ✔ Mail checks to:
Joan Stoll, 30430 Stellamar St., Beverly Hills MI 48025

RSVP at
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Text / Call Questions: 313.407.1105



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D/Lt Rose Stano, AP
D9 Public Relations Officer
Grosse Pointe Power Squadron



Marty and Sarah Lafferty are coming to Michigan to shoot season 5 videos for America's Boating Channel

They will arrive **Monday, June 7, 2021** and stay for a week or more if we can provide 10 or more Boats and Crews to shoot Season 5 videos. The videos are produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Currently 8 scripts are ready and approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and the remaining are 2 being completed. The Lafferty's will be in Georgia and Tennessee in May before heading to District 9, MI. Rose and Bill Stano in Grosse Pointe contacted America's Boating Channel to come up and promote boating safety education in Michigan. Diverse Crews of all ages are needed for this effort. Shooting occurs in morning and afternoon, 2-hour sessions. We will be receiving scripts the week of March 15, 2021 and Producer will assist with assigning scripts to boats and crews. Americas Boating Channel is excited to be promoting the new Engine Cut off Switch requirement coming out April 1st, the New Fire Extinguisher label and standards and the New Life jacket Labels.

So, who is ready and available for this new adventure for District 9, America's Boating Club? I assume we will start in the Detroit Metro Area but if can find Boats and Crews in other areas in the State, I am sure we can work it out.

Contact Rose Stano, (586) 215-4758, rstano@comcast.net

This is a limited time offer and we need to have Boats and Crews available to work that 2nd week of June.

For those of you who work/ school, during the week, we will have weekend shoots available.

Plan your Boating Vacation Adventure now. Come help us continue this noble tradition of boating safety through education. We need you.



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 P/D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN (Mt. Clemens)
 D/Lt Joseph P. Grathoff, AP (Flint)
 D/Lt Teena M. Lashbrook, AP (Port Huron)
 D/Lt Connie Hallenbeck, JN (Flint)
 D/Lt David L. Brinks, AP (Grand Rapids)

District Membership Committee: None

District Budget & Finance Committee:

D/Lt Laddie L. Hudson Jr., SN (Mt. Clemens)
 D/Lt James A. Simpson, AP (Grosse Pointe)
 D/Lt Dale G. Lashbrook, AP (Port Huron)



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Past District 9 Commanders

1940-41	Lee S. Nelson, N	Toledo	1987	P/R/C 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. Wetzel, 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 J. Babiarz, AP	Grosse Pointe

Past District 9 Educational Officers

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			



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"Port Huron Rendezvous!"

2017 June D9 Weekend Rendezvous Group Photo Port Huron Marina Pavilion on the Black River

Dockage on the river · Fun with Port Huron and D9 squadrons - Walk to **downtown**



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"D9 Hospitality Room"

The 2019 D9 Spring Conference - Weekend of learning and fun with other AB Clubs:

Ann Arbor, Anchor Bay, Birmingham, Dearborn, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Grand Traverse Bay, Grosse Pointe, Lansing, Mount Clemens, Port Huron, Saginaw Bay, St. Clair Shores, Wyandotte



We have Fun!
"Lobster Roast!"

The 2019 August Grand Traverse Bay D9 Lobster Bake Weekend Group Photo Haserot Park at Northport Marina on Traverse Bay

Dockage - Fun with Grand Traverse Bay and D9 members - Fabulous Food - Sight-Seeing

