



# District 9 Interlaker Fall 2023

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Thank you to all members  
 who sent me Photos and  
 Articles for this newsletter.



## D9 2023 Fall Conference in Port Huron

Host: Commander Dale Lashbrook, AP  
 and members of  
 Port Huron Sail and Power Squadron

September 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.  
 at the

**Great Lakes Maritime Center, Port Huron**



Blue Water Bridge

Photo by: Chris Beck-Anchor Bay

## Fall Council Meeting by Zoom, September 14, 2023 Evening

### ABC Boating Clubs/Squadrons in D9

USPS D9 was formed from D7 in 1939 & Chartered in 1947

ANCHOR BAY - ANN ARBOR - BIRMINGHAM - DEARBORN

DETROIT - FLINT - GRAND TRAVERSE BAY

GROSSE POINTE - LANSING - MT. CLEMENS

PORT HURON - SAGINAW BAY

ST. CLAIR SHORES - WYANDOTTE



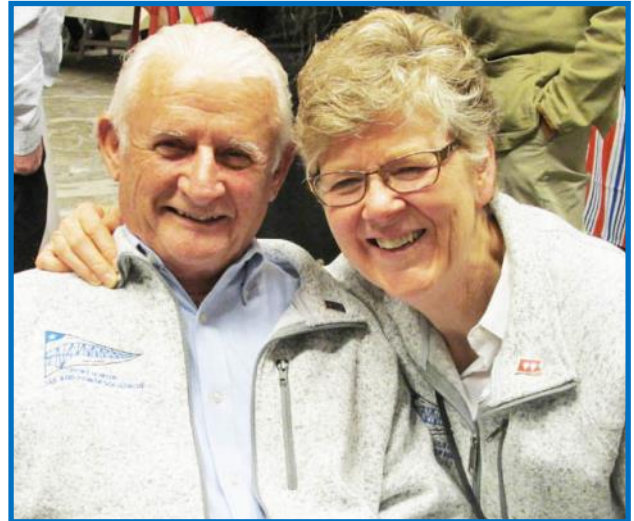
**Port Huron hosts the 2023 D9 Spring Conference at the Great Lakes Maritime Center**

*Come Early on the 29th*

**April 30**

*Stay another day, October 1*

- Hook up with members on Friday night for socializing.
- Visit the Michigan's oldest—Fort Gratiot Lighthouse.
- Visit Port Huron's other Museums: Light Ship, Carnegie, Etc.
- Take a stroll on the Blue Water River Walk.
- Watch the freighters pass under the Blue Water Bridge.



**Port Huron Hosts**  
 Cdr Dale Lashbrook, AP & P/C Teena Lashbrook, AP  
 and Members of Port Huron

- Hook up with members before heading home.
- Check out Brunch Restaurants in Port Huron.
- Hang out with members and walk around town.
- Watch the Freighters and Recreational Boats.

*September 2023*

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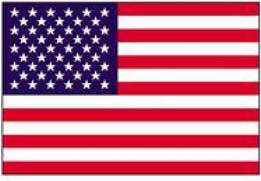
**Grosse Pointe will host the 2024 D9 Spring Conference**

**April 26, 27 and 28**



April 2024

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## D9 Commander

D/C Al Schwaller, JN-CN

Past Commander of Detroit Power Squadron  
America's Boating Club - Detroit



D9 Photo by Bob Blau

D9 Editor Peggy Schwaller and I just returned from the 2023 United States Power Squadrons® Fall Governing Board in Kansas City, MO.. We attended four days of very informative seminars and meetings from September 30 through October 2.

While at the Governing Board, I attended the meeting for District Commanders and District Executive Officers. Session was conducted by V/C Ralph Bernard, AP, USPS® Executive Officer and member of the Absecon Island Power Squadron, New Jersey.



Photo by D9 Editor, Peggy Schwaller

D/C Al & V/C Ralph Bernard, AP



Photo compliments of Cdr Connie Hallenbeck

### Representing D9 Michigan at the 2023 Governing Board

Front L to R: P/C Rose Stano, Grosse Pointe; R/C Mary Ann Jensen-Lansing;  
P/C Peggy Schwaller-Birmingham; Stf/C Ralph Ziegler-Lansing  
Back L to R: Stf/C Bill Stano, Grosse Pointe; D/C Al Schwaller, Detroit  
Cdr Connie Hallenbeck, Flint

### 2023 Governing Board Meeting notes

21 districts attended the meeting  
334 voted: 145 present, 189 on line

Membership is #1 - Retention is a problem  
Ask person 7 times, Rule of Seven

At Boat Shows, get out in the aisles and  
Interact with the attendees, wear logos.  
Do not just sit, eat and talk behind table.

Promote America's Boating Club at  
other types of shows: fishing, camping, etc.

Implementing new computer system iMIS

You will lose your non-profit status if you  
fail to file tax returns for 3 consecutive yrs.

### 2023 Governing Board Seminar notes

Many seminars were excellent presentations and very informative.  
Reminder: Our modern phones are powerful tools for our benefit.  
The US Post Office gave us trouble over our URL: USPS.org  
Creative software and apps are available for the boating simulators.  
Webinar, Seminar and Course material are being updated.  
Printed rosters are always outdated. Information Center is current.  
Members prefer messaging rather than emailing. Calling is friendly.  
Be creative with events, meetings, classes, etc. Provide snacks.



August 11, just a few weeks prior to the Governing Board, Editor Peggy and I attended the Grand Traverse Bay Lobster Roast in Northport, Michigan. Members of Grand Traverse do such a great job. The location is beautiful on the Bay and attendees can come by boat to the adjacent marina. The Friday event featured burgers; and the Saturday event featured lobsters and steaks plus the annual auction that is always interesting and fun.

My year as District Commander began on April 29, 2023 at the Spring Conference in Bay City. Host Cdr. Guy Greve and members of Saginaw Bay did an outstanding job in every possible way. That Conference and the Saginaw Bay Power Squadron will always be special to me. I was honored to be sworn in by Craig Fraser SN, Chief Commander of the United States Power Squadrons® and member of Akron Sail and Power Squadron, Ohio

**Events Attended**

April 29, 2023 D9 Spring Conference/COW, Bay City

*Just a week prior to becoming District Commander, I attended the April 22 Grosse Pointe Commander's Ball, GPYC*

**As District commander, the following lists the squadron events or meetings that I have attended:**

May 17 Anchor Bay's Meeting

May 20 Detroit Commander's Ball , NYC

May 23 P/C Memorial Service for P/C Chester Landis, SN

June 11 America's Boating Channel Pre-Production Meeting

June 12 Zoom Mtg. ABC-USPS Update from National

June 14 Zoom D9 Council Meeting

June 16 Wyandotte's Meeting

June 22 Zoom Mtg. D9 Commander's Update

July 7, Detroit, Wyandotte and Windsor Squadrons' Dinner/Boblo Movie Night, Wyandotte Boat Club.

July 19 Zoom Mtg. D9 Bridge

July 29 Mount Clemens Commander's Ball/Picnic

August 5 Dearborn's Steak Roast

August 10-13 Grand Traverse Bay's Lobster Roast, Northport

August 29-Sept. 4 Governing Board in Kansas City, MO

Sept. 6 Zoom Mtg. D9 Bridge

**See you at the D9 Fall Conference in Port Huron  
Saturday, September 30, 2023   Reservations by Sept. 21  
Meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. sharp at the Maritime Center.**

Al Schwaller, JN-CN  
District Commander



**C/C Craig Fraser & 2023 D9 Bridge Officers**



Photo by Peggy Schwaller

**Cdr Kim Ratcliff, AP and D/C Al  
Wyandotte's Meeting**



**Highlights!** Hospitality Night at the 2023 D9 Spring Conference DoubleTree Hotel - Bay City, MI  
Entertainment

Photos by: D9 Photographer Bob Blau



D/Lt/C AI thanks Saginaw Bay Host Cdr Guy and Nancy Greve for hosting the 2023 Spring Conference at the DoubleTree



D9 Hostess Sally Lemus served Lotsa Pizzas



D9 Attitude Adjustment Bartenders Chet and son Rahmon Dunbar



USPS® C/C Craig Fraser, SN-CN and Liana Mihalca ordered Birmingham ice cream sundaes from P/C Tom Geggie



Cdr Greg-Mt.Clemens served hors d'oeuvres



Bay City Entertainer Cameron Munholland entertained from his keyboard



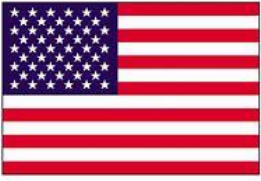
Saginaw Bay SEO Rick Spitzer, JN & Connie Reppuhn Rick's Nautical Trivia is a popular Program.



Saginaw Bay Member Helpers at the Conference Jim & Ann Marie Lazzaro



P/C Ron and Bonnie, Grosse Pointe served Hawaiian flavors



**Highlights!** Hospitality Night at the 2023 D9 Spring Conference DoubleTree Hotel - Bay City, MI  
Entertainment

Photos by: D9 Bob Blau



Cdr Delphine and Detroit members like to dance.



Retired D9 Photographer LeRoy Strey and Joyce Strey are long-time members of Detroit and very active at all levels of the organization.



Bay City Entertainer Cameron Munholland entertained from his keyboard



D9 P/D/C Jan and P/C/C Joe Gatfield, JN of the CPS-ECP enjoying a dance.



Mount Clemens P/C Wendy and Mike



Lansing Cdr Michelle and John



P/C Bonnie Krieg, AP and P/C Robert Krieg, AP St. Clair Shores

also

The Krieg's are very involved with the Save Our South Channel Lights Organization



Having Fun Dancing



**Highlights!** Hospitality Night at the 2023 D9 Spring Conference DoubleTree Hotel - Bay City, MI  
Entertainment

Photos by: D9 Bob Blau



Cdr Connie and Members, Flint served Coney Dogs



Detroit Cdr Delphine and Members served Sailboat Sandwiches  
C/C Fraser sample the Rum Cake too!



Wyandotte Cdr Kim served hot Kielbasa & Kraut



Bridge Officers, Canadian Power and Sail Squadron served hot Ham Sandwiches  
"Come to the AGM in Windsor and greet them."



D/C Alanna Harvey, Cdr Michelle and Members - Lansing served pretty Blue Iced Cupcakes



**Highlights!**

**2023 D9 Spring Conference DoubleTree Hotel - Bay City, MI**

Photos by: D9 Bob Blau



Saturday morning offered officers and members informative and entertaining seminars.

Host Commander Guy Greve welcomed USPS® C/C Frazer and Liana and D9 members to the 2023 D9 Spring Conference.

After meeting formalities, awards were presented to members and squadrons. Congratulations all!

The meeting broke for lunch and all enjoyed an outstanding buffet. The Conferenced reconvened for the Change of Watch.



D9 NomCom Chair P/D/C Jan presents the 2023 candidates for the Bridge



C/C Frazer administered the Oath to D/C Al C/C Craig Fraser and D/C Al Schwaller



D9 2023 Spring Conference— C/C Fraser administers the USPS® Oath to: DAO Bill Stano, JN; DXO Chet Dunbar, Jr., AP; DEO Judy Delargy, SN; and Assistant DEO Tom Geggio, SN as 2023 D/C Al Schwaller, JN-CN observes.



D/C Al Schwaller presents the Past District Commander's flag to P/D/C Alanna Harvey





Highlights!

Saturday Night Celebration at the conclusion of the 2023 D9 Spring Conference  
Entertainment

Photos by: Peggy Schwaller



Attendees from many squadrons enjoyed the music of Mark and Bob Barcalow on Saturday evening.



New District Commander Al Schwaller sharing a conversation with D9 Flag Officer, Alice Whittemore, AP Cdr Kim Ratcliff, Wyandotte



Bay City Entertainers - Mark and Bob Barcalow



Dearborn Sail and Power Squadron served as Host for at least three (3) Conferences at the Bay City DoubleTree Hotel — a favorite.  
L to R: Sue, Al, Cheri, Cdr Frank, Jerry



Stf/C Dave Kowalski, SN USPS® Ed. Dept. and Kristin Kowalski Birmingham Squadron



P/C Cindy & Charles Saginaw Bay Members



P/C Marie & Duane



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*Fun in Northern Michigan*

**Grand Traverse Bay  
 Welcomes D9**

**2023 Annual Lobster Roast**

*Welcome to Northport! Friday Burgers in the Park*

August 11, at Haserot Park next to G. Marsten Dame Marina  
 Northport, MI on beautiful Grand Traverse Bay



Photo by D9 Editor Peggy Schwaller

**Donna Nelson, Chair of the Annual Lobster Roast**

*Welcome to the Annual Lobster Roast!*

Saturday Evening, August 12, at Haserot Park in Northport

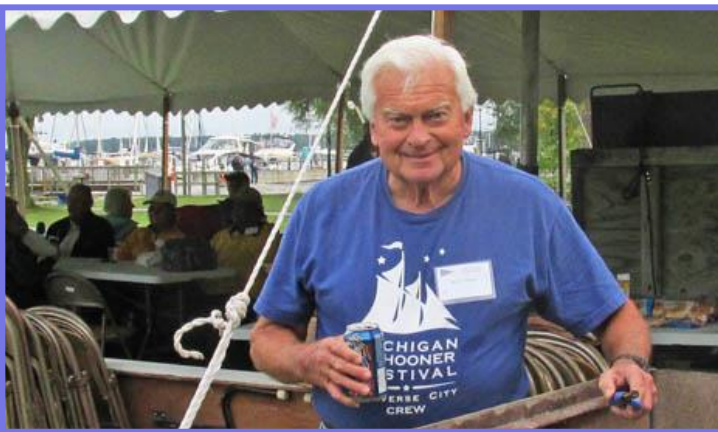


Photo by D9 Editor Peggy Schwaller

**Brian Nelson lighting the Monster Grill Chef of  
 Delicious grilled Friday burgers and Saturday steaks**

*D9 Attendees*

*from Birmingham, Detroit, Flint, Grosse Pointe,  
 Lansing, ST. Clair Shore and USCGAUX  
 had a great time!*



Lobster Photo by Connie Hallenbeck

**Hot steaming lobsters, corn on the cob and potatoes**



**"Thanks Sally Lemus for rallying us for a Group Picture at the conclusion of the 2023 Grand Traverse Bay Lobster Roast."**



## Grand Traverse Sail & Power Squadron Lobster Bake



*Keeping it moist*

Many years ago Dr. Dan Daciuk had conversations with a colleague from New England about a lobster bake the colleague had been to back home. After hearing about this several times, Dan was intrigued enough to want to learn how to do it. Another colleague had a home on the water near Deep Water Point. That seemed to be the perfect place to build this fire and bake the lobsters. They had a flat steel plate they supported on concrete blocks so they could build the fire under it. They layered sea weed, then lobsters, potatoes, sausages, peppers, sweet corn, clams, another layer of seaweed, and topped it with wet newspapers. As it all cooked they sprayed it with water to keep it all moist and steaming.

This was so much fun and good eating that it grew to two or three bakes a year for family, friends, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary (which Dan was also an active member of). In fact, back in the day, the "Coast Guard Cowboys", as Dan called them, flew the lobsters in from Maine in their jet.

There was a break for 5 or 6 years with no lobster bakes. Dan decided to revive it. First, they had to find the steel plate. Its last known location was on the beach at the colleague's home. Several people walked the beach kicking the sand up with their toes until one of them stumbled upon it.

Occasionally Dan would do the lobster bake at different locations for family and friends. Then he decided to do one for our Power Squadron. For us he built the fire to cook the lobster on the Suttons Bay Beach for several years. The "Coast Guard Cowboys" were no longer a part of it, so they began ordering the lobsters, clams, and seaweed through a local food distributor. It became an annual event.

In 2003 we moved it to Elmwood Township Park just north of Traverse City. We held it there for 2 years then moved to Northport's Haserot Park where it has been held ever since. In 2007 Jerry Stephan was our District 9 Commander. Even though we had always had a few people from other districts attend, he wanted the event to be more inclusive with our district squadrons. We expanded the event to include a Friday evening bratwurst dinner and Saturday morning breakfast. We invited nearby squadrons to host those meals. Eventually the attendance for the breakfast waned so we discontinued it.

Changes have evolved in the Lobster Bake over the years. The seaweed became difficult to come by and expensive. We discovered that corn stalks would serve the same purpose. It was near impossible to keep the clams tender since we were cooking the lobster longer than the clams needed. So we discontinued them. People complained that it was too difficult to get the potatoes, peppers, and sausages out of the cornstalks, so we began putting them in "cook-in" bags until we had so many leftovers that we discontinued them.

We began offering prime rib and chicken breasts as alternatives to the lobster. The chicken option lasted a few years but interest became low so we discontinued it.

Haserot Park is an ideal location for this event and we plan to continue it there. We are happy to see that several people do make it a true rendezvous by bringing their boats to the adjacent marina.

Donna Nelson, AP

Chair of the D/9 Lobster Bake



*A few Notes and Photos from the Grand Traverse Bay Lobster Roast in Northport, MI*

A D9 thank you to the Nelsons and the Members of Grand Traverse for a Great Time UpNorth - Editor

*Members do a great job putting this event together.*

The weather on Friday evening in Northport was cool and damp so most members wore jackets. We were excited to be back for an evening of fellowship and grilled burgers with all the fixings. Friendly faces welcomed us and the aroma of hot, buttery popcorn. We were all cozy seated with each other under the big white tent on beautiful Traverse Bay .



**Dan and Linda Cline enjoying warm popcorn**

The weather on Saturday was cool but it was a lovely day. However, just as we were about to dine, a very brief winddownburst moved through. We were grateful for the big white tent. As if nothing happened, food was ready. We enjoyed UpNorth meals of corn on the cob, lobster and steak with all the fixings and lovely desserts.

The Auction at the Lobster Roast is a big hit. **M.R. Gillooly** puts the auction together every year. The table displays a variety of goods.



**M. R. Gillooly, Madonna Williams, Janet Stone**



**Beautiful Wood Bowl on the Auction Table**



**Are you a rockhound?  
 Rose Stano's Leland Blue's  
 from the  
 Northport, MI Rock Shop**



**Webmaster  
 Bill Bailey emails  
 The newsletter  
 45th Parallel to  
 Squadrons**



**Kathy & John Holcombe  
 We sent our  
 Reservations and Checks  
 for the Lobster Roast  
 to Kathy**



**Tom Stone announced  
 the Auction Winners!  
 Lots of Applause!  
 Laughter and Fun!  
 Exciting!  
 Who Won What?**



**Flint Cdr Connie Hallenbeck  
 won Wolf Creek Golf Club bid  
 and went golfing on Sunday  
 with P/D/C Alanna Harvey**

**Many members from the Detroit Metro area squadrons attend every year.**



D9 Photo by Bob Blau

## D9 Educational Officer

D/Lt/C Judith Delargy, SN

Past Educational Officer of Birmingham Power Squadron  
America's Boating Club - Birmingham Squadron



No Report.



D9 Photo by Bob

## D9 Executive Officer

D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, Jr. AP

Past Commander of Grosse Pointe Power Squadron  
America's Boating Club - Grosse Pointe



Boat show is next weekend and VSCs are closing down for this season .

D9 VSE's have done 7% of the total # VSC's done nationwide.

Total # of VSC completed = 1093

Total # of VSC passed = 961

Total # of D9 Examiners = 81

All D9 squadrons were well represented and promoted at the January Detroit boat show, the March boat show in Novi, and the upcoming Metro boat show.

A big thank you to all the D9 members who volunteered!

*Chet*



Photo by Peggy Schwaller

### A damp and chilly Friday Burger Night at the Park Grand Traverse Lobster Roast, Northport

R tp L around the table: Chet Dunbar, Jr.; Rose and Bill Stano;  
Bob and Bonnie Krieg; Cdr Natalie Dunbar

## 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



- In calendar year 2022, the Coast Guard counted 4,040 accidents that involved 636 deaths, 2,222 injuries and approximately \$63 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.
  - The fatality rate was 5.4 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 1.8% decrease from the 2021 fatality rate of 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
  - Compared to 2021, the number of accidents decreased 9.0%, the number of deaths decreased 3.3%, and the number of injuries decreased 15.9%.
- Where cause of death was known, 75% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 85% were not wearing a life jacket.
- Where length was known, 3 of every 4 boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known, it was listed as the leading factor in 16% of deaths.
- Where instruction was known, 74% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only 14% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally-approved boating safety education certificate.
- There were 173 accidents in which at least one person was struck by a propeller. Collectively, these accidents resulted in 41 deaths and 182 injuries.
- Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, excessive speed, and machinery failure ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where data was known, navigation rules violations were a contributing factor in 50% of accidents, 35% of deaths, and almost 60% of injuries.
- Collisions (with vessels, objects, groundings) were the most frequent first event in accidents, attributing to 55% of accidents, 21% of deaths, and 53% of injuries.
- Where data was known, the most common vessel types involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (47%), personal watercraft (18%), and cabin motorboats (14%).
- Where data was known, the vessel types with the highest percentage of deaths were open motorboats (47%), kayaks (14%), personal watercraft and pontoons (both 9%).
- The 11,770,383 recreational vessels registered by the states in 2022 represent a 1.6% decrease from last year when 11,957,886 recreational vessels were registered.



D9 Photo by Bob Blau

## D9 Administrative Officer

**Stf/C Bill Stano, JN**

**USPS® Planning Committee**

Past Commander of Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

America's Boating Club - Grosse Pointe

Rose and I just returned from the 2023 USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting held in Kansas City, Missouri. If you have never attended a USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting or an Annual Meeting, you miss an opportunity to learn about what is happening within our organization, attend a variety of informative seminars and meet other ABC/USPS members from around the country.

This was a busy conference for Rose and I. We assisted Dawn Eckhart, Dawn Travel Deals, with picking up her cruise posters at the local Office Depot for her display and cruise seminar. Rose is a member of the National Meetings Committee and she made sure everyone who signed up for a meal had a ticket and a seat to enjoy their meal.

Marty and Sari Lafferty, America's Boating Channel, had to change plans just before the conference and could not attend so Rose and I introduced Marty's seminar about the America's Boating Channel Updates. I was busy with the National Planning Committee all week and helped the Rear Commander of the committee with his presentation for Saturday's Meeting.

I have "volunteered" for a new job at the National Meetings. I am now a member of the team carrying the flags for the opening and closing ceremonies.

The picture is me marching with the Canadian Flag at the Governing Board Meeting. Also, the person marching behind me with the Canadian Power Squadron Flag is Cdr Connie Hallenbeck of the Flint Squadron.



Photo by Rose Stano



Fall Governing Board  
August 27 - September 4, 2023  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Honor Guard Flag Bearers**  
**Stf/C Bill Stano, JN & Cdr Connie Hallenbeck, JN**  
**USPS® Fall 2023 Governing Board Meeting**



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Marty and Sari Lafferty from America's Boating Channel returned to District 9 to shoot a Video about Border Crossing, an idea submitted to Marty by P/C Rose Stano, AP of Grosse Pointe. Club/Squadron members from Detroit, Birmingham, Mt. Clemens St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe participated in the video shoot.

The Border Crossing video will be available for viewing on You Tube, Roku, and Fire Stick after the Labor Day weekend. I have seen the video and it is outstanding. Thank you to all of the D9 members who participated in the video shoot.



**Marty Lafferty, America's Boating Channel**

Rose and I attended the 2023 Lobster Bake in Northport sponsored by the Grand Traverse Bay Club/Squadron. It was a bit rainy, but the lobsters tasted great none the less! After Dark, we returned to our motel, Sunrise Landing and sang campfire songs.



Photo by Sari Lafferty



Sunrise Landing

As an aside to this trip, Rose and I first traveled 280 miles to perform a vessel safety check in Harbor Springs, MI for a fellow Grosse Pointe Squadron member and while in Northport, I performed another vessel safety check at the Northport Marina on Werner Meyer's boat. Werner is a Past Commander of the Irish Hills Squadron.

**I invite all District 9 members to attend the 2023 Fall Conference in Port Huron. See you September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Stf/C Bill Stano, JN





## 2023 Season Seven, Border Crossing

**We did it D9 Detroit style.** Marty and Sari Lafferty had so much fun doing Season Five, they wanted to come back and see what we could do this time. But they wanted less fishflies and something unique.

So, what makes us special- the International Border. So, they returned to face the challenge. After 3 weeks of sunshine and higher than normal temps, the shoot had cooler temperatures, clouds, rain, and a large crew of diverse boaters ready to show their assortment of boats in a variety of settings.

Starting with a pre-production pizza party inside due to rain. Set up 12 shots over 4 days, missing the lightning but proceeding in the drizzle because boaters like water. Coats, sweaters, umbrellas, and long pants didn't quite look like Mexico and Caribbean but were much needed. Running from Anchor Bay down to Detroit and Windsor and back again kept them moving. (Bouvier Bay Marina, Harrison Twp canal home, Lambrecht Marina, Selfridge Boating access site, Great Lakes Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Marina, Safe Harbor Jefferson Beach and Detroit River Marinas, Kam Marina, City of Windsor Lakeview Park Marina) Big boats- 40' Tiara, 39' Carver, 37' Sea Ray, 35' & 32' Chris Craft, 31' Trawler, Sailboat, down to 18' & 20' powerboats.

Male and Female Captains with a lot of computer and phone support. Good thing there were young tech savvy children to help us out. Enjoying local restaurants like Crew's Inn and Sinbad's. Celebrating our successful shoot completion, again in a torrential rain cook-out at Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park. The large pavilion once again protected us. Doing what we do best as the Power Squadron. Challenging ourselves to be better boaters and share our knowledge with others.

Thank you Michael Babiarz, Robert Blau, Kim Boch, Duane Carlson, Matthew Chambliss, Dave Charvat, Delphine and Vince Cooley, Lavonia Criner, Natasha Duvall, Don Fiander, Tom Fisher, Greg Gambert, Derek Hamlin, Kalima ohnson, Stephanie Johnson, Bob and Bonnie Kreig, Marty and Sari Lafferty, Sally Lemus, Paul Loock, Joan McCarron, Paul Meyer, Mike Murphree, Lisa Nieves, Milton Osgood, Marcia Paulsen, Alland Peggy Schwaller, Bill Stano, William West for participating. Thank you, Todd Hyatt for use of Trader Todd Marina Storage Building for our gathering. Thank you to Kelly Finlay for allowing us into Lakeview Park Marina gas dock.

Participants from Birmingham, Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Mt Clemens, and St Clair Shores Power Squadrons.

Rose Stano



**America's Boating Channel's Marty Lafferty presents "Hollywood" star to D/Lt Rose Stano, AP - D9 Public Relations Officer**

**"4 days of filming" View photos at: [www.gpps-d9.com/photo-gallery/](http://www.gpps-d9.com/photo-gallery/)**



## District Secretary

**D/Lt/C Thomas Fisher, SN**

Past Commander Mount Clemens Power Squadron  
America's Boating Club - Mount Clemens



Coming into the position midterm I am working on organizing files to make it easier for me to look up information. I have also started to create a check list to keep track of what forms and reports are required for each meeting.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and support in this position and answering my endless questions.

Respectfully submitted,

D/Lt/C Tom Fisher, SN



D9 Photo by Bob Blau

## District Treasurer

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

Past Commander Grosse Pointe Power Squadron  
America's Boating Club - Grosse Pointe

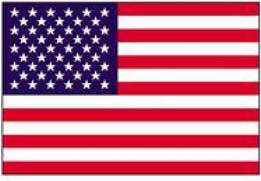


America's Boating Club District 9 is financially sovereign. All checks received were deposited and all bills dues were paid. Please send payment requests within one week of the event for payment consideration. Requests received after one year and closing may be denied.

Commanders, please send me a list of your departed members and request for District Officers to attend your Squadrons upcoming Change of Watch.

Safe, Stay Well and GOD BLESS!

Wishing You Safe Waters



**Anchor Bay Power Squadron Celebrated 50 Years in June 2023. The Squadron was Chartered in 1973**

**June 24, 2023:** our club went on the Huron Lady II cruise to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. The tour included a synopsis of the area we cruised through, such as history of the Great Lakes Maritime Center, Bluewater Bridge, Port Huron lighthouse, Thomas Edison Museum, Underground Railroad, oil wells, freighters, etc. We saw several beautiful houses, freighters, and a Coast Guard boat. After, we met at the **Freighter's** restaurant for a late lunch. It was a fun and educational sunny day for our group of 24.



**Members included:** Cdr Dan Woody, AP [bright blue shirt], Executive Officer Ron Grose, Administrative Officer Chris Beck, Mike & Pat Weber, Judy & Neil Kapolka, Jan & Carol Gawel, Lisa Kost, Andy Kasinec, Candy Dewit, John & Jill Niebieszczanski, Ken & Pat Radjewski (attended lunch only), Tom (Associate Member) & Patti Smith.

*Photos and article submitted by: P/C Chris Beck [above, bright turquoise shirt]*

**Flint's July 2023 "Destination Rendezvous" in White Cloud, Michigan at The Shack Country Inn on Lake Robinson**



**NO ALCOHOL allowed!**



**Cal Chase and Ann Holmyard**



**Iced Cream Banana Splits Every Night for Guests**

- Cdr Connie**
- P/C Joe**
- Fun Place**
- Log Building**
- Breakfast**
- Dinner**
- Boating**
- Games**
- Hiking**
- Golf Nearby**



**L to R: Cal, Cdr Connie, Lynne and P/D/C Jim Draper, JN**



### Past District 9 Commanders

1940-41	Lee S. Nelson, N	Toledo	1989	William J. Bayer, SN	Warren
1942-43	Charles R. Austerbury, JN	Detroit	1990	James R. Leonard, SN	Lansing
1944-45	Carl J. Florian, N	Toledo	1991	Fred C. Sellenraad, SN	Saginaw Bay
1946	George N. Lilygren	Grosse Pointe	1992	Gerald Burpee, SN	Flint
	Carl J. Florian, N	Toledo	1993	Stf/C Edwin R. Schwenk, SN	Grosse Ile
1947-48	Richard Webber, JN	Detroit	1994	Joseph F. VanBlerck, SN	Mt Clemens
1949	Eugene C. Swift	Saginaw Bay	1995	R/C E. Steven Jensen, JN	Lansing
1950-51	Keith E. Brooks, AP	Port Huron	1996	Rick Mack, SN	Port Huron
1952-53	Fred L. Chalcraft, Jr. N	Detroit	1997	James M. Gabocy, SN	Grosse Ile
1954-55	W. Kent Fenton, JN	Toledo	1998	Michael M. Maziasz, N	Birmingham
1956-57	Robert L. Davis, JN	Grand Rapids	1999	Gert A. Baldwin, JN	Muskegon
1958-59	Charles L. Fead, AP	Port Huron	2000	P/R/C Allan F. Harold, SN	Ann Arbor
1960-61	William P. Ternes, JN	Detroit	2001	Stf/C John Bennett, SN	Grosse Pointe
1962-63	Ray C. Stevens, AP	Kalamazoo	2002	W. Lyle Rea, SN	Kalamazoo
1964-65	James D. Happle, JN	Wyandotte	2003	Richard P. Gallop, SN	Mt Clemens
1966-67	Robert E. Stanley, N	Detroit	2004	Michael J. Rachuk, SN	Anchor Bay
1968-69	Elliott B. Spreen, AP	Kalamazoo	2005	James G. Knaggs, SN	Flint
1970-71	John J. Wetzel, N	Grosse Pointe	2006	Denise C. Samu, AP	Birmingham
1972-73	P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN	Birmingham	2007	Jerry Stephan, AP	Grand Traverse Bay
1974	Frank R. Veit, JN	Grand Rapids	2008	Denise Brooks, AP	Port Huron
1975	Everett R. Clark, N	Toledo	2009	Bryan Bartlett, SN	Detroit
1976	George A. Richardson, SN	Ann Arbor	2010	James Draper, JN	Flint
1977	James L. Mitts, SN	Kalamazoo	2011	Mary Ann Jensen, SN	Lansing
1978	James C. Acheson, SN	Port Huron	2012	Linda LaLonde, P	Dearborn
1979	Richard C. Rateich, SN	Grosse Ile	2013	William Stano, JN	Grosse Pointe
1980	Robert L. McLravy, JN	Lansing	2014	H. Jay Stevens, SN	South Bend
1981	Odell C. Mercer, SN	Wyandotte	2015	Dawn Flynn, JN	Lansing
1982	Don L. Bender, SN	Dearborn	2016	Anthony Lewandowski, AP	Birmingham
1983	Marvin W. Warmels, SN	Grand Rapids	2017	Janet Marie Klumpp, AP	Mount Clemens
1984	P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN	Grosse Pointe	2018	Michael J. Babiarz, AP	Grosse Pointe
1985	William J. Morrison, SN	Saginaw Bay	2019-20	Ralph Ziegler, JN	Lansing
1986	Gene R. VanRhee, SN	Kalamazoo	2021	Janet Hartesvelt, P	Grand Traverse Bay
1987	P/N/F/Lt Richard H. Jarmon, SN	Birmingham	2022	Alanna Harvey, P	Lansing
1988	Lewis W. Dance, SN	Dearborn	2023		

Prior to 1947 there were no district education officers. Initially the ranking educational officer, the chairman of education, served without rank and was appointed by the Governing Board. Later they became the DEO and was granted the rank of D/Lt/C in 1956. In 1962 an Asst. DEO was authorized. In 1974 the DEO and Asst. DEO were elected at the district conference, with prior approval of the director of education. Since 1967, every DEO who has served a full 3-year-term, except one, has been an officer of the National Educational Department.

### 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	2019-21	David Kowalski, SN	Birmingham



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**Register Now to Attend the CPS-ECP Conference in Windsor**



Photo by Peggy Schwaller  
D/C Al Schwaller, JN-CN with  
D9 Boat Show Chair Bill Smith, AP  
& Maureen Smith  
at the Lobster Bake in Northport, MI  
Metro Boat Show, September 14-17, 2023



Photo by Bob Blau  
Canadian P/C/C Joe Gatfield &  
(Birmingham) ordering ice cream  
at the 2023 D9 Spring Conf. in Bay City  
P/C Sundae Servers: Betty Torres, Cdr  
Don Jahncke, Tom Geggie



**ABClub Annual Meeting**  
February 6-11, 2024  
*Orlando, Florida*



Photo by Bob Blau  
CPS-ECP Officers &  
(Detroit & Birmingham Members)  
modeling special shirts  
at the D9 Spring Conference  
Vision 2023



Photo by Bob Blau  
CPS-ECP Officer Karen Connor &  
(Birmingham)  
at the 2023 D9 Spring Conf. in Bay City  
selling Shirts for  
CPS-ECP Vision 2023

### CPS-ECP AGM & Conference

**Caesar's Windsor - October 17-22, 2023**

Friday Night Formal "All that Glitters" @ \$115

Saturday Annual General Meeting (AGM) @ \$50

Saturday C/C Theme Gala Dinner & Dance @ \$125

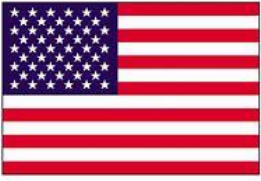
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**D9 2023 Spring Conference in Bay City**  
**April 28 - 30**

**Host Cdr Guy Greve, P**  
**and members of**  
**Saginaw Bay Sail and Power Squadron**



**Commander Guy Greve, P and P/Lt/C Nancy Greve, P**

*Thank You from*  
*United States Power Squadrons D9*

# D/9 Fall 2023 Conference Registration



## Great Lakes Maritime Center September 30, 2023

Join America's Boating Club of Port Huron for a day at the Great Lakes Maritime Center, 51 Water Street, Port Huron, MI. District Meeting begins at 10:30am followed by buffet lunch of Roast Sirloin in Mushroom Gravy, Chicken Florentine, Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Green Beans and Carrots and Salad. If needed, meeting will reconvene after lunch. Stay afterwards and watch the freighters on the St Clair River as well as visit the museum and enjoy Port Huron.

**Attention:** All registrations MUST be received, on this form, by September 21, 2023.

**Uniform of the Day:** USPS/ABC Logo Shirt

**Cost Per Person:** \$30.00

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>ABC Club</u>	<u>FirstTime</u>	
						<u>Attendee?</u>	
						<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Port Huron Sail and Power Squadron**

Registrations mailed to: **Port Huron Sail and Power Squadron**  
**407 Fort Street** **Port Huron, MI 48060**