



District 9



Interlaker Fall 2024

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Membership is Number One!

The Call to 2024 Council
was emailed.

See D9 Website for D9 Contacts

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ABC Birmingham

Thank You to all!
Contributors!

United States Power Squadrons District 9 Fall Conference

11-12 Oct 2024

Host:

Flint Sail and Power Squadron



Gateway Hotel

5353 Gateway Centre BLVD.
Flint, MI 48057
810-232-5300

District 9 Fall Council Meeting was held by Zoom
Saturday, 14 September 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

America's Boating Club® District 9

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



Flint Sail and Power hosts 2024 Fall District 9 Conference

Walk the Decks of a Ship



Greetings and Welcome fellow members of District 9. As the Commander of Flint Sail and Power Squadron, I invite you to the Fall 2024 District 9 Conference at the Gateway Hotel and Convention Centre in Flint, MI. The theme, "Walk the Decks of a Ship."

Fall District 9 Conference

11-12 OCTOBER 2024

Hosted by Flint Sail and Power Squadron

**Gateway Hotel 5353 Gateway Centre Blvd. Flint, MI
48507 810-232-5300**

Friday Night Hospitality

- Registration begins at 1500 - 1800.
- 2 Hospitality rooms and an atrium with food provided by individual squadrons.
- D9 will be providing a bar; wristbands will be required.
- Hospitality rooms are open from 1800-2200 hours.
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Saturday Conference and Events

- Registration 0730 - 1200 hours.
- Educational Department Meeting 0800-0945
- Annual Meeting/Conference: 1000-1200
- Buffet Lunch: 1200-1300

Theatrical Performance: 1400-1600 "Women of the Watch, Keepers of the Light," written and performed by Anna Marck



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

For Boaters, By Boaters™



Attention: All registrations MUST be received by October 1st, 2024.

Uniform of the day on Friday night: Ship/Seafaring/Nautical Wear

Uniform of the day on Saturday day: USPS/ABC Logo Shirt/Polo

First Time

Rank	Last Name	First Name	Grade	Certificate #	Squadron	Attendee? Yes or No
(1)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(2)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(3)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
(4)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Attending Friday Night Hospitality Night: _____

E-Mail: _____ Attending Meeting on Saturday/ No Lunch _____ -----

MEALS NOTE: An additional surcharge of \$5.00 will apply for any meal reservations made after October 1, 2024

FYI: The hotel serves a continental breakfast for hotel guests at your own cost from 0700-1000 hours.

Lunch Buffet: Redwood Lodge Signature Pot Roast, Chicken Picatta, Salmon with Lemon Butter Caper Sauce, White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Green Beans, Three Cheese Macaroni and Cheese (vegetarian option), Redwood Salad, Bread and Butter. Includes Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Water. \$26.00 per person

Of Lunch Buffets: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

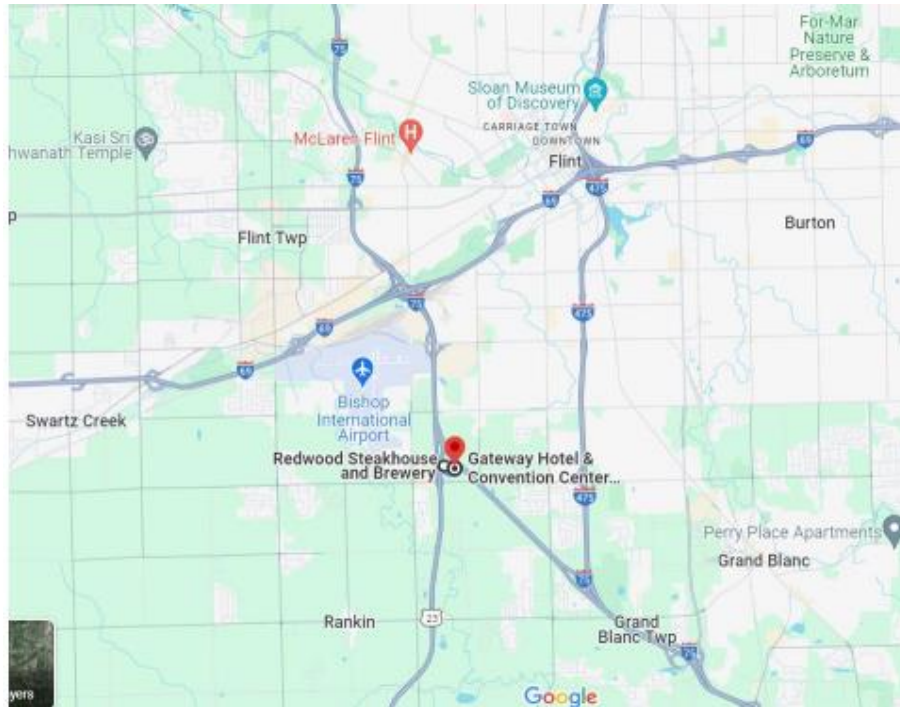
Special Needs and Allergies: _____ -----

Make checks payable to: Flint Sail and Power Squadron Registration Due by 1 October 2024

Mail checks and this form to: Cdr Connie Hallenbeck, JN 366 Wildflower Ln, Lapeer, MI 48446 248-860-6587



DIRECTIONS:



Flint

Happenings:

- Crossroads Village Halloween Dinner Buffet o Friday 1700-2100 hours Saturday and Sunday 1200-2100 hours o Village only \$17.00 Train and Village Cost: \$27.00 o Dinner at 1700 hours Cost: \$17.00 seniors, \$20.00 regular
- Applewood Estates Tour on Sunday October 13th , 2024 300-1600 hours FREE
- Sloan Museum o Saturday and Sunday 1000-1700 hours o Special Exhibits: “Crisis to Care” the Evolution of Harley and “To the Extreme” Exhibit o Cost: Senior \$11.00
- Longway Planetarium o Friday 1500 and 1600 hours Saturday 1900 and 2000 hours Sunday 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600 hours o Friday and Sunday: Skies over Michigan 1t 1500 hours o Cost: \$6.00 for seniors
- Buick Automotive Gallery o By appointment only (included in the Sloan Museum Admission) o Friday 1000-1700 Saturday and Sunday 1200-1700
- Short Hike at Stepping Stone Falls ▪ For Mar Nature Preserve Flint Restaurants: Italia Gardens, Redwood Steakhouse and Brewery, Ruggero’s Restaurant, BD’s Mongolian Grill, Westside Diner, and Texas Roadhouse and more



District 9 Commander
D/C Chet Dunbar, AP



Past Grosse Pointe Power Squadron Commander

Natalie and I have enjoyed attending this year's squadron and district events. Thanks to everyone for making our journeys memorable. We look forward to attending more squadron/district events .

Americas Boating Club District Nine is a great organization and I'm proud to serve as district commander. I hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer boating season. It's time to start taking care of business. I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference, boating class, parties, COW 's and balls.

Squadron Commanders, please send me your request for a District Officer to conduct your COW as soon as your event is scheduled. My calendar is very busy this year, I plan to attend as many as possible. Please continue to

D/C Chet Dunbar at Flint Change of Watch , 5 Jan 2024
Photo by Cdr. Connie Hallenbeck, JN

inform the District Secretary of all your events so he can have them posted to the calendar and website. Thanks to all D9 Officers, Squadron Commanders and Squadron Members for your support this year. A very special thanks to Grosse Pointe, my home squadron, for hosting my Commander Ball. I look forward to working more with/for all of you!



Stay Safe, Stay Well and GOD BLESS!
Wishing You Safe Waters ,
Chet

Detroit PC Vince Cooley, Detroit Cdr Delphine Cooley, Grosse Pointe LtC Cassandra Washington, Ruben Washington, Grosse Pointe PC Natalie Dunbar, and DC Chet Dunbar, at his western themed ball held at the Sheraton Novi on April 13.

National Educational Officer, V/C Chuck Wells, SN ,swearing in DC Chet Dunbar at the District Nine Spring Conference as PDC, Albert Schwaller looks on..

Picture submitted by editor, DLT Natalie Dunbar





District 9 Executive Officer
D/Lt/C William Stano, JN

Staff Commander Bill Stano, JN
Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

Fall officially begins on 22 September 2024. Time to think about readying your boat for winter. I attended two great events this summer, the Great Lakes Yacht Club Redezvous on 22 June 2024 hosted by the Birmingham, Detroit and Grosse Pointe Squadrons and the Dearborn Steak Roast on 24 August 2024 at the Monroe Boat Club.

As a Vessel Safety Examiner, I performed 42 Vessel Safety Checks this summer and as the District’s Vessel Safety Chair, I assisted several vessel examiners and squadron vessel safety chairs with various questions and securing VSE supplies. As of 13 September 2024, District 9 vessel examiners have performed 918 vessel safety exams. Great job everyone! Please keep in mind that the Vessel Safety Check Program is not about the number of vessel exams the examiner performs. It is about **educating the boat owner** about having the required safety equipment, keeping the equipment updated and how to respond to emergency situations. Performing one VSC is just as important as performing a thousand! It is all about keeping everyone safe on the water. Also, **every time a member approaches a boater to perform a Vessel Safety Check he/she is an Ambassador for Americas Boating Club/United States Power Squadrons.** That means in addition to performing the VSC and talking about safety issues the vessel examiner can discuss power squadron membership and its benefits to the boater.

As the Staff Commander of the National Planning Committee, I would like to switch hats and discuss what the National Planning Committee has been doing since the 2024 Annual Meeting in Orlando. Many changes have occurred to the structure and operation of America’s Boating Club, United States Power Squadrons (ABC/USPS). These include the engagement of marketing firm, Marine SEO, the hiring of a new executive director, Maureen Healey, and the implementation of a new computer system, iMIS. The Chief Commander tasked the National Planning Committee to consider two membership scenarios: if our current membership continues its downward trend or if our membership flattens/begins to increase. The Planning Committee completed its work and in August submitted its report to the Chief. One major conclusion of our study was that America’s Boating Club/United States Power Squadrons (ABC/USPS) needs an action plan that effectively responds whether membership increases or continues to decline. The plan of action should provide



District 9 Executive Officer
D/Lt/C William Stano, JN

Past Commander of
America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe

needs?" The Planning Committee's recommendations are awaiting a response from Chief Commander Bernard and our report will be presented to the Governing Board in Pittsburg on 28 September 2024.

I will be recovering from surgery so I will not be attending the Fall District 9 Conference. The Flint Squadron has arranged a great meeting at the Gateway Hotel in Flint. Please clear your calendars and attend this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Stf/C Bill Stano, JN



D/LT/C Bill Stano, Grosse Pointe PC Rose Stano, and unidentified Canadian Power Squadron member at the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron dinner at the Windsor Yacht Club.



Metro Boat Show at Lake St. Clair Metropark– Sept 12-15, 2024

**Boat Show Reports
at Conferences**



**Boat Show Chair
D/Lt Bill Smith, AP**

P/C of Detroit

Photo from Spring 2024
Conference, Port Huron



**DC Chet Dunbar mans the District Booth with
P/C Natalie Dunbar**

Fall Boatshow 2024 Photo by D/Lt Bob Blau, SN
P/C of Birmingham

**Boat Show Display
Set Up, Break Down and Storage**



**Boat Show Display Team
D/Lt Bob Krieg, Sr., AP and
D/Lt Bonnie Krieg, AP**

P/C's of St. Clair Shores

Photo from Spring 2023
Conference, Bay City
by Editor Schwaller

Many District 9 squadron-club members volunteer to work the Boat Shows.

**Boat Show Simulator
Demo and Storage**



**Volunteers Grosse Pointe Lt/C Lisa Nieves, Mount
Clemens Lt/C Marty Wykes, and Diane Wykes**

Fall Boat Show 2024 Photo by D/Lt Bob Blau, SN
P/C of Birmingham

Photo taken at the 2024 Detroit Boat Show



**Future boaters drive the simulator with Mount Clemens Cdr
Greg Gampert, P, while Grosse Pointe PC Natalie Dunbar, AP,
and LtC Cassandra Washington man the booth.**

Fall 2024 Boat Show Photo by D/Lt Bob Blau, SN



Metro Boat Show at Lake St. Clair Metropark– Sept 12-15, 2024



Birmingham Lt/C Betty Torres poses with a Sea Cadet on the Pride of Michigan



Interlaker Phtographer Birmingham P/C Bob Blau poses with the simulator he oprates at all the boat shows.

The Pride of Michigan, a former Navy vessel operates in the Great lakes for training with the Sea Cadets.





D9 Educational Officer
D/Lt/C Thomas H Geggie, SN

Past Commander of Birmingham Power Squadron



Education Report

America's Boating Course instructors must be "certified" instructors. Many squadrons encourage instructors of other classes to be certified, but this is not a requirement.

The basic requirement for certification is to complete the Instructor Development Course and then attend a recertification seminar every four years.

I have been working with Commander Dunbar to offer an ID class this fall. The class likely will be offered in person on Monday nights at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, with a Zoom or other alternative for those who can not be on-site. I hope to have registration information by the District Conference.

We also will offer an on-line Recertification Seminar this winter. Again, I hope to have details by the District Conference.

On a personal note, I would like to encourage you to attend the District Conference in Flint on October 11 and 12. Our Flint Squadron has gone all-out to make this a great event. There will be more fun than just a business meeting, and for those of you who cannot wait, Birmingham will be back with its famous ice cream sundae bar on Friday night!

I hope to see you there!

Tom Geggie
District 9 Education Officer



District 9 Secretary
D/Lt/C Tom Fisher, SN



**Past Commander of
America's Boating Club Mount Clemens**



Photo by Peggy Schwaller

**Tom at the Registration Table
2023 Fall Conference General Membership Meeting**

For the spring conference I will making some changes to the voting cards and registration cards at the table. We will start using a pre-printed sheet of paper to replace the white registration cards. I will also be removing much of the information on the voting cards as much of it is unnecessary. Please download or print your seat packets. I will make sure there is one printed seat packet at each table.

Any events and/or rendezvous that you have please forward them to me and I will make sure it appears on the District 9 Calander and distribute to the Squadron Commanders. You might be amazed at who might show up regardless of distance.

I'm looking forward to this new year and meeting more members at the Conference and events.

Since the Fall Conference I have had the privilege of representing District 9 for the following Change of Watch's : Birmingham Power Squadron Christmas Party/Change of Watch, Saint Clair Shores Sail

and Power Squadron, I also had the privilege of representing District 9 and administering the oath of Office for the following squadrons

Mount Clemens Power Squadron

Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron, Saginaw Bay Sail and Power Squadron

D/Lt/C Thomas J. Fisher, SN

2023 Distinctive Communicator Awards from USPS®

USPS® Advisors

D9 Interlaker: P/R/C Angelo Giovanniello, SN

Squadrons' Newsletters: R/C Barbara Pearson, AP

Websites: P/C James Haglund



The District 9 *Interlaker* is judged on 2 seasonal issues. The squadron newsletters are judged on 4 monthly issues

D9 - Interlaker

- Anchor Bay - *The Porthole*
- Birmingham - *Bilge Chatter*
- Dearborn - *Anchor Lines*
- Detroit - *Dumping Grounds*
- Grand Traverse Bay - *The 45th Parallel*
- Lansing - *Crow's Nest*
- Mount Clemens - *Mooring Lines*
- Port Huron - *Splash*

D9 Website

- Anchor Bay Power Squadron
- Ann Arbor Power Squadron
- Birmingham Power Squadron
- Detroit Power Squadron
- Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron
- Grosse Pointe
- Lansing Sail and Power Squadron
- Mount Clemens Power Squadron
- Port Huron Sail and Power Squadron



District 9 Treasurer
D/Lt/C Ron Babin, P
Member of Port Huron



**Ron administering the Oath to
Cdr Michelle Reurink, P
at Lansing Sail and Power Squadron's
Change of Watch
at Dusty's Cellars in Okemos**

Port Huron Sail and Power Squadron's lovely Headquarters on the Black River



District Treasurer

D/Lt/C Ron Babin, P

America's Boating Club -Port Huron

America's Boating Club District 9 is financially sovereign with all checks received being deposited and all bills due being paid. Please send any payment requests within one week of the event for prompt payment consideration.



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. Wetzal, 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	Albert Schwaller, JN-CN	Birmingham

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
			2022-24		



As the new editor for the District Nine Interlaker, I would like to thank P/C Birmingham, Peggy Schwaller, AP for her many years of hard work as Interlaker editor for at least ten years. Peggy is a hard act to follow and it is evidenced by her many awards for excellence. Peggy, you will be missed...



Interlaker Editor, D-Lt Natalie Dunbar