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Membership is Number One!

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United States Power Squadrons

Annual Meeting

February 11 - February 15, 2026

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Grosse Pointe Power Squadron Hosts 2025 Spring D9 Conference



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Annual Meeting
February 9-15, 2026
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

USPS Annual Meeting

Embassy Suites

by Hilton

Kingston Plantation, Myrtle
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Room Rate **\$184** per night **Feb 11 - Feb 15, 2026**

There is a **\$25 per day** Resort fee, per room, but it is reduced from \$35,

all rooms are suites (separate bedroom from living/kitchen area)

includes Daily: Free **Parking**, Free **Breakfast**, and Free **Cocktail Party**.

You can make your hotel reservation now through USPS Website.

District 9 Fall Conference

October 4, 2025 Detroit Yacht Club, 1 River Bank Dr, Belle Isle, Detroit

Dress code— Uniform F, or collared shirt with suit coat , dress pants/skirt.

9am Registration with coffee, tea and pastries.

10am District Conference Meeting

12:15 optional Lunch \$25/pp, deli sandwich buffet w 3 salads, soft drinks, dessert.

Host Squadron—Detroit

RSVP P/C Delphine Cooley dscooley@att.net



District 9 Commander

R/C William A. Stano, JN
P/C Grosse Pointe Power Squadron



**D/C Bill Stano at D9 Change of Watch,
26 April, 2025**

Photo by Rose Stano

What a year it has been across District 9! As I look back on the events Rose and I attended in 2025, I am reminded of the energy, friendship, and the fun that define our boating family. Each event gave me new reasons to appreciate the vibrancy and commitment of our members. My season began in style on June 22, when the Birmingham, Detroit, and Grosse Pointe squadrons came together for a memorable joint barbeque at the Great Lakes Yacht Club. There is just something energizing about seeing three squadrons blend traditions and laughter over good food and lakeside views. On June 26, I enjoyed the warmth and relaxed energy of the Mt. Clemens Commander's Picnic. Spending time with members there, I saw firsthand how important these connections are to keeping our squadrons strong and engaged.

On July 3, it was Detroit's turn, the squadron hosted the Summer Sizzle Picnic, a celebration of boating, family, and fun. The lively conversations and shared stories always remind me how much Detroit cares about its boating heritage and how committed members are to building new memories.

Just over two weeks later, the Grosse Pointe Commander's Marina Party on July 19 brought another wonderful gathering. Terry's Marina was the place to be, with festivities stretching well into the evening.

In August, Rose and I headed north for the Grand Traverse Bay Lobster Bake at in Northport, MI. where the natural beauty of northern Michigan and warm fellowship



Above

Bill at LSC Boat Show demonstrating Knots

Right

Rose and Bill at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
for Great Lakes Boating Festival May 2025





**D/C Bill Stano at Grand Traverse Bay
Lobster Fest with Cdr Nicole Smethells**



District 9 Commander R/C William A Stano, AP



P/C Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

of District 9 members made the event truly special.

On September 16th, Rose and I rounded out the season with Detroit's Merit Mark and Educational Cruise aboard the Infinity Motor Yacht. Cruising the Detroit River with Detroit's hardworking members, celebrating achievements, and trading insights was the perfect way to honor everyone's efforts this year.

District 9 hosted the 2025 Governing Board Meeting in Grand Rapids, MI. Thanks to the many district members who poured their time and energy into making it a success. I want to send my heartfelt thanks—and a big hug and kiss—to Rose Stano, whose incredible effort brought everything together. She was key in finding enter-

tainment, organizing the Saturday social lunch, and beautifully decorating the room and tables for the Saturday evening banquet. Watching our District 9 family come together so beautifully was truly inspiring. One of the moments I treasure was standing alongside three incredible District 9 members—Cdr Connie Hallenbeck, JN, Cdr Julian Fiander, SN, and P/C/C (Canada) Joe Gatfield, JN—as part of the Honor Guard at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Governing Board Meeting. Though the Conference was shorter than usual, the intensity and importance of our work never wavered. I participated in the Advisory Board Meeting, the District Commander's Meeting, and chaired the National Planning Committee's Meeting. Beyond those official moments, it was the personal connections that touched me the most. Rose and I shared so many joyful times at social events, and with the wonderful support of our district members. Our Meet and Greet on Friday night was a celebration of friendship and fun. I will discuss more content of the Governing Board Meeting at the Fall Conference.

All members of District 9 are warmly invited to join us for the 2025 District 9 Fall Conference on October 4th at the historic Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. The District Bridge hopes to see everyone there for a day filled with fellowship, fun, meaningful learning, and the opportunity to help shape the future of our district

As I step into my final six months as your District Commander, my heart is filled with gratitude. Serving alongside each of you has been an honor. None of this would have been possible without your dedication, support, and friendship. What has made this experience so special is not just the work we have done, but the people I have had the privilege to do it with—you.

Flag Ceremony at USPS Fall Governing Board, September 6, 2025 in Grand Rapids. P/C/C Ted Smith entering with Cdr Juian Fiander, D/C Bill Stano, and Cdr Connie Hallenbeck Color Guard.





BOATING SAFETY

87% OF DROWNING
VICTIMS WERE NOT
WEARING A LIFE
JACKET



69% OF DEATHS
OCCURRED ON BOATS
WHERE THE OPERATOR
DIDN'T RECEIVE
BOATING SAFETY
INSTRUCTION

ALCOHOL USE
CONTINUES TO BE
THE LEADING
CONTRIBUTING
FACTOR IN BOATING
FATALITIES.



4 OF EVERY 5
BOATERS WHO
DROWNED WERE
USING VESSELS LESS
THAN 21 FEET IN
LENGTH

OPERATION DRY WATER

Blessing of the Fleet, Detroit Yacht Club 2025, Color Guard, P/C Vince Cooley, Cdr Julian Fiander, P/D/C Michael Babiarz, Lt Doug Rocko

Photo credit to Cdr Delphine Cooley



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Past District Commanders at Spring D9 Conference— Dawn Flynn, Chet Dunbar, Ralph Zeigler, Marianne Jensen, Michael Babiarz, Bryan Bartlett, Michael Rachuk, Alanna Harvey.



District 9 Executive Officer

D/Lt/C Thomas J. Fisher, SN

P/C Mount Clemens

Merit Mark Chairman Mt Clemens



First, I would like to apologize for missing Spring Conference. Martha had a free companion airfare that was time sensitive so she surprised me with a trip to Hawaii. I had been to 49 states and Hawaii completed my 50-state bucket list.

I hope everyone had a great summer. Overall, the weather was great. We didn't get out on the lake as much as we would have liked but still enjoyed the time we did spend on the water. It seems like we keep getting invited to weddings over the summer so we keep telling ourselves we will get out more next year.

I had taken the opportunity to attend the National Fall Governing Board in Grand Rapids. For those that missed, it was a great opportunity to see how national works and meet new people. I was surprised and not surprised that on hospitality night the other members I met treated me like an old friend even though we had just met for the first time.

The Vessel Safety checks awards will be changing soon and become cumulative awards. It was not reported if this would be retroactive or not. For the Century Club award it will be changing from 100 VSC's per year to when a member has completed 100 VSC's total over multiple years. The Millennial Award will also be changing to 1000 VSC's over multiple years also. It was also reported that 2% of boaters have a VSC done on their boat. Michigan has over 800,000 registered boats which means 16,000 have been inspected. I'm not sure where these figures come from. Our 83 examiners conducted over 1100 VSC's so far this year. As someone who spent over 30 years in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and many times the officer in charge of VSC's, the Auxiliary did not complete the other 14,900 inspections in the State of Michigan. Another point on the VSC's is this is a one-on-one time with a boater. No other events create such a unique opportunity to speak with a boater one on one. In fact, you're doing it on their boat. This allows you to expand on safety and find out what they enjoy about boating. Do they have interests in what the Power Squadron offers?

I would like to thank everyone on the Executive Officers committees for everything you have done this year. To everyone who volunteered at the boat show booths, the vessel examiners and everyone else who I missed. My job couldn't be done without every ones effort .

Dt/Lt/C Thomas J. Fisher, SN



District 9 Officer

Administrative

D/Lt Robert Blau, SN
P/C Birmingham Power Squadron



District 9 wants to Thank Bob Blau for his commitment to the Visual Trainer. He faithfully brings the Trainer to every Boat Show in the Detroit Metro Area where District 9 has a booth and spends countless hours working with the public to demonstrate Boating Skills





Denise Marie Brooks, 64, of Fort Gratiot, died Sunday, April 27, 2025.

She was born November 3, 1960 in Port Huron. She married David A. Brooks on September 17, 1983.

Denise was a lifelong resident of the Port Huron area, graduating from Port Huron High School in 1978. She attended SC4, earned a B.A. in communications from Michigan State University and master's degree in management and supervision from Central Michigan University. Denise was employed with the American Cancer Society, Port Huron Hospital, President of the Port Huron Hospital Foundation, and YMCA of the Blue Water Area, as President and Chief Executive Officer, retiring in December 2020.

Denise was involved in her community. She served on the board of the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, the St. Clair County Library Board, the board of St. Clair County Community College and Port Huron Area School District Board of Education. Denise was a **Past Commander of the Port Huron Power Squadron** and **Past Commander United States Power Squadron District 9 in 2008**. She and her husband, David, were members of the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse and were instrumental in bringing Sandfest to Port Huron. They were also both proud MSU Alumni and Spartan fans; and long-time boaters, that enjoyed traveling the Great Lakes and spending time at the family cottage in Canada. Later in life, Denise became a Master Gardener through the St. Clair County Cooperative Extension. In honor of her love of gardening, the YMCA recently dedicated the Denise M. Brooks Mindfulness Garden at their facility.



Thank You Bill Smith from Detroit for Chairing the Boat Show always scheduling and maintaining information. We know Maureen is also a big help. Thank You Bob and Bonnie Krieg for keeping the ABC/USPS display and helping to set up and take down at each event.





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

Past Commander of Birmingham Power Squadron



New paths to SN

At the Navigation Committee meeting held during the Governing Board meetings, It was announced that there will be new paths to receive SN.

First, the old list of Advanced Grades was Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, JN and N. If you successfully completed all of these plus six electives, you were awarded SN.

Now, you may earn either Seamanship (discontinued) or Boat Handling, Piloting (discontinued) or Marine Navigation, Advanced Piloting (soon to be Advanced Marine Navigation) and then JN and N **OR** Ocean Navigation and Celestial Navigation.

You could not mix JN with Celestial Navigation or Ocean Navigation with N.

Now, National has announced that JN and N will be retired.

The Navigation Committee has decided that it does not want to “strand” existing JNs so that they cannot earn SN without taking both Ocean Navigation and Celestial Navigation.

The new path will allow existing JNs who earn 7 electives to be recognized as SNs.

Significant is the treatment of “old” Marine Electronics. That course has been broken into three separate courses. National has decided that a member who completed old ME will receive credit for completing three electives. This also will apply to Ns who had not completed six electives.

Birmingham web site – bpsd9.org.

Let's practice Safe Boating through education!

Tom

District 9 Education Officer



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

Past Commander of Birmingham Power Squadron

National is going through its databases (yes plural) to identify JNs and Ns who have already met the new criteria for SN. They intend to recognize newly qualified SNs at the National meeting in February.

NavCom estimates that approximately 300 new SNs will be recognized nationally under this new process. I estimate that about two dozen new SNs will be recognized in District Nine.

I do not know if we will receive the new lists in time for us to recognize new SNs at our conference on October 4, but you may discuss this with your members while we await the official list.

The challenge for our squadrons is two-fold:

First, to make sure we do not fail to identify all active JNs and Ns who are eligible to become an SN. Please compare the National list when we receive it against the education records of your members.

Second, to identify JNs and Ns in your squadron who would be able to achieve SN if they took one or two additional elective courses.

Please send me that list along with the names of courses needed. I will work with all D-9 squadrons to make sure we teach the necessary courses.

Let's think of this to energize members who will be recognized or who may now want to take one more education course in order to complete SN.

I look forward to seeing you at Detroit Yacht Club on October 4, 2025.

Tom Geggie DEO

Birmingham web site – bpsd9.org.

Let's practice Safe Boating through education!

District 9 Education Officer



Did You Know?

That the **US Coast Guard** wants to put a **positive spin** on the **Boating Safety** message.

Detroit Power Squadron recent Merit Mark Cruise on the Infinity Yacht out of Jefferson Beach had the pleasure of having a dear friend from the US Coast Guard Auxillary, Joe Chenevert, talk to us about Recreational Boating Safety. The new goal is to put a Positive Spin on boating Safety.

Accidents are Preventable.

Positive Change in Behavior has **positive results.**

Positive Boating Behavior has **less accidents.**



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So how do we do this --- Life Jackets save lives.

Safe Boating Classes teach you how to stay safe on the water.

Trip Plan to avoid hazardous location, weather. Know your Chart.

Know the Weather and Water Temp and dress for it.

Learn and practice Self Rescue and rescue of those overboard.

Drugs and Alcohol on a boat ,esp Pontoon, lead to accidents and death.

Always have a lookout esp. on Personal Water Craft- Speed Kills.

Drowning on Boats happens due to unexpected water entry. Be prepared.

Rose Stano





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2025 BOATING SAFETY CALENDAR



2025 Boating Safety Calendar

Jan Various Boat Shows
Feb Various Boat Shows
Apr 6 #406Day
Apr 14-17 International Boating & Water Safety Summit
May National Water Safety Month
May 16 Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day
May 17-23 National Safe Boating Week
May 17 Kids to Parks Day
May 22 National Maritime Day
May 24-26 Memorial Day Weekend
Jun National Safety Month
Jun 7-15 National Fishing and Boating Week
June 15 National Marina Day
Jun 18 National Go Fishing Day
June 22 Summer Solstice
Jul Sun Safe Boating Month
Jul 4 Independence Day
Jul 4-6 Operation Dry Water
Sep National Hunting and Fishing Month
Sep 1 Labor Day
Sep 25 World Maritime Day
Sep 28 National Hunting and Fishing Day
Oct Fall Cleanup Storing Boat and Equipment
Nov Child Safety Protection Month
Dec Holiday Parade of Boats
(check local community calendars)



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District 9 Secretary
D/Lt/C Debra A. Foley, SN



Treasurer/ Secretary 2025
Past Commander Mount Clemens



Hello my Friends,

Boy what a year! It started out by having to cover for the District Secretary, Tom Fisher while he had a great time in Hawaii. Talk about throwing me to the sharks!! But all went well, and I had a great time. In May I was privileged to attend Detroit Power Squadron's meeting at the beautiful Bayview Yacht Club. The weather, food and friendships were perfect. The following week at the invitation of Cdr. Connie, I attended the Flint

Power Squadron's meeting. They have a beautiful building! We had a great homemade dinner, yum and listened to a presentation from the Save our South Channel Lighthouse. WOW...learned so much and met so many great people.

Then in July I had the opportunity to go to Hawaii!! Always on my bucket list. Dave and I flew with friends to Oahu. 10 hours later we were there. I can not even begin to tell you how beautiful and wonderful the trip was. Walked on Waikiki Beach and saw Diamond Head. We were able to go to Pearl Harbor which was so moving. We went to a luau, which we thought would be on the beach by the ocean. Instead, it was on the 6th floor roof! The food was great as was the entertainment, but it just wasn't the beach I expected from those Elvis movies. Toured the entire island and went for Doyle Whip on the Pineapple farm. We didn't want to come home!

I have attempted to handle Zoom for the bridge meetings. The first one my Internet kept stopping on me. The second my Internet went out totally! Xfinity just doesn't like me. Let's see what happens with our next meeting. I am going to stay at work for that one.

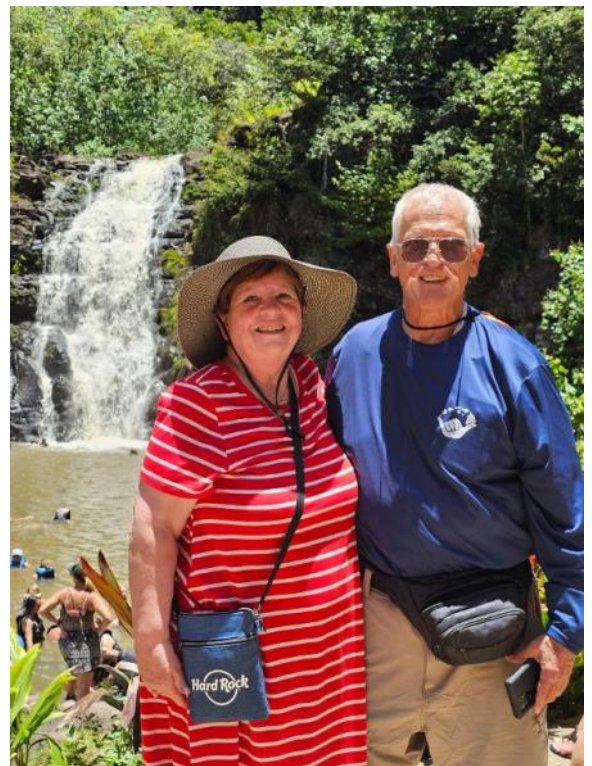




Photo by **Rose Stano**

District 9 Secretary
D/Lt/C Debra A. Foley, SN

Past Commander of
America's Boating Club Mount Clemens



I really love being a part of D9 meeting and become friends with so many people. I encourage all of you to get out there and get involved. I have been a part of USPS since the mid 80's and the friends I have met are true friends. Come join us at an event. Come to Conference. I am looking forward to this Fall's conference and having a tour of the Detroit Yacht Club. I have been told it is really special. So, join us!!

I want to thank everyone for their patience and help this year. I really appreciate you all. If there is anything that I can do to help you....please do not hesitate to contact me. You can always use another friend.

See you soon,

Debbie

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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*

D9 Website

Anchor Bay Power Squadron

Ann Arbor Power Squadron

Birmingham Power Squadron

Dearborn Power Sail and Power Squadron

Detroit Power Squadron

Flint Sail and Power Squadron

Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

Lansing Sail and Power Squadron

Mount Clemens Power Squadron

Port Huron Sail and Power Squadron

St Clair Shores Sail and Power Squadron



District 9 Treasurer

D/Lt/C Ron Babin, P

Member of Port Huron



Picture below— Bridge at COW in Mt Pleasant 2025

America's Boating Club District 9 is financially sovereign with all checks received being deposited and all bills due being paid. The District, per Spring Conference approval, has added a Money Market Account to increase the rate of earnings on our available cash balances which will contribute to our financial position going forward.

Please send any payment requests within one week of the event for prompt payment consideration.

Wishing you fair winds and safe waters!

District Treasurer D/Lt/C Ron Babin, P





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. McLavy, 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
			2024	Chet Dunbar Jr, AP	Grosse Pointe

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	Judy Delarg, SN	Birmingham



America's Boating Club/ United States Power Squadron Fall Governing Board Meeting

Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 4-7, 2025



Left upper– USPS Bridge 2025 CC Ralph Bernard, Ed Chuck Wells SN-CN, EX V/C Mike Wiedel JN-IN, AO VC David Allen, SN-IN, Sec V/C Al Lakin, SN, Tres V/C Shirley Heard, AP.

Right upper– R/C William Stano JN addressing meeting to give report from National Planning Committee.

Middle– RC Bill Stano & P/C/C Joe Gatfield , Color Guard retrieving flags, Joe holding Canadian Flag
P/C/C Ted Smith coming in between flags

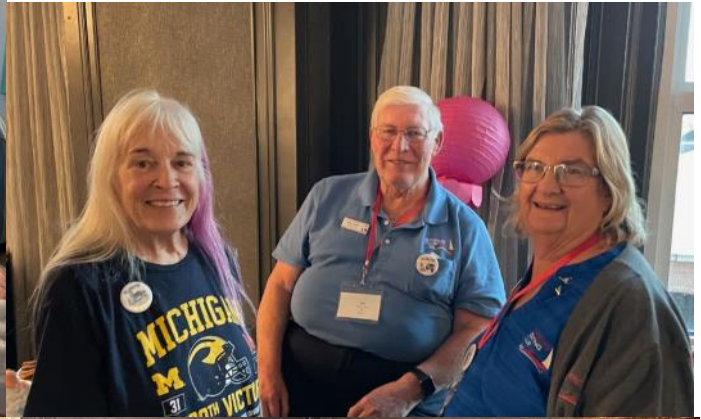
“ District 9 row at Fall Governing Board, Meeting

- photos by Bob Blau, Rose Stano, Connie Hollenbeck



America's Boating Club/ United States Power Squadron Fall Governing Board Meeting

District 9 Hospitality Room,



Fall Governing Board
September 1-7, 2025
Grand Rapids, Michigan





America's Boating Club/ United States Power Squadron Fall Governing Board Meeting

Saturday Social Luncheon, Saturday Farewell Dinner

Violinist- Aveline Schienke and Cellist—Bridget Parlmer, Students Grand Valley State University

Grand Rapids Chorus Sweet Adelines





Lake St Clair Metropark Boat Show September 11-14, 2025



Top— Ron Babin, Robert Parker, Kurt Lyons

Bottom— , Bob Blau, Delphine Cooley, Bob Krieg

Photo— Bob Blau



America's Boating Club of MidMichigan

had several on-the-water events this summer. The annual Vessel Safety Check weekend at the Great Lakes Marina in Muskegon was well attended and many boats had their boats checked. A tent with a variety of material was on hand.

We, also, partnered with Lansing Sailing Club to offer several On-the-Water classes at the club site. Oscar was created to replicate a live person falling overboard. On a cloudy Saturday members of both clubs participated in the USPS Man Overboard seminar. Instructors conducted the power point part of the seminar on the deck of the club; afterwards participants went out in the club's safety boat and practiced "rescuing" Oscar.

Another seminar on Introduction to Power Boating was completed in a private event with members of the sailing club. Most members of the club are sailors with limited knowledge of power boats. This class teaches members the basics of how a power boat works and then members went on the water in the club's safety boat to get some practical on-the-water experience driving a power boat.