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COMMANDER
VINCENT COOLEY, JN



I can't believe that the year 2010' went by so fast. We must have had fun !!

Reflecting aft, I find myself thinking of the many experiences that were enjoyed throughout the year with our squadron and others. It all began with the Christmas party at Polonia Restaurant in Hamtramck, Michigan featuring two of our squadron members; P/C Ray Myslakowski and Lt Jerry Luck playing duo on accordions.

There were various "Change of Watch" ceremonies, "Commander's Ball" celebrations, the "Blessing of the Fleet" services at the Mariner's Church in Downtown Detroit, the Fitting Out Party, the Officer's Ball and the traditional Memorial Day ceremony at the Detroit Yacht Club.

We enjoyed rendezvous with the Mount Clemens, Grosse Pointe, Anchor Bay and Saint Clair Shores Power Squadrons. We shared good times with the Dearborn and Port Huron Power Squadrons at the "Detroit Parade of Lights" and the Port Huron to Mackinac race kickoff parties respectively.

At the "Fall Conference" I even dressed up in costume: Something I usually don't get into. To my surprise, I actually had a great time! Will I do it again? If suggested... Oooh yeah!!! There was a great showing from our squadron at that event.

We had something for everyone during the course of the year and those who chose to participate have indicated their enjoyment. We have gained friendships with our new members. We greatly welcome and appreciate their thoughts, camaraderie, shared experiences and participation in our many modes of social togetherness.

There was a lot of knowledge and wisdom shared with the many students taking advantage of our educational courses offered throughout the year.

I wish to thank everyone both in and outside of our squadron for a year filled with such great memories.

I want to give a very special thanks to my Bridge Officers who worked so very diligently and with such dedication and commitment for both our squadron membership and myself. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Projecting forward, I find myself once again at the helm as Commander for the year 2011'. Wait a minute; how did that happen? Is it Déjà vu? As the younger generations put it... OMG! (Oh My God) in traditional terms. Nevertheless, I was honored to be asked to serve our Detroit Power Squadron as Commander for the year 2011'. Our annual Christmas party at the "Polonia Restaurant" is set for December 10, 2010. Consult our website (www.detroitpowersquadron.com) for this event and others throughout the coming year for details. Our calendar of events and classes for 2011' is in the works and will be posted on our website.

I am looking forward with enthusiasm to another year of great times with our United States Power Squadron members, families and friends alike.

Fraternally yours,

**SQUADRON
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

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With the Change of Watch on the horizon and Christmas around the corner, we should count our blessings. I am very thankful for all the help I have had this past year in the Education Department. It made the SEO position much easier. Everyone in my department; class chairs, instructors, proctors, and the local boards kept me on track. I can tell you that if you want to know you are wanted or needed, be in a position on the bridge. It keeps you in touch with everyone! They don't hesitate to offer advice, encouragement, or lend a hand whenever necessary. This is especially true since I am back in college full time. Everyone has been great!

Since I am going on my third year in the SEO position, it is a goal to have these classes available; but, also to participate in a couple myself. The preliminary schedule is as follows:

DETROIT POWER SQUADRON American Boating Classes			
Location	Day/Time	Starting Date	Class Runs
DYC	Tuesdays 1900 (7:00 pm)	15 February	8 Weeks
Allen's River House—240 N. River Road Mt. Clemens	Tuesdays 1900 (7:00 pm) TBD	19 April	8 Weeks
Summer Class			

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DETROIT POWER SQUADRON ADVANCED CLASSES

Class/ Location	Day	Starting Date	Class Runs
Seamanship Mac & Rays	Wednesdays 1900 (7:00 pm)	Toward end of April	9 Weeks
Piloting DYC	Tuesdays 1900 (7:00 pm)	13 September	11 Weeks
Navigation DYC	Beginning in Spring & Con- tinuing in Fall	TBD	

ELECTIVE CLASSES

Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics: dates and site are unconfirmed at this printing. More information to follow.

Weather: Wednesdays, beginning 14 September, 1900 (7:00 pm).

Sail: Date and site are unconfirmed at this printing. More info to follow.

Officers Training: This is a great course to get to know the squadron, and the inner workings of the squadron. Contact P/C Dave Caldwell at 586-469-3196. A must for all members of the bridge and everyone in the squadron!

Instructor Development and Recertification: At my home, first day, Saturday, 8 January 1400 (2:00 pm). Rest of dates TBD.

CPR/AED Training: DYC, Date unconfirmed. More info to follow.

I know this is an aggressive schedule but we can get ready in advance for the new boating season and be prepared. Classes not shown on the schedule are: Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Cruise Planning. The instructors have requested waiting until 2012 for these classes since they have been offered many times recently. So look for those classes in 2012.

Remember, the **Signs and Sounds Of Safety** begin with **EDUCATION**.

Everyone have a safe and glorious holiday season.

Best regards, *P/C Diane Dawes, JN*



REFLECTIONS FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C WILLIAM R. SMITH, AP

Greetings!

The Detroit Power Squadron has had many exciting events this year. The "Spring Splash-In" with Mt. Clemens Power Squadron was a great success and I strongly recommend we do it again next year. The rest of our summer events were fun-filled and accompanied by outstanding weather. However, the "Frostbite" weekend proved to be a challenge with the cold rain and strong winds, but the warmth from the fire and the camaraderie made this another great gathering. A big "Thank You" to all of you who helped make our events so successful.

The year 2010 is rapidly coming to a close. Our boats have been winterized and put into storage. Here in Michigan the boating season is over, but as Sonny & Cher sang, "The beat goes on". We still have more activities to come and our education season never ends. The 11 week Piloting and Advanced Piloting classes both started in September and various classes will begin after the first of the year. Education, safe boating and, of course, membership are on-going priorities. I personally wish to welcome our 2010 new members.

December brings us to the Change of Watch ceremony on Thursday 02 December at the elegant Detroit Yacht Club. This year the C.O.W. will be slightly different. The outgoing Commander will also be the incoming Commander. Yes, Cdr. Vince will be uninstalled and then promptly reinstalled along with the rest of the Bridge. Thank you and congratulations to Cdr. Vincent A. Cooley, JN for a job well done during the past year! We look forward to another great year with Cdr. Vince at the helm.

Maureen and I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual "Li'l Christmas Celebration" on Friday 10 December at Polonia Restaurant (see flier in previous *Dumping Grounds*). Friends and relatives are always welcome at our DPS events.

It has been a real honor to serve as your Administrative Officer this year. I enjoyed all of the new experiences which I encountered. It has been fun, busy, and a growing experience for me. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your assistance.

Lt/C William R. Smith, AP

D/9 AND D/29 FALL CONFERENCE PERRYSBURG, OH - 11-24 OCTOBER

By Dara Brooks

The first joint fall conference between Districts 9 and 29 was successfully held October 22 - 24 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. On hand were twenty-three Detroit Power Squadron members who had an opportunity to meet our district squadron members.

The Friday night crawl was a smashing success thanks to the participation of fifteen squadron across districts and the cool courtyard theme allowing everyone to mingle and relax in a wonderfully Nawlins' type setting. The DPS trivia contest and



Joe & Dara Brooks
Mark Anthony & Cleopatra

costume party netted lots of fun and laughter. Saturday's lunch was held at the poolside while the seminar schedule included topics such as "Invasive Species in the Great Lakes" and "Boats on Rivers, Locks and Lakes". A good time was had by all and new friendships and alliances were formed.



Cdr Vince & Delphine Cooley
Robin Hood & Maid Marion (2nd place winners)



Lyndell & Gary Bleyer—KSPS
Roy Rogers & Dale Evans



Wendy & Dave Caldwell



George Flees & Mary Fritz
Satan & Molly Pitcher

USPS® Fall Governing Board Meeting Bellevue, WA Recap - 31 August-2nd September

Not many of us took the opportunity to see what Seattle WA has to offer, but among some of the few were Joyce and LeRoy Strey, our DPS photographer. Take a look at the pictures and you can see that it is a very lovely city with a lot to offer. After the meetings, there was time to have some fun and see the city. Included in the pictures is the Boeing Plant, Mount Rainier and the Public Market.

The Governing Board Meeting takes place in the fall in some interesting cities to visit in between the many activities the squadron has to offer. You might consider attending one in the future.



**USPS® Fall Governing Board Meeting
Bellevue, WA Recap - 31 August-2nd September
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GENERAL MEETING AT DYC - 7 OCTOBER 2010
SPEAKER: JOE GATFIELD, NATIONAL TRAINING OFFICER
CANADIAN POWER SQUADRONS

Joe Gatfield gave a most informative speech on the Canadian Power Squadrons explaining their mission to safe boating, education and training and recruiting of new members. After the presentation, Commander Vince Cooley passed out some awards.



Our Speaker,
Joe Gatfield



Cdr Vince welcomed our new
member, Naomi Cook



I was honored to receive an
award for my role as editor of
the Dumping Grounds and
Assistant Secretary to Joan
Broadwell (in background)



Margie Schneider received the Hyatt
Award for 2007



Doug Rocho, Hyatt Award 2008



Dave Caldwell, Hyatt Award 2009



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SAFETY COMMITTEE

**NO REST for the
“Always Prepared” —
even at its own party**

Coast Guard rescue swimmers never seem to get a break—not even when they’re being celebrated.

In April, the agency threw a celebration party for the twenty-fifth anniversary of its Rescue Swimmer program. But as hundreds of current and former swimmers, along with families and friends, were gathering for the event in Elizabeth City, Virginia, an emergency call came in: A boat had sunk off Virginia Beach. The lone occupant had managed to send a Mayday then quickly went silent. “He set off his radio beacon, and that was the last we heard from him” U.S. Coast Guard spokesman Andrew Kendrick told reporters.

Petty Officer third class and veteran rescuer swimmer Jason Dahl left the party and boarded a Jayhawk helicopter. The crew found fisherman Nolan Agner floating amid the debris of his boat *Knockdown* 15 miles south of Rudee Inlet. Dahl dove into the chilly water and upon reaching Agner determined he was suffering from hypothermia. “I came up on the guy and asked him if he was injured. He said he wasn’t injured, but (that) he was pretty cold,” Dahl says. “He was shivering, so I made the decision to bring him up into the aircraft.”

Agner was treated at a nearby hospital and made a full recovery. After delivering the victim to the hospital, the helicopter flew Dahl back to the party. The entire operation took less than 30 minutes—just another day in the life of a rescue swimmer.

The program, which began at Air Station Elizabeth City in 1985, has trained more than 750 swimmers who have gone on to save about 25,000 lives, according to the Coast Guard. During the celebration, Vice Admiral John Currier, the agency’s chief of staff, called it “one of the most successful Coast Guard programs ever in history.” **PMY**

Lt. Robert Bloink,
Safety Officer



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!
TO ALL OF THE
MEMBERS CELEBRATING
DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

If you have a birthday in December or January and do not see your name listed, please contact P/C Diane Dawes at 586-774-2472.

DECEMBER

Robert Alan Heintz	4th
Robert Hart	6th
Jennifer O'Neill	8th
Sally Lemus	12th
Charles Reichling	16th
William Griffore	23rd
John Broadwell	25th
Robert Estabrook	27th
Charles Knowles	29th
Gregg Demers	31st

JANUARY

Fred Dery	6th
Ronald Dawes	12th
Sylvia Rhodes	12th
Donna Fletcher	13th
Thomas Harrington	14th
George Verbal	16th
George Martini	31st



The Detroit Power Squadron would like to extend to you and your family a most enjoyable holiday season and many blessings in the coming year.

HEART SMART COOKING
By Shirley Allen
SLOW COOKER POTATO AND DOUBLE-CORN CHOWDER

1 Bag (16 oz.) Frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed
1 Can (15.25 oz.) whole kernel corn, undrained
1 Can (14.75 oz.) cream-style corn
1 Can (12 oz.) evaporated skim milk
1 Medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
8 Slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 tsp. pepper

1. In a 3 - 4 quart slow cooker, mix all ingredients
2. Cover; cook on low heat setting 6 to 8 hours (or high heat setting 3 to 4 hours)

Makes 6 servings 275 Cal. per serving 8g Fat
Source: bettycrocker.com/recipes

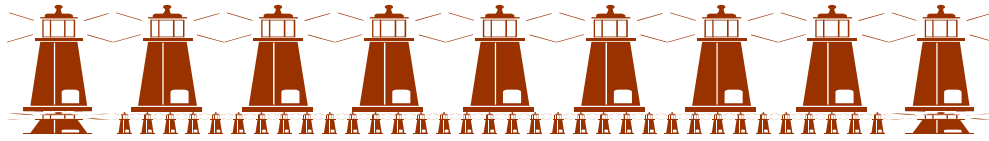


Joyce Strey's mother, Gertrude Rohr passed away on October 1st after a long illness. The DPS members extend their sympathy to Joyce and her family.

Our long time member, Richard Turner is doing well after having his bout with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. He is also planning a trip to Trinidad. We wish him well.

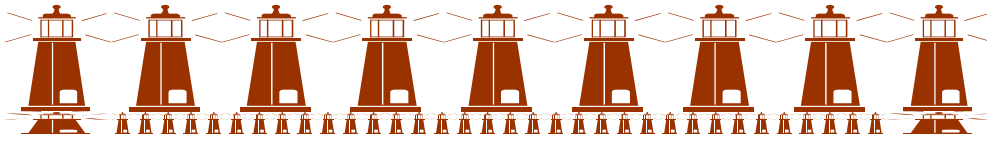
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December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 General Meeting & COW DYC 1930	3	4
5	6	7 Breakfast at Linda's Place, Harrison Twp, 0930	8	9	10 Christmas Party at Polonias See flier, last issue	11
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January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 Breakfast at Linda's Place, Harrison Twp, 0930	5	6 No General Meeting this month	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27 Executive Meeting at DYC 1900	28	29