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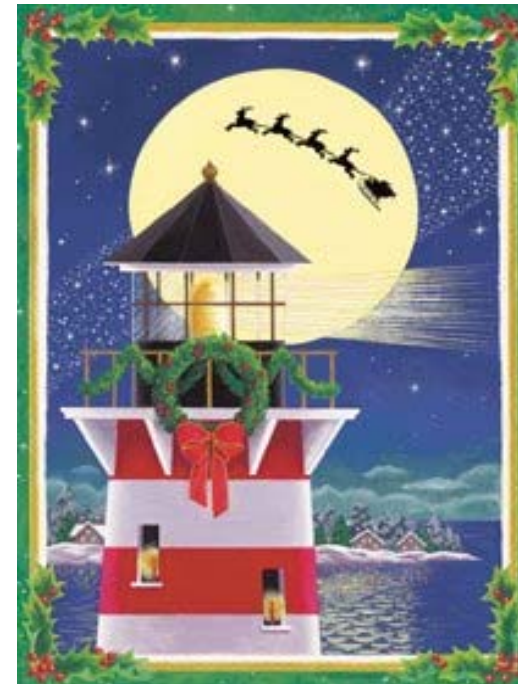


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# Reaching Out



**COMMANDER  
EARL WOLFE**

My Dear Friends,

In these troubled times, I must break from the traditional Commander's message and write from my heart. Our futures, as mariners, boaters and citizens have been under siege for many years and my last message to you concerns these troubles. This message is a reply to laws proposed or passed by our conservative and liberal representatives in government.

Nautical charts are designed to tell us of dangers under the water so that we can safely navigate on the water. The buoys, day-marks and light houses reinforce the information on the charts, and if we navigate without charts, visually help us reach our destinations safely.

In our political world, there are also a number of signals of which we must be cognizant. More and more often, we learn of actions by our national, state and local politicians to control dissent, to ignore abusive tactics at the polling places, to force compliance with directives contrary to the Bill of Rights, to generate euphemisms and new definitions and to ignore wrongdoing and allow it to continue. We also remember efforts to control the fuel used in our boats, the chemistry of anti-fouling paint and the discharge of gray water (soapy water), while allowing foreign ships to discharge ball, bilge (and black?) water into our lakes and rivers. Did you know that the soap that you wash your deck with is a pollutant and illegal?

These are just a few of the political shoals, whirlpools and rocks that we must recognize as warnings that our personal ability to navigate our lives and boats in freedom, with freedom of choice, is in jeopardy. We have no charts or GPS units to help us on our cruises and survive these seas of politics.

George Orwell wrote two books of note: 1984 and Animal Farm. 1984 was concerned with Big Brother government, new speak, revisions of history to serve the politicians, and forced servitude to governmental control. Do you remember the phrase: "Big Brother is watching you"? Animal Farm was an allegory of revolution and the eventual control of the eventually complacent revolutionaries by an elite group. Do you remember: "All animals are equal, but pigs are more equal"?

My message is therefore to ask you to pay attention (Cont'd on Page 4)

**Don't Miss the  
General Meeting  
and  
Change of Watch  
03 December 2009  
1930  
At DYC**

**'Lil Christmas at  
Polonia Restaurant  
12 December 2009  
1730  
Details in November Issue**

## Squadron Educational Officer's Report

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My goodness, time sure has flown. Looking out the window you wouldn't think that Christmas is right around the corner, would you? Most of the boats are put to bed for winter and we all are dreaming of their launch that isn't that far way.

What came out of the Conference regarding the BOC (Boat Owners Certification) is that there are four levels of certifications. The four levels are: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator, and Offshore Navigator. All levels have certain classes that are required to complete each level of competence. Once you pass one level, you can then continue to the next level. Insurance concerns have been cleared by USPS® so we are encouraged to become Boat Owner Certifiers. This is another way we can promote DPS and USPS.

By the end of January, all our instructors need to be recertified. At the conference, we had better than half attend, so I think we may be ahead of the game.

We have two classes, Piloting and Cruise Planning running at the present time. I have ordered the tests for both these classes. Both instructors, P/C Joe Tatham and Lt Margi Schneider, tell me the classes are on schedule. I look forward to hearing the outcome shortly.

We had 7 students in the CPR/First Aid class. P/C Doug Rocho recertified us in a couple hours. I'm glad we recertified because there have been a few changes that have been put in effect in the last couple years. If there is enough interest, Doug said we could have another class after the first of the year. Let me know. You never can tell when the information will come in handy.

Our 2010 USPS class schedule is being formed as I write this article. We are working to add a few different classes to the Winter/Spring schedule. I will be sending an e-mail to all of you regarding the new schedule of member classes. Since we have winter and time to veg, let's not veg the mind.

I want to personally thank all my Education Department for their help. As the newbie SEO, I'm sure I made errors but with all your help, they were kept to a minimum.

Everyone have a safe and great holiday.

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

(Cont'd from page 1) to the captains of all of our political parties, their lieutenants and their crews, especially when they open their mouths. If they forecast calm seas and fair winds, anticipate tidal waves, storms, hurricanes and water spouts. If they promise government ending to your problems, anticipate hidden reefs, submerged rocks and sunken wrecks. Remember how happy you were to leave home and be on your own? Government that does your thinking for you and controls your lives is Big Momma or Big Brother, and déjà vu; why did you leave home?

The agendas of our political parties and our elected and appointed officials are hidden under a calm surface and it is up to us to search, read, listen and ask questions. It is up to each of us to keep a weather eye open, stay on watch and warn each other of the hidden dangers. We are in this together and together we can make a difference.

Thank you for your solid support and encouragement this past year.

*Commander Earl Wolfe*



### 2009 VESSEL EXAM REPORT

As of 1 November DPS performed 382 VEs for 2009. Great job!! Hopefully, we gave out the special Dumping Grounds edition as we met the public. It's an informative publication as well as a recruitment tool. We need this avenue to maintain and grow our squadron.

Diane Dawes was our top examiner for 2009 with 114 safety checks. She again gets recognized on the Anderson Trophy (most exams) and the Drewek Century Award for 100 exams in one season. She also received a diamond pin from National for 1000 lifetime VEs. Congratulations Diane, you have performed a yeoman service for the USCG Vessel Exam Program. Second and third place went to Mitch and Joe Brooks with 47 and 33 exams respectively. All of our VEs did at least 5 exams and remain in good standing for next year. You may keep the PFDs furnished by National as long as you remain on the active VE list.

Thanks again to all the dedicated examiners in Detroit. Awards will be given at the Change of Watch. I am stepping down as VE Chairman to allow for a fresh flow of ideas from a new chairperson. It's a great opportunity for community involvement and furthering the mission of the squadron.

PC Mitch

## MARINAS AND GREEN THINKING

A voluntary program for environmental responsibility at marinas has been created through the collaboration of the Michigan Boating Industries Association, Michigan Sea Grant, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth. It encourages marinas and their customers to look at how they can be more environmentally friendly with the aim of protecting local waterways. Marinas participating in the program follow a checklist of the "best management practices" – some required for marinas to follow by law and others recommended by the four organizations. Presently 33 state marinas are Michigan Clean Marina certified and 43 are working toward that goal.

Belle Maer was one of the first marinas to receive the certification three years ago, with MacRay Harbor following shortly after. Things that have changed at Belle Maer include reusing the water utilized for bottom washing of boats and properly disposing of used batteries, oil filters and oil. Both marinas have also become involved with a plant in Ohio that takes the leftover shrink-wrap used to winterize boats and recycles it to make plastic pieces for Ohio highway railings. Smaller steps, such as labeling storm drains and holding boater education classes helps, too. Both marinas also require contractors and customers to sign a list of rules that require them to follow the environmental program.



On September 28 an open house was held at MacRay Harbor to honor both MacRay Harbor and Belle Maer for receiving their recertifications, with Congresswoman Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township, as guest speaker. PC Mitch Gawrysiak was contacted and asked to bring members from DPS. Mitch, PC Ray Myslakowski and Bill Graham accepted and represented the squadron. As boaters and educators we have a responsibility to foster and promote the greening of our marinas and waterways for future generations.



P/C Mitch

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## D9 FALL CONFERENCE 23-25 OCTOBER 2009

Lots of costumes and fun going on at the D9 Fall Conference. You will notice by the centerfold that everyone had a great time.

We would like to thank Joan and John Broadwell for hosting our hospitality room and all of the members that participated in preparing and serving food and beverages.



**Left:** District Commander Bryan Bartlett presenting Cdr. Marie Mitchell, JN of Saginaw Bay with the Co-Op Charting Trophy. Saginaw was awarded the trophy for being closest to the top of the National Co-Op Charting Honor Roll for D/9.

**Below:** Members that were awarded a Certificate of Educational Proficiency and D/C Bryan.



FALL CONFERENCE RECAP (CONT'D)  
23-25 OCTOBER 2009



## J. L. PETERS TROPHY AWARD DINNER

A dinner meeting was held on 16 October at JYC.

Each year a DPS member is selected to be awarded the trophy for their outstanding services to the squadron. Included in the meeting was the nomination of officers. Nominated and approved are:

Lt/C Joan Broadwell	Chairperson
P/C David Caldwell	Treasurer
Lt/C Joan Stoll	Secretary

We thank Chuck Treska for his many years of support as chairman of the committee.

### PRESENT AT THE MEETING

**Back Row:** Irene & Dick Walega, John Neubert, John Broadwell, Chuck Allen, Pat Estabrook, Shirley Allen, Bob Estabrook, Dave Caldwell, LeRoy Strey, Del & Bernie Buhlinger and Joyce Strey

**Front Row:** Joan Stoll, Dorothy Atwood, Chuck Treska, Joan Broadwell and Joyce Strey's Mom, Gertrude.



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

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

DECEMBER		JANUARY	
William Renzie	1st	Fred Dery	6th
Robert Alan Heintz	4th	Ronald Dawes	12th
Robert Hart	6th	Sylvia Rhodes	12th
Sally Lemus	12th	Donna Fletcher	13th
Mark Steadman	14th	Thomas Harrington	14th
Charles Reichling	16th	George Verbal	16th
Robert Estabrook	18th	James Tunstull	25th
Quincy McAlpine	22nd		
William Griffore	23rd		
John Broadwell	25th		
Charles Jason Knowles	29th		
Gregg Demers	31st		



Commander Earl Wolfe welcoming our new member, Tim Hixson, at the October General Meeting.

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**HEART SMART COOKING**  
**By Shirley Allen**  
**CREAM OF TURKEY & WILD RICE SOUP**

**Ingredients:**

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 Tb extra-virgin olive oil      | 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth  |
| 2 cups sliced mushrooms (~4 oz.) | (I used more)  |
| 3/4 cup chopped celery           | 1 cup quick-cooking (instant) wild rice (such as Uncle-Ben's long grain and wild rice) |
| 3/4 cup chopped carrots          | 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream (I omitted)   |
| 1/4 cup chopped shallots         | 2 Tb chopped fresh parsley   |
| 1/4 cup all-purpose flour        |  |
| 1/4 tsp salt                     |  |
| 1/4 tsp pepper                   |  |

**Preparation:** Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add mushrooms, celery, carrots and shallots and cook, stirring until softened, about 5 minutes. Add flour, salt and pepper and cook, stirring for 2 minutes more. Add broth and bring to a boil, scraping up any browned bits. Add rice and reduce heat to a simmer. Cover and cook until the rice is tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Stir in turkey (or chicken), sour cream and parsley and cook until heated through, about 2 minutes.

Makes 4 servings 354 Cal. 9g Fat      Source: eatingwell.com

**DPS MEMBER CONCERNS**

Recently there have been numerous slips and falls resulting in serious injuries. Be certain to take extra caution as we approach the winter season with icy sidewalks and roads.

In our last issue it was noted that George Flees' daughter Lorraine fell and injured her shoulder. Unfortunately since that writing, George fell and broke his elbow. He's had surgery and was released to U of M rehab.

Mary Jane Bauer-Wolfe fell and broke her collar bone. There was no surgery involved but the healing process is painful until her shoulder mends itself.

Diane Dawes sister Theresa Sneider is having some health problems.

Please include these members in your prayers.

Articles for publication must be received no later than the **5th** of the month. Please submit via email, computer disk or hard copy to:

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**RECREATIONAL BOATING**  
**STATISTICS 2008**

- In 2008, the Coast Guard counted 4789 accidents that involved 709 deaths, 3331 injuries and approximately \$54 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreation boating accidents.
- Over two-thirds of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those, ninety (90) percent were not wearing a life jacket.
- Only ten percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Seven out of every ten boaters who drowned were using boats less than 21 feet in length.
- Careless/reckless operation, operator inattention, no proper lookout, operator inexperience and passenger/skier behavior rank as the top five primary contributing factors in 17% of the deaths.
- Eleven children under age thirteen lost their lives while boating in 2008. 63% of the children who died in 2008 died from drowning.
- The most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (43%), personal watercraft (23%), and cabin motorboats (15%).
- The 12,692,892 boats registered by the states in 2008 represent a 1.4% decrease from last year when 12,875,568 boats were registered.

Source: U.S Department of Homeland Security. USCG®

Robert Bloink, Safety Officer



# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 <i>General Meeting &amp; COW 1930 DYC</i>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>'Lil Christmas Polonia Restaurant 5:30 pm</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>No General Meeting this month</i>	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Cdrs Ball Comm Mtg MacRay</i>
10	11	12	13 <i>Grse Pte COW  Grse Pte Yacht Club</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Grosse Pte Cdrs Ball</i>
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Exec. Mtg DYC</i>	29	30 <i>Cdrs Ball Comm Mtg, Mac Ray 1200</i>