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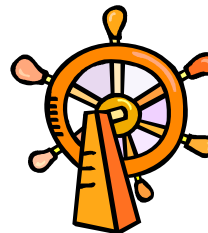
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At Polonia Restaurant  
12 December 2009**



**General Meeting  
and  
Change of Watch  
03 December 2009**



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# Reaching Out



**COMMANDER  
EARL WOLFE**



Dear Friends,

As I write, the eventful month of September is thankfully coming to an end with cooler weather, drizzle and wind. My youngest daughter's wedding, my eldest daughter's visit from Seattle, large branches landing on our driveway, MJ's scooter dying and getting replaced, the end of the golfing season, the Pelican initiation and a raft of other things have kept us very busy. Our attempts to stay ahead of the calendar and out of trouble have been moderately successful, thank goodness!!!

All of you have helped this past month, and during the year, and I thank you. The Pelican initiation was especially well done and we need to again thank all of those who contributed to the success of the event.

The end of September means that the end of our boating season is fast approaching, the JOLLY CORK will be heading across the river to winter storage in a couple of weeks and the house plants will be coming inside. Although more inclement weather is in the offing, let us make sure that we do not lose any opportunity to meet and greet each other or to support P/C Diane Dawes in her efforts as Educational Officer. Again, I thank you all for your support.

*Commander Earl Wolfe*



29 Oct	Executive Meeting at DYC 1900 (7:00 p.m.)
04 Nov	Pasta Dinner Fund Raiser
05 Nov	General Meeting and COW Rehearsal - DYC
19 Nov	Exec Meeting and COW - DYC
03 Dec	Change of Watch - DYC
12 Dec	Dinner at Polonia



**Squadron  
Educational Officer's Report**

**P/C Diane Dawes, JN  
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As I am writing this, fall has definitely arrived. We have a couple of sayings that pertain to the weather, "*If you don't like it, wait five minutes and it will change*". Yeah, right. Once fall arrives, we know the boating season is coming to a close. Another is "*There are two seasons, winter and construction*". Since this is the time to think about putting our boats away for the winter, it is also our construction time for classes.

We have two classes currently running: Piloting and Cruise Planning. Also a CPR one day class that is being held on 10 October. We have an opportunity to recertify our instructors at the Fall Conference in Sterling Heights. All our instructors will need to do so.

A complete class schedule for spring classes will be posted in the next issue. Your educational committee is meeting to have these classes finalized. Just as a side note, I have spoken with our sail instructor, Bill McIntyre and he is looking for this class to possibly start sometime in January.

There is a scale-back mode in everyone's life. We, the members of USPS feel the effects as everyone else does. Education is important. WE need to lead the way. Every class we teach to our members and the public, shows we take the lead to the safe boating way of life. These classes are for you. Enjoy them, learn by them and pass the information to any boater you know or see. We have multiple ways of doing so:

- Inform your dock neighbor, hand them a booklet.
- A VSC comes under the area of boating classes.
- Participate in PR work at the boat show or elsewhere.

Boating is a way of life. It is "Our" way of life.

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!

*P/C Diane Dawes, JN*

**CHANGE OF WATCH - 03 DECEMBER 2009 - DYC - 1930**  
**Nominations for Election of Officers Slate**  
**For the 2010 Bridge**

NOTICE: In accordance with Article VII of the By-Laws of  
Detroit Power Squadron, notice is hereby given for the Annual  
Meeting and Election of Officers to be held at the Detroit Yacht Club

**Commander: Lt/C Vincent Cooley, P**

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**P/C Joseph Tatham, JN**  
**Cdr Earl Wolfe, AP**

## PELICAN INITIATION 17 SEPTEMBER 2009



If you've been in a D/9 squadron for a while, you would most likely be familiar with the Pelican Initiation that takes place every other year at the Detroit Yacht Club. It is a most enjoyable evening and our players and cast work hard to make it a successful event. To the left you see some of our DPS members that participated.

P/C David Caldwell escorts the new initiates into the theater.



The participants await anxiously to see what is going to happen next.



At the head table: P/C's Joe Brooks, Joe Tatham, John Broadwell and Tom Hyatt lead the event

**PELICAN INITIATION 17 SEPTEMBER 2009 (Cont'd)**



P/C's John Neubert, Davy Jones;  
Mitch Gawrysiak, Moby Dick



P/C Don Howitt,  
Leif Erksson



P/C Al McCurdy,  
Captain Lawrence



P/C Doug Rocho,  
Neptune



P/C Jerry Stoll,  
Bos'n

## HELP SAVE LIVES

At the October 1 General Dinner Meeting at Mac & Ray, Jim Harkins, volunteer deputy for the Marine Safety Division addressed the importance of this fundraiser. They are looking to purchase a device that can help them locate people in the water. Some victims develop hypothermia before they are located. It's almost impossible to find them when they themselves cannot tell you where they are. If you would like to attend the dinner or have any questions, all information is listed below, including the phone number to the Macomb County Sheriff Marine Safety Division. Donations will also be welcomed.

MARK A. HACKEL / OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
**MARINE SAFETY DIVISION**



# Pasta Dinner

**FUNDRAISER**

*Wednesday, November 4, 2009*  
*5:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

**FERN HILL COUNTRY CLUB**  
17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Twp., MI



**TICKETS \$10  
PER PERSON**

Children under  
5 eat free

**CASH BAR**  
Pop, coffee and  
tea are included


For more information  
contact the Macomb  
County Sheriff Marine  
Safety Division at  
(586) 469-5803

## **A SIMPLE MISTAKE**

A basic boating course probably would have saved the lives of three football players who died in February after their boat capsized. That was the finding of investigators from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which released its report on the tragedy in late March. The boat apparently capsized during an ill-conceived attempt to free a stuck anchor. According to investigators, the four men had ventured about fifty miles offshore from St. Petersburg for a day of fishing in somewhat stormy conditions. At about 5:30 p.m., as they prepared to head home, they discovered their anchor was stuck in 128 feet of water. One of the men suggested that they tie the anchor line to the transom and try to pry the anchor loose using engine power. When the boat owner gunned the 200-hp outboard, the transom plunged under water and the boat capsized, throwing every one into the water. Three of the men were wearing a PFD and one had a throwable device. The four men tried to right the boat, and when they could not, clung to the upturned hull. They had no VHF, their flares were wet, and they couldn't reach their cell phones, which were stowed in waterproof bags. Water temperatures were estimated to be in the fifties. Investigators determined that the three victims each quickly succumbed to hypothermia after drifting away from the boat one by one.

This tragic accident is just one example of what can happen to the uneducated boater. Please contact the United States Power Squadron® for a Safe Boating Course. Your life could depend on it, and always wear your PFD.

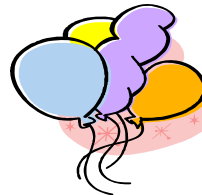
Robert Bloink, Safety Officer



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!  
TO ALL OF THE  
MEMBERS CELEBRATING  
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

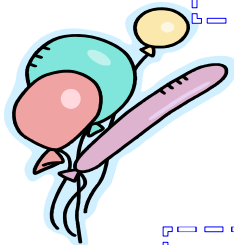
If you have a birthday in November and do not see your name listed,  
please contact P/C Diane Dawes at 586-774-2472

1st  
Renzie Williams



4th  
Robert Alan Heintz

6th  
Robert Hart



14th  
Mark Steadman

18th  
Robert Estabrook

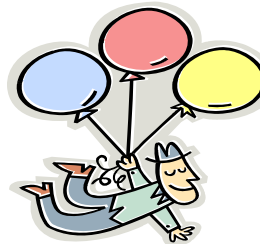
22nd  
Quincy McAlpine

23rd  
William Griffore

25th  
John Broadwell



29th  
Charles Jason  
Knowles



## HEART SMART COOKING

By Shirley Allen

### CHILI SOUP

4 oz. Mexican cheese	1 3/4 C. red kidney beans
1 Tbl. chilli powder	1 C. of canned fat-free beef broth
1 C. finely chopped celery	1 medium onion, chopped
6 oz. of canned diced tomatoes	

1. Mix all ingredients except Mexican cheese in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce to low heat and simmer for 20 minutes.
2. Ladle the soup into 4 individual bowls and top with Mexican cheese.

### DPS MEMBER CONCERNS

**Joyce Strey's mother, Gertrude**, is in St. John's hospital after a serious fall ending up with a broken nose and stitches in her forehead. She will be transferred to rehab for to speed up her recovery.

**Bill Graham** is recovering from cataract surgery.

**George Flees' daughter Lorraine**, fell and injured her shoulder. She's been hospitalized for the past few weeks after surgery for her injuries.

Please keep these members and their families in your prayers.

### IT IS WITH GREAT SORROW- - -



**Mike Irwin, P/C 1995** passed away 06 October 2009. We will remember Mike in our prayers and for his dedication to the Detroit Power Squadron. Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family.

Dara Brooks lost her step father, **John Harrison** the week of September 6th. He had many complications and countless episodes of hospitalization. Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to Dara and her family.

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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# November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 COW Rehearsal following Gen'l Mtg. DYC 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Wine Tasting at DYC, DPS invited</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10 Piloting Class DYC 7:00-9:30 pm</b>	<b>11 Cruise Planning DYC 7:00 pm</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 Piloting Class DYC 7:00-9:30 pm</b>	<b>18 Cruise Planning DYC 7:00 pm</b>	<b>19 COW Rehearsal following Exec Mtg DYC 7:00 pm</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Piloting Class DYC 7:00-9:30 pm</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					



**ANNUAL 'LIL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

DATE: 12 December 2009  
TIME: 5:30 pm 'til 10:00 pm  
PLACE: POLONIA RESTAURANT  
2934 Yemans  
Hamtramck



**MENU**

Dill Pickle Soup	Potato Noodles
Breaded Chicken Breast	Polish Sausage
Stuffed Cabbage	Baked Kraut
Tossed Salad	Bread & Butter

Beer and Wine Included

The cost is \$22/person. Make checks payable to  
*Polonia Restaurant* and forward them to  
P/C Mitch Gawrysiak before December 7, 2009.

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