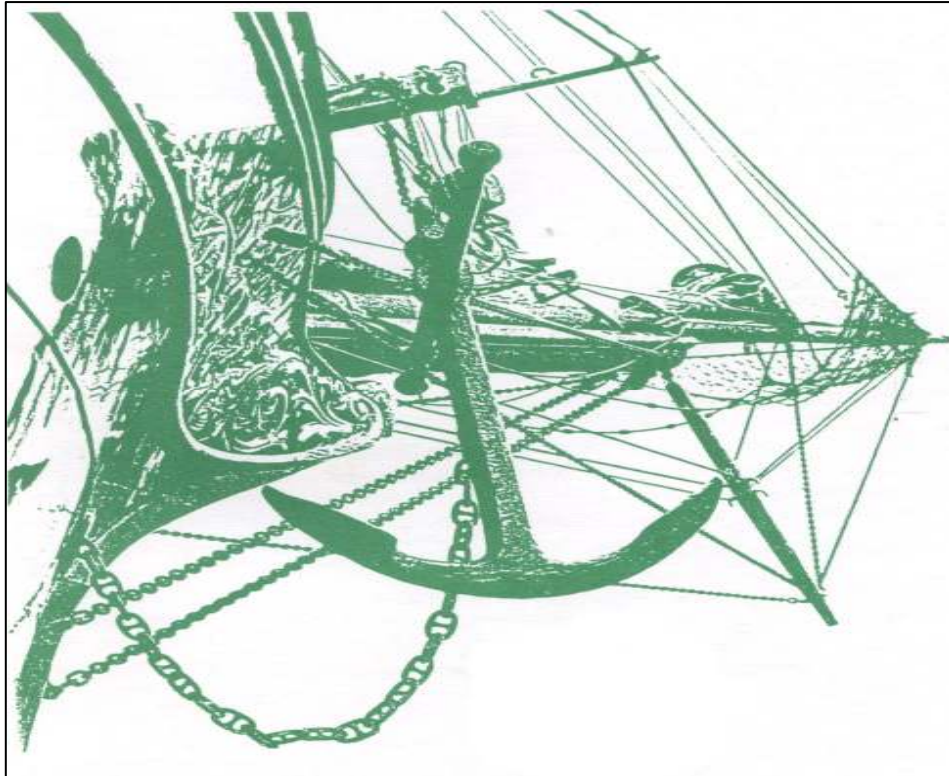

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**Change of Watch
January 18th, 2007**

*****Come vote your choice of candidates*****

at

American Legion Post 32

9318 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 48150 (Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Rd.)

**Social Hour: 1800(6:00pm) Dinner: 1900(7:00pm)
50/50 Raffle**

Buffet Menu

**Baked Pork Chop
Oven Baked Chicken
Scallop Potato
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Bread
Coffee, Tea, and Milk
Dessert**

\$18.00 a person, Tax & Tip Included

*****Cash Bar*****

Reservations required by January 12th, 2007

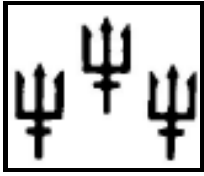
Please contact Lt Toni Devantier, P

By Phone: 734-207-4985

By E-Mail: reservations@dearborn-squadron.org

Reservation must be cancelled three days prior to meeting

COMMANDER'S DEPARTMENT



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Well, another month and a year have passed and I hope all is well with all of you. This has been a good year for Dearborn Power Squadron and for me as your Commander and I want to say thank you to all that have

made it that way.

I will not be the Commander next month. The next meeting is our Change of Watch and you should come out and vote for the next Commander and all the people that you want to run this Squadron. I hope to see you there.

I had to miss the Christmas party after sending in my money. I went up to our place up North and that weekend I was going to come home on the Friday, but the weather was real bad. We got over eight inches of snow with freezing rain and sleet and up there, when we get that kind of weather, you lose power. Ours went out about eight to ten times so I stayed to keep the fires burning. This is the second time this year that I have had to stay up there because of the weather and missed going to a party, but you have to take care of your home and yourself.

I told the next Commander that I would be around, that I am not going anywhere. I will still be active with the Squadron and if she needs me to do anything, to just ask. I will be there. Remember that we will need help with next year's Conference, so you be there. This is about all for this month. Next month I will say thank you to all that made my year as Commander great.

Yours In Safe Boating

Cdr Al Tondreau, AP



IMPORTANT: NEW ANCHOR LINES DISTRIBUTION
Starting February 2007, General Mailing of Anchor Lines Will Stop;
Electronic Mailing Will Start.
Call Lt/C Pat Johnston, SN, If You Want A Hard Copy.

If you would like the hard copy, please inform me. Please leave a message at 734-464-1406. Your Anchor Lines will be sent by first-class mail. The savings would not only involve the mailing, but also the cost of printing the publication and the labels. This electronic mailing system will start with the February 2007 issue.

Lt/C Pat Johnston , SN

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Thanksgiving has come and gone as we now prepare for the Christmas season. I'm sitting here on this cold evening and wondering where the past year has gone, as I write my final article as your Administrative Officer. It was a learning experience for me as I found out how very important each and every committee chairperson is. The Squadron would not have had the wonderful experiences it had this year if not for the capable and energetic leadership and volunteer work of its members. I know I may sound like a broken record when I keep "thanking" individuals for what they have done, but I feel that it's very important that people are thanked for what they do. We all like a little pat on the back every once in awhile, especially when it comes to volunteering our time.



I would like to thank D/Lt Jerry LaLonde, S, for leading our Cruise and Rendezvous committee for the past few years. Jerry is stepping down from that job for a well-deserved break so he can concentrate on all of the other activities that he does for the Squadron. He is instrumental in Conference planning as well as the set up/take down involved with that. He continues to donate his time to class instruction as well.

Lt Marilyn Book, AP, will continue to arrange locations for our monthly meetings. Marilyn takes the time to make calls, set up reservations, and choose menu options that are varied from month to month. It's not easy these days to keep food costs down while providing quality meals---and desserts that she often brings!

Lt Toni Devantier, P, has agreed to remain in charge of meeting reservations. Toni not only takes your reservations, but uses her skills to complete the toughest part of her job---collecting money, making change, and keeping track of all members who come to the monthly meetings. Thanks, Toni, for all you do for the Squadron.

1st/Lt Frank Muylaert, P, is going to continue his busy Squadron schedule. Not only will Frank become our new Education Officer, but he will continue to chair the Membership/Member Involvement Committee. Frank is another one of those members who seems to be everywhere at once. Hopefully, it's a little easier for him now that he's retired.

And speaking of someone who is everywhere at once, Lt/C Fred Hoitash, AP, has agreed to continue as the chairman for Operations Training. When not doing that, our "man for all seasons" still teaches classes and is continuing to lead the charge when it comes to hosting the Fall District Conference in Bay City. He's another set up/take down guy who devotes a ton of time to your Squadron. Just ask his wife.

D/Lt/C Bill Stewart, SN, will continue as the chair of our Predicted Log Activities. Bill is hoping that this is the year he can gather some interest in folks out there who would wish to participate in a predicted log. Believe me, you'll learn from the best there is at it.

I have been unable to catch Lt Larry McDermott, AP, before he and Dorothy ventured down to Florida to escape Michigan's winter. I'm hoping that he will stay on and help the new Administrative Officer by chairing the Sail Activities' Committee. Larry is another dedicated Squadron member who is always there when you need him.

With all of that said, there are still two positions under the Administrative Officer's Department that need to be filled. We need a Program Meeting Chair and a Cruise and Rendezvous Chair. The Program Meeting Chair arranges for an occasional speaker at our monthly meetings and the Cruise and Rendezvous Chair would work with the wonderful people who actually set up the individual rendezvous. This past year, P/C Christine Parkinson, JN, oversaw the get-together in Leamington and Lt Tony Pauletich, P, and Lt Pat Pauletich, S, were the go-to folks for the dinghy rendezvous. Please let me or our new Administrative Officer know if you would be interested in either of these two positions. Help make things easier for your new AO.

Lastly, I wish to thank my fellow Bridge members. You were all instrumental in helping this rookie Bridge guy get through the year; Executive Officer Lt/C Marge Hamlin, S, Education Officer Lt/C Fred Hoitash, AP (didn't I just thank him?), Treasurer Lt/C Leon Collins, SN, Secretary Lt/C Pat Johnston, SN (a son-in-law must never forget to thank his mother-in-law), and our Commander Al Tondreau, AP. Al, you certainly succeeded in your desire to make this a fun year. It was a pleasure to serve under you. Thanks for all you've done.

Please have a restful and safe holiday season. Don't hesitate to practice random acts of kindness to people

you come in contact with. 'Tis the season!'

"It's not enough to understand, or to see clearly. The future will be shaped in the arena of human activity, by those willing to commit their minds and their bodies to the task."

Robert F. Kennedy

Lt/C Dave Rayburn, P

Cold Water Statistics

An 18-year-old canoeist capsized into 50° F lake water, and sank to the bottom before a rescuer towing his canoe could rescue him. He was wearing jeans, a shirt and no PFD.

Nine elite marines, water survival instructors, capsized in 36° F water wearing sweatsuits and no PFDs. None of them survived the attempted 100 yard swim to shore.

Sixteen Danish fishermen spent 2 - 3 hours in the icy North Sea when their trawler sank in a storm. They walked across the deck of the rescue vessel and went down into the galley to warm up. Each and every one collapsed and died in the galley.

What Does All This Mean?

Cold water can kill in three ways. The canoeist probably suffered *cold shock* resulting in ineffective breathing, rapid onset of panic, confusion, and ineffective swimming, struggling briefly at the surface and then sinking.

The marines may have managed the initial cold shock, but the cold water rendered their extremities *neuromuscularly dysfunctional* within several minutes, causing death by drowning.

The fishermen were a more classic case of severe hypothermia, with *body chemistry dysfunction* causing cardiovascular collapse and death.

Cameron C. Banks, M.D.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

“Maybe there’s a world that I’m still to find. Open up a world and let me in, let there be a new love to begin.” Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens), from his first musical publication in 25 years.



When I was asked to consider the Administrative Officer position way back in 1997, little did I realize the world that was about to open up for me. In January 1998, I became the Administrative Officer for this Squadron and began a journey that would bring a new world to both Celeste and I. Since then we have made friends and met people from all over this country. We share interests with other organizations, like the Coast Guard Auxiliary, so the circle of friends continues to grow. The last nine years, being part of the Executive Committee, has become a part of my life I will remember and cherish forever. The education that I (and Celeste) have received from taking, and teaching, the classes has already been put to good use. This education, and help we have received from the people in this Squadron (that’s you), has enabled us to be more confident and safe boaters, letting us reach out to others so they may see the beauty of this great Earth from the many lakes we enjoy.

The Executive Committee meeting this month was my last after nine years. I have nothing but thanks to give for all those who let me blunder and mess up in the learning process. For any one considering a move into the leadership of this Squadron, remember that this is a volunteer organization. You will NOT get fired, so come on in and have some fun. There have been many accomplishments over the last several years. The move from overhead slides to PowerPoint® programs and classroom lessons was painful for many, but a better organization is now emerging. There have been great rendezvous, award-winning hospitality rooms and fun meetings and gatherings. My thanks to all of you for what you have done to make things work. As with all volunteer organizations, it is the membership’s support of the activities that bring strength and dynamics to the Squadron as a whole.

This January, we again make changes. Change is good. We are a dynamic organization. This is a year that we are also electing a new Education Officer, so please support him and all the incoming officers. The incoming Bridge represents the best leadership for the Squadron as selected by the Nominating Committee. As volunteers, they will do the best they can. Thank them, every chance you get, for making the effort that they do. Remember that they serve as volunteers with a desire to continue to improve this Squadron. With your help, and by supporting the activities of this Squadron, we will continue to be one of the best Squadrons in the District and the Nation. We can do it. It’s your Squadron. You can do it!

Think about an activity you may want to help organize for one of the summer events. How about considering a winter rendezvous? Until you decide how you can help us grow, pursue happiness itself, not things you hope will bring happiness. Be open and honest, you will have a greater feeling of well-being. Stop judging other people and possibilities. Live in the present, without worrying about the past or future. Be grateful for all the good people and things in your life. Decide to be happy. Open up your world and let there be a new love to begin.

Lt/C Fred Hoitash, AP

Schedule of Forthcoming Events

Dearborn Power Squadron Events

January 11	Executive Committee Meeting	Lt/C Marge Hamlin's house, Novi
January 18	Change of Watch	American Legion, Livonia
February 1	Executive Committee Meeting	Lt/C Pat Johnston's house, Livonia

District and National Events

5 January	Change of Watch	St. Clair Shores
13 January	Change of Watch Commander's Ball	Kalamazoo
13 January	Change of Watch	Muskegon
25 January	Change of Watch	Wyandotte
10 February	Combined Event	Port Huron
20-25 February	USPS Annual Meeting	Jacksonville, FL