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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 16 May 2016
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

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We will meet at the Carlyle Grill west of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu and pay your own bill. Please call Jeannine Buchanan 734-971-6589, so we can have enough tables set up. Visit Carlyle Grill web site to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>



Freddy Ohou



Our May squadron program should be a fascinating adventure to a distant land. Our own Evrard (Freddy) Ohou grew up in The Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire) and now lives in Ann Arbor. Freddy's topic is Boats of Côte d'Ivoire. This will be an opportunity to listen to a native from a distant land that we dream about but will likely never visit. The countries of West Africa have exciting storybook names that present images of different cultures, changing traditions and high excitement. Due to high interest, I urge reservations be made to either A/O Jeannine Buchanan (734-971-6589, buchananra@msn.com) or Sharon Pinsak (734-973-0441).



Location of Côte d'Ivoire



Flag of Côte d'Ivoire



Commander's Message

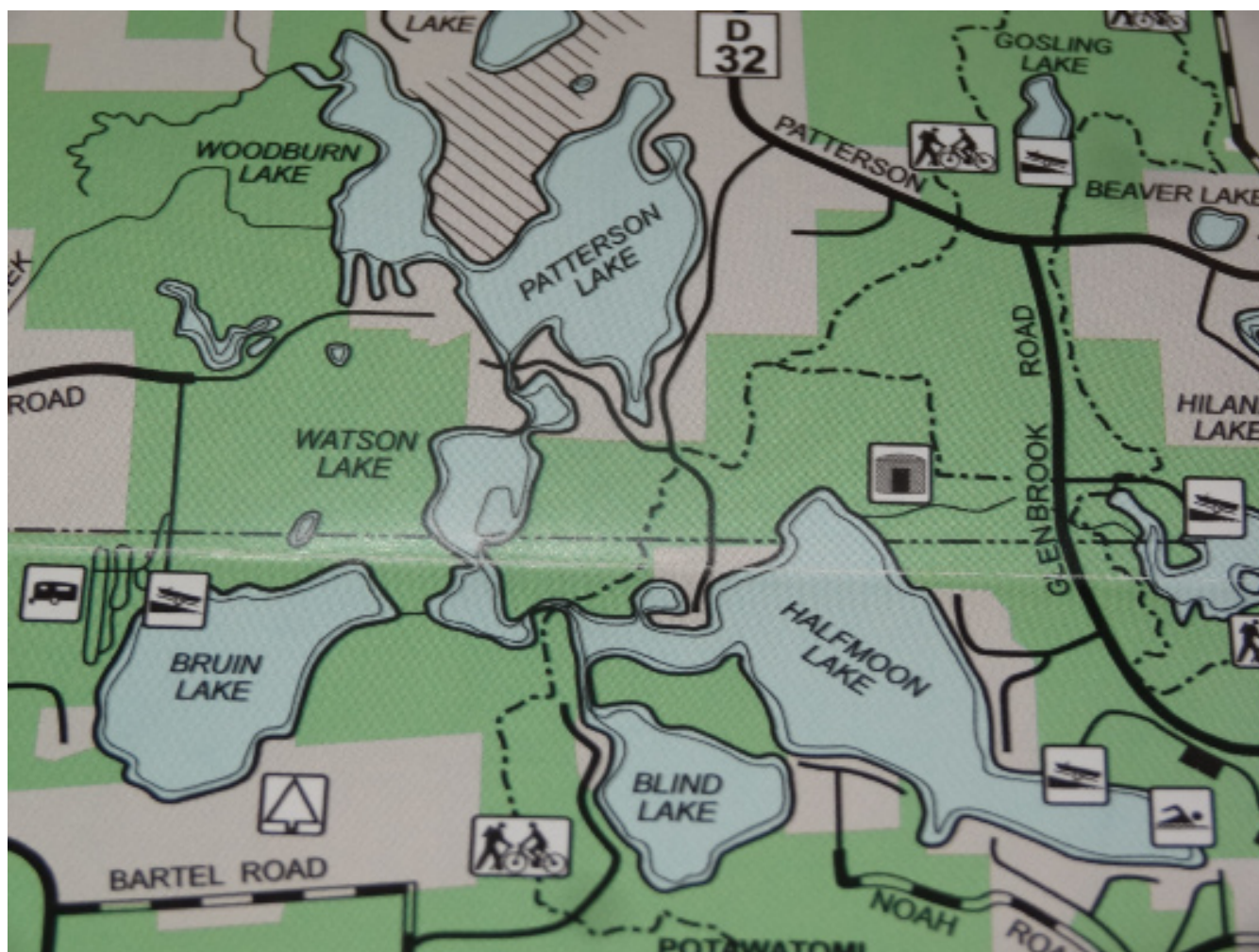
Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Our ABC class got no students. So, we will explore teaching a class at WCC next fall starting Mid September. P/C Bob Buchanan, P, offered to talk to his contacts at WCC.

Frank Hoy has moved to his Florida home. He brought me a box of Vessel Safety Check manuals and reports, and free hand-out material about Michigan and Federal Boating Laws.

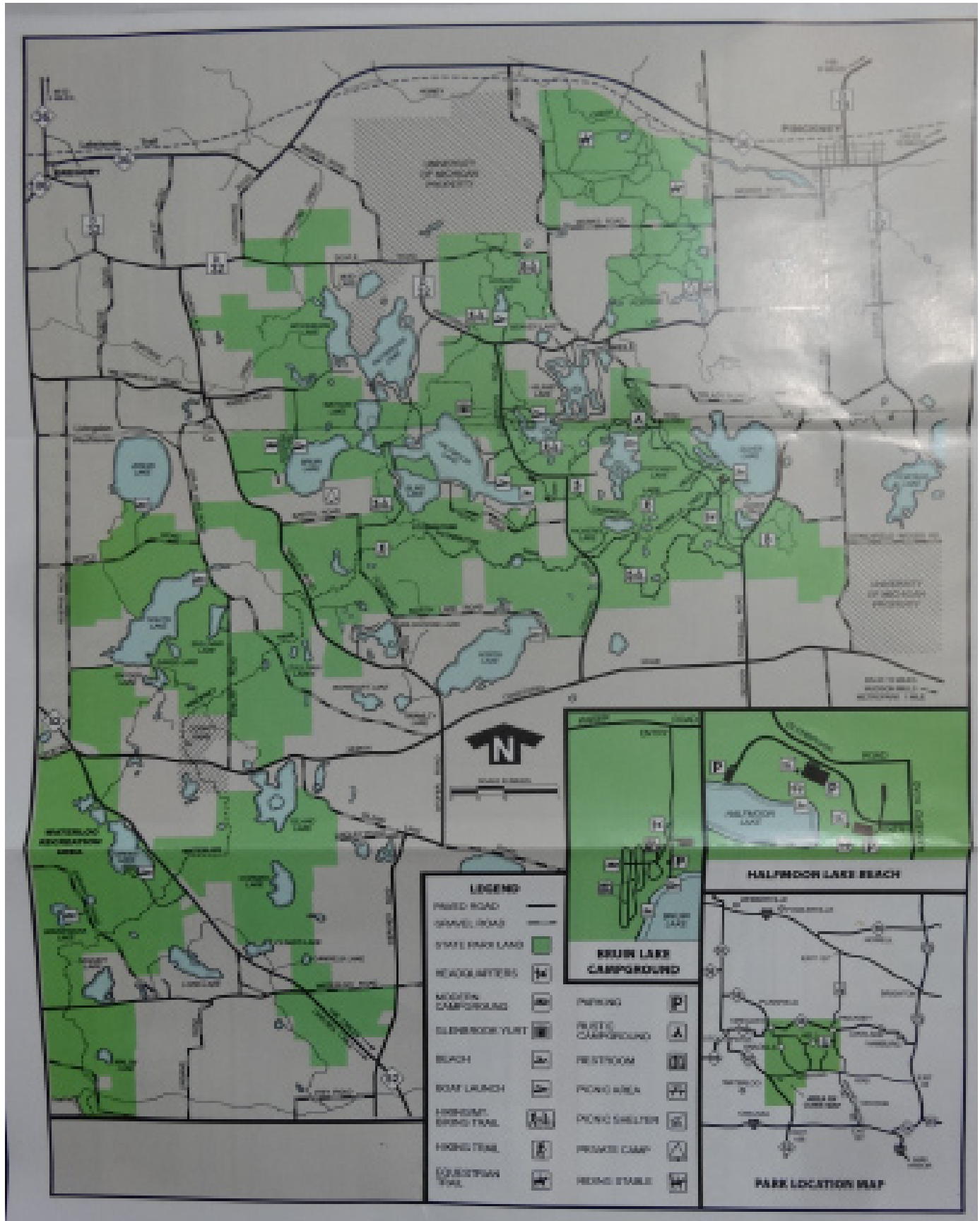
A delightful spot to kayak or canoe and swim, about a 40 minute drive from Ann Arbor, in the Pinckney State Recreation Area, is a group of interconnected lakes north of Chelsea, Michigan, on the Washtenaw/Livingston county border. Blind Lake, Bruin Lake, Halfmoon Lake, Patterson Lake, Watson Lake and Woodburn Lake. There is a launch site at Halfmoon Lake Beach, and another at Bruin Lake Campground on the northwest side of Bruin Lake, and a Boy Scout Camp Munhac on the southeast side of Bruin Lake. This would be a great place for a rendezvous.



Pinckney State Recreation Area Chain of Lakes (scale - Halfmoon Lake is 1 mile long). Maps are from the Pinckney Recreation Area headquarters at 8555 Silver Hill Road, Pinckney MI 48169.

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Details>.

Pinckney State Recreation Area





BIKING and HIKING TRAILS

PINCKNEY STATE RECREATION AREA

TRAIL MARKER KEY

MAP

YOUR PRESENT LOCATION

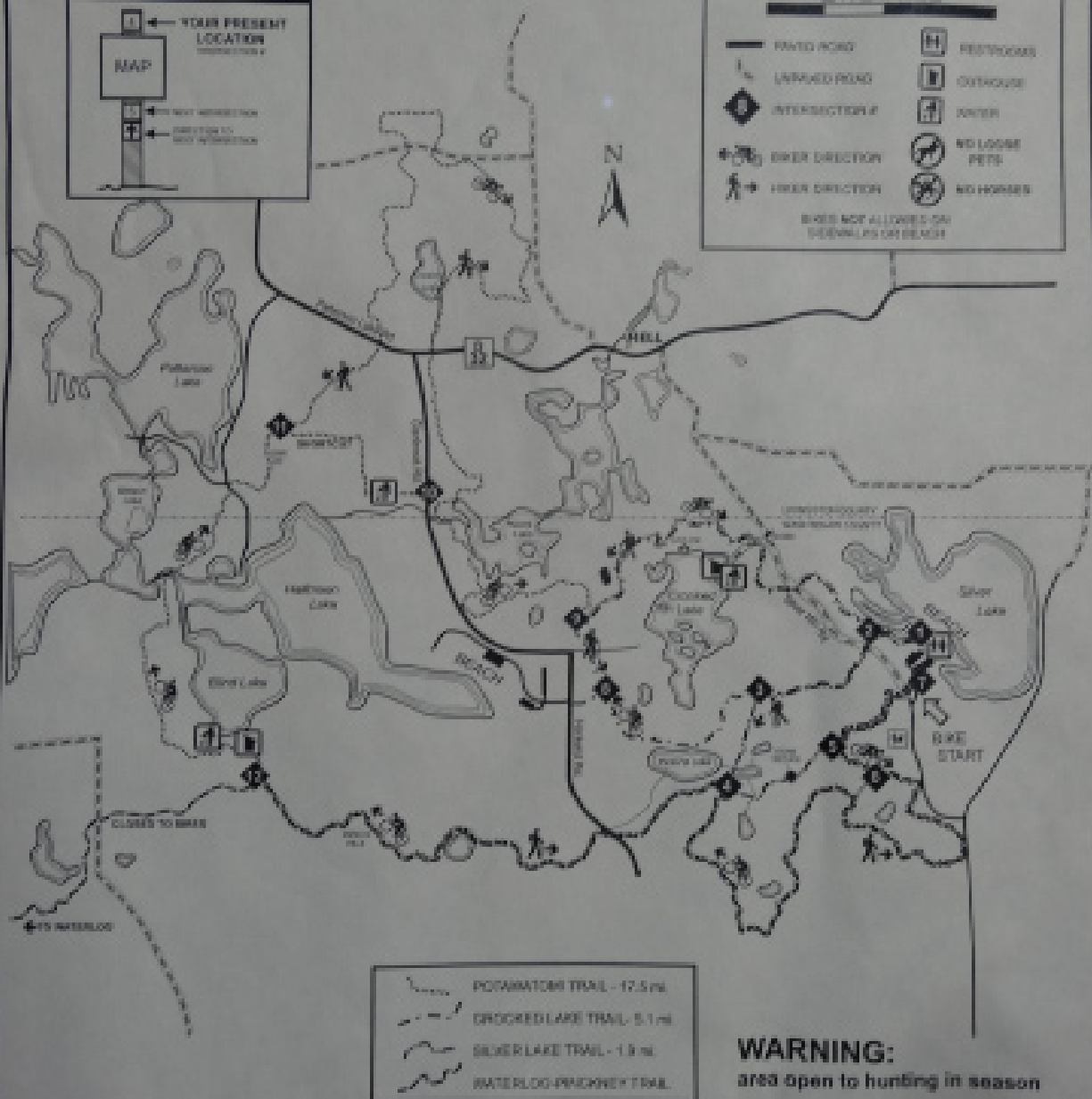
→ NEXT MARKER

→ NEXT INTERSECTION

ONE MILE

PAVED ROAD	RESTROOM
UNPAVED ROAD	OUTLOOK
INTERSECTION	WATER
BIKER DIRECTION	NO LOOSE PETS
HIKER DIRECTION	NO HORSES

BIKES NOT ALLOWED ON
DOWNHILL OR STEEP





Secretary/Administrative Officer's Comments P/C Bob Buchanan, P



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At the April meeting I talked about how the new Panama Canal lock will alter the American transportation system. The new lock, scheduled to open in June, will allow the larger New Panamax freighters to transit to East Coast ports such as Charleston, Norfolk, Baltimore, and the New York area bypassing the busy Los Angeles and Long Beach ports. Union Pacific Railroad has developed their Golden State Route from the Midwest as a superb, fast track to serve the Los Angeles/Long Beach area. The same is true for Burlington Northern Santa Fe's Transcon route. But with the opening of the new lock, these marvels of modern railroad service could lose their traffic volume, becoming partially superfluous.

The National Maritime Museum in Toledo will again make the deck of the museum ship, the Col James M Schoonmaker available to view the Toledo fireworks display on the 4th of July. This is a one-of-a-kind experience for museum members only. The museum recommends advance reservations by calling (419) 214-5000, extension 200 for this holiday tradition. Last year on a lovely July night, we carried our folding chairs and picnic dinner up onto the dock of the Schoonmaker. The hatch covers made an excellent picnic table. As the display started, we rose for the National Anthem, then observed the magnificent display while listening to Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. The Museum was open and restrooms available until the start of the display.

The Museum has a full program of summer activities, for example cruises to Put-in-Bay, Detroit River trips. Members have access to all of the information through their publication, The Chadburn.



Ship Col. James M. Schoonmaker at the Museum



Panama Canal

A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
May 16	AASPS	Member meeting at Carlyle Grill.
June 20	AASPS	Member Picnic
August 5	Detroit PS	Put-In-Bay Cruise - see the ad below
August 5	D9 picnic	Great Lakes Marina, Grand Haven
August 6	Coast Guard Parade	Grand Haven

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