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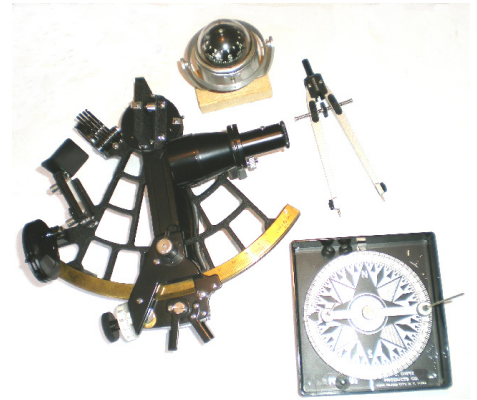
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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
Meeting Monday 19 Nov. 2018  
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.  
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103  
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

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We will meet at the Carlyle Grill for our Monthly General Meeting on Nov. 19, 2018. We will meet at 6 P.M. for dinner. If you can't come for dinner please come at 8 P.M. for our meeting and entertainment. For dinner, order from the menu and pay your own bill. Please call Jeannine Buchanan 734-971-6589, so we can have tables set up. Visit Carlyle Grill web site to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>



Carlyle Grill

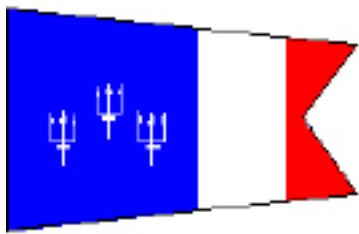
Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN will present *Rogue Wave disables their 27 year cruise*. Jim and Joy Carey's 45' Omega yacht, *Kelaerin*, was tipped, swamped and dismasted, during their homeward bound final cruise from Hawaii to Washington. They were rescued by the US Coast Guard.



Joy and Jim Carey in Moorea,  
French Polynesia

Omega 45 Sailboat





P/C Bob Buchanan, P



Here is a holiday book recommendation for your nautical family or friends.

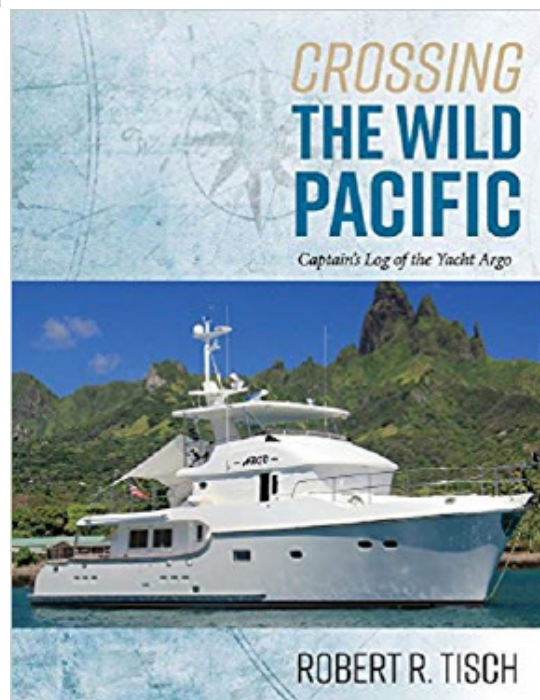
Captain Robert R. (Randy) and his wife, Dr. Rebecca Tisch traveled from Florida through the Panama Canal to New Zealand aboard Argo, their 65 foot Nordhavn motor yacht. During this adventure, Randy kept a fastidious captain's log which he subsequently published as *Crossing The Wild Pacific*. Recall that Randy and Rebecca, both as guests of of the Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron, told us about their ocean travel at one of our meetings.

Their story unfolds as a beautifully written narrative full of colorful photos and illustrations, making the reader feel that they are on an ocean crossing of the far Pacific via a private yacht. Randy starts by describing the preparations for getting underway, then by making his planning strategies come to life as they meet the challenge of the ocean and experience the thrill of coming into exotic ports of call. This book is both a travel log describing the cultural and historic aspects of each country visited, and also talks about the boat handling aspects of cruising to distant places. Randy describes the anxiety of entering an atoll thru its gauntlet of reefs, tides, and currents.

The book tells about, in electrifying detail, battling a ferocious storm off the coast of New Zealand, describing both the terrifying and surprising moments of the 13 hour ordeal. Captain Curtis Hoff, another member of our squadron, just happened to be on board and was able to assist.

Other chapters describe the yacht's performance during the 18 day open ocean passage from The Galapagos to the Marquesan Islands. Here Randy provides vivid descriptions of the flora and fauna, geology and history, economy and, most importantly, the people who live their lives in the distant Pacific Islands.

Captain Randy's tales of crossing the far Pacific was a real page turner for me. It is available through Amazon as either a soft cover, hard cover, or kindle version. I suggest the hard cover version because it contains color photographs of the glorious adventure.





## Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



The June/July 2018 issue of Cruising World magazine, pages 66 to 68, illustrates and describes several historic cruising sailors' lives, their visits to the South Pacific Islands, and their books and stories. Herman Melville, Robert Lewis Stevenson, Jack London, W. Somerset Maugham, James Michener, and others. It is an inspiration to read about their adventures.

An article in the July/August 2017 issue of American Scientist magazine, pages 224 to 231, discusses a theory that mass extinctions on earth every 30 million years coincide with the solar system moving thru the Milky Way Galaxy on a 30 million year cycle and the earth being hit by a large asteroid or comet about every 30 million years and leaving large craters.

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## Boating Education

**Basic Boating Course.** Our ABC class is progressing.

Michigan inland lake depth contour maps can be found at

[https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79119\\_79146\\_81198\\_85509---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79119_79146_81198_85509---,00.html)

### A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Nov. 19	AASPS	General Meeting. Ron Schwartz will present the story of the yacht, <i>Kelaerin</i> ,
Dec. 17	AASPS	Christmas Party at Buchanan's house
Jan. 21	AASPS	Change of Watch

Canadian government Boating Laws <http://www.tc.gc.ca>



## Pictures from our October meeting



P/C John Barr, AP Lt/C Marlene Barr Lt/C John Barr, Jr.



Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan

P/C Bob Buchanan, S

Richard Buchanan



Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN

In memory of P/C Arthur P. Pinsak, SN Life Member  
1938 - 2018



It is with heavy heart that we report that P/C Arthur P. Pinsak, SN and Life Member, was called to his final Celestial Cruise last month. He had been a member of Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron since May 1987, and served as Squadron Education Officer for many years, and as Commander for years 2006 2007 and 2008. He taught our advanced courses, helped teach our basic boating course, and was our chaplain for many years, and historian last year, and assisted his wife, Sharon, in organizing our annual picnic for many years. He was always very friendly, kind, and of good humor. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.