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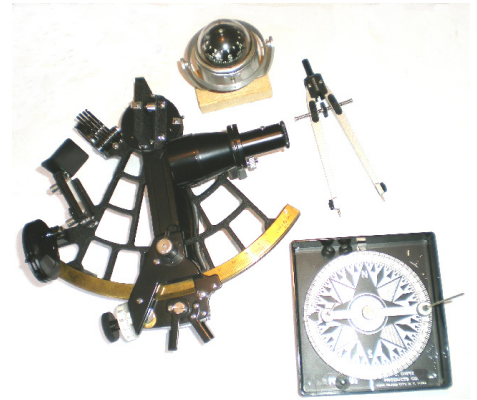
# Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron

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Ch. Teaching Aids, Ch. of various seminars. Misc. Staff - Ch. Member Involvement, Ch. Operations Training. Advertising Staff for public courses and programs.

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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
Meeting 6 P. M. Wednesday 8 May 2019  
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.  
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103  
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

Sail and Power Boating Education

[www.aaspsq.org/](http://www.aaspsq.org/)

We will meet at the Carlyle Grill west of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu and pay your own bill. Please call Ron Schwartz 734-769-3476, so we can have enough tables set up. Visit Carlyle Grill web site to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>



D/Lt/C Dave Kowalski, SN



Carlyle Grill

**Change of Watch will be administered by District D9 Education  
Officer D/Lt/C Dave Kowalski, SN**

**2019 Nominations**

**Commander:**

**Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN**

**Executive Officer:**

**Lt/C Peggy Moller**

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**P/C John Barr, AP**

**Secretary:**

**Lt/C John Barr, Jr.**

**Squadron Education Officer:**

**Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN**

**Public Relations Officer:**

**P/C John Barr, AP**

If time permits, Ron will present the story of the passenger ship *Stockholm* colliding with and sinking the *Andrea Doria* south of Nantucket Island, Massachusetts at midnight, July 25, 1956. 51 people died. Fog was involved.





## Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



We thank all the officers of AASPS for their volunteer work last year. We all got merit marks. Marlene and John Barr. Jr., John Barr Sr. AP, Jeannine and Bob Buchanan, P, Peggy Moller, Larry Marentette, S, and Sharon and Art Pinsak, SN and I.

Congratulations to Peggy and Freddy! We got a Distinctive Communications Award for our web site and our newsletter for 2018.

USPS has traditionally designed boating courses for large boats on coastal waters and the Great Lakes. USPS wants us to expand our membership to boaters on small lakes and rivers with paddle craft such as canoes, kayaks and boards. AASPS did that last August with a rendezvous on Halfmoon chain of small lakes with 6 people on kayaks and canoes. We had fun and will try it again in 2019.

Cdr. Jack L. Draper of the Grand Rapids Squadron writes in their newsletter :

Are you aware of the member benefits available through the national squadron? A couple of weeks ago I went for a Life Line Screening. As Dawn and I were reading the member benefits brochure, I was shocked to see that the Life Line Screening is an organization listed as benefits for members. I could have saved money on my screening! I think we fail to realize what benefits we have and fail to use them. So please look at these benefits and start using them.

Some of the benefits of USPS membership are discounts on products. See the USPS web site page

[http://www.usps.org/national/admin\\_dept/benefitsdescription.htm#Lifeline](http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/benefitsdescription.htm#Lifeline)

I have, recently, become a fan of Cap'n Gary (Fatty) Goodlander. He has sailed oceans all of his life. First with his parents. Then on his own. He lives on his boat and makes his living writing articles regularly for Cruising World magazine, and selling books he has written about ocean sailing. Check out his web site. His writing is interesting and easy to read. <http://www.fattygoodlander.com/>

Spring time canoeing on rivers can be dangerous. Cold evenings make the water cold, and high water makes the current fast and tricky. A tree down in the water causes a cross current that can roll your canoe over. It happened to us in Dexter in June of 1959. Shirley and I and 10 month old Steve got a cold bath in the Huron River. We all survived and our Old Town canoe and paddles and cushions were retrieved without damage, but my 35mm camera was ruined. Our neighbors, in their Peterboro canoe, got pushed up against a dock that was on the other side of the river. Their canoe was damaged. He was pushed under the dock and almost drowned before escaping thru the dock supports. Water weighs 62 pounds per cubic foot and, when moving, it can exert a lot of force.

# Boating Education

Five people passed our fall ABC class. They are Toni and Bob Conley, Jennifer and Simon Glynn, and Tab Kellepourey. Five people completed our spring ABC course. They are Michael Day, Tom Hoagland, Kirk and Sharon Profit, and Diane Silas. The classes were taught by P/C John Barr, AP, Lt. Lawrence Marentette, S, and Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN.

We are proposing to have a Piloting course if there are people interested. Please reply to AASPSclasses@aol.com and list courses you would like to take.

All USPS courses are advertised, at <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?C>

## A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
May 8	AASPS	Change of Watch Meeting at Carlyle Grill 6 PM
June TBD	AASPS	Picnic
July or Aug.	AASPS	Canoe and kayak cruise



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of the  
month.  
*Soft  
Shoal*  
near  
Cedarville