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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 21 Oct. 2019  
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 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/>

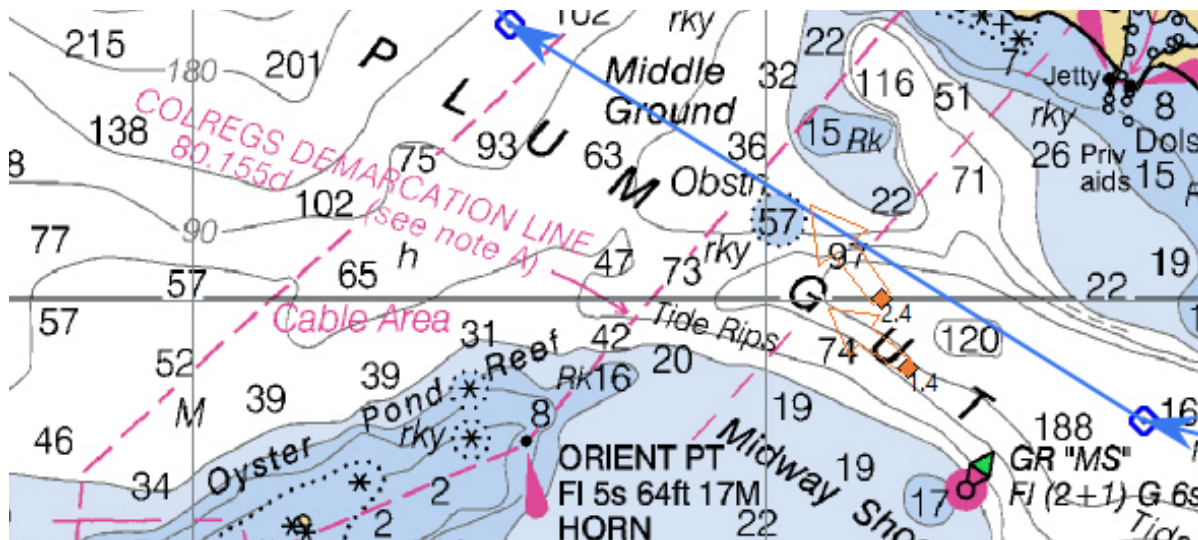


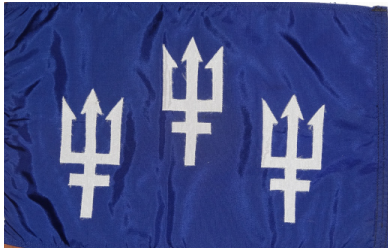
Com. Ron Schwartz, SN



Carlyle Grill

Presentation: Plum Gut channel, charts, tides and currents in the '2016 Around the Long Island Regatta' described by Jeff Taylor in the 2019 fall Ensign pages 22 and 23. And a San Francisco Bay cruise in a 10' sailboat.





## Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



We are mourning the death of P/Lt/C Sharon Pinsak, the wife of P/C Arthur Pinsak, SN. Art died at the age of 90 last fall. Sharon was a member of AASPS for many years and served as chairman of our picnic for many years. This year she would have earned her 25 th merit mark and Life membership.



Sharon Anne Pinsak, age 86, passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2019 in Ann Arbor, MI. She was born in Evansville, Indiana the daughter of William Albert and Rosalyn Marie (Shafer) Bishop. On December 27, 1960, she married Arthur Pinsak and he preceded her in death on October 20, 2018. For over 15 years Sharon attended the University of Michigan M Club meetings held at Weber's in Ann Arbor. She enjoyed sitting with the same group of people that she had come to know over the years. Being the big U of M Basketball and Football fan that she was, Sharon was known to always bring candy, especially chocolate to the games to share with others, and Sharon's family would encourage others to do the same in her memory. Survivors include her daughter Julianne Pinsak, son

William Pinsak and his girl friend Mary VanTuyl Sharpenberg, her brother Bill Bishop of Evansville, Indiana, and her best friends Toney Palyka and Kathy Baum. She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Michigan Theatre <https://www.michtheater.org/membership-support/> or to the Ecology Center of Ann Arbor, <https://www.ecocenter.org/give>. Published in Ann Arbor News on Sept. 8, 2019.

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There is interest in an advanced boating class, Seamanship or Piloting, or perhaps a seminar, from several new members. We will try to offer this in the fall.

We have 3 new members, Diane Silas, and Iryna and Kevin Venticinque, son of former members Michael and Mary Venticinque.

We had a fun Rendezvous September 14 paddling a canoe and kayak thru the chain of lakes in the Pinckney Recreation Area in northwest Washtenaw County. There is something calming , inspiring, and theraputic about paddling a boat thru clean water channels between small lakes. See the pictures below. Afterwards, we went to the Hell Hole Bar for drinks, burgers and pasties.

The D9 Fall Conference is in Southfield, close to Ann Arbor, Nov. 1 and 2. The Friday night Hospitality Rooms are always free and always fun. The Saturday morning seminars are educational and describe changes to our USPS courses, and ways to improve our squadrons. D9 business is discussed at the Saturday noon luncheon, and there is a party at Saturday dinner. See page 11.

BoatU.S. Magazine for October/November 2019 has a good article, Page 102, about how to prepare a boat for a hurricane



## AASPS June Picnic Pictures

We held our traditional June picnic at Argo Pond -- part of the Huron River along north Main Street in Ann Arbor. Peggy Moller reserved the site at the canoe livery and brought the fried chicken and other picnic supplies. We all had a fun time.



Lt/C John Barr Jr.



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P/C John Barr, AP



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CD Ron Schwartz, SN and son George Schwartz



Ret. AF Col. Steve Anthony



Lt/C Peggy Moller and Freddy Ohou



P/C Robert Buchanan, P Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN P/Lt/C Jeannine Buchanan



## Rendezvous Pictures

Saturday, Sept. 14, rendezvous trip with Peggy Moller and her dog Chloe, and Freddy Ohou in the canoe and Ron Schwartz in his kayak. Chloe, a Welsh Terrier, is a very calm, mature doggy. We paddled for 4 miles in about 4 hours from Bruin Lake thru channels, Watson Lake and Halfmoon Lake to Glenbrook Road, and return to the launch site. Peggy and Freddy both had cameras in waterproof containers. It was a clear, sunny day, the water was about 75° F and clean and clear and the scenery was beautiful. We saw turtles and Blue Herons, and several other boats, canoes, and kayaks. Chloe -- only 22 pounds -- would rock the canoe by walking across it. She jumped into the water once and was retrieved by the handle on the top of her life jacket. I don't know about Chloe, but I was doggone tired at the end of the trip -- even though Freddy towed my kayak part of the way.



Entrance sign to Bruin Lake Campground on Kaiser Road east of Unadilla where we launched our kayak and canoe.  
Photo by Ron Schwartz



Freddy Ohou and Chloe who says "It was a doggone beautiful trip" Photo by Peggy Moller



# Pinckney Recreation Area Chain of Lakes

Launch site

42° 25' 20" N 84° 02' 28" W.

Glenbrook Road crossing bridge at

42° 25' 30" N 84° 00' 14" W



Our approximate track thru the chain of lakes. Eastward current of less than 1 knot. About a 4 miles round trip from the launch site to Glenbrook Road and back.



Ron in his kayak . Photo by Peggy Moller.

We paddled from

42° 25' 20" N 84° 02' 27.55" W  
to

42° 25' 32" N 84° 00' 14.28" W  
and returned

Navigation method. From Google Earth I got waypoints for my GPS at the middle of the short channels between Bruin Lake and Watson Lake, and between Watson Lake and Halfmoon Lake. And one waypoint at the west end of the channel going east from Halfmoon Lake. It was a sunny day and I had a compass pinned to my shirt so I did not need the GPS. I did take a copy of the Pinckney Recreation Area map. It was a Saturday with several boats going thru the channels so we could easily see other boats entering and leaving the channels.



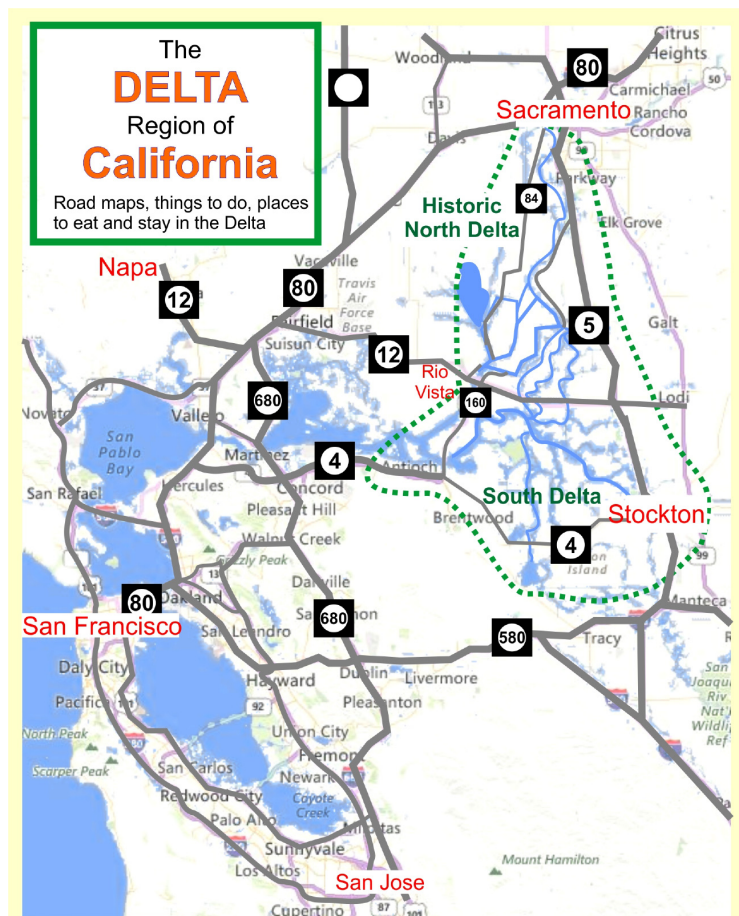
# Boating Education

We are proposing to have a Piloting course if there are people interested. Please reply to [schwartzr348@aol.com](mailto:schwartzr348@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	
Oct. 21, 2019	AASPS	General Meeting	Presentation about Rode Island and Tides and Currents
Nov. 1 and 2	D9	D9 conference in Southfield Mich.	See page 11.
Nov. 18	AASPS	General Meeting	Presentation on Cruising Cuba, and course plotting

The Delta region of California. Many miles of water ways. Sacramento River is charted up to Sacramento.



NOAA Tides and Currents can be found on-line. See next page. Use OpenCPN charts to select the location name you want. Tides and currents at that location are shown on the OpenCPN charts at the time you are looking at them. Tides and currents for other times for cruise planning are given in the NOAA Tides and Currents Tables. -- Google them. At our October meeting we will look at some.

Current was 2.1 Kn SE in the center and 0.9 Kn SE off center.

