

# The Porthole

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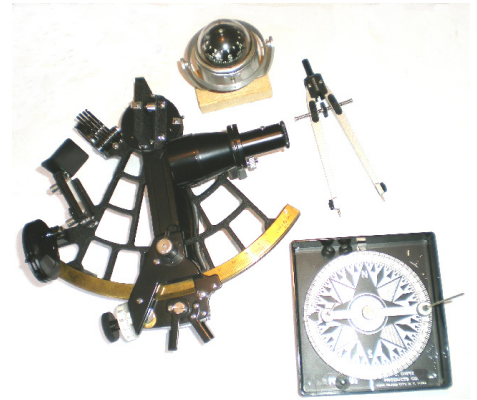
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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 20 January 2020  
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.  
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103  
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

Sail and Power Boating Education

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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/>



P/C John Barr, AP



Carlyle Grill

P/C John Barr, AP, will describe their trip to Israel.



St John In The Wilderness Monastery



## Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN

I enjoyed reading Tania Aebi's article in the March 2009 issue of BoatU.S. magazine. (yes , I'm that far behind in my reading). In 1987 Tania, at age 18, left New York on a solo sailboat cruise around the world. She is a very good writer and sent reports along the way to Cruising World magazine. In 2009, with her two teenage sons, she cruised from New York to the south seas. Her story is hilarious and heart warming. Cruising oceans may seem exciting and romantic to those who have never done it, but it can be terrifying and boring -- beating against wind and waves for days at a time with two bored, cranky teenagers on a cold wet sailboat.

I got bored solo sailing from Detour to Lime Island and Hessel in Northern Lake Huron after two days sailing in sunny August days with mild winds. Once, I launched south of Detour, didn't look at the chart, and ran aground heading east to the St Marys River. My boat draws about 2 feet of water. I jumped out with the full main sail up and pushed my boat over the shallow spot, then had a hard time climbing in over the transome while my boat slowly sailed eastward. That was interesting. I didn't want to walk up to a nearby house and beg a ride out to my boat !

If you're curious about sailing around the world in a personal sailboat you can read accounts of those doing this now. Cruising World magazine publishes many of them. Some of them have web pages. Webb Chiles is one who has been world sailing all his life and has about six circumnavigations.

[www.inthepresentsea.com](http://www.inthepresentsea.com) [www.boatus.com/cruising/ithaka](http://www.boatus.com/cruising/ithaka)

More of Tania Aebi's stories are at [http://www.boatus.com/cruising/shangrila/shangrila\\_logs.asp?bid=2372](http://www.boatus.com/cruising/shangrila/shangrila_logs.asp?bid=2372)

Jordan Wicht and Desiree Golan spent several years in the Florida Keys repairing their Allied Seawind 30, *Atticus*. Now they are ocean sailing. Their story is at [Sailing project Atticus](#) on YouTube. This is really good. Visiting a Bat Cave in Cuba. Living on their boat. Etc.

[Aroundtheamericas.org](http://Aroundtheamericas.org) is a story by Herb McCormick, about a team of sailors sailed thru the Northwest Passage and Cape Horn checking on the health of the oceans.

Ocean sailors try to avoid bad weather, high winds and high waves by staying in port when storms are expected, but they do get caught on the ocean in such weather, and batten down the hatches, and put out drogues, and hove to in such weather.

Holly Martin's solo sail story is at <https://windhippie.com/journal/> A very good writer, she tells it like it is.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossary\\_of\\_nautical\\_terms#D](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossary_of_nautical_terms#D) is a list of nautical terms.

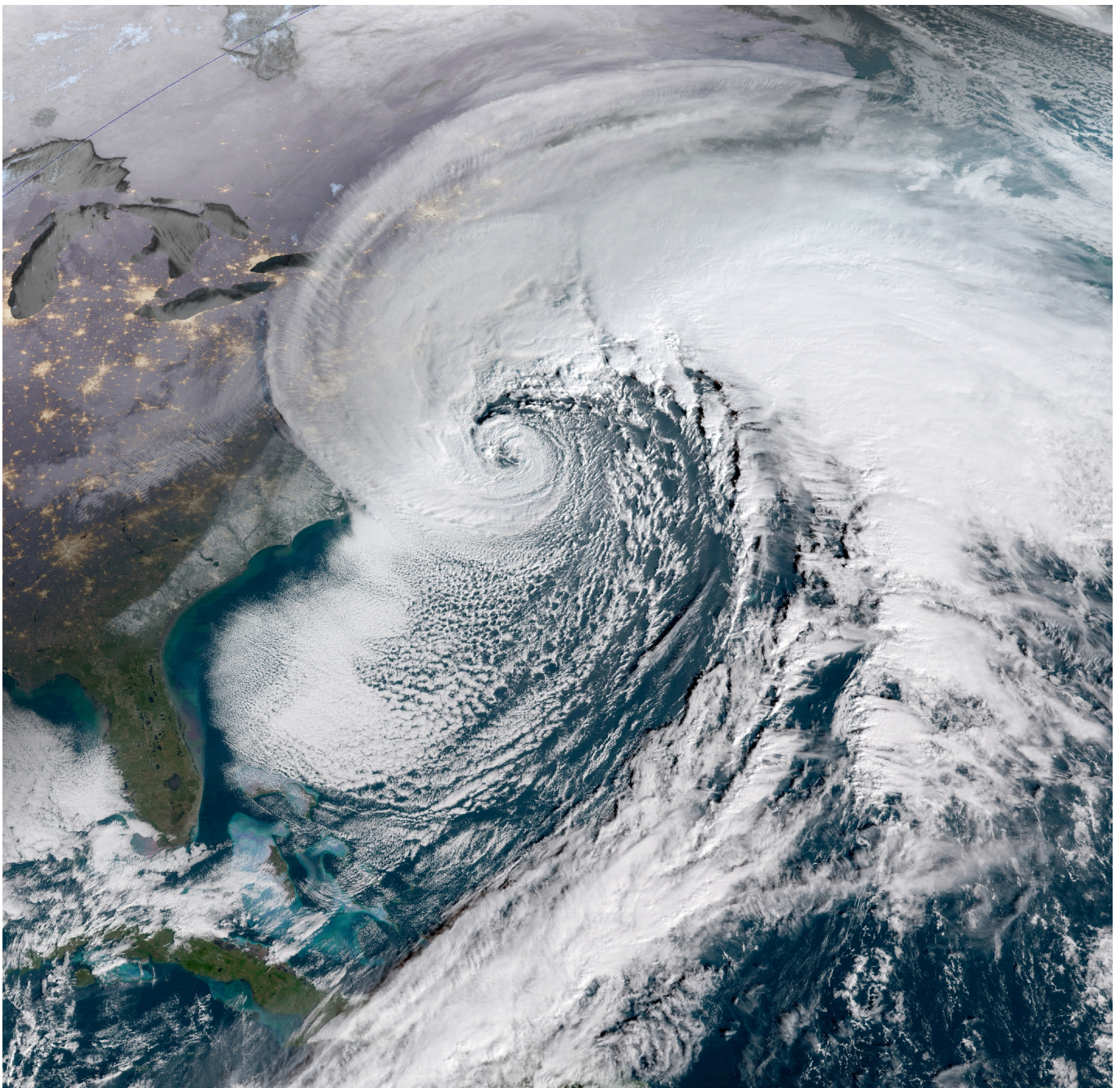


# Nor'easter

A nor'easter (also northeaster; see below) is a macro-scale extratropical cyclone in the western North Atlantic Ocean. The name derives from the direction of the winds that blow from the northeast. The original use of the term in North America is associated with storms that impact the upper north Atlantic coast of the United States and the Atlantic Provinces of Canada.

Typically, such storms originate as a low-pressure area that forms within 100 miles of the shore between North Carolina and Massachusetts. The precipitation pattern is similar to that of other extratropical storms. Nor'easters are usually accompanied by very heavy rain or snow, and can cause severe coastal flooding, coastal erosion, hurricane-force winds, or blizzard conditions. Nor'easters are usually most intense during winter in New England and Atlantic Canada. They thrive on converging air masses—the cold polar air mass and the warmer air over the water—and are more severe in winter when the difference in temperature between these air masses is greater.

Nor'easters tend to develop most often and most powerfully between the months of November and March, although they can (much less commonly) develop during other parts of the year as well. The susceptible regions are generally impacted by nor'easters a few times each winter. From Wikipedia.



# Boating Education

**Our ABC (America's Boating Course) will be held on 8 Saturdays 12:30 to 2:30 starting March 7, 2020, at Zion Lutheran Church.**

**Our Piloting class is in its third week with 2 students.**

Please reply to [schwartzr348@aol.com](mailto:schwartzr348@aol.com) and list courses and seminars you would like to take.

Courses being offered by all local Squadrons are advertised, at <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?C>

Courses and seminars available from USPS are listed below. Courses take about 16 hours - 8 weeks .  
Seminars are about 2 hours long.

## Seminars

Advanced Powerboat Handling   AIS Electronics for Boaters   Anchoring   Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes   Crossing Border   Emergencies on Board   Fuel and Boating   Radar for Boaters (RA)   Hands-On Training   How to Use a Chart   Hurricane Preparation for Boaters   Introduction to Navigation   Knots, Bends, and Hitches   Man Overboard   Marine Radar   Mariner's Compass Seminar   Mastering the Rules of the Road   Paddle Smart   Propane Systems on Your Boat   Partner in Command   Sail Trim   Tides and Currents   Trailering Your Boat   Using GPS   Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio

## Advanced courses

Seamanship (S)   Piloting (P)   Instructor Development (ID)   Advanced Piloting (AP)   Cruising and Cruise Planning (C and CP)   Engine Maintenance (EM)   Electronic Navigation (ENCE)   Marine Communication Systems (MCS)   Marine Electrical Systems (MES)   Sail (Sa) 2009   Junior Navigation (JN)   Navigation (N)   Weather (Wx) 2012

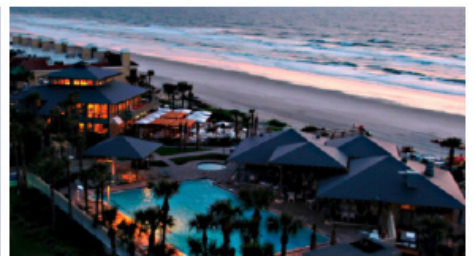
### A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Jan. 4, 2020	AASPS	Piloting class starts
Jan. 20,	AASPS	All members and guests meeting
Feb. 9-16	USPS	National meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
Feb. 17	AASPS	All members and guests meeting
Mar. 7	AASPS	ABC class starts





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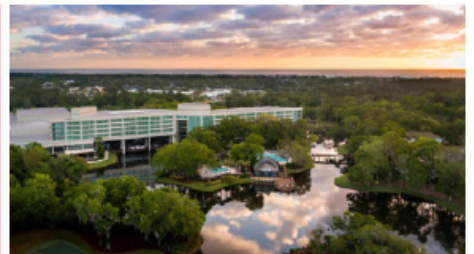
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**FEB. 9-16,  
2020**



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PONTE VEDRA  
BEACH, FLA.**



Don't delay, reserve your room today. Guest room reservations only \$169 night!

If you're planning to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting of America's Boating Club, Feb. 9-16, at the fabulous Marriott Sawgrass Resort in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, now's the time to reserve your room.

Located just over 30 miles from the Jacksonville International Airport, the Marriott Sawgrass Resort features guest rooms at the America's Boating Club room rate of \$169 as well as suites and family-friendly villas.

The resort has seven restaurants and lounges for you to choose from. Besides a round of golf at TPC Sawgrass golf club, you can visit the fitness center, multiple pools, a SurfStream wave machine, and complimentary beach access at the Cabana Beach Club.

Be sure to book a visit to the full-service Sawgrass spa, which has 18 treatment rooms, a private spa pool, and nail salon, as well as a fitness center and blow-dry bar. Visit the hotel website to learn more.

