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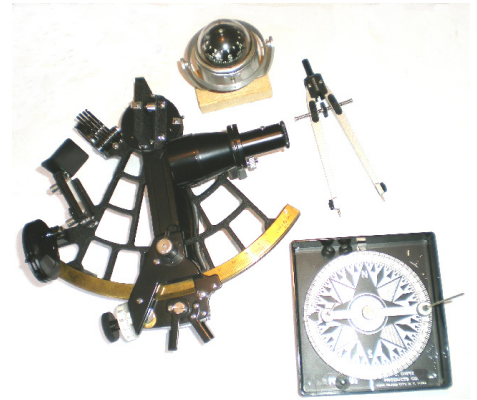
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General Meetings are usually held each month, Sept. thru June
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2. Contact HQ Membership Staff by phone or email: Deliah Holloway, Hollowayd@hp.usps.org, Phone 1-888- 367-8777 ext. 229 or Lynnda Stevens, stevensl@hp.usps.org 1-888-367-8777 ext. 219.

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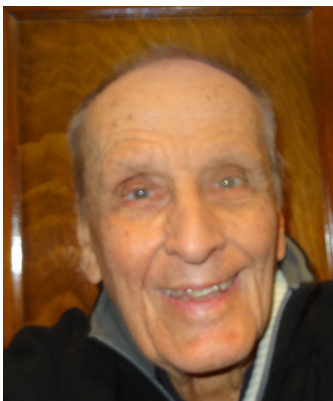
**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 17 February 2020
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

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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/>

Carlyle Grill



Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Ron ,will show pictures from a Lap Top Cruise south of Cheaspeake Bay thru the Dismal Swamp, Charleston, to Savanna Georga





Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN

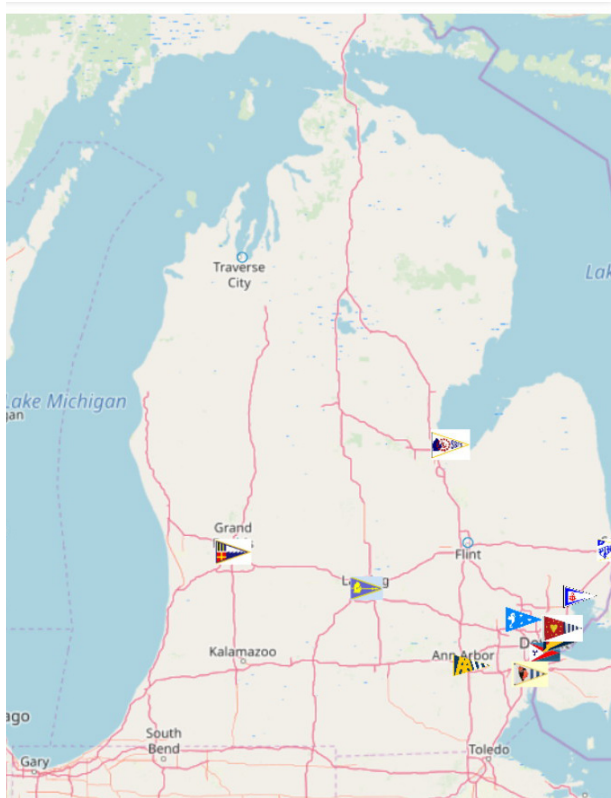
This year D9 has three functions. The Spring Conference is at Shanty Creek resort in Bellaire MI. 1-3 May. The Bristol Bay Cruise is on the Detroit Rver in June, and the Fall Conference may be a joint conference with the District 29, south of us.

Why join USPS ? USPS has lots of great courses that you may enjoy even though you never use them on your boat; Celestial navigation (using a sextant), Weather (understanding global air circulation, trade winds, high and low pressure regions, warm and cold fronts, wind patterns, etc.), Engine Maintenance, looking at digital nautical charts, and others. See page 6 for courses and seminars.

We enjoy paddling our canoes and kayaks together, but it would be more fun, and safer, if we could all get into one bigger boat and paddle together. A small Viking crew boat with a classic Whitehall hull, about 25' LOA and 8' beam, 3' freeboard, with 5 paddlers on each side, that could hold about 10 people and an enclosed Head might be attractive and not limited to small lakes and rivers. One large boat could be rented or owned and shared by several squadrons. And older people that have difficulty with small kayaks and canoes could more easily enter into and ride in a larger, more stable boat. This would put some 'meat' into the phrase 'America's Boating Club', and might attract more members. We could trailer it, and cruise Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River.

The map below shows the squadrons in Michigan. Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron is the western most squadron in SE Michigan. There is lots of space, and people west of us that are potential members.

Squadrons in Michigan



Anchor Bay	Grosse Pointe
Ann Arbor	Lansing
Birmingham	Mt. Clemens
Deaborn	Port Huron
Detroit	Saginaw Bay
Flint	St. Clair Shores
Grand Rapids	Wyandotte
Grand Traverse Bay	

Michigan Boat Launch Sites

<http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/MRBIS/> This shows all the lakes and rivers in Michigan with a green star at boat launch sites. Look at the sites on Google Earth to see details.



Boats to hold 3, 4 or 6 people for a pleasant outing on small lakes and rivers.



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 complete. 2 students graduated; Larry Marentette and Diane Silas.

Please reply to 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
Feb. 17	AASPS	All members and guests invited. Ron Schwartz will present a Cruise to Currituck Sound, Charleston, Savannah, and the Dismal Swamp. See page 3.
Mar. 7	AASPS	ABC class starts.
Mar. 16	AASPS	All members and guests invited. Larry Marentette will present a Trip to China.

Merit Marks: All of our volunteers received a merit mark for 2019 ; John, Marlene, and John Jr, Barr, Larry Marentette, Peggy Moller and Ron Schwartz. The delay was caused by the DB2000 data base at USPS National had a problem. The merit mark info had to be resubmitted.