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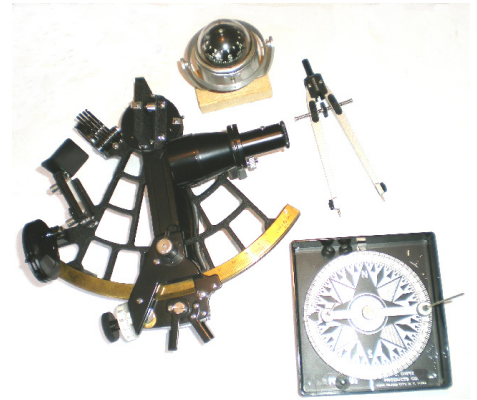
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General Meetings are usually held each month, Sept. thru June  
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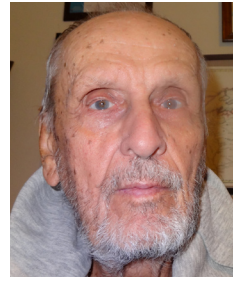






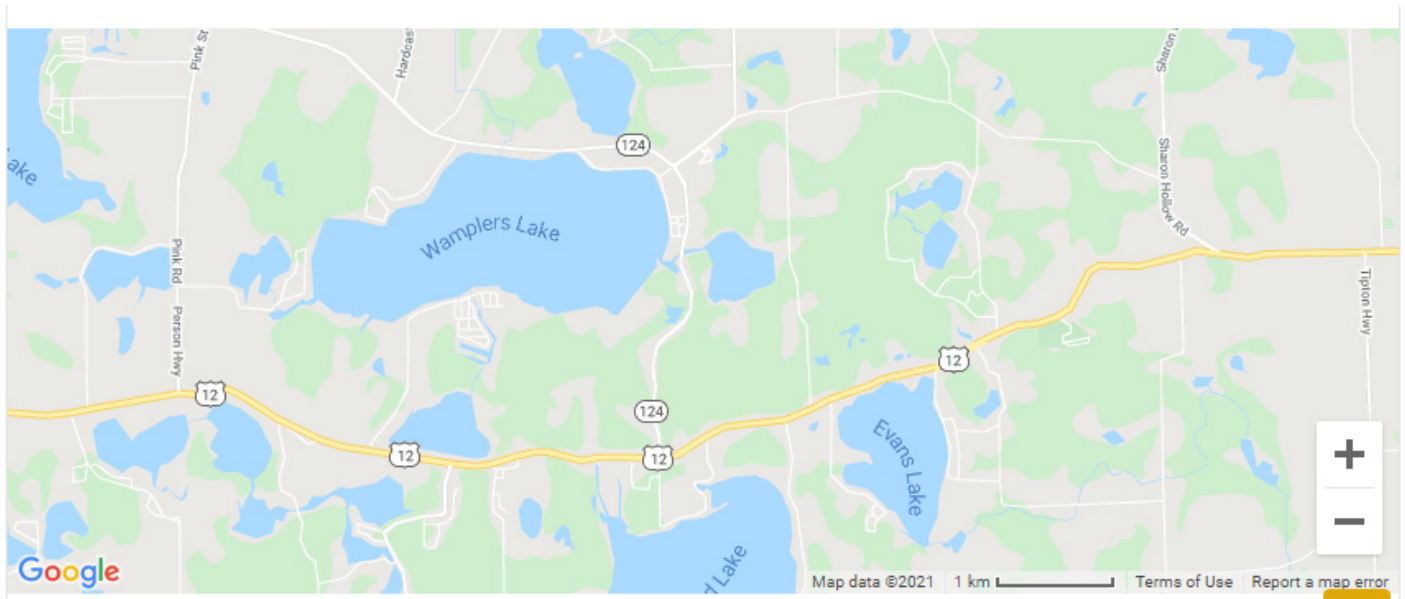
## Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



### Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron meetings are temporarily canceled.

Wamplers Lake and Hayes State Park



Walter J. Hayes State Park on southeast corner of Wamplers Lake is on US -12 and M -124 about 25 miles south west of Ann Arbor. The shallow launch site has 3 launch spaces with parking for over 60 cars and trailers. The beach has parking for over 400 cars. The lake is about 2/3 mile wide by 2 miles long. Joseph Wampler was one of the surveyors who, in 1824, surveyed the North South Meridian and Baseline in the area for establishing Townships in Michigan. Wamplers Lake is quite shallow --- 39' deep maximum. The launch site is shallow and sand bottom. Michigan Inland Lake Charts can be seen and down loaded 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) Wamplers Lake level is limited by a dam in the stream -- see below -- exiting the lake. (Goggle Earth picture). Two streams feed water into the lake -- one from Round Lake near the launch site at the state park, and one on the south side from Iron Lake passes next to Jerry's Pub and Restaurant.



Awards for year 2020: All of our volunteer members; John, Marlene and John Jr. Barr, Peggy Moller, and Ron got a merit mark for last year, and our web site received a Distinctive Communicator Award for 2020. Congratulations to all.

## Boating Education

USPS offers some very interesting courses to our members among our many courses and seminars. Weather, AP, JN and N are fun courses even if you don't go boating. I've taken Weather three times between 1970 and 2012 because scientists are learning new things about the weather every year.

USPS dues have not kept up with inflation. In 1970 dues were about \$45. Now they are 2 times more. In that same period prices have increased by 6.7 times. (Google Inflation Calculator)).

**Our ABC (America's Boating Course) has been approved for on-line presentation.**

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 Prepara-  
tion 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 Com-  
mand   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 14-21	ABClub	Annual General Meeting - Virtual meeting on the internet
April 9-11	District 9	Spring Conference at Shanty Creek Resort In Bellaire, MI

