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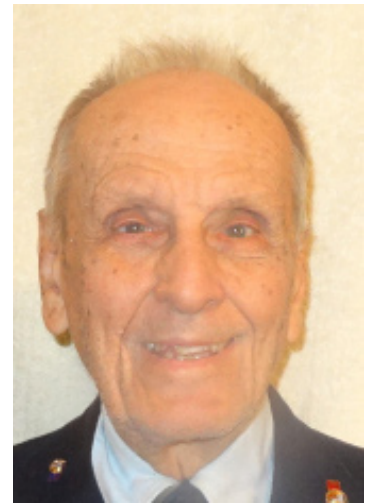
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Deliah Holloway, hollowayd@hq.usps.org Phone 1-888- 367-8777 ext. 229 or
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Commander's Message Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Information from the National Meeting

Coast Guard commanders talk. There are about 650 deaths from recreational boating accidents each year and many more injuries. Boating education will reduce these.

If we can get our name and purpose out to more people we will get more members -- about 3 % of boaters that know about us will join.

USPS membership is about 21,000 in 350 squadrons. Benefits of membership include companionship, education, discounts at a few stores, discounts for boat insurance, and reduced fees for seminars and courses offered by USPS.

National is developing a lap-top virtual boat operator trainer.

Here are some websites of insurance companies claiming boat insurance discounts for USPS classes and members:

Progressive insurance discount to USPS members:

<https://www.progressive.com/boat/discounts/>

- Boating World Magazine discusses discounts for USPS classes:

<https://www.boatingworld.com/feature-stories/15-ways-lower-insurance-premiums/>

- United Marine Underwriters discusses discounts for USPS classes:

<https://www.unitedmarine.net/blog/index.php/2012/05/15/tricks-to-lower-your-boat-insurance-costs/>

George Schwartz



Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Meetings are canceled

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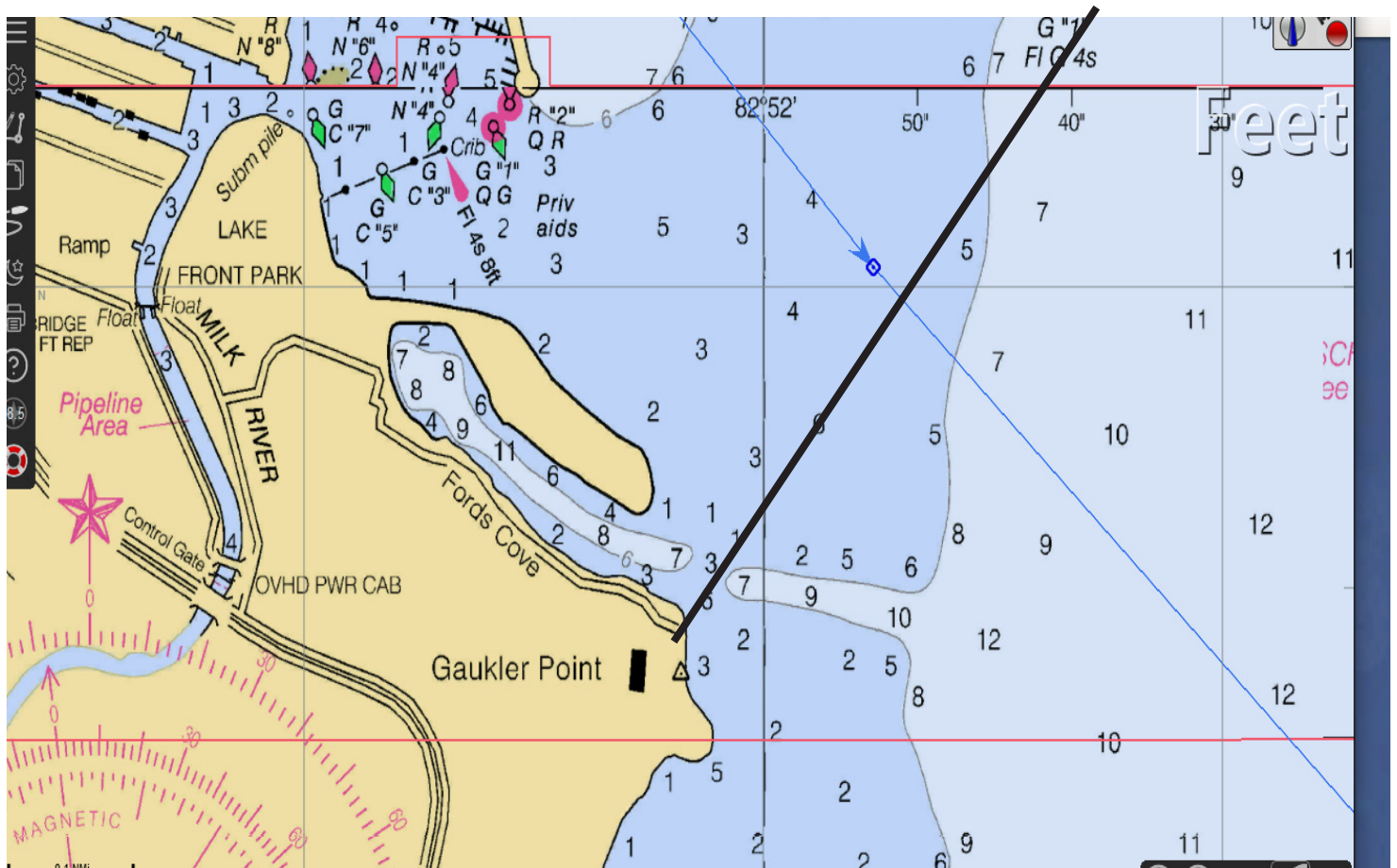
We are describing things to see while traveling the Great Loop.

Detroit, Michigan, because of its 300 year history and automotive industry, has several 'Cathedrals', 'Castles' and Museums to view as part of a great Loop trip. We will highlight some of these in the next few months.

Edsel Ford Mansion in Grosse Pointe; anchor your boat in Fords Cove and visit the Mansion.

Fisher Mansion; dock your boat in its backyard in the Starboard Lagoon.

Gaukler Point and Edsel Ford Estate



Lat. 42° 27' N, Long. 082° 52' W Anchor in Fords Cove and visit the mansion. OpenCPN chart.

Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate

The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House is a mansion located at 1100 Lake Shore Drive in Grosse Pointe Shores, northeast of Detroit, Michigan; it stands on the site known as "Gaukler Point", on the shore of Lake St. Clair. The house became the new residence of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford family in 1928. Anchor your boat in Fords Cove and visit the mansion. Call 313-884-4222 to schedule a tour. Information from Wikipedia.



Mansion



Fords Cove



Power House



Lawrence P. Fisher Mansion

The most flamboyant of the seven Fisher brothers, Lawrence Fisher, built his mansion on one of the 46 lots purchased by the Fisher family in the Grayhaven community on the Grayhaven Canal at its eastern entrance to the Detroit River. As a wealthy bachelor, Lawrence wanted to show off his fortune and had the mansion built close to Lake St. Clair with a boat house to house his 106-foot yacht.

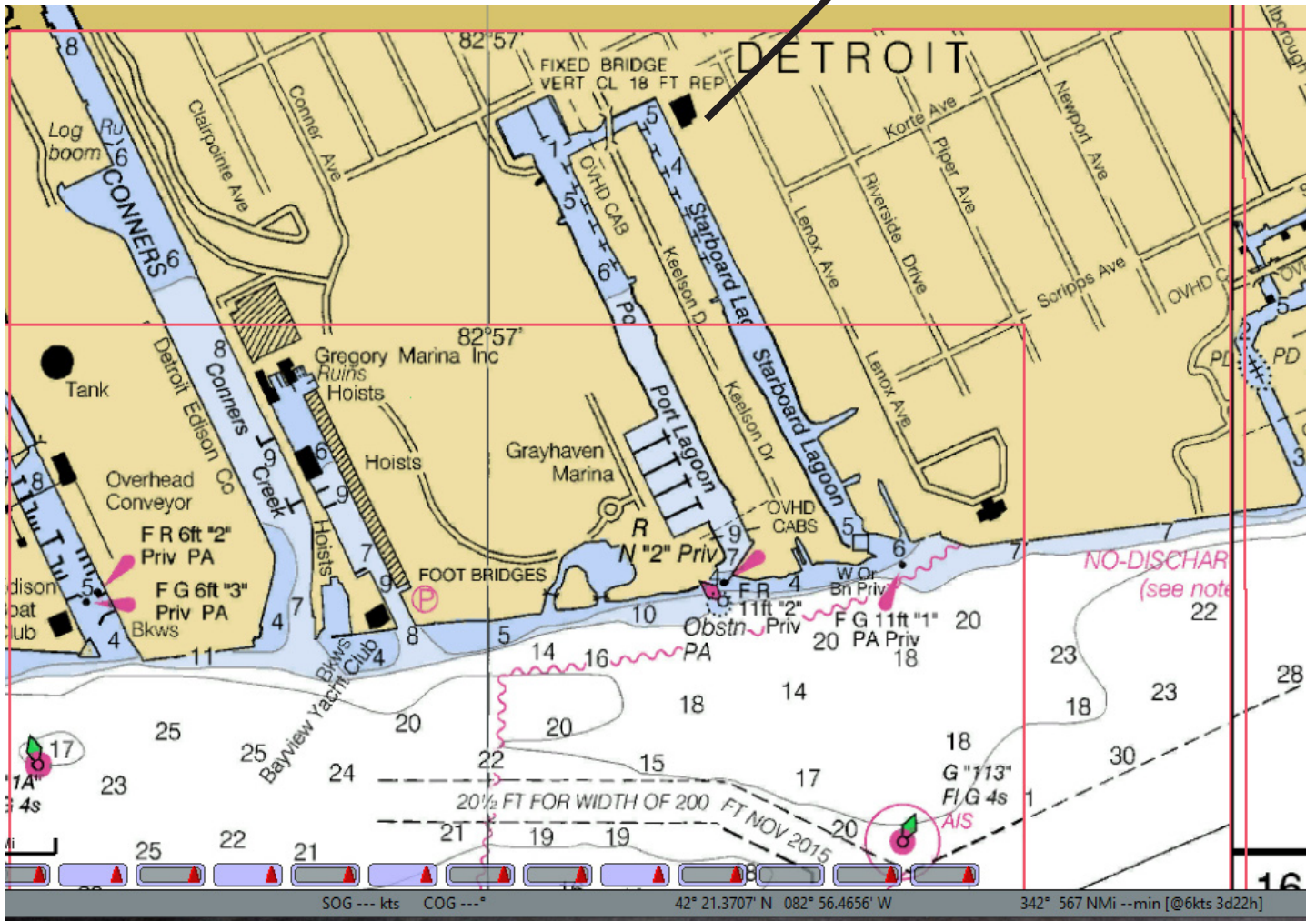
Located at 383 Lenox, the cream-colored stucco and red tiled roof, 22,000 square foot mansion cost \$2.5 million in 1928. Designed by C. Howard Crane, architect of the Fox Theatre, the home has 50 rooms set in a blend of Italian Renaissance, Moorish and Spanish styles. Oddly, the mansion contained only two bedrooms. The interior of the mansion is filled with marble columns, gold and silver trimming, black walnut paneling, Pewabic tile, hand-painted, leather-covered walls and rosewood parquet floors. The grounds include four acres of gardens with fountains and a waterfall.

Bought in 1975 by Krishna devotees, Alfred Brush Ford, great-grandson of Henry Ford, and Elizabeth Reuther Dickmeyer, daughter of UAW President Walter Reuther, the mansion was donated to the Bhaktivedanta Cultural Center of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness and is open to the public. The Krishnas also maintain a vegetarian catering service on the mansion's grounds called Govinda's Catering. A good place for a rendezvous ? Dock your boat behind the mansion at the north end of the Starboard Lagoon at Lat. 42° 21.7' N Long. 82° 56.8' W. Call 313.833.1801 to schedule a tour. Information from wikipedia



Chart from OpenCPN

Fisher Mansion



Boating Education

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

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>

On-Line courses and seminars can be found on the USPS web site usps.org click on Americas Boating Club

Online Course <https://www.americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/americasboating-course>

Webinars & Seminars <https://uspsonline.lmscheckout.com/Course/index>

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.

Free Basic Boating Course - Ann Arbor (we) are offering the America's Boating Course for free this year. This is the 8 hour and 16 hour course. Books are free, test is free, instruction is free.

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 |
|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| April 9-11 | District 9 | VIRTUAL District 9 Spring Conference |

