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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
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# Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron

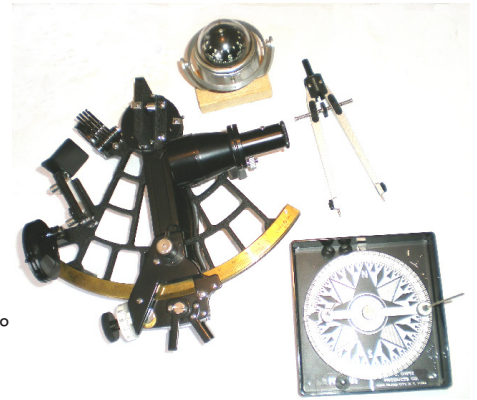
General Meetings are usually held each month, Sept. thru June  
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Boating Education since 1965

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1. Go to the Information Center, [www.usps.org/info](http://www.usps.org/info) and update your record.
2. Contact HQ Membership Staff by phone or email:  
Deliah Holloway, [hollowayd@hq.usps.org](mailto:hollowayd@hq.usps.org) Phone 1-888- 367-8777 ext. 229 or  
Lynnda Stevens, [stevensl@hq.usps.org](mailto:stevensl@hq.usps.org) Phone 1-888-367-8777 ext. 219.



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## Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Meetings are canceled



Sail and Power Boating Education

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

Detroit and Michigan have 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.

Henry Ford Mansion in Dearborn: 1 Fairlane Dr. along the Rouge River.

Edsel Ford Mansion in Grosse Pointe: Park your boat in his harbor.

Fisher Mansion: park your boat in its backyard harbor.

Old Channel Lights and The Old Club by Harsens Island:

Bay City Museum: two blocks from the Saginaw River.

Fort Mackinac: in Mackinaw City

Fort Mackinac: on Mackinac Island

Saint Ignace Museum of Ojibwa Culture: 500 N State St, Saint Ignace, MI 49781-1429

Fort De Buade Museum: 334 N. State St., St Ignace

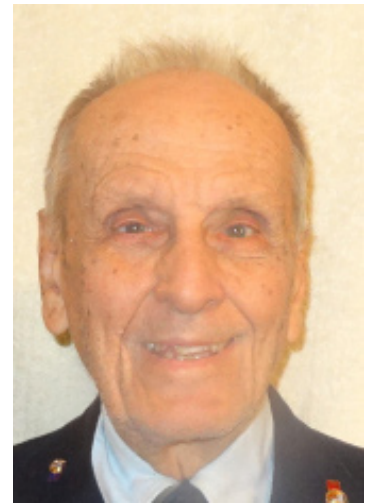
Father Marquette National Memorial is a State Park on the west side of I-75 south side of US 2

Taquamenon Falls: 41382 West M-123, Paradise, MI 49768





## Commander's Message Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Attend the D9 virtual Spring Conference on  
April 9, 10 and 11.

The Old South Channel Range Lights in Northern Lake St. Clair are being restored by "Save Our South Channel Lights" I'm a life member. These can be viewed on your way to the Old Club. Lat. 42° 32.3' N. Long. 82° 41.5' W. Pictures from Google Earth. <http://www.soschannellights.org/>



"The Old Club" is an association of multi-colored homes and a hotel along the South Channel just north of Lake St. Clair. It is a good place to have dinner and dock for the night.  
Lat. 42° 32.2' N.  
Long. 82° 40.0' W.



<https://www.theoldclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-OLD-CLUB-Calendar.pdf>

# Henry Ford's Dearborn Castle



Information and picture is from Wikipedia. The 31,000-square-foot limestone mansion with 56 rooms that was home to Ford Motor Company founder Henry Ford and his wife Clara for more than 30 years has been closed during restoration. But visitors can view the magnificent structure and other historic buildings on the 1,300-acre estate along the Rouge River and also explore the grounds from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Admission is free. Located at 1 Fair Lane Drive in Dearborn, Michigan, near the Henry Ford Museum, the house was built between 1913 and 1915, after the booming success of Ford's Model T. It was more than a house. It was a private laboratory space for Ford's tinkering and discoveries and a retreat to discuss ideas with friends Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone and John Burroughs. The estate, called Fair Lane after an area in County Cork in Ireland where Ford's adoptive grandfather was born, also includes an electrical power plant, greenhouse, boathouse, riding stables, children's playhouse, treehouse and extensive gardens designed by Chicago landscape architect Jens Jensen. Frank Lloyd Wright had a hand in designing the house, which is a mix of English Castle and Prairie Style, European grandeur and Midwestern charm. The estate was added to the National Register of Historic Places and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966. The Ford Fairlane automobile model, sold between 1955 and 1970 in the United States and between 1959 and 2007 in Australia, was named after the Fair Lane estate. 42° 18.8'N 83° 13.9'W



## **Membership and roster information.**

Years ago, squadrons printed copies of their rosters every year and gave them to their members. There was some pride in having your name on the roster. Also, a D9 Directory was printed with the names and pictures of all the D9 officers, and all the various squadrons officers were listed. I still have copies.

Now the D9 Directory and each squadron's roster is maintained on computers and is viewed and downloaded via a password. The roster contains names, membership numbers, addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, e-mail addresses, membership dates, courses passed and merit marks. The information is available to any member with a password, if they have internet access, but not as friendly as it used to be.

USPS is an organization initially formed in 1914 to educate and assist powerboaters in the Boston Yacht Club to help in the First World War. Since then it has evolved into a private, national boating education and social organization. Our headquarters is United States Power Squadrons, 1504 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh N.C. 27607, where a handful of people order education and advertising material and ship that material to the squadrons. All the material is designed and developed by volunteers in the squadrons. The computer at headquarters is maintained by volunteers, and contains member names and information and squadron information. National also collects dues from members and keeps \$55 of the dues to pay for their expenses, and sends \$6 to the districts. The remaining dues are sent to the squadrons. Each squadron sets the dues it wants, which is added to the \$61.

Districts are numbered the same as Coastguard districts. Michigan is District 9 and contains all the squadrons in Michigan. USPS membership currently is about 21,000 in about 350 squadrons, but a few years ago it was over 60,000.



United States Power Squadrons Headquarters at  
504 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh N.C. 27607

# Boating Education

**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 in a classroom.

Virtual courses and seminars being offered by all USPS Squadrons are advertised, at <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?C>

On-Line courses and seminars offered by USPS can be found on the USPS web site [usps.org](http://usps.org) click on Americas Boating Club, hover over 'Learn', slide down and hover over 'Online Boating Education' then click on you choice of course or Seminar.

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** - The Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron is 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. See preliminary info below. More details will be sent when I get it.

**2021 D9 SPRING CONFERENCE APRIL 10  
ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION**

**APRIL 10 Starting at 1000**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83290849299>

Meeting ID: 832 9084 9299

Passcode: amd9spring

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**APRIL 10 Starting at 1100**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89256801184>

Meeting ID: 892 5680 1184

Passcode: townhall

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**APRIL 10 Starting at 1300**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89308552736>

Meeting ID: 893 0855 2736

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From the April/May Dumping Grounds

Fri-Sat, April 9th-10th D9 Spring Conference via Zoom

Town Hall; D9 meeting & COW;

Sat nite theme: Crazy Hats; instructor recertification (pre-registration req'd); SEO meeting



Friday, April 9:

6-8 pm "Crazy Hat Night" with DJ Rod of HotBeats (Everyone wear a "crazy" hat!)

Saturday, April 10

10:00 am Council Meeting

11:00 am Town Hall Meeting with C/C Mary Paige Abbott

1:30 pm Conference Meeting/Change of Watch

5:00 pm America's Boating Club app - Have a cocktail while you learn about the new America's Boating Club app

6:00 Hang out and relax from the conference in the D9 Zoom room

Sunday, April 11

11:00 am Vessel Safety Check Update - learn about the changes for 2021 as well as new laws taking effect

Noon Coffee with the Commander (closed meeting for all commanders in district)

1:00 pm Instructor Recertification - preregistration required

3:00pm DEO Meeting for all SEOs and ASEOs in district

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APRIL 10 & 11 2021 D9 SPRING CONFERENCE

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Meeting ID: 892 5680 1184  
Passcode: townhall

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Starting at 1300 Saturday  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89308552736>  
Meeting ID: 893 0855 2736  
Passcode: conference

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Starting at 1100 Sunday  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88561154279>  
Meeting ID: 885 6115 4279  
Passcode: vsc

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