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# Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron

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

Beautiful homes on the St Laurence River in Canada/US Thousand Islands

Bay City Museum: two blocks from the Saginaw River. 321 Washington Avenue Bay City, MI

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

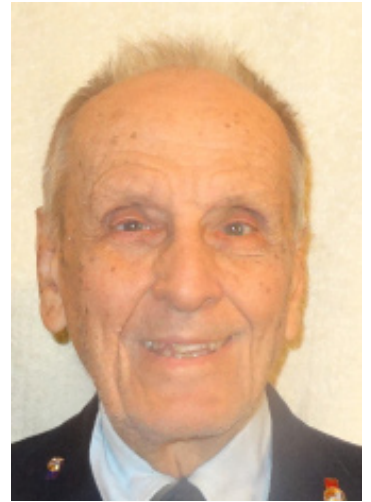
Father Marquette National Memorial is a State Park on the west side of I-75 south side of US 2

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





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



Our Fall USPS D9 conference will be a Penta Conference with 4 other USPS districts in Ohio. October 8 to 10, 2021. D7 D9 D11 D24 D29 Fall Penta Conference. Sandusky Ohio, at Kalahari Water Park. Bring your family and kids. Registration form will be e-mailed soon.

See Randall Reeves on the internet. He solo sailed south from San Francisco, around the Antarctic Continent and then north thru the Atlantic Ocean and Northwest Passage, and back to San Francisco. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUFTzbyDJZw>

Part of our 'Things to See' on the Great Loop is Bay City Museum: three blocks east of the Saginaw River. 321 Washington Avenue Bay City, MI, has displays ranging from Native American philosophy to the Kit House industry. Pictures of my current and previous houses are on the wall. 43° 35.6' N 83° 53.3' W. Photo from Google Earth.



Thousand islands' homes in the St. Lawrence River. Pictures from Google Earth



Singer Castle near Mallorytown, Ontario, Canada 44° 27.1' N 75° 48.7' W  
Photo by Theyre



Home sweet home or Boat House in the Thousand Islands  
44° 29.4' N 75° 48.3' W photo by Sagar Patel





Castle photo by Olga Blue



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# Boating Education

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
June 4-6	Anchor Bay	Rendezvous. See poster on page 10
July TBD	AASPS	Canoe, Kayak rendezvous
Oct. 8 to 10	D9	D7 D9 D11 D24 D29 Fall Penta Conference. Sandusky Ohio, Kalahari Water Park

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB® – ANCHOR BAY SQUADRON

June, 2021 St Clair Harbor Marina Rendezvous

902 South 2nd St, St. Clair, MI

DATE: June 4-6, 2021 (For boat or RV reservations call St Clair at 810-329-4125 or DNR at 800-447-2757). Use Code ABPS2021 to reserve your boat slips (304, 306, 308, 301, 303).

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG: The meeting will start at 3:00 p.m. on Sat., June 5th. We will be selling 50/50 tickets, so bring money (winner will win ½ and ½ goes towards AB Squadron donation fund for our members).

BRING: Chair, cooler with your favorite drinks, your own snacks (we still don't recommend sharing), plates and silverware (if desired; we will have extras), mask (if desired). There is an area reserved under cover.

MENU:

Fri. June 4th – On your own

Sat. June 5th – 5:00 pm Catered Dinner to include chicken, 2-sides,  
rolls and butter, & dessert

Sun. June 6th – Continental breakfast

Note: There will be a \$5.00 dinner fee for non-members. Look for the Money Jar on the buffet table.

We should all be respectful and social distance.

Please contact Jackie Senkmajer at 810-794-7527 or e-mail her at [senkmj@att.net](mailto:senkmj@att.net) for the days you are planning to eat with us, so she knows how many to shop for.

Looking forward to a good turn-out. Please bring a guest. The more the merrier!