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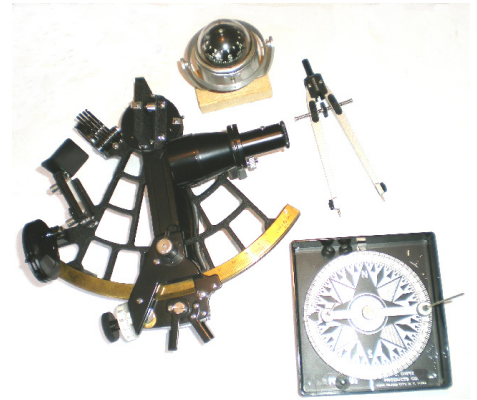
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General Meetings are usually held each month, Sept. thru June  
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## Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Meetings are postponed for Covid



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

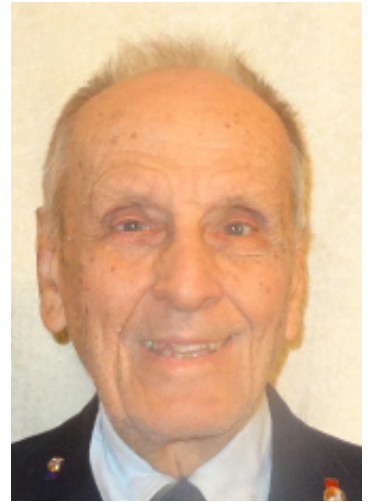
Kitch-ita-Kipi Spring (Big Spring) in Palm Brook State Park is worth viewing. It is about 12 miles northwest of Manistique MI., near the northwest corner of Indian Lake. It has clear water 40' deep where you can see large fish swimming near the bottom.



Palm Brook State Park Kitch-ita-kipi Big Spring  
L 46° 15.0' N Lo 86° 22.9' Photo by Gary Dolce



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



Our 2021 Fall District Conference is being held October 8 to 9 at the Sandusky, Ohio, Kalahari Water Park resort. See page 6 for registering. It is a great place for a family vacation. This is a Penta conference with 5 USPS districts attending; D7, D9, D11, D24, D29.



# Boating Education

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>

On-Line courses and seminars can be found on the USPS web site. Sign in to the [usps.org](http://www.usps.org) with your member certificate number and personal password and click on Americas Boating Club

USPS offers some very interesting courses to our members.

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 are about 2 hours

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
Sept. 25, 2021	DISTRICT 9 Council Meeting.	09:00 AM Eastern Time. Join Zoom Meeting. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81108224036?pwd=UW1ZQ3NCTUhzOENKaDNNR1BwYUZoZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81108224036?pwd=UW1ZQ3NCTUhzOENKaDNNR1BwYUZoZz09</a> Meeting ID: 811 0822 4036      Passcode: 352353
Oct. 8-10	D7 D9 D11 D24 D29	Fall conference. See email attachment.