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# Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron

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# Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Meetings are postponed due to Covid



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

CHARLEVOIX, MI - There aren't many towns in the world that have mushroom houses, a large castle and a giant cherry pie pan. Charlevoix has all of that and then some.

This small city in Northern Michigan has just been named one of the 15 best small towns to visit in 2021 by Smithsonian Magazine.



Castle Farms and winery in  
Charlevoix.

5052 M-66 south of town  
45° 16.8' N, 85° 13.8' W

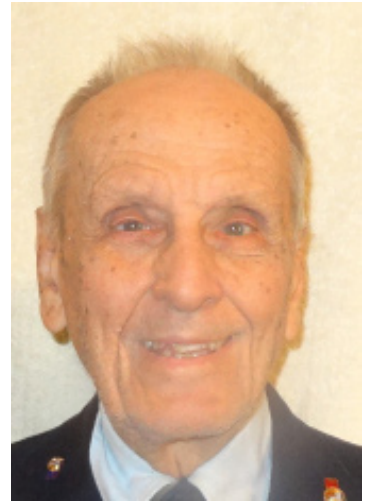
The Thatch House  
Photo by Ian Furlong  
45° 19' N 85° 16' W







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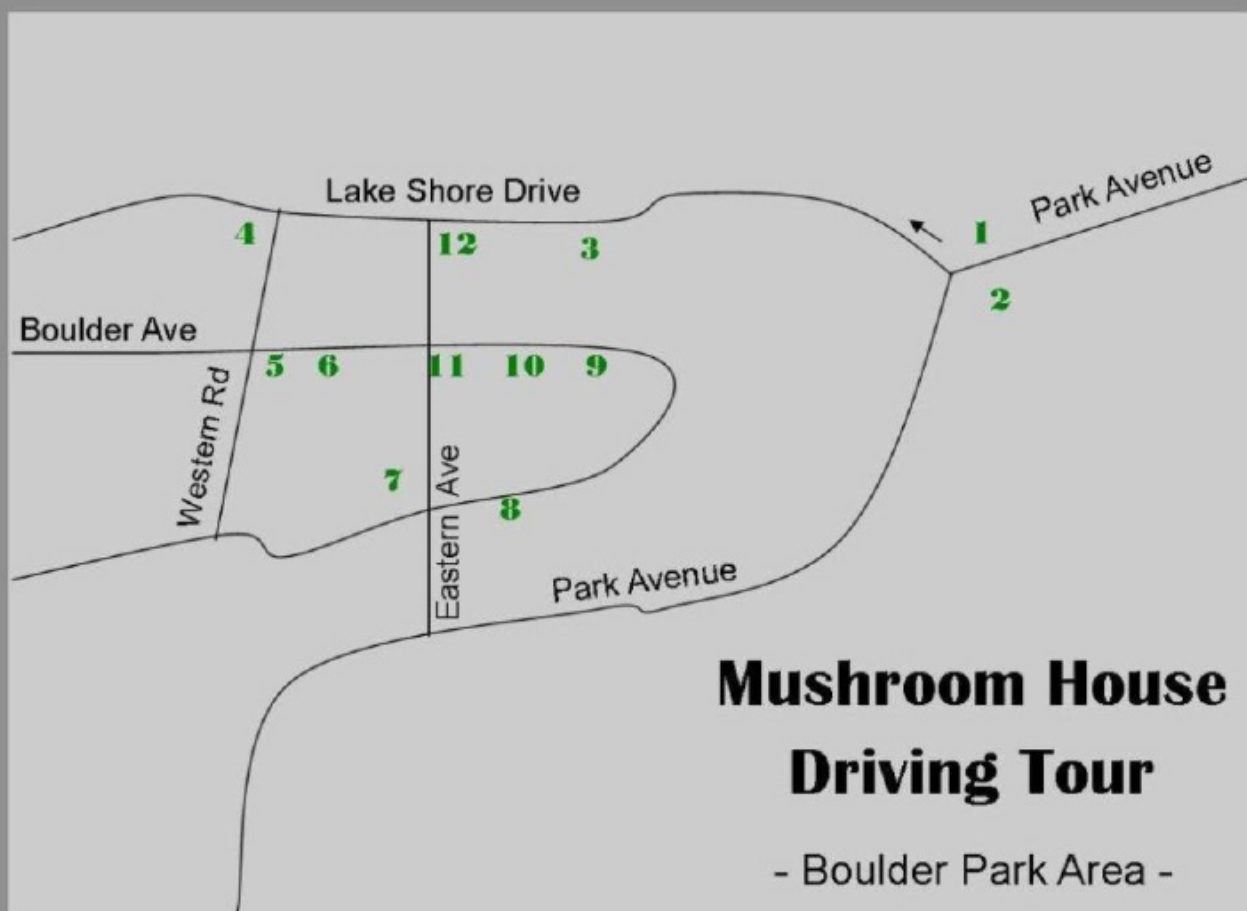


The "Mushroom" houses are generally small houses designed and built by Earl Young in Charlevoix, using lots of native rocks. They are at 304 Park Avenue, 302 Park Avenue, 310 Park Avenue, corner of Grant and Clinton. Sucher House is located on Park Avenue near Lake Shore Drive. Others are on Lakeshore Drive, On Boulder Avenue, triangular block in the Park Avenue area consisting of Grant Street, Clinton Street and Park Avenue. See the maps below. <https://minivanadventures.com/charlevoix-mushroom-houses/>

# Mushroom House Walking Tour

- Park Avenue Area -





# 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    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    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
19-26 Feb.	USPS	Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, FL
10-13 Mar.	Novi Boat Show,	Novi, MI
22-24 Apr.	D/9	Spring Conference, Shanty Creek