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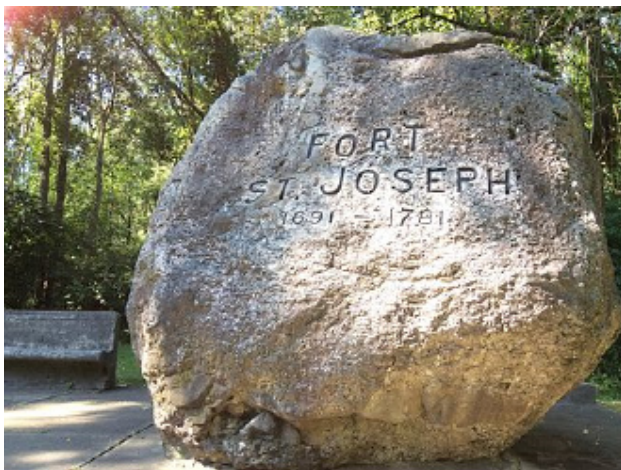
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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meetings are postponed due to Covid**



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



Miami Indians

Visit Fort Miami and Fort St. Joseph (1679 to 1781) and the museums in Niles Michigan. LaSalle, (French), British, American Indians and Spanish were each occupants in its history.



Ft. St. Joseph Museum in Niles located in the former carriage house of the beautiful Victorian period Chapin Mansion





FORT MIAMI

Here in November, 1679, on the Miami River, as the St. Joseph was then called, La Salle, the French explorer, built a fort as a base for his western explorations. Here he awaited the *Griffin*, the upper lakes' first ship. When the ill-fated vessel did not come he made his way on foot to Canada through lower Michigan's uncharted wilderness. He returned in 1681 to prepare his great push down the Mississippi. A decade later the French built Fort St. Joseph, some 20 miles upriver near Niles.

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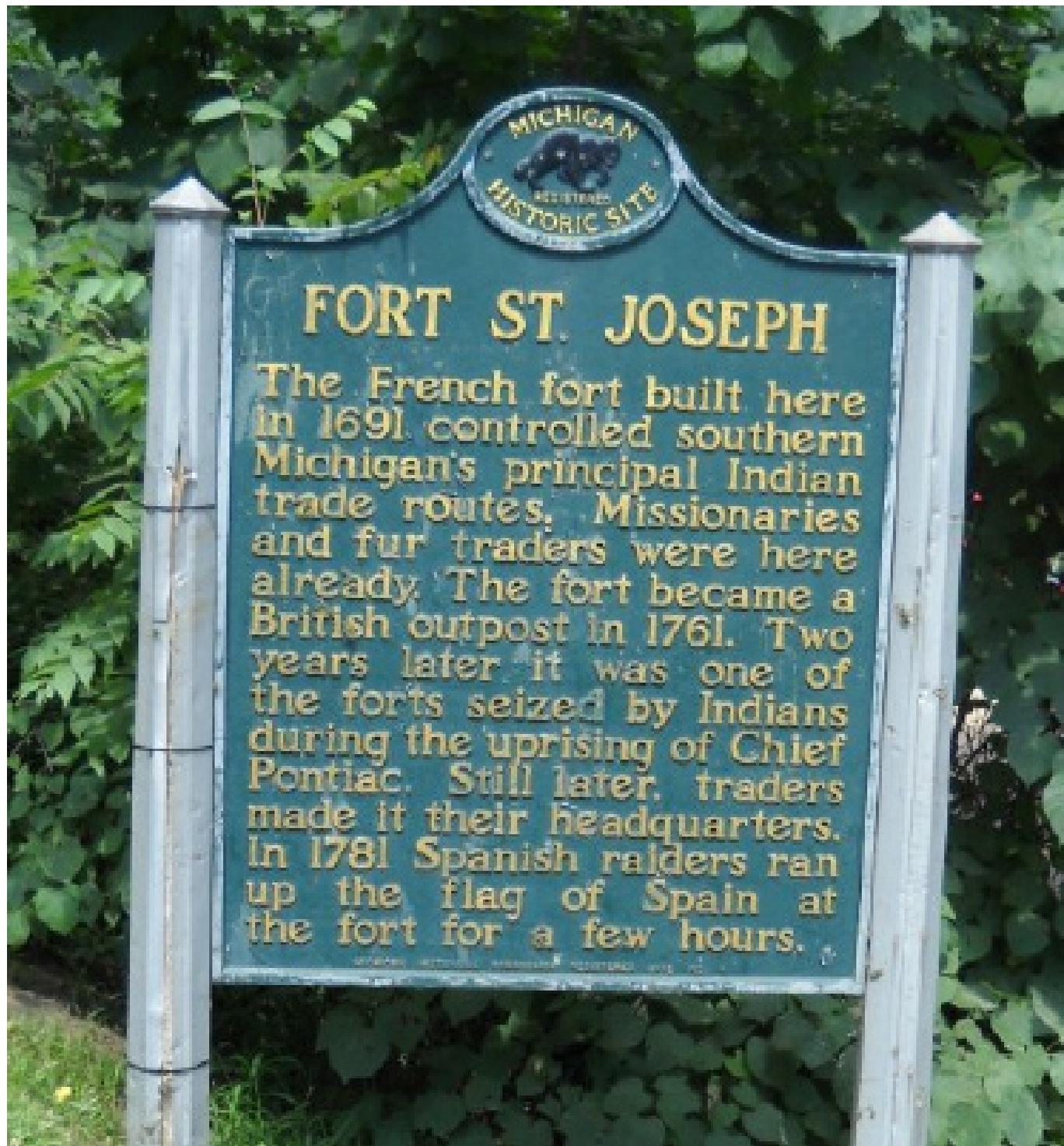


Niles History Center is located at 508 E. Main Street in historic downtown Niles.

Fort St. Joseph Museum
current hours:
Thursday 10am-4pm
Friday 10am-4pm
Admission is free!



Chapin Mansion tours
will take place on Fridays
at 1:00pm
Cost: \$5 per person;
children 12 and under
are free



FORT ST. JOSEPH

The French fort built here in 1691 controlled southern Michigan's principal Indian trade routes. Missionaries and fur traders were here already. The fort became a British outpost in 1761. Two years later it was one of the forts seized by Indians during the uprising of Chief Pontiac. Still later, traders made it their headquarters. In 1781 Spanish raiders ran up the flag of Spain at the fort for a few hours.

DESIGNED BY THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Boating Education

Our attempt to start an ABC class on Dec. 1, 2021 failed. No students. The new covid variants and the holiday season were probably deterrents. We will plan an ABC course for the spring of 2022.

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