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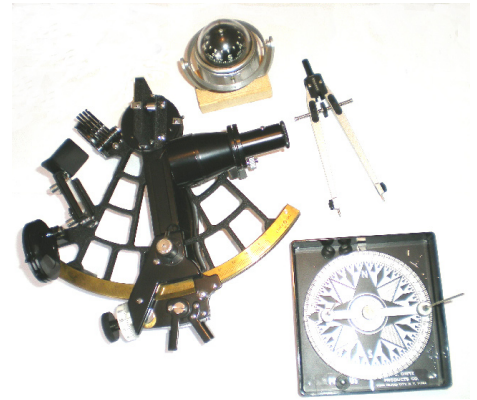
General Meetings are usually held each month, Sept. thru June  
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## Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Meetings are postponed due to Covid



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

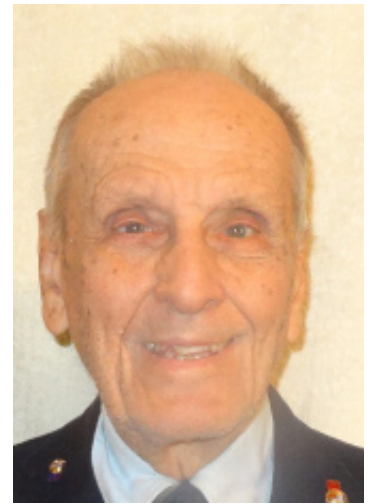
Chicago has 29 specialty museums, so read about them on your computer and plan to spend a few days in Chicago. Further down the Illinois River is Starved Rock State Park and the village of La Salle Illinois founded by René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle in 1682 while on his way exploring the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers.



Portrait of René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, who built the first French settlement in northern Illinois



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



We are offering our America's Boating Course for free. The class meets in Zion Lutheran Church. The Michigan DNR boating class is now offered on line as a self teach, and the exam can be taken on line at a nominal fee. This is tough competition for our free classroom course. We had no students for our December class. However, the camaraderie of the classroom and the charting that we teach should attract some students to our future classes.

After living in Warren and Ann Arbor, I just discovered all the lakes in Brighton. Of special interest, Woodland Lake is several miles long with lots of scenic bays and harbors and a DNR launch site. DNR launch sites are listed on the internet at <http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/mrbis/> I will be trailoring my sailboat to this lake next summer. The launch site is on Hilton Road in Brighton Mich







Holly Martin. Life of an ocean cruiser, tells about her ocean cruising, with lots of pictures and story. She is a good writer.

<https://windhippie.com/journal/>

# Boating Education

Please reply 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 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.

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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, zoom



Time is running out to make your hotel and activity reservations for the 2022 Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, Feb. 19–27.

#### Step 1

Make your hotel reservations at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa. Extend your stay to take advantage of the warmth and relaxation of Ponte Vedra Beach. While you're there, make time to enjoy the links, get some sun or unwind with some much-needed pampering at the resort's spa.

#### Step 2

Then head over to the National Meetings Website to order event tickets and register for the conference. Choose from a variety of tours, special events, and outdoor activities that showcase what America's Boating Club is all about.

But hurry! Rooms are going fast and early-bird rates end January 15! Reserve Your Room. Make Event Reservations.