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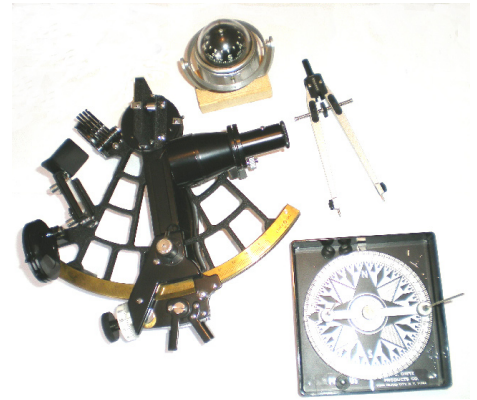
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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Meetings are postponed due to Covid



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

Starved Rock (Le Rocher) State Park in Illinois.



Last month I featured Starved Rock State Park, but forgot to mention why it's called Starved Rock. In the most popular version of the tale, an Illinois Native American—sometimes described as a Peoria, sometimes a Michigamea, but always a member of an Illinois sub-tribe—murdered the Ottawa Chief Pontiac in St. Louis in 1769. In response to the senseless (and possibly drunken) slaying of the popular inter-tribal leader, members of the Pottowatomi nation—often said to have been accompanied by Ottawa and Mesquakie warriors—

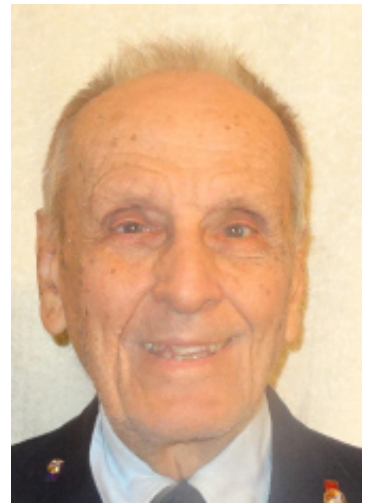
driving them from their homes to the relative safety of the inaccessible Le Rocher. But, so the legend concludes, their escape was short-lived. Their refuge protected the Illinois from attacks, but it offered no sources of water or food. Unable to reach the river over one hundred feet below without confronting their enemies, the besieged Illinois died of thirst and starvation. Copied from the Internet.



Cahokia Mounds State Historical Site is a site of an old, large, pre-Columbian Native American city which existed c. 1050–1350 CE, and a museum, in Collinsville, Illinois, east of St. Louis. It was probably on a loop of the Mississippi River, now called Horseshoe Lake.



Commander's Message Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Christian Williams, born in 1943, solo sailed from Los Angeles to Hawaii and returned. This former editor of the Washington post has entertaining movies about ocean sailing. Google search for his you-tube movies.



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,	Michigan Suburban Collection Show Place 46100 Grand River Avenue Novi, MI
23 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.