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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting Monday 18 April 2022
5 P.M to 8 P. M. at Alpha Diner
4389 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, 48103
734-780-7102**

**<https://www.alphadiner.com/#loc-offset>
42 17.1' N 83 49.0' W**

We will meet at 5 P.M. at the Alpha Diner in the Parkland Center, a small strip mall on the south side of Jackson Road, west of Park Road. Order from the menu. <https://www.alphadiner.com/#loc-offset> They close at 8 PM. Please RSVP to Ron Schwartz 734-769-3476,



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Jinjiang River in Sichuan, China

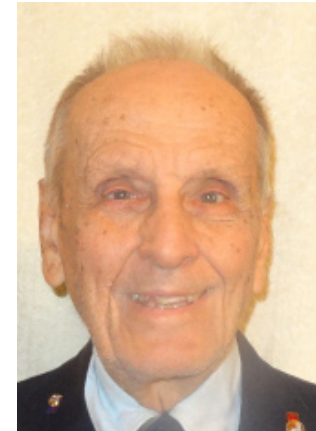


Alpha Diner

Dr. Larry Marentette will present his experience during a 2 week trip to Sichuan, China in 2008 caring for patients with facial injuries sustained during the 8.9 Sichuan Earthquake. The trip was funded by Smile China, a Canadian non profit dedicated to repairing patients mainly with cleft lip and palate. The talk is an overview of the medical facility in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, as well as Chinese life and culture, and details of one of the towns near Dujiangyan, at the epicenter. The trip had a surprising ending.



Commander's Message Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Our D9 2022 Spring COW (Change Of Watch) will be on zoom on Saturday April 23 at 12 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81578849244>

Meeting ID: 815 7884 9244

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7 squadrons in D9, that I can remember, have dissolved in the last 50 years; Irish Hills, Grosse Isle, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, South Bend, Tip of the Mitt and Warren. Grand Rapid's squadron is in the process of dissolving. The reason for dissolving is the lack of people to accept leadership positions -- Commander and other jobs.

Each squadron is required to offer a basic Boating Safety course once a year. They don't have to teach a course if they can't get students -- just offer the course. The competition in getting students has increased in the last 50 years. Michigan DNR offers a free course --either online or in a sheriff's office. BoatU.S. and several other companies, and USPS National, offer an online course, and charge a small fee to send their students their certificates. Our advantage over online courses is having a live teacher. Our advantage over the DNR/Sheiff's course is giving a slower paced course, and teaching charts, Coarse Planing, and marine radio usage.

Boating Education

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>

USPS offers some very interesting courses to our members among our many courses and seminars. 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.

On-Line courses and seminars can be found on the USPS web site usps.org click on Americas Boating Club

Courses and seminars available from USPS are listed below. Courses take about 16 hours - 8 weeks . Seminars are about 2 hours long.

Seminars

Advanced Powerboat Handling AIS Electronics for Boaters Anchoring Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes Crossing Border Emergencies on Board Fuel and Boat-
ing 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
18 April	AASPS	Member meeting at Alpha Diner. See page 3.
23 April.	D9	Spring D9 Conference on zoom. See page 4.