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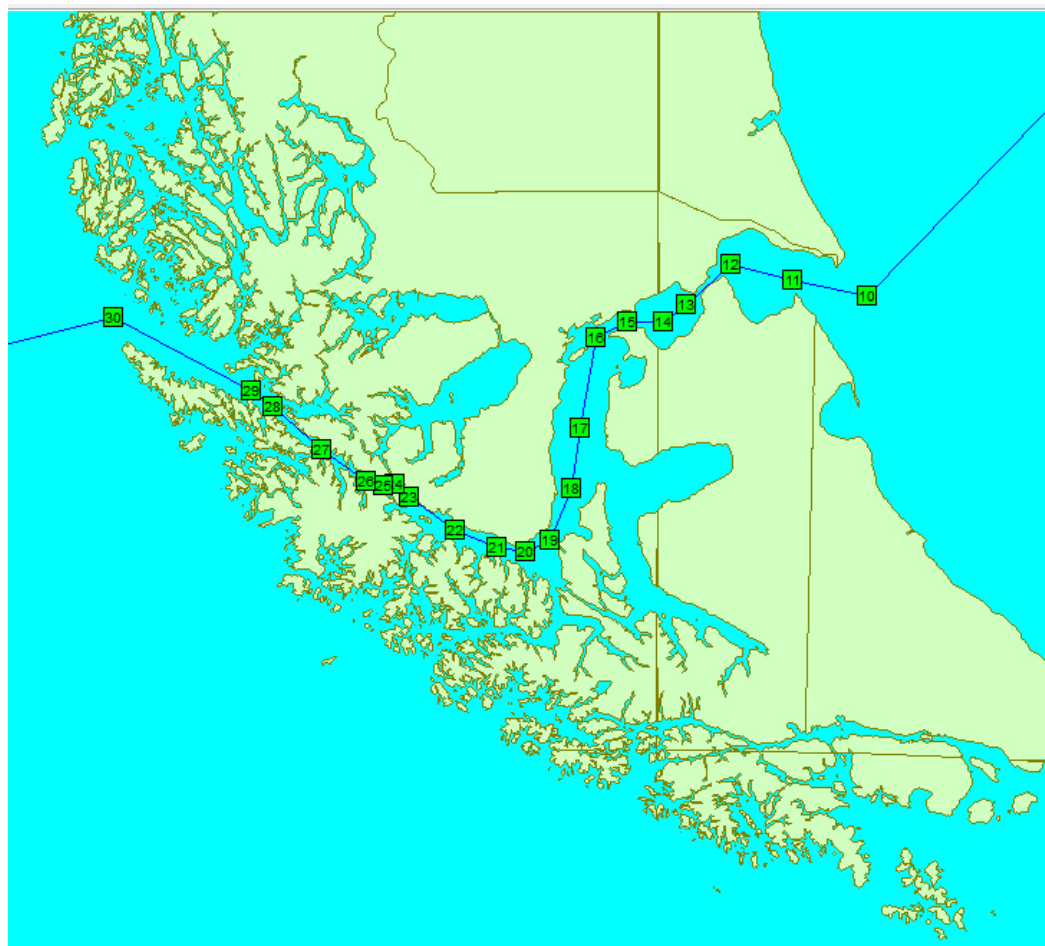
**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
Meeting Monday, 16 May 2022 ,  
5 P.M to 8 P. M. at Alpha Koney Diner  
4389 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, 48103  
734-780-7102**

<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. They close at 8 PM.  
Please RSVP 734-769-3476,

Program by Ron Schwartz will describe Ferdinand Magellan's voyage around the world analyzed with the Visual Passage Planner program that is taught in the Navigation Class.



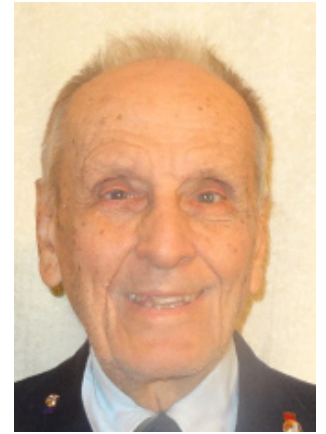
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Visual Passage Planner (VPP)  
route thru the Magellan Straits





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



### Huron River and Clinton River Watersheds.

Indian Springs Metro Park and the Waterford region west of Pontiac have many springs and ponds feeding Pontiac Lake and eventually the Huron River, South Commerce Lake, under Benstein Road to Proud Lake State Park, and eventually to Milford, Dexter, Ann Arbor and to Lake Erie. In the same area, Cass Lake, Orchard Lake and a bunch of other lakes feed the Clinton River that goes into Pontiac, under South Mill Street in Pontiac, underground thru Pontiac near Huron Street along the Clinton River Trail, and east to Rochester, Utica, Mt. Clemens and into Lake St Clair. So both the Huron River and the Clinton River start a few miles west of Pontiac.



South Commerce Lake where the Huron River goes under Benstein Rd. toward Proud Lake

# Boating Education

We are offering the ABC Basic Boating course for free starting May 12 at 7 P.M. at Zion Lutheran Church.

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>

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](http://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 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 course: 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
16 May	AASPS	5 P.M. Member meeting at Alpha Diner. See page 3.

## North Channel Speed Trap

Member Steve Anthony reports "I was approaching Algonac from the west. I was moving along in my ChrisCraft Catalina 291 just to the right of the channel centerline, when a high-speed boat came straight at me right down the middle of the channel. I diverted a little to the right, and then suddenly I heard the siren. I looked down at my GPS and I was probably 450 feet from the shore, doing 7 mph. I figured he was going after the high speed boat, but he pulled in behind me. When he stopped me, he said I was violating no-wake speed within 500 feet of the shore. I pointed out that 1) I had just moved over to give the other boat room, and 2) I was only doing 7 mph... Coast Guard rules say that no-wake means the slowest possible speed while maintaining positive directional control. With two inboards, and relatively small rudders, I need a little speed to be able to control my boat. But he ignored all my explanations and reiterated that I was making a wake within 500 feet of the shore... I then probably killed my chances by noting that he does not understand physics, right? You can't move anything in the water at any speed without generating some wake. He gave me a grouchy look and then handed me the \$150 ticket... So folks, be really careful in those no-wake areas..."