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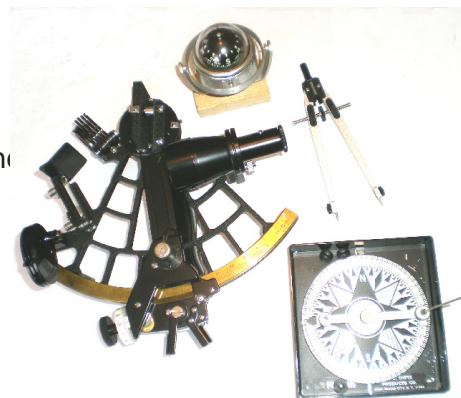
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D9 Squadrons that have dissolved: Grosse Ile, Grand Rapids, Irish Hills, Kalamazoo, Muskegan, Rogers City, South Bend, Tip of The Mitt, Warren.

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Sail and Power Boating Education

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**Member Meeting Monday, 28 Nov. 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**

**All are welcome**

We will meet at 5 P.M. at the Alpha Koney Diner in the Parkland Center, a small strip mall on the south side of Jackson Road, west of Park Road. They close at 8 PM. Please RSVP to Ron Schwartz 734-769-3476. Order from the menu.



**Program: George Schwartz will give a talk and movie about the 2022 Miami Boat Show.**



George Schwartz

Learned from the November Anchor Lines. National is now only requiring Squadrons to have a Commander, SEO, Secretary and Treasurer (Treasurer and Secretary can be the same person), and we can have meetings less frequently than every month.

## Boating Education

Our **ABC Basic Boating course, that was to start** October 6, was canceled for lack of students.

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. 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. The on-line ABC course offered by USPS for \$30 is an 8 hour version, not the full ABC Course. A proctored exam is required by Michigan Laws. The blank certificates for the ABC course supplied by USPS do not specify whether the student passed the 8 hour or the 16 hour ABC course. I have modified these to specify which course was passed.

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
Nov. 28	AASPS	Member meeting at Alpha Koney. 5 PM see page 3
Dec. 19	AASPS	Christmas party at Alpha Koney. 5 PM