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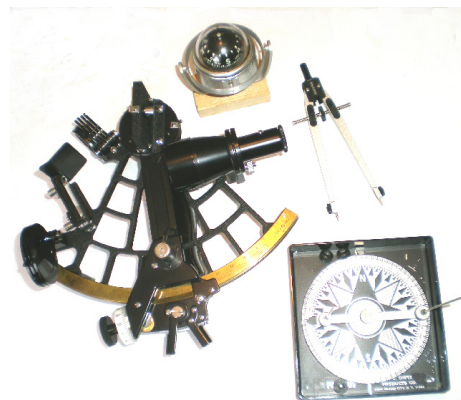
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Sail and Power Boating Education

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Christmas Party

5:30 P.M. Thursday Dec. 22, 2022

Buchanan's home

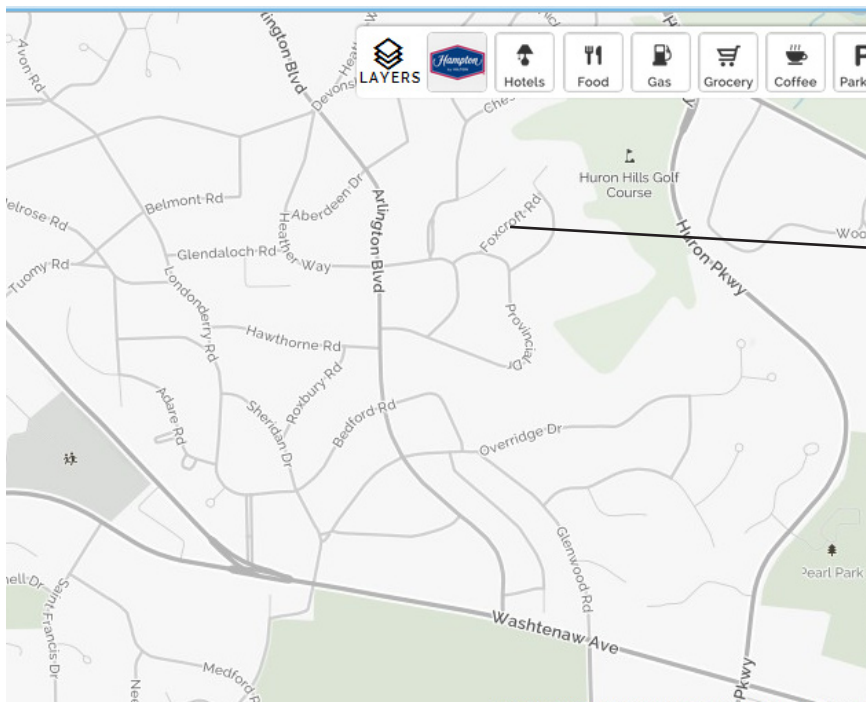
3045 Foxcroft St., Ann Arbor

Lat. 42° 16.1' N, Long. 83° 42.2' W

Potluck - Please bring a dish - salad or dessert - to share. Please RSVP to Bob and Jeannine Buchanan and tell them what food you will bring . 734- 971-6589.



Power Squadron
members and guests
invited.



Buchanan's house

Directions to Buchanan's. Take Washtenaw to Arlington - the 2nd street west of Huron Parkway. Go north on Arlington to Provincial Dr. and follow Provincial Dr. to Foxcroft (3045).



Entertainment; John and Marlene Barr will describe their trip to France -- Paris and Normandy. Peggy Moller and Ron Schwartz will play piano and guitar duets. We'll sing Christmas Carols. We will have elections of officers.

Merit Marks

Thank you to all of our volunteers. All got a merit mark for 2022. Lt/C Marlene Barr, Lt. John Barr, AP and and Lt/C John Bar Jr., Lt. Larry Marentette, P, Lt/C Peggy Moller, Lt. Freddy Ohou, Lt. George Schwartz, and Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN.

Boating Education

We will offer an **ABC Basic Boating course to start in late March of 2023 and finish in May.**

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. 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://www.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

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
Dec. 22	AASPS	Christmas party at Buchanan's home. 5:30 P.M. Thursday Dec. 22 See Page 3.