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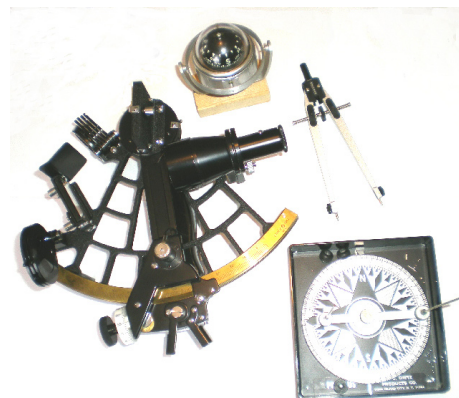
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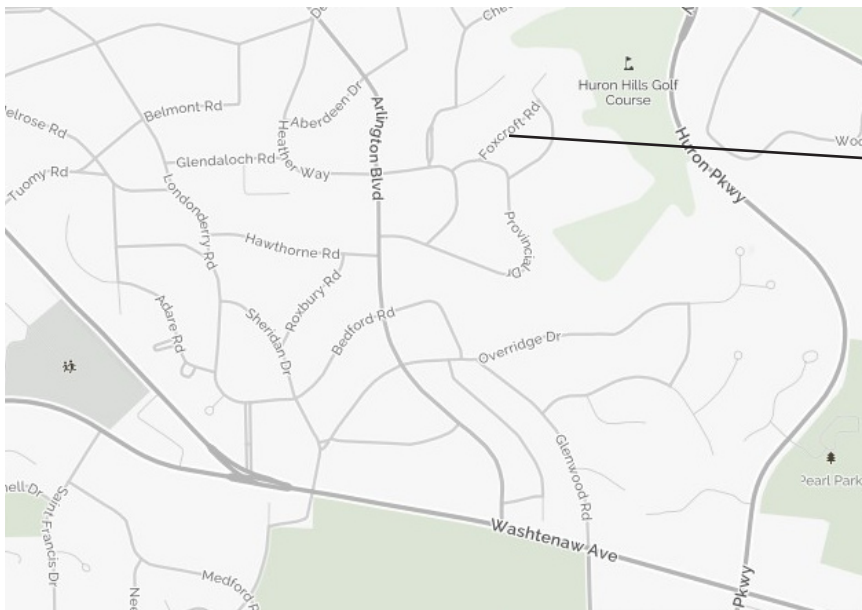
Sail and Power Boating Education

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Party 5:00 P.M. Monday Feb. 6, 2023
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.

We will have elections of officers.

Entertainment; Members please bring a few slides (pictures) and tell about your travels or activities during the year 2022. Ron will demonstrate the use of the computer program "Visual Passage Planner" taught in the Navigation Course used to select the best 5 waypoints between two waypoints on the Pacific Ocean applied between Mexico and the Philippines for their spices trade.



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



Buchanan's house

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 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 **8 week America's Boating Course starting in March of 2023 and finish in May. Call 734-769-3476 for details.**

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 International Borders 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
Feb. 6, 2023	AASPS	Winter Party at Buchanan's home. 5:00 P.M See Page 3.
Feb. 19 to 26	USPS	National Meeting in Orlando, Florida See Page 5

To register for this 2023 National meeting or to make hotel reservations go the USPS web site, usps.org, use your USPS Certificate Number and your password to get into the web site. Click on Site Index and click on National Meetings Committee, Upcoming National Meetings. On the left side of that page are all the options and information for this National meeting in Orlando, Florida, February 19 to 26.

