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

Thank you Shih-Chieh Yin for your Porthole design on the front page.

We thank Bradley and George Schwartz and Evrard Ohou for help with computer consulting.





**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron  
Picnic Monday, 19 June 2023  
5 P.M. at John and Marlene Barr's house  
1200 Whittier Rd. Ypsilanti 48197-2152  
734-483-0839  
Corner of Whittier Rd. and Roosevelt St.  
42° 14.86' N, 83° 37.63' W**

**All are welcome**

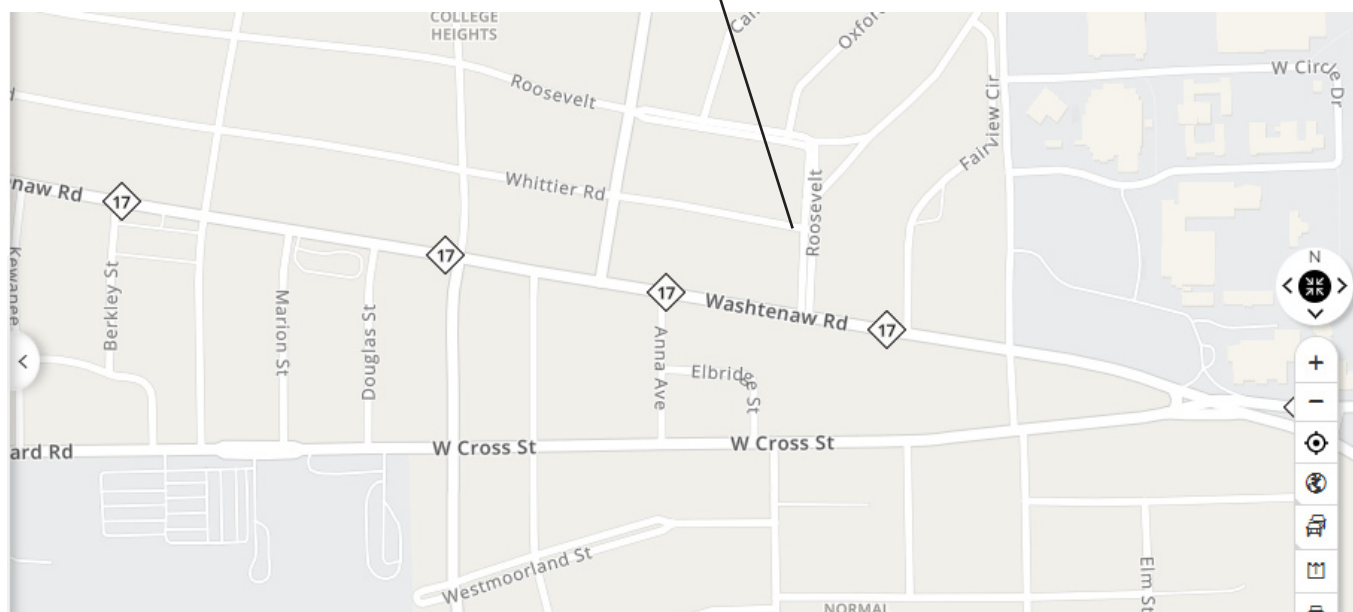
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Potluck. Marlene will bring Chicken and Baked Beans. Ron is bringing Stuffed Grape Leaves. Please bring a salad, vegetables, potatoes and drinks, to complement. We will meet at 5 P.M. at John and Marlene Barr's house All are welcome. RSVP to Marlene **734-483-0839** by Sunday June 18, 2023.



Barr house







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



USPS National has developed a new course -- Marine Navigation (N1). This course was recently developed by USPS and replaces Chapter 5 of the old ABC -- America's Boating Course. Chapter 5 was 30 pages long. Marine Navigation is 221 pages long. It is not yet in print. It can be downloaded thru the internet. It is in the Beta stage of development -- looking for people to take the course and find any errors. Subjects include Compass Corrections (TVMDC), course plotting, Tides and Currents very briefly, downloading and using OpenCPN, and a practice Cruise on Bowditch Bay that is done on the digital OpenCPN Bowditch Bay NOAA chart. I have downloaded the course and am now doing the cruise on the digital Bowditch Bay chart. When you right click on a route line and click on 'Route Properties' and enter your speed, it lists waypoint locations, true directions, and distances, and travel times, and a lot more. The appendices have some computer skills such as Copy and Paste, PrtSc, and placing a degree sign ° in your text. Here is how to do it on my lap top computer:

Place the cursor where you want the degree sign °.

Turn on Num Lock at the right side of the keypad.

Press and release the Fn key on the left side bottom row.

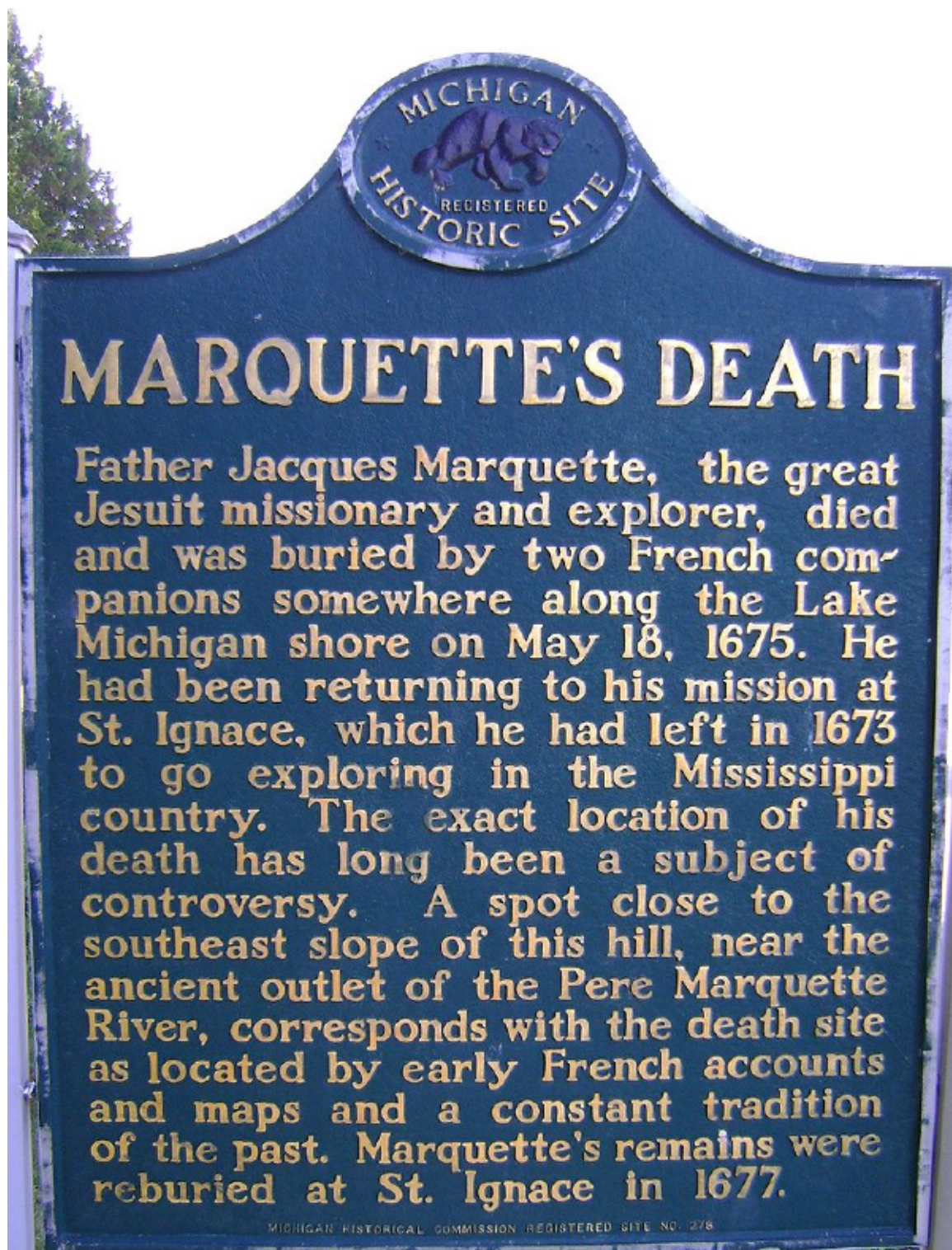
Press and hold down the Alt key.

Press and release 0 1 7 6 on the number pad on the right side of the keypad. Release the Alt key, and you have a ° sign.

The Detroit Squadron's May 2023 newsletter "Dumping Grounds" has the 2nd half of a Great Loop cruise by Lt. Richard (Dick) Radlinski, AP-CN, member of Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron in Maryland's District 5.

I enjoyed reading it and following along on Google Earth and OpenCPC charts. The 1st half of this article is in the previous issue of the Dumping Grounds. They went thru the Canadian North Channel to Mackinac Island. I hope they saw the museums in Cedarville, Mackinaw City and St. Ignace. See below.





Marker of Father Marquette's death  
on --Lake Michigan's east shore.





## MARQUETTE'S DEATH

On May 18, 1675, Father Jacques Marquette, the great Jesuit missionary and explorer, died and was buried by two French companions somewhere along the Lake Michigan shore of the lower peninsula. Marquette had been returning to his mission at St. Ignace which he had left in 1673 to go on an exploring trip to the Mississippi and the Illinois country. The exact location of Marquette's death has long been a subject of controversy. Evidence presented in the 1960's indicates that this site, near the natural outlet of the Betsie River, at the northeast corner of a hill which was here until 1900, is the Marquette death site and that the Betsie is the Rivière du Père Marquette of early French accounts and maps. Marquette's bones were reburied at St. Ignace in 1677.



Historic sites in St Ignace, Michigan, on the path of the Great Loop, that 'loopers' may miss if they only stop on Mackinac Island.



A warrior's role is more than fighting enemies. It is protecting the community, taking care of the people and ensuring survival, even if that means sacrificing one's own life. Native men and women are prepared to defend what is theirs.

*"Anishinaabe Vets, they would do what they thought they had to do without thought of personal harm... I think it's tradition. In their blood, instilled in them. Your honor and your bravery is as much of you as any other part."*



# Anishinaabe MEDICINE MAN

**nenaandawi'iwed**

The traditional healers *nenaandawi'iwed* or medicine men were highly respected individuals among the village due to their medicinal and spiritual knowledge passed down for thousands of years. Illness was cured both of the body and spirit. The Anishinaabe medicine men continue to be honored to this day.

This medicine man is wearing a traditional vest *gibide'ebizon*, embellished with woodland beadwork *manidoominensikaan*. The vest, leggings *aas* and moccasins *makizin* are made from tanned deerskin. A stone pipe *asiniwipwaagan* filled with sacred tobacco *asemaa* is essential to the medicine man. Other traditional items placed on his cattail mat *apakweshkway* are an abalone shell *es* containing a medicinal smudge *nookwez* made of sage, a shaker and a braid of sweet grass *wiingashk*.

A special thank you to Harlan Louis "Needgeboo" Downing, Sauk Sisseton Tribe for his wisdom and guidance towards the creation of this sculpture.







# Boating Education

Our Basic Boating Course is complete. We have two students who took the 1st half from the Michigan DNR. They are now working on the Bowditch Bay Cruise and USPS exams.

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

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), Marine Navigation (MN), 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
June 19	AASPS	Picnic at John and Marlene's home. See page 3.
July or Aug.	AASPS	Canoe/Kayak rendezvous
Sept. 18	AASPS	General meeting at Alpha Koney Diner
Oct. 16	AASPS	General meeting at Alpha Koney Diner
Dec. 18	AASPS	Christmas Party