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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.

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Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Christmas Party Monday, 18 Dec. 2023
6 P.M at John and Marlene Barr's house
1200 Whittier Rd. Ypsilanti 48197-2152
734-483-0839
Corner of Whittier Rd. and Roosevelt Blvd.
42° 14.86' N, 83° 37.63' W

All are welcome

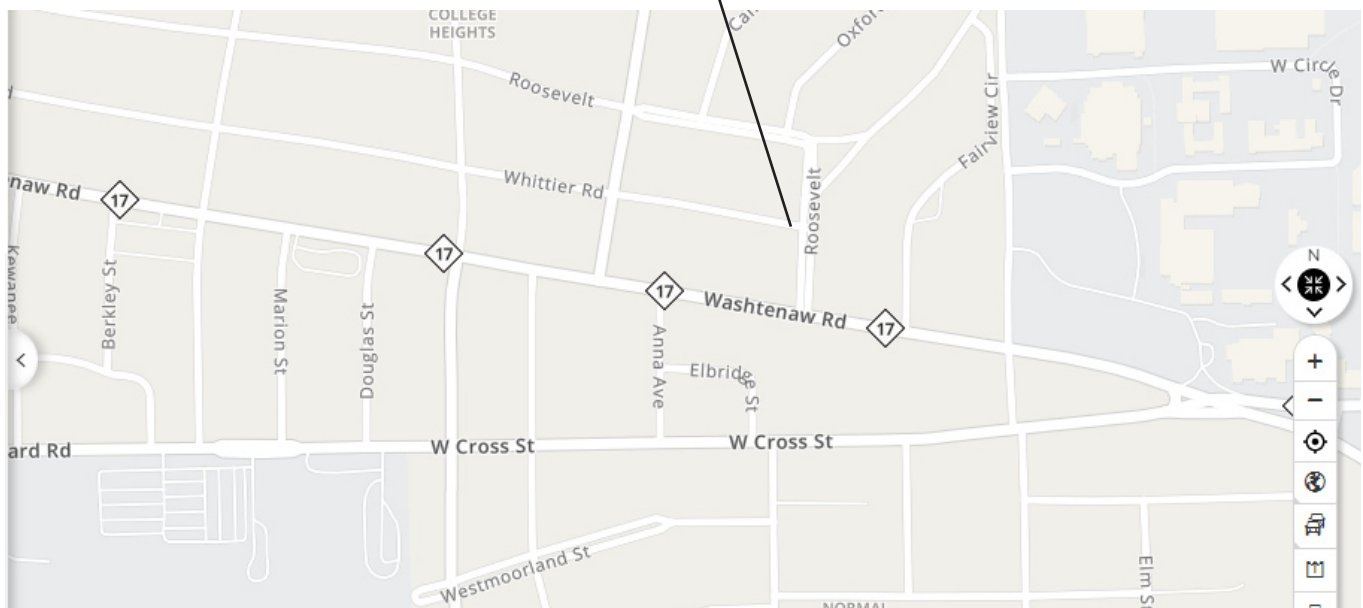
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Potluck. We will meet at 6 P.M. at John and Marlene Barr's house. RSVP to Marlene **734-483-0839** by Friday Dec. 15, 2023.



Barr house



Navigation Problem: You are sailing South of Cedarville, Michigan, in your deep draft (4' draft) sailboat, and a friend invites you to visit him at his Les Cheneaux Yacht Club on the south side of Pleasant Point on Marquette Island on Muscallonge Bay in the Les Cheneaux Islands area. Lat. 45° 58.3' N, Long. 084° 22.1' W. Using the MIDDLE ENTRANCE to the islands, what is your path to the Yacht Club ? What seven buoys do you pass? How deep is the shallow spot between buoys GC1 and GC3 ? E-mail me your answers.

You can google the yacht club to see pictures of the club and area near by. Use free OpenCPN digital charts for navigation.



Les Cheneaux Yacht Club



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The new Marine Navigation Course teaches the use of OpenCPN digital charts and has practice cruises -- a computer Bowditch Bay chart cruise and a Bowditch Bay paper chart cruise. They are fun.

Please reply to schwartzr348@aol.com and list courses and seminars you would like to take. See a list of all courses and seminars, below.

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.

Courses and seminars can be found on the USPS web site usps.org

Courses and seminars available from USPS are listed below. Courses take about 16 hours - 8 weeks . Seminars are about 2 hours long.

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USPS National meeting February 2024

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ABClub Annual Meeting
February 6-11, 2024
Orlando, Florida

Orlando 2024

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