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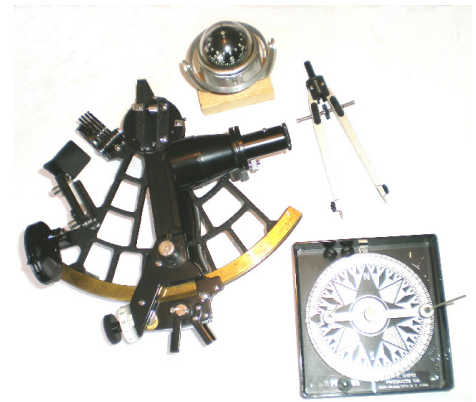
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Misc. Staff - Ch. Member Involvement, Ch. Operations Training. Advertising Staff for public courses and programs.

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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 15 May 2017
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

Sail and Power Boating Education

www.aaspsq.org/

We will meet at the Carlyle Grill west of the Lighthouse Car Wash. Order from the menu and pay your own bill. Please call Jeannine Buchanan 734-971-6589, so we can have enough tables set up. Visit Carlyle Grill web site to see their menu. <http://www.carlylegrill.com/>



Jennifer Fike



Carlyle Grill

Jennifer Fike will describe Michigan's Clean Water Act, the National Wildlife Federation, and Great Lakes water protection.

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National Wildlife Federation
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Michigan Puma in the Nature Center at Lake Erie Metro Park



Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Picnic

Monday, 12 June 2017

Argo Pond Park and Canoe Livery

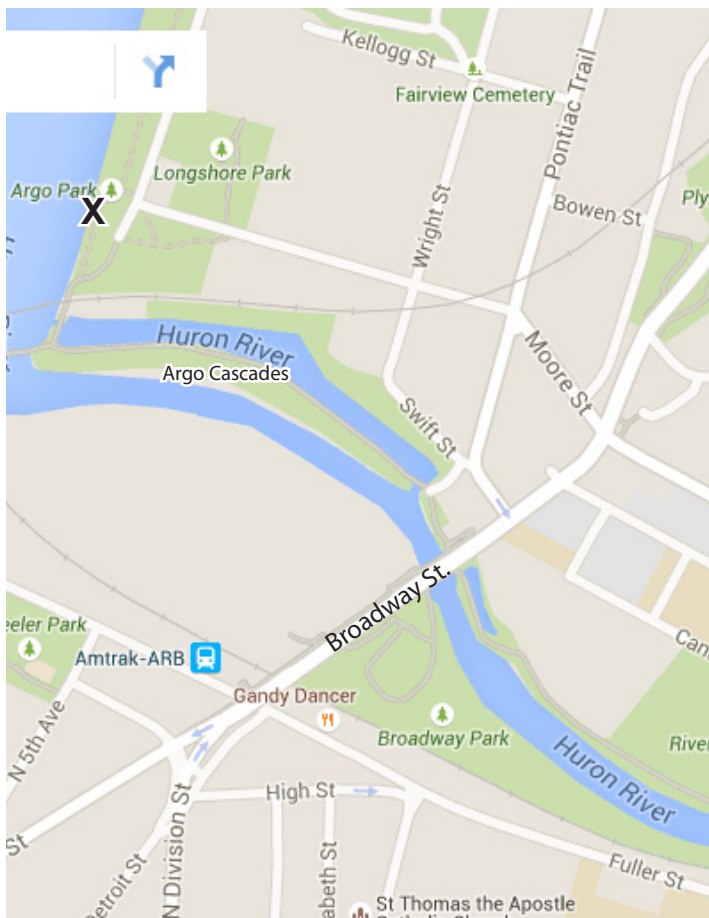
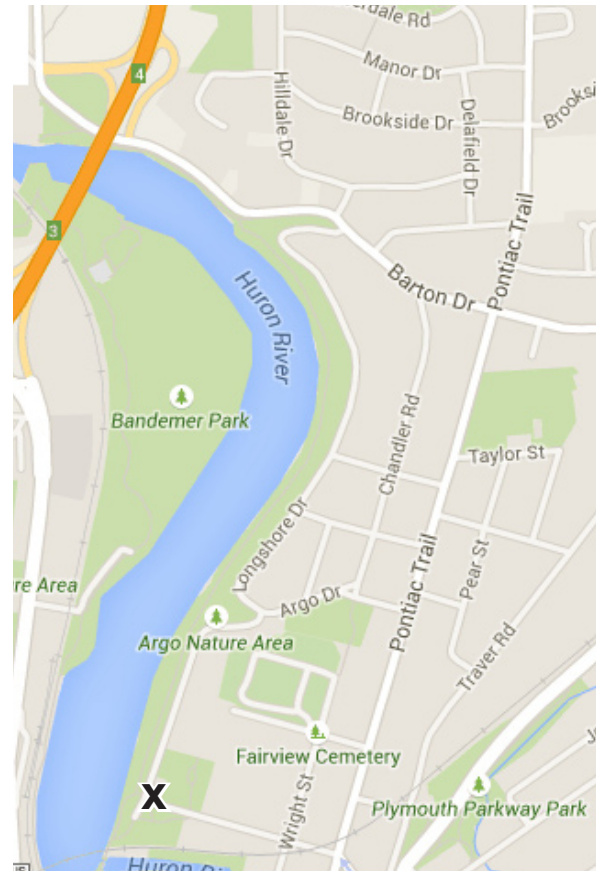
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Sail and Power Boating Education

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5 pm to 9 pm Picnic Potluck: We will meet at the Argo Pond Park and Launch Site on the east side of the Huron River next to Argo Pond Canoe Livery on Longshore Dr.

Sharon Pinsak will bring beer, wine, pop and fried chicken, plates, cups, tableware. \$5 each. Please bring a dish to pass - Please call Sharon Pinsak - 734-973-0441, and tell her what food you want to bring so we can have a variety.

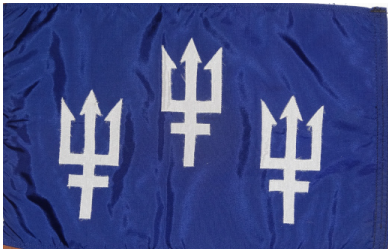


DIRECTIONS

Exit M14 at Exit #4 and take Barton Dr. south and east to Longshore Dr. Follow Longshore Dr. south along the river to the Argo Canoe Livery. X on the maps. Or, from downtown, take Division St. or Detroit St. north to Broadway St. Follow Broadway St. north-east to Moore St. Take Moore St. northwest. Moore St. will become Longshore Dr. on the west side of Pontiac Tr. Continue west to the river.



You can bring a boat, canoe, kayak or innertube, or rent one. There is a shallow boat launch at the picnic site.



Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



D9 spring conference. I attended the Friday night (Mar. 24) hospitality rooms and two of the Saturday 2 hour seminars. It was educational and fun meeting old and new friends. The hospitality rooms had drinks, barbeque, coldslaw, hot dogs, soup, ice cream Sundaes, etc. -- in line with the western theme for the week-end. At the SEO seminar DEO Tom Smith, N, reviewed changes and plans in USPS education. USPS is adding more courses aimed at on the water training and certifications. These courses are described in the USPS web site. The Virtual Trainer, which is a boating simulator, can be loaned to squadrons – contact DEO Tom Smith, N. *Currents* is an Education Department newsletter that is issued at each Governing Board meeting. www.usps.org/eddept/misc/currents.htm. USPS is developing E-books for internet access to the various USPS courses – the ABC course is available on line, and the on line Seamanship course is in development. USPS wants us to certify some members to conduct Personal On The Water Training (POTWT) – we cannot charge for the training but we can charge for books and expenses related to the training. When teaching our ABC basic boating course, the Michigan DNR wants us to use their test to issue the blue DNR Certificates. USPS encourages squadrons to use Facebook, Twitter, etc, for advertising USPS. USPS has developed many courses, many seminars, and many guides. USPS sells Guides, but members can download them free. Guides can be found at http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/usps_ed.html Seminars and courses can be found at <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?S> At the HQ800 seminar D/L/C Dave Kowalski, SN described the HQ800 system for registering students. It is used for all USPS courses and seminars, and stores the students names and other information.

Rendezvous. There are several rendezvous/parties coming up in May and June that you can attend. I have sent e-mailed flyers to our members and included them with this porthole. June 2- 4 Port Huron, June 16-18, Anchor Bay, June 20 is the *Bristol Bay* Education Cruise on the Detroit River.



Boat coming from Half Moon Lake

AASPS is planning a boating party on a set of interconnected lakes in the Pinckney State Recreation Area in the northwest corner of Washtenaw County -- Half Moon Lake, Bruin Lake, Blind Lake, Watson lake, and Patterson Lake are all connected by small channels. Canoes and kayaks are ideal since the connecting channels are probably shallow. There is a public beach and a launch site on northeast side of Half Moon Lake. There are no boat rentals on these lakes. A camp ground on the northwest side of Bruin Lake has a launch site for campers. Munhacker Boy Scout Camp is on the south side of Bruin Lake.

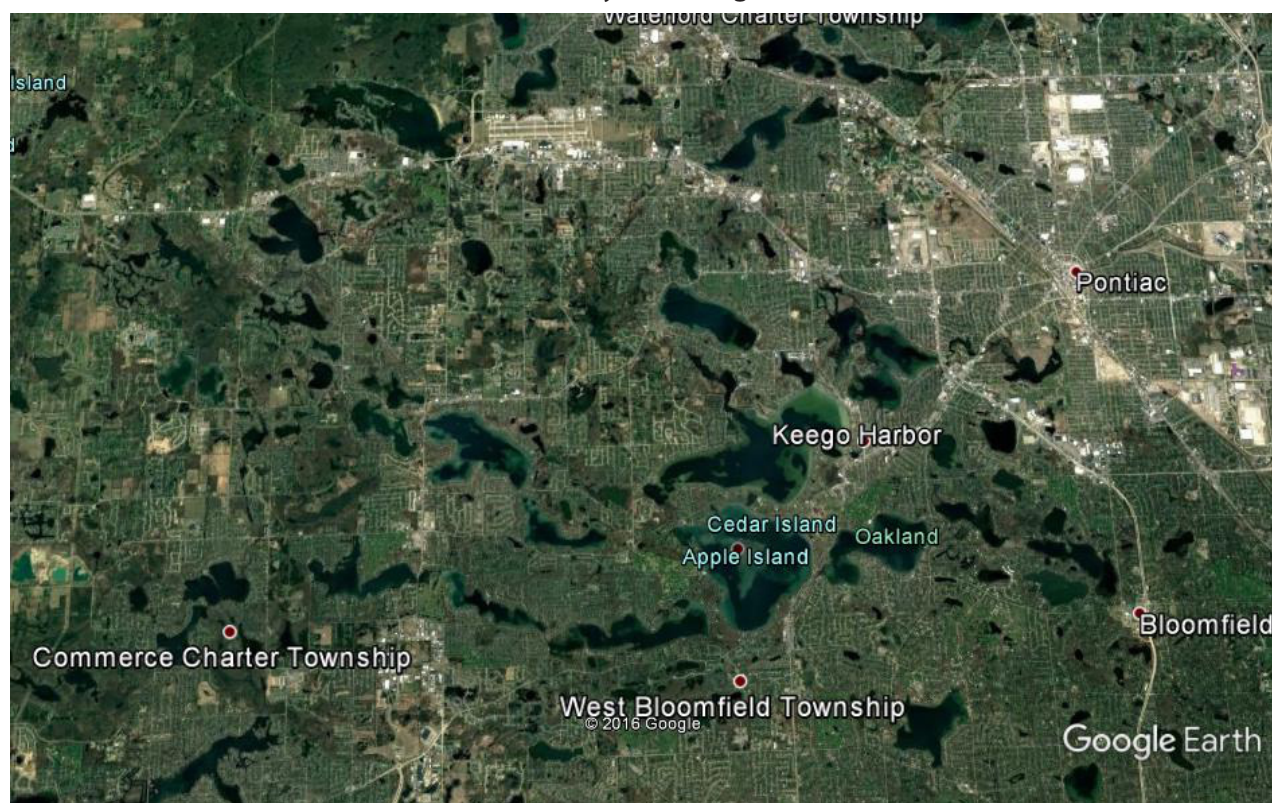


Channel into Blind Lake

Part of the Pinckney State Recreation Area



Oakland County Lakes region



Creeks feeding the Clinton River (Darb/Cass L ake), and the Huron River (Green Lake) are a half mile apart by Willow Rd. in the Oakland County lakes region west of Pontiac



Administrative Officers' Message Lt/C Jeanine and Bob Buchanan, P



Our District 9 in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) will again conduct the Bristol Bay Cruise on June 20th. First, the Bristol Bay (102) is a 140' bay class cutter based in Detroit and assigned to maintaining navigational aids and winter ice-breaking duties. It is one of 2 that can push a barge which serves as our teaching platform. The purpose of the 4 hour evening cruise is to afford USPS students an opportunity to learn night navigation.

This cruise is the only opportunity to ride on a real working cutter on the Detroit River at night and have the "run of the ship." After leaving the dock at the foot of Mt. Elliott, the cutter generally sails down the river toward or under the Ambassador Bridge, then turns up the river, past Belle Isle, and out into Lake St. Clair. The Peche Island range is then acquired for a spectacular night return with a magnificent view of the Detroit skyline back to the station. Each student is given a chart of the river which is also projected on a large screen, enabling them to identify the various aids to navigation, especially at night.

The cutter is available for boarding at 6:30 pm, departs at 7:00 pm. Registration must be submitted well in advance in order to enter the USCG station. Arrive promptly because photo identification is required and parking at the station is somewhat limited. The return has been close to 11:00 pm.

Here are a few suggestions. 1) Bring a light jacket or sweater because the evening can become cool after sunset, 2) A flashlight such as a cellphone helps to locate your automobile because the parking lot lighting can be minimal, 3) Binoculars are good to have, 4) A marine scanner will add to your enjoyment. Sarnia Coast Guard provides vessel traffic control, can be heard on Channel 12 covering commercial ship traffic from St. Clair Light (the crib light) in the center of Lake St. Clair to Detroit Light. Although we have sailed Lake St. Clair for 20 years, I have never learned why St. Clair Light is called the crib light.

The USCG station address is 110 Mount Elliott for your GPS. From East Jefferson, Mt. Elliott is easy to find because the Customs House is at the corner of Jefferson and Mt. Elliott. For dinner in advance, Sindbad's Restaurant (Marquette Street) has good food, reasonable prices, easy parking, and is about 10 minutes east of the USCG station. Refreshments such as soda and chips are available, provided by D9 on board.

The only off-limits area is the engine room. Several years ago we took our grandson, age 12 at the time. I lost him so started to search the cutter, found him down in the engine room with one of the engineers who was describing the 2 marine diesel engines.

We have registration forms if needed. If you have any questions call us at (734) 971-6589 or e-mail buchananra@msn.com Lastly, we can promise a great trip and wonderful learning experience.

Jeannine and Bob Buchanan
Administrative Officers, AASPS

Pictures from our April meeting



Lt/C John Barr Jr. Lt/C Marlene Barr



Freddy Ohou and Lt/C Peggy Moller



Lt/C Art, SN, and Lt. Sharon Pinsak



Lt/C's Bob, P, and Jeannine Buchanan



Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN

Boating Education

Basic Boating Course. We will start an ABC 16 hour (8 week) course August 8, 2017 at the St. Joe's Hospital class rooms if we have students.

Cruise Planning Course. I would like to take the USPS Cruise Planning course. If you want that course also, call me at 734-769-3476. We will meet in my dining room, or yours, and have Snacks and Cruising Planning and take turns giving the lectures. We will meet on Sunday or Monday nights -- whichever is most convenient that week, and use digital charts and Google Earth pictures to view each weeks table top cruise location. Cost is \$45 for members for the USPS text book. Ron.

Charts of Michigan inland lakes can be found in the Michigan DNR web site.

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10364_52261-67498_,00.html Click on the county, then click on the name of the lake.

A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
May 15	AASPS	General Meeting at Carlyle Grill. See page 3
June 12	AASPS	Picnic at Argo Pond. See page 4
June 2-4	PHPS	Rendezvous at Port Huron. 810-919-5719 jhaley@umflint.edu
June 16-18	ABPS	Rendezvous at Anchor Bay. See page 13.
June 20	D9	Bristol Bay Cruise. See page 10-12
August 8	AASPS	ABC class starts at St. Joe's.
Oct. 13-15	D9	2017 Fall D9 Conference in Gaylord Michigan

Guides can be found at

http://www.usps.org/e_stuff/usps_ed.html

Basic Plotting Guide
Boat Insurance
GMDSS and Marine Radio
How to Fly Flags
Knots, Bends and Hitches for Mariners
Knot Tying: The Basic Knots CD
Marine Amateur Radio
Mariner's Compass Guide
Navigational Astronomy
Plotting and Labeling Standards
Predicted Log Guide
Sailing, Introduction to
Sight Reduction Methods
USPS Nautical Glossary
Water Sports

Seminars can be found at

<https://www.usps.org/x/x.pl/x/x.cgi?eddept/cart/catlog.html>

Anchoring
Basic Weather and Forecasting
Boat Handling Under Power
Instructor Recertification
Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes
Crossing Borders
Emergencies on Board
Fuel and Boating
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
Partner in Command

Education Cruise June 20, 2017

I/we agree to its terms. Passengers under the age of 18 require consent and signature of a parent or guardian. Please sign and date. We cannot make your reservation unless signed by each person

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Sign and remove this section and send it along with your check by **June 13, 2017**

See mailing instructions below

In the space provided below, please **PRINT** the name of each member of your family or guests who will be accompanying you on the D/9 Educational Cruise.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

I understand that there will be no refund if I do not show up for the regularly scheduled cruise. If the cruise is canceled, I will be notified and the cruise will be rescheduled or my money will be refunded.

The Sponsoring Organization that I took the class from was the: _____

Power Squadron

USCGAUX _____ **Flotilla**

Fill out the form today and mail it along with your check made payable to **D/9 Educational Cruise Committee** to:

Before June 13, 2017, mail form and check to:

Stf/C Linda LaLonde, P

3734 Benstein Road

Commerce Twp. MI 48382-1813

(Phone) 248-842-3734

(Email) farmgirl3734@gmail.com

Student _____

Proctor _____

Member _____

US CG/USPS®/U SCGAUX
Educational Opportunity



Come Aboard
the Cutter

“Bristol Bay”
20 June 2017

Board 7: 00 PM

Depart 7: 30 PM

Sign up for a 3-hour United States Coast Guard (USCG), United States Power Squadron (USPS) and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX) D/9 educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft. Coast Guard Cutter "BRISTOL BAY." The Bristol Bay will also be pushing their Aids to Navigation (floating buoys, fixed aids and ranges) barge. The barge is capable of carrying approximately 250 people. Bring binoculars if you have them, and dress warmly.

The U S Power Squadron, the U S Coast Guard and US Coast Guard Auxiliary are the world's premier marine safety organizations that take great pride in sponsoring this educational opportunity to recreational basic boating students. This will be a unique 3-hour educational opportunity aboard the 140-ft ship and its 130-ft. barge for a total of a 270 foot vessel.

We will be traveling the waters of the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. We hope this event will provide the basic boating students with a better understanding of the aids to navigation and their light characteristics. An understanding of the aids to navigation is an essential part of safe boating, although covered in the classroom during your course; it is best understood by actually seeing the aids at sea. The timing has been planned so that daytime and evening light characteristics of the aids can be seen. During the entire voyage, a Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary member and an active duty Coast Guard Officer will provide commentary. You will see and hear about Aids to Navigation and more during our river and lake cruise. You'll have fun and improve your boating safety. Each Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary student will be given a chart replica of the river and lake areas we are going to cruise, showing the various navigational aids and their individual characteristics. They will be numbered on the chart and the actual aids and their light characteristics will be identified as we pass them.

We will begin boarding promptly at 7.00 PM at Coast Guard Station Group Detroit. This is at the foot of Mt. Elliott Avenue, right at the Detroit River. We will have personnel there to assist and direct you on parking and boarding procedures. A detailed map of the area will be mailed to you along with your boarding passes. Departure time is 7:30 P M.

CHILDREN: Children who attend the USPS or the USCGAUX Public Boating Courses are welcome to participate in this educational opportunity. However, we must restrict participation by other family members (and friends) to those 12 years of age and older. The Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary are family oriented organizations and we sponsor many activities that include children. But, because this cruise requires the concentration of the participants, we have the age restriction. Thanks for understanding.

ABOUT USPS: Formed in 1914, the United States Power Squadrons is the world's largest nonprofit boating organization. Their 28,368 members in the 450 squadrons are boating families who contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating on the water and in the classroom. All USPS members are volunteers. USPS District 9 is composed of 1,434 members in 20 squadrons. Collectively, these 20 squadrons teach the USPS ABC3 Boating Course to residents of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Indiana.

ABOUT USCGAUX: The Coast Guard Auxiliary was created by an Act Of Congress in 1939, as a non- military, civilian affiliate of the Coast Guard, and as such plays a substantial role In the National Safe Boating program. The total Coast Guard Auxiliary family consists of 35,000 volunteers. The District 9 Central region is composed of 10 Divisions, with 56 Flotillas and about 1500 members.

All of our basic boating students are being invited to join this event and because of this, we urge you to get your reservations in early. Fill out the form today and mail it along with your check. We are limited to 250 passengers and expect to fill up fast. First come, first served. If you are among those who enroll too late, your check will be refunded.

Instructions:

Yes, we are interested in joining the USPS and USCGAUX educational opportunity aboard the Coast Guard Cutter "Bristol Bay" on Tuesday June 20, 2017 and would like to reserve space now. We understand that we will be emailed further information and directions to the Bristol Bay. We understand that if the cruise is canceled because of extremely bad weather we will be contacted by phone and the cruise will be rescheduled or our money will be refunded.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

State: _____ ZIP:

Email Address:

Phone Number: _____

I have attached a check in the amount of \$.....

(\$15.00 per person to defray costs of training materials, refreshments and incidentals) to D/9 Educational Cruise Committee. Please write your phone number on the front of the check. List all names of the attendees in the space provided on the back.

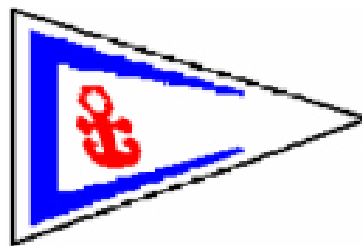
Please read the following statement of responsibility and indicate your agreement by signing and dating in the space provided. This Statement must accompany your form and check. Thank You.

Responsibility:

This D/9 educational opportunity is an optional voluntary event intended to familiarize the student with Aids to Navigation. The United States Department of Transportation, the United States Coast Guard or any of its officers or agents, USPS, USPS District 9, squadrons in District 9 and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Divisions, Flotillas in 9 Central Region and the District 9 Cruise Committee shall be held free of responsibility for any damage, injury or loss resulting from any cause. Alcohol and unlawful substances will not be permitted on board and any student known to have same in his or her possession shall be denied boarding.

Neither USPS, USPS District 9, the squadrons, USCG AUX, Divisions, Flotillas in 9CR the District 9 Cruise Committee employees, affiliates or representatives own, or operate, manage, control, inspect, distribute or warrant any vehicle, vessel, or any product, premises or service, provided directly or indirectly in connection with the cruise; nor are they or any of them responsible or liable for any accident, injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, delay or any other irregularity of any nature whatsoever arising directly from the District 9 Educational Cruise, or from any part thereof due to any cause whatsoever including negligence, strikes, terrorism or Acts Of God.

*'Come one
Come all'*



*'By boat
By Car'*

Anchor Bay Power Squadron® St. Clair Harbor Rendezvous



Hosted by Jackie & Bob Senkmajor,
John & Jill Niebieszczanski



June 16th. Friday ~ arriving, fellowship & on your own.

June 17th. Saturday ~ noon to 5:00 fellowship, games, cards & etc. in pavilion.
Please bring snacks to share & B.Y.O.Beverage.

5:00 Dinner provided for nominal charge. Bring your own table ware.

June 18th. Sunday am ~ Continental Breakfast provided, then depart.

For reservations for Boat or RV

Call 810 – 329 - 4125 or 800 – 447 – 2757

As soon as possible (filling up fast)

For Dinner Reservations

E-mail Jackie Senkmajor senkmi@att.net or

Call 810 – 794 - 7527

Note: We will order food for people that RSVP