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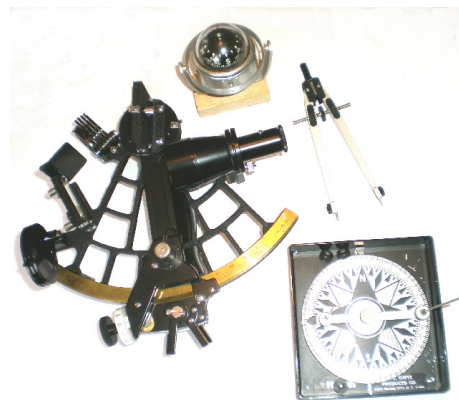
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**Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron
Meeting 6 P. M. Monday 22 Jan. 2018
Carlyle Grill 3660 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor Michigan 48103
Lat. 42° 17.1' N, Long. 83° 48.2' W**

Sail and Power Boating Education

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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/>



D/Lt/C Thomas J. Smith, N-CN



Carlyle Grill

Change of Watch will be administered by
District D9 Education Officer D/Lt/C Thomas J. Smith, N-CN

2018 Nominations

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Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



We thank all the officers of AASPS for their volunteer work last year. We all got merit marks. Marlene and John Barr. Jr., Bob and Jeannine Buchanan, Peggy Moller, and Arthur and Sharon Pinsak and I. We are all on the officer nomination list again this year.

USPS has traditionally designed boating courses for large boats on coastal waters and the Great Lakes. USPS wants us to expand our membership to boaters on small lakes and rivers with paddle craft such as canoes, kayaks and boards. We did that last August with a rendezvous on a chain of small lakes with 4 people on a kayak and canoe. We had fun and will try it again in 2018.

Our 2017 Christmas Party was fun with good food and music. We all had a good time at the Buchanan's home -- thank you very much to Bob and Jeannine -- our marvelous hosts.

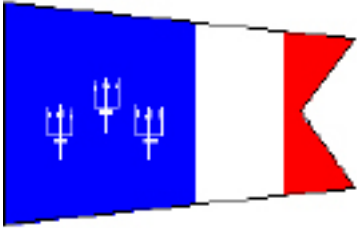
Our Administrative Officers have programs lined up for the first half of 2018 and reservations at the Carlyle Grill.

Notice: We are not having a February General Meeting this year because almost half of our regular attendees will be out of town.

Escape the snow and ice and go to the National USPS meeting Orlando, FL 18 Feb-25 Feb, 2018
For more info: http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetinginfo.php?mtg_id=21



Rosen Center
This is the main
meeting Hotel
9840 International
Drive
Orlando FL



P/C Bob Buchanan, P



Readers of this column know that I enjoy describing events on the Great Lakes. Canadian Pacific Railway's *S. S. Assiniboia* was built in Scotland around 1900 for passenger and freight service between Port McNicoll on the eastern shore of Georgian Bay and Port William (now Thunder Bay) on the northern shore of Lake Superior. This 2.5 day voyage along with her sister ship, the *S.S. Keewatin* was specifically responsible for the economic development of Alberta and Saskatchewan that brought them into the Canadian Confederation in 1905. The two ships provided a comfortable route for passengers across Canada; train from Toronto to Port McNicoll, then overnight passage, onward by rail from Fort William. Their route required locks passage at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in each direction.

On June 9, 1909, *Assiniboia* entered the Canadian lock downbound and made fast to the wall. The upper gates remained open as the ore carrier *Crescent City* also entered the lock. Meanwhile, the *Percy G. Walker* approached the closed lower gates to await the two downbound vessels to lock through. The Walker's captain placed the Chadburn in full reserve in order to stop along side the wall. But the Engineer misread the signal, put the engine in full ahead, resulting in a collision and fracture of the lower lock gates. The rush of water forced the Walker sideways; *Assiniboia* ripped out the bullards, cascaded down, collided with the Walker, then went to anchor. In spite of this mad scene, injuries were minor. An emergency gate was then lowered so that repairs could be made to the badly damaged locks.

Imagine two passengers on the *Assiniboia* saying to each other; "Regina, that was so exciting, I did not know that locking was so quick, I can't wait to tell Angus."

One picture is a photograph of a mural by Parks Canada at the locks which shows the event with water running freely from Lake Superior into the St. Mary's River. The other is the *Assiniboia* from my own collection. However, no Great Lakes captain would ever need a tug in good weather; also a flag is never placed on the steering pole at the bow.



Damaged Lock at Sault Ste. Marie



S. S. Assiniboia

Boating Education

Basic Boating Course. We will offer our ABC course this spring with an ad in the USPS web site where all USPS Squadron courses are advertised, at <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/cfindx.cgi?C> Click on the course , enter your zip code and the distance you are willing to travel and click 'Locate'.

Cruise Planning Course starts February 12. Call me by January 30 if you want that course. 734-769-3476. We will meet in my dining room. Cost is \$45 for members for the USPS text book. Ron.

A Partial List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT AND LOCATION
Jan. 11-19	Detroit Boat Show	Cobo Hall
Jan. 22	AASPS	Change of Watch Meeting at Carlyle Grill 6 PM
Feb. 12	AASPS	Cruise Planning Course starts.

No AASPS General Meeting in February

Cruising World Magazine February 2018 issue page 87 has a good article on NOAA digital charts and AIS (Automatic Identification System) to avoid collisions on the water, and the winter 2018 issue of the *Ensign* magazine page 15 has an article on AIS.

From the Dearborn Power Squadron's January newsletter

Great Lakes Boaters, the National Weather Service Wants Your Input. The Open Lake Forecast (GLF) is a text product issued by the National Weather Service stating expected weather conditions through five days. It's written mainly in a sentence style that adds extra length to the forecast. The NWS has developed an alternate format for the information and wants to know if this is easier to read and if Great Lakes boaters find it helpful. You can compare the current and alternative formats and provide comments by March 31, 2018. Email: Pete TenBrink Read more: <http://www.weather.gov/greatlakes/modernized>



Soft Shoal meets a freighter at the south end of the St. Mary's River