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P/C Charles Robert Snider, SN Life member

COMMANDER C. ROBERT SNIDER CROSSES THE BAR FOR THE LAST TIME TO MEET HIS GREAT PILOT

Charles "Bob" Robert Snider, age 97, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away peacefully at his residence surrounded by his loved ones on Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Bob was born on March 26, 1923 to parents Charles and Gail (Trichler) Snider in Cambridge, Ohio and raised with his four siblings: John, Tom, Gail, and Ann. Bob enlisted with the United States Army Air Corps and proudly served during World War II. As there was wartime interruption while Bob was working towards completing his education, he attended 23 colleges and universities, which included the University of Michigan and ultimately he obtained his degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

March 26, 1923 to August 15, 2020

While working at Chanute Air Force Base in Paxton, Illinois, Bob met Rose Van Dam. The two began dating and had a wartime wedding. Not long after, Bob was transferred to Fairbanks, Alaska where he would provide weather briefings to allied airmen. In 1949, while living in Alaska, Bob and Rose welcomed a son, John Robert Snider. Bob accepted a position as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, relocating the Snider family to Chicago, Illinois, where his daughter, Margaret Rose, was born. In 1966, after receiving a promotion, Bob and his family moved to Michigan.

In 1989, Bob retired from his position as Michigan Area Manager for the National Weather Service where he spent 45 years working with the military, private industry, and the Government. He received a U.S. Department of Commerce Bronze Medal Award for the competent performance of duty as meteorologist-in-charge of the National Weather Service forecast office at Detroit.

Following retirement, Bob continued to stay busy with various leadership roles. He participated in various aspects of the Ann Arbor Eastern Kiwanis Club where he served as President, Governor of Division 10, and Chairman of International Relations for Michigan. He was also involved with the American Meteorological Society and served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

In 2001, after 56 years of marriage, Rose passed away leaving a hole in Bob's heart. Bob attended many local events to spend time with friends and make new memories. While attending an event at the Ann Arbor Senior Center, Bob met Luz Infante, and the two instantly hit it off. They enjoyed each other's humor, sharing many smiles and laughs together and perfecting their dance moves. The two were nominated King and Queen of the Ann Arbor Senior Center for their numerous public service contributions, especially successfully campaigning to forego the impending closure of the Senior Center. They married in 2010 at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor and joined their families together bringing renewed joy to each other's lives.

A scientist and a Christian, Bob was 94 years old when he published his book, 'Search the Scriptures with an Open Mind' -- a book about proving events in the Bible through science. At the time of his passing Bob was working on his second book.

Bob was very active in the Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron for 46 years, earning 34 merit marks, filling all the officer positions on the Bridge and as Commander. He was a life member, taught the weather course and many other squadron courses, to the Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron and several other Squadrons. He took all the U.S.P.S. courses and achieved the rank of Senior Navigator (SN) and Life Member. Bob was a meticulous researcher and managed and edited the Squadron amendment of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Bob was predeceased by his first wife, Rose Snider; his daughter-in-law, Jan Snider; and his siblings, John, Tom, Ann Palmer.

He leaves behind his loving wife of ten years, Luz Infante; his children, John Snider and Margaret (Roger Dodd) Hakun; step-daughter, Katia (Len) Prezecki; his grandchildren, Emily (Derek) Benedict, Michael Hakun, Arianna and Vincent Prezecki; and great-grandchildren, Audrey, Natalie, and Brielle Benedict; and his sister, Gail Martin.

A Memorial Service was held for immediate family only on Monday, August 24, 2020. A link was provided to view the Memorial Service virtually.

R.I.P. Commander Bob.

Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron Meetings canceled



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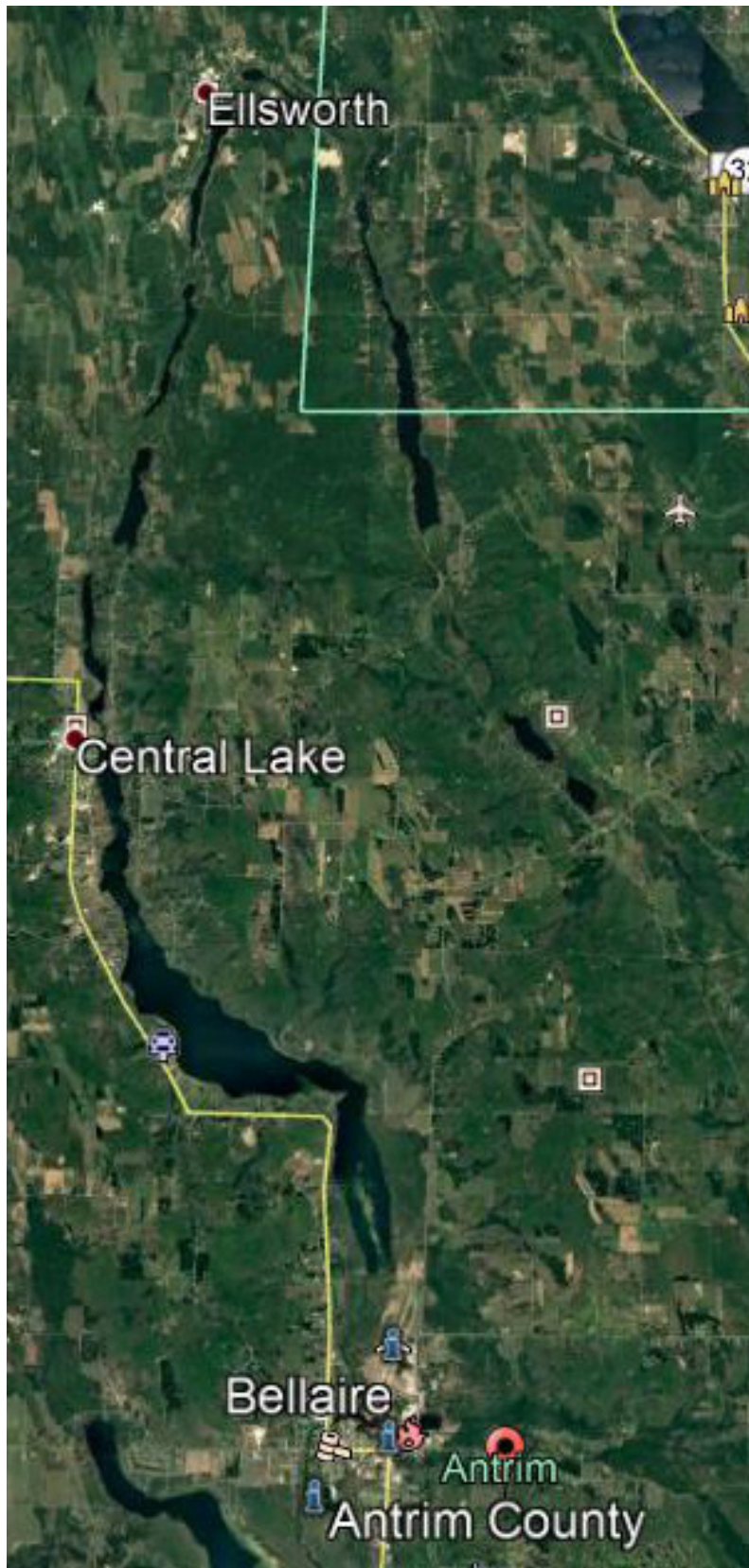
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Antrim County Michigan has a 14 mile chain of lakes and rivers from Sixmile Lake to Bellaire -- Sixmile Lake, Saintclair Lake, Ellsworth Lake, Wilson Lake, Ben-Way Lake, Hanley Lake, and Intermediate Lake. There are several bridges to go under or carry over at Bridge Street in Ellsworth, Clay Pitt Bridge Road, State Street in Central Lake village, and Mohrmann Bridge Road.



Send your favorite nautical photos to aapsclasses@aol.com

Google Earth photo of the Antrim county Chain of Lakes thru Ellsworth and Central Lake to Bellaire. Swamps upstream from Sixmile Lake , between M 66 and M 88 northwest of Mancelona, feed the system.



Goggle Earth view of the Antrim County Chain of Lake through Ellsworth and Central Lake to Bellaire.

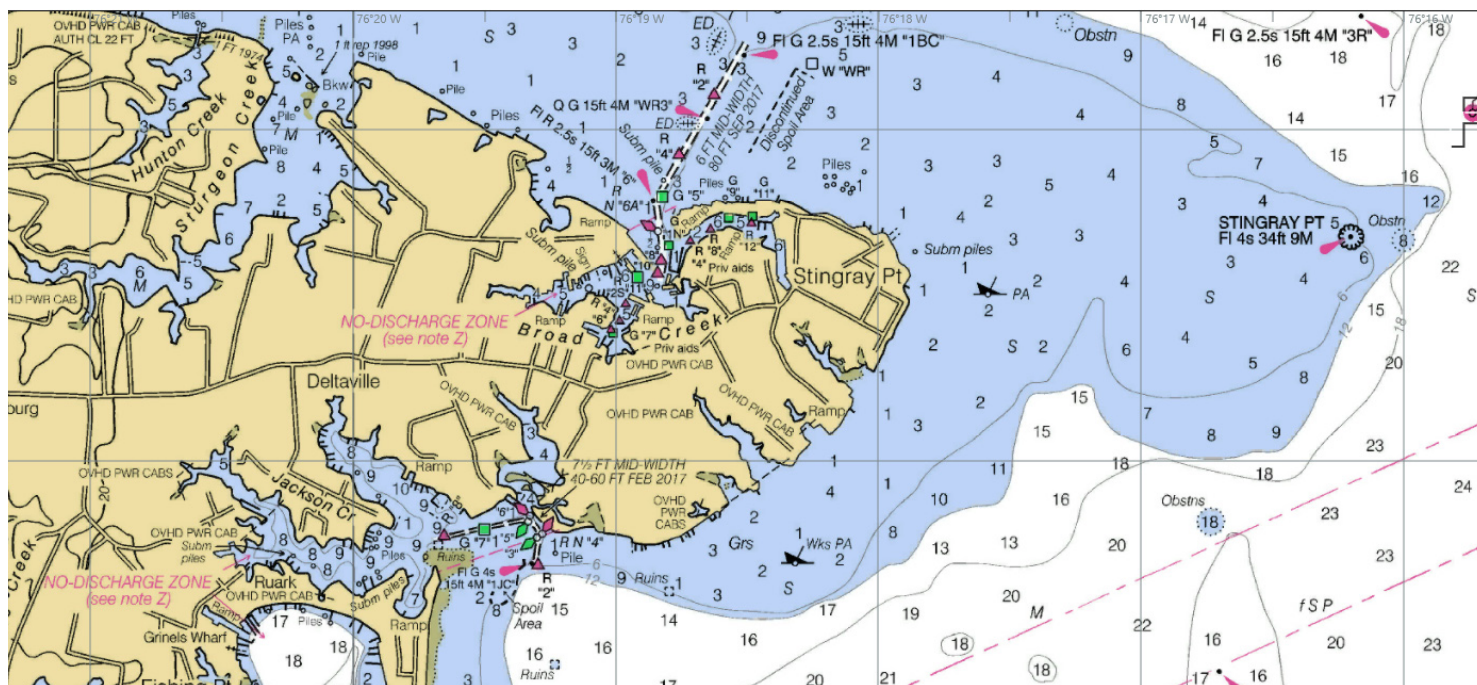


Commander's Message

Cdr. Ron Schwartz, SN



Stingray Point in Chesapeake Bay, east of Deltaville Virginia, was named by Captain John Smith in 1608 during his explorations of the bay, after he stabbed a southern stingray with his sword. The stingray stabbed Captain Smith in the wrist. It was so painful Capt. Smith thought he would die and directed his men to dig his grave, but Dr. Walter Russell applied a "precious oil" and saved his life. The crew of the *Discovery Barge* had a delicious fish dinner there including the stingray. From page 102 of *Chesapeake*, a National Geographic book by John Page Williams. This book describes Captain Smith's explorations of the bay while looking for gold and minerals, settlement areas, a Northwest Passage to the Orient, and Native Americans to trade with. Pocahontas, the 10 year old daughter of Indian Chief Powhatan, saved Capt. Smith's life when the Indians captured him.



Part of chart KAPP 2974 CHESAPEAKE BAY from OpenCPN, Stingray Point is on the south side of the Rappahannock River where it flows into the Chesapeake bay.

Boating Education

Boat Handling Course is Now Available Online from USPS.
This replaces the Seamanship Course.

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>

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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

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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
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All meetings are canceled until the
Coronavirus is controlled.

