

# The Porthole

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# Ann Arbor Sail and Power Squadron

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To see the District 9 Calendar. <https://d9-usps.org/> click on dates on the calendar in the upper right side corner.

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

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 meeting Friday  
May 17, 2024, 6 P.M. at Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, 2122  
Wittaker Rd. ,Ypsilanti, MI 48197 Menu is at [www.allmenus.com/mi/ypsilanti/283683-aubrees](http://www.allmenus.com/mi/ypsilanti/283683-aubrees)  
42° 12.5' N 83° 37.2' W

All are welcome

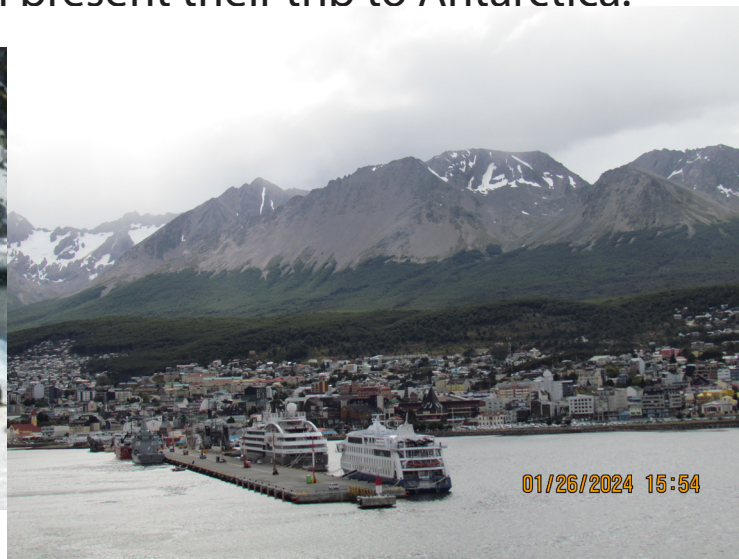
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We will meet at 6 P.M. at the Aubree's.  
2122 Wittaker Rd. South of Ypsilanti. Take I-94  
to Exit 183, Huron Street. Go south on Huron to  
Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill at the corner of Huron  
and Wittaker Rd. South of Krogers. Order from  
the menu. Please RSVP to Ron at AAPSclasses@  
aol.com. Easy parking in the southeast corner of  
Paint Creek Crossing.



Program: John and Marlene Barr will present their trip to Antarctica.



Thankyou to all our workers. We all got a Merit Mark for year 2023.

Nominations for 2024 officers are the same as last year. Our election will be at our next meeting.

Commander Ron Schwartz, SN

Exec. Officer Peggy Moller

Treasurer Marlene Barr

Secretary John Barr Jr.

SEO Ron Schwartz, SN

ASEO John Barr Sr. AP

We will accept other nominations at our meeting.

## Ocean Inlet Videos from USPS National

A group of nine new Intracoastal Waterway Inlet Drone Videos (IDVs) have been approved for public release by the U.S. Coast Guard. IDVs combine aerial video footage and 3D chart animations to help recreational boaters plan their first sorties through challenging and dangerous U.S. waterway entrances. Closed-captioned streaming versions of these videos are at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLglbejlMU2Hd\\_IYJGtyK6udYt4t-4zFSz](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLglbejlMU2Hd_IYJGtyK6udYt4t-4zFSz). Eight of the new IDVs are available now for download from [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Dsul\\_dzAx-oZTISp-meQ9jYhxYGs6lvUd](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Dsul_dzAx-oZTISp-meQ9jYhxYGs6lvUd), with the ninth to be added in the near future.

America's Boating Channel was honored with the 2023 Global Award for Maritime Services. The press release is available [here](#). You also may want to remind your members, and especially your Educational Officers, that since America's Boating Channel's launch, all of its videos have been available to USPS members to screen and download for free at [bit.ly/USPSABC](https://bit.ly/USPSABC). This is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.

Again, please reach out to me by email or phone if you have questions. And, let me know how you use the material provided. Through this initiative we want to provide added value to our squadrons and clubs, while promoting boater education and boating safety through each video we produce. For all USPS-ABC members, America's Boating Channel is OUR boating safety and boater education video service, and Squadron/District Newsletter Kits are a tremendous way to support that.

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# Boating Education

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.

Nautical words can be found at <https://boatingbeast.com/nautical-terms/>

Please reply to [schwartzr348@aol.com](mailto: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](http://usps.org)

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 courses: 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 Radar for Boaters (RA)

## List of Events

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
May 17	AASPS	General Meeting at Aubree's. See page 3.
June 17	AASPS	Picnic at John and Marleen Barr's house