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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2015 Activities Calendar

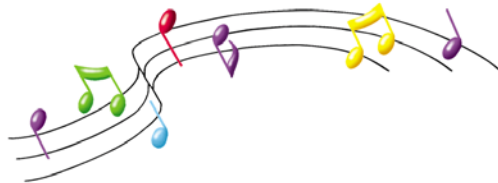
April 2	Ron Getz's Band	Elks Club
April 9	Commander's Lunch	The Cottage
April 16	Executive Meeting	The Cottage
April 24-26	D9 Spring Conference	Shanty Creek

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APRIL

2015

Ron Getz's Band



1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner
2 Entrees
Salads, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert
18.00/person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Mar 29 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, Mar 30



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S

Hello to all! Welcome spring! We held anchoring seminar last week at West Marine with a turnout of 12 people. Thank you for another great job, Jerry. ABC is starting soon with our bridge members helping to instruct.

Spring conference news is that I helped secure Jessie for the 9 a.m. program and Mark Gill from the Sault lock program for the 11 a.m. program. Please remember this is at Shanty Creek April 24 & 25.

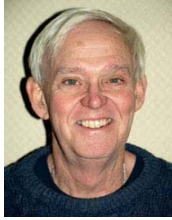
Nationals for 2016 spring has been moved to Feb. 14-21 and will be held at the Rosen Center on International Drive in Orlando, Fla.

Please read Admin-O Janet's report, very exciting meeting coming up at the GTBYC. We are invited! Ron Getz jazz trio is our April program, please attend to hear the music and shake-it on the dance floor. See you there,



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Dinner with the MHA ... Hello all. Our Squadron has been invited to attend the first ever Maritime Heritage Alliance "Adventure Presentation" on Saturday, April 25, 2015. It will be held at the Yacht Club. The dinner is \$10.00, and there will be a cash bar. Cocktails are at 1700, dinner at 1800. At 1830, the first speaker will be Captain Brian Smith. At 1900 Doug Roberts will speak on his 10 years in the Mediterranean. After the speakers, all attendees are welcomed to stay and get to know members of the other organizations. This is an excellent opportunity for our Squadron members to spread our mission! Please let Commander Jan Hartesvelt know if you will be attending (she needs to get the head count to the MHA). You can let her know at the next general membership meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015 or email her at rosesforjanet@gmail.com



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP

1. there were 8 students enrolled in the America's boating course this last Saturday at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club. Teaching that day were Jerry Williams, Tom Stone and David Terrell. Next Saturday, March 28th, Jerry Williams, Jan Hartsfeldt, Harve Norris. Tom Lyon and David Terrell will be presenting material. Students will take their test and we expect all of them to pass.

2. The Bridge approved the Education Department's request for the purchase of new hardware to supports its mission. We will be purchasing a new computer and projector to replace equipment which is now outdated and has served for many years. We will also purchase a screen we can use to make seminar presentations at West Marine. the screen will be mounted there permanent-ly. Finally we will purchase a 32" flat screen which we will use to show videos at events like the Shakedown Cruise or the Freshwater Festival where we want to help the public understand who we are and encourage them to think about joining our organization.

3. The sail trim and mast tuning seminar will be held at the Grand Traverse Yacht club on March 5th 2003.

4. The Sail course, to be held at Grand Traverse Yacht Club, will begin Monday April 6th at 7 PM. About 7 students are signed up at this time.

5. Students in the electronic Navigation course evaluated the course. They were very positive about the quality of teaching in the course. They made a number of suggestions about how the course material might be improved. This was the first time the course has been given in many years. Instructional materials were provided by the Canadian Power Squadrons as the course materials from the USPS is not yet available.

6. The Education department is working on updating its data base of sources that can publicize our activities. We think that if we have a bigger data base which reaches a wider audience, we may be able to expand the number of people who take our courses. Of course, some of those people may also join the squadron

APRIL BIRTHDAYS—

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| 4/01 Pat Musson | 4/15 Dave Millross |
| 4/01 Tom Stone | 4/20 Joan Blount |
| 4/12 Ed Bosworth | 4/24 Richard DeBoer |
| 4/12 M R Gillooly | 4/28 Bill Bailey |
| 4/12 Brandon Rinehart | 4/29 Art Dundon |
| 4/13 Doug Heussner | 4/29 Shirley Van Rhee |
| 4/15 Carol Currin | |





Safety Officer's Report Lt Brian Nelson, AP

SPRING LAUNCH CHECKLIST

Here's a handy Spring Preparation Checklist to use in getting your boat ready for the boating season, compliments of our friends at Boat/US. Print this page and take it with you when go to the barn to rip off the shrink-wrap. Revise the checklist to suit your special situation.

BEFORE YOU LAUNCH:

- Inspect and lubricate seacocks. Hoses and hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary. Replace corroded seacocks and thru-hulls.
- Replace deteriorated zincs.
- Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft – if it's loose, the cutlass bearing may need to be replaced.
- Check to make sure the rudderstock hasn't been bent.
- Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
- Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is free of corrosion and properly secured.
- Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. After the boat is launched, be sure to check these as well as through-hulls for leaks.
- Use a hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary. OUT-DRIVES and OUTBOARD ENGINES:

- Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds), and replace if suspect.
- Check power steering and power trim oil levels. Replace worn-out zincs.
- Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable has to be replaced.

ENGINES AND FUEL SYSTEMS:

- Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks and make sure all lines are well supported with non-combustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
- Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Clamps should be snug and free of rust. Clean fuel filters.
- Inspect cooling hoses and fittings for stiffness, rot, leaks and/or cracking. Make sure they fit snugly and are double-clamped.
- Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifold for corrosion.
- Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Wire-brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water.
- Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks.

SAILBOAT RIGGING:

- Inspect fittings for cracks and rust. Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for "fishhooks" and rust.
- Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape.
- Recaulk through-deck chainplates as necessary (generally, once a decade).

TRAILERS:

- Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air pressure. Don't forget the spare!
- Inspect bearings and repack as necessary.
- Test tail and back-up lights. Test winch to make sure it's working properly.
- Inspect trailer frame for rust. Sand and paint to prevent further deterioration.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Check expiration dates on flares and fire extinguishers.
- Check stove and remote tanks for loose fittings and leaking hoses.
- Inspect bilge pump and float switch to make sure it's working properly.
- Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafing.
- Update or replace old charts, waterway guides.
- Check shore power cable connections for burns, which indicates the cable needs to be replaced.
- Make sure your boat registration is up to date. Don't forget your trailer tags and dinghy registrations too.
- Review your boat insurance policy and update coverage if needed. Be sure you have fuel spill insurance coverage.
- Make sure you have a properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids and pets.

This list should get you started thinking. Add or delete items to make it specific to your boat, and maybe add space after each item to record information on what was replaced or serviced. It can then become a valuable part of the ship's papers.

March Invocation

March the equinox month, the start of spring
And after his Feb. we are hoping for the warmth it can bring

We in the north are will aware of the cold
But with this years' extreme, it is all getting old

We look to the heavens and hope there may be
Something other than snowflakes for us to see

We pray God that our white earth will soon turn green
And our ice becomes a beautiful clear running stream

Guide us Lord to do our very best every day
And towards this goal God to you we pray

P/C Bill Klein, AP

MARCH MEETING—



Alan Holcombe
John Holcombe, AP



Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP
P/C Bill Young, AP
P/C Dave Terrell, AP



Tom Lyon, AP
Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S
Barb Lyon, AP



Chuck Watson, AP
Carol Watson, AP



Edy Davies
Elaine Young
John Davies, SN



Bobbie Schott, AP
P/C Joe Schott, AP

Correction: Conference date are April 24-26.



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April 23 – 25, 2015

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Reservations Must Be Received By: March 23, 2015

Reservation requests received after this date will still be accepted provided rooms are available.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL OR FAX TO:

Reservations Department • Shanty Creek Resorts

5780 Shanty Creek Road • Bellaire, MI 49615

Fax: 231.533.7004

Check-in begins at 5pm, Check-out is 12 Noon.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Business Phone: _____

Confirmation Email: _____ Fax: _____

You are welcome to arrive early or extend your stay following this scheduled event. At times specified accommodations are not available prior to or following your event. If the room type requested is not available, we reserve the right to assign the next available room type and rate.

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ # Adults: _____ # Children: _____

Quantity	Room Type	1 Adult	2 Adults	3 Adults	4 Adults
	Guest Room (2 Beds)	\$99	\$99	\$114	\$129
	Parlor Studio (King Bed)	\$109	\$109		

Additional guest fee is \$15.00 per person, per night. Children under 18 may stay free in their parents' room using existing bedding. The above rates are per room, per day, plus 6% state tax, 9% resort fee and 5% TCCVB fee.

THIS FORM MUST BE MAILED OR FAXED IN TO RECEIVE THE GROUP DISCOUNTED RATES.

Deposit Policy: You must guarantee your room reservation with a major credit card or a check for deposit of 1st nights lodging. Credit card WILL BE charged for the above deposit. Use of Debit cards at the resort for lodging or deposits may cause your financial institution to put a hold on your account for the total amount of the stay plus a \$50.00 per night incidental charge. The resort is not responsible for returned check fees resulting from this practice by your financial institution. Refund of your deposit will be made if cancellation occurs at least 5 days prior to arrival, less a \$10 handling fee.

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

If Mailing a Check, Please Note on the Line Above. Your reservation will be held for 10 days pending receipt of the check. If credit card deposit is made and organization pays in full by check refunds of credit card are subject to a \$10.00 handling fee.

Signature (Required): _____ Printed Name _____

Do you have any special lodging requests? Barrier Free: _____ Other (Please Indicate): _____

We do our best to honor special requests, however we cannot guarantee them.

FOR QUESTIONS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 800.678.4111