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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2016 Activities Calendar

April 7	Lt Adam Morehouse, US Coast Guard-1600	Elks Club
April 8-10	D9 Spring Conference	Dearborn, MI
April 11	Sail Class starts	GT Yacht Club
April 13	Emergencies on Board Seminar-1700	West Marine
April 14	Lunch with the Commander- 1200	The Cottage
April 20	Executive Meeting-1600	The Cottage
April 27	Rules of the Road-1700	West Marine
May 4	Boat Handling Under Power-1700	West Marine
May 5	Lunch with the Commander-1200	The Cottage
May 12	Awards Night-1600 (Note day Change)	Elks Club
June 17-19	Shakedown Cruise	Elk Rapids Marina
July 17	Power Island Picnic	Power Island
July 26-Aug 3	eQUALITY Cruise	
August 19-20	Lobster Bake	Northport



7 APRIL 2016



Lt Adam Morehouse, US Coast Guard

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

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, April 3, please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, April 4.

[\(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting\)](#)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas Stone, P

Just when it looked like Spring was upon us, Mother Nature brought us back to reality and dumped a foot of the white stuff. I actually was able to do a couple of things on the boat last week and toyed with removing the tarp, but something told me that it wasn't a wise idea.

Janet and I are heading to Florida the first week of April, so I will miss the April meeting on April 7 and the D9 conference. Executive Officer Bill Smethells will run the general meeting. We have a great program planned with Lt. Adam Morehouse of the US Coast Guard as our guest speaker. Also lunch without the Commander will be held on April 14. We still have a few openings for the TC Boat Show booth, April 8-10, so please let me know by April 1 if you are willing to help out the Squadron.

There are a couple of date changes for May. First the General meeting, which is awards night, will be held the second Thursday or May 12. Lunch with the Commander will be the first Thursday or May 5.

Please check the Squadron Website for all of our great Summer events including Shakedown, Power Island Picnic, Equality Cruise, and the Lobster Bake.

Janet and I wish you all a Happy Easter and will see you soon.





EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Dave Terrell, AP

1. The Engine Maintenance class has finished, but grades have not been returned as yet.
2. The Weather class continues and will conclude with the last class and examination on April 4th.
3. Current enrollment in Marine Electrical Systems is 12 with more expected by the start of class on Octej '52.
4. Two sail classes will be offered this year. One will be held at Grand Traverse Yacht Club and Elmwood Township Marina and run from April 31th to about June 20th. The other will be offered in conjunction Northwestern Michigan College's Extended Educational Services Division. That class will run from July 11 to August 22 and meet at the Maritime Academy and Elmwood Township Marina.
- 5 Enrollments in these classes indicate that our partnership with Northwestern Michigan College is working and has promise for the future. Another year of testing should tell us if this approach has a long term future.
6. Jerry Williams will be reporting on our educational program at the District 9 Spring Conference on the weekend of April 8th. Jerry will be standing in for me as I can not attend due to serious obligations in TC that weekend.
7. The final test for Piloting was returned as a pass with high honors



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Date	Time	Course Offering	Location
4/11/16	6-9 p.m.	Sail Meets for 11 Mondays	Grand Traverse Yacht Club
5/9/16	6-9 p.m.	ABC Safe Boating Course Meets for 3 Mondays	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm 101
6/26/16	8:30am to 5:30pm	ABC Safe Boating Course	Elk Rapids Harbor Pavilion
7/11/16	6-9 p.m.	Sail – On The Water	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm 101
8/8/16	6-9 p.m.	Advanced Piloting Meets for 6 Wednesdays	To be Announced
8/16/16	6-9 p.m.	Cruise Planning Meets for 5 Wednesdays	To be Announced

Go to www.gtbayboating.org for course/seminar description





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Date	Time	FREE – Seminar Offering	Location
4/13/16	7-9 PM	Emergencies on Board 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
4/27/16	7-9 PM	Mastering the Rules of the Road 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
5/4/16	7-9 PM	Boat Handling Under Power 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
5/25/16	7-9 PM	Crew (Man) Overboard 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
6/8/16	7-9 PM	Weather 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
6/22/16	7-9 PM	Partner in Command 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
7/13/16	7-9 PM	Marine Radio – VHF and VHF/DSC 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
7/27/16	7-9 PM	Using GPS Effectively 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
8/24/16	7-9 PM	Laying up your Boat 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine

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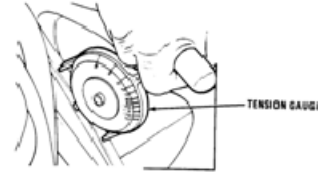


From one of our members

During last Fall's boat layup DID YOU do the following?

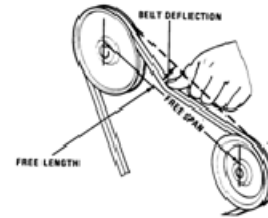
Gasoline inboard and outboard engines

- ⇒ Check the spark plugs and clean
- ⇒ Check the spark plug wires
- ⇒ Check the distributor cap
- ⇒ Check the points



Both Gasoline and Diesel engine

- ⇒ Change the engine oil and filter
- ⇒ Change the engine fuel filters
- ⇒ Check the engine belts
- ⇒ Check the engine hoses
- ⇒ Check the engine mounts
- ⇒ Remove raw water pump impeller and inspect, replace if it has been in use for 2 years
- ⇒ Change the transmission oil and filter if fitted
- ⇒ Check the raw water system zincs
- ⇒ Change the jacket water coolant if it has been in the system over 4 to 5 years
- ⇒ Wipe down the engine and spray with a light coat of oil
- ⇒ Check the propeller, shafting, and stuffing box



Outboard and I/O engines

- ⇒ Check oil in lower unit, replace is best
- ⇒ Check zincs
- ⇒ Check hoses
- ⇒ Check transom gasket
- ⇒ Check propeller

If not, you have something to do this spring.

Jerry Williams, AP
Engine Maintenance Instructor

MARCH MEETING



Linda Vaught
Bob Vaught



Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP
Barb Lyon, AP
Mary Norris



Paul Gonzales
Pat Musson, JN



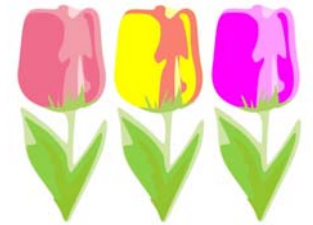
Tom Lyon, AP
John Davies, SN
Edy Davies



Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P
Lt/C John Weih, P
Lt Sue Brown, P
Pat Rottman



P/C Eric Currin, AP
Carol Currin, P
Janet Stone, P



Cdr Tom Stone, P presenting
P/C Eric Currin, AP with his 25
year pin

WINNERS—



Lt Sue Brown, P



Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP



Lt Jerry Williams, AP

MARCH INVOCATION

The sun rising with hues of pinks and reds
Tempt us to rise and jump from our beds

Sparkling frost is magically brushed on every tree
God has magically done this for you and me

The snow is retreating in a days warm glow
To make room for plants, in the spring to grow

Frost forms designs on windows in crystal shades
All this God has done as winter fades

We give long lokks and give long sighs
For all the beauty God has created right before our eyes

P/C Bill Klein, AP

APRIL BIRTHDAYS—

4/01 Pat Musson
4/01 Tom Stone
4/04 Robert Vaught
4/12 Ed Bosworth
4/12 M R Gillooly
4/12 Brandon Rinehart

4/13 Doug Heussner
4/15 Carol Currin
4/15 Dave Millross
4/28 Bill Bailey
4/29 Art Dundon
4/29 Shirley Van Rhee



USPS D9 2016 Spring Conference

Hosted by Detroit Power Squadron

Theme:

Celebrating 100 Years! Cruising on the Great Lakes



Conference Registration Form

United States Power Squadrons - District 9 - Spring Conference 8 - 10 April 2016

Rank Last Name First Name Grade

Squadron _____ Phone () _____ E-Mail Address _____

Check if a First Timer at a district conference

No Meals, Friday hospitality registration only

Lunch \$20.00 each

___ Chicken Cacciatore

___ Special Diet Specify _____

Dinner \$60.00 each

Entertainment Provided by: **Midwest Dueling Pianos**

___ Prime Rib (with Natural Jus and Creamed Horseradish)

___ Atlantic Salmon (with Citrus Lemon Sauce)

___ Special Diet Specify _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Reservations must be received by 1 Apr 2016

!! Notice !! Any reservation received after this date will be returned

Questions? Contact Mike Rachuk mike.rachuk@gmail.com 586-876-5818

*Please Make Checks Payable To:
Detroit Power Squadron
Mail Check & Registration to:*

**Dave Dudek
35801 Schmid Dr
New Baltimore, MI 48047**



DoubleTree

Detroit/Dearborn

Room Rate \$109.00

Includes Breakfast at Grille 39

Parking fee will be waived (validation)

Notes !

- An e-mail confirmation will be sent to the address you provided. If you don't receive a confirmation after 5 days, please contact Mike Rachuk (586-876-5818)
- The only meal tickets available after the cut-off date (1 Apr) will be unclaimed tickets or tickets turned in for resale.
- Any reservation received after the cut-off date (1 Apr) will be returned.

Hospitality Rooms Wrist Band: Wrist bands will be distributed at the registration table for security reasons during Friday night hospitality tour. Please register even if you do not want any meal tickets. Check box above for no meals if applicable.

Hospitality Rooms Reservations: All hospitality room must be reserved through District 9. Contact Mike Rachuk mike.rachuk@gmail.com 586-876-5818 Rooms at \$109.00. Each room will have bed removed, 2 tables, and 5 chairs. Additional tables or chairs come with an additional fee. Cut-Off Date 9 Mar 2016

Rooms Reservations: Reserve on or before 16 Mar 2016 Call 313-982-3983
DoubleTree group rate reservation Link ==>>> <http://tinyurl.com/D9conference-S2016>

2016 Spring Conference Seminar Descriptions

Administrative Officers: Please join D/Lt/C Janet Klumpp, AP in an exploration of the responsibilities of the AO and interactive discussion on how squadrons are getting the “work” done. As an elected bridge officer, the Administration Officer is responsible for the “internal affairs”. These activities include Membership, Boating Activities and much more. Come learn with fellow Squadron Education Officers.

Boating Activities: P/D/C Denise Samu, AP, chair of the District Boating Activities Committee, will lead discussion to build a consolidated schedule events being held during the boating season from the various Squadron events. The goal is to have a consolidated list so all USPS members can find your Squadrons event, if they are visiting Michigan, boating in that area or visiting that area. So be there- a list of dates and events that have been emailed to: denisesamu@comcast.net will be provided as our base to add more.

Border Patrol: Sean P. Reynolds, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, U.S. Border Patrol. Agent Reynolds is an expert in border crossing policies and procedures, and will share with us his first-hand experience with border activities both lawful and unlawful. He has 25 years of experience.

Commanders: P/D/C Bryan Bartlett will lead an open discussion between squadron commanders for the purpose of sharing information, ideas and concerns.

Danube River Cruise: Please join boaters and world travelers Marilyn Bezdek, AP and Bill Bezdek, SN of LSPS who will share their Danube River boat cruise. Learn about the famous cities that border its banks beginning with Budapest, Hungary, then Bratislava, the capitol of Slovakia, Vienna and Salzburg. View the scenic towns of Melk and Durnstein in Austria, ending with the medieval towns of Regensburg and Nurnberg, Germany.

Engine Maintenance: P/Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP from GTBSPS will present this seminar. After a brief introduction, there will be a round table discussion with all the Engine Maintenance Instructors. Please bring your handouts and training aids to share. We will discuss delivery methods and course content. With twenty D9 EM instructors sharing their course information, we will have the best Engine Maintenance courses in the nation.

Executive Officers: The Executive Officer is responsible for coordinating and directing civic activities with the public and other organizations such U.S. Coast Guard. This includes vessel safety checks, participating in parades and boat shows, public relations, legislative and environmental issues. In this session, led by D/Lt/C Anthony Lewandowski, SP, we will review the responsibilities of the Executive Officer, where to find help and guidelines on the USPS website, hand out material and a discussion of best practices. We will also discuss how to prepare to move up the Bridge to become Commander.

Geodetic Marker Recovery Program: What are geodetic markers? Who installs them and determines their coordinates? Why are they important? How many markers are there? How are the markers identified? Why are we asked to “recover” or find them? What is a Geodetic Hunt? What do we report? Attend this seminar to find the answers to these questions and learn why the USPS National Cooperative Charting Committee is focus attention on this activity. P/C Donald Mathews, AP of MSPS is the presenter.

Membership: Stf/C Linda LaLonde, P of DSPS and Lt/C Rose Stano, P of GPPS will present “New Strategies Fresh from National on Member Attraction and Retention.”

NOAA- Great Lakes Water Levels: Andrew (Drew) Gronewold, Physical Scientist of NOAA’s Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab will present a session on the Great Lakes water levels. Review of historical and recent trends water level by month, year and decade, going back 150 years. What caused the more recent rapid changes, including declines in the late 1990’s, and recent surges Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Huron in 2013 and

2014. Explanation of some of factors ranging from changes in meteorology; regional climate patterns, changes induced through anthropogenic (human causation) influence and geological processes. Concludes with discussion of how understanding historical water level patterns and relationships to climate, ice cover, and other drivers is used to improve water resources management decisions and water level forecasts.

Nominating Committees: Does your Nominations Committee dread the duties and typically wait until the last minute to start looking for people to nominate for the upcoming Bridge? D/Lt/C Ralph Ziegler, JN will present this session which is based on USPS Anita Walker’s Nominating Committee strategies. Those of us who have attended Anita’s seminar found it to be eye-opening and walked away with valuable insights to take back to our squadrons.

Secretaries: District Secretary D/Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP will go over the roles and responsibilities of the squadron secretary. Whether this is your first time around or you have been your squadron's secretary for some time your attendance is encouraged to contribute to what will be an interactive and informative session. DB2000 will also be covered.

Social Media: Marketing Consultant Sarah Kew will present this session. In addition to having her own consulting business she is also the Marketing/Public Relations Chairman for the Michigan District of Kiwanis. Sarah's specialty is social media, graphic design, email and web. We are living a dot com world where Facebook, Twitter and Google are parts of everyday vocabulary. Allow Sarah to walk you through the basics of what Facebook has to offer. She will talk about what your page should look like, what to post, how to schedule posts, how to track how your page is doing, how to run contests, how to build your fan base, etc. She will also discuss other social media venues like Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and LinkedIn and if they are needed in your squadron right now.

Squadron Education Officers – 2 hours: DEO Tom Smith, JN, assisted by ADEO Janet Curle, SN will lead this 2-hour session aimed at squadron education officers. Updates provided by the NEO at the National Annual Meeting will be presented as well as a discussion of the use of the Boating Safety Virtual Trainer within our District and District efforts to develop an On-the-Water Boating Instruction program to augment our ABC course and attract new students.

Tall Ships: In 2001, Tall Ships America launched its most ambitious project to date, creating the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE®, an annual series of tall ship races and maritime port festivals. In 2016 TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® returns to the Great Lakes. Shirley Roberts, Event Coordinator for Tall Ships, Bay City, will present information on the 2016 TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® as well as volunteer opportunities for D9 Members.

Treasurers: The Treasurer's Seminar is presented once a year at the D/9 Spring Conference, hoping to catch the new squadron treasurers. P/D/C John Bennett, SN and D/Lt Laddie Hudson, SN, a retired IRS Field Agent and a Tax and Accounting instructor at Macomb Community College, have presented this session for the past several years and have agreed to present again this spring.

The seminar includes the USPS, D/9 and Squadron dues classes and rates. Included also, are several different accounting methods and sample treasurer's monthly reports. Naturally, taxes are covered, as related to IRS, USPS, MI and IN, and WE CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS! Finally, USPS contacts and forms will be discussed. Many "hand-outs" will be available. Treasurers, this is a must-attend seminar.

Vessel Safety Checks: P/D/C Bill Stano, JN of GGPS will provide updated information on Vessel Safety from the National Safety Committee Meeting in Orlando. In addition, he will discuss the use of Rope LED lighting and whether or not the vessel examiner should fail the boat owner for using the rope lighting. He will also have a question and answer session to present concerns to relay to the National Safety Committee.

D/9 Spring 2016 Seminar Schedule (subject to time and room changes)

	0800	0900	1000	1100
Room 1	Cdrs	Geodetic Markers	Membership	Tall Ships
Room 2	XOs	Nominating		Boating Activities
Room 3	SEOs	SEOs	NOAA-Great Lakes	VSC
Room 4	Secretaries	AOs	Engine Maint.	Border Patrol
Room 5	Treasurers	Social Media	Danube River Cruise	