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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2015 Activities Calendar

December 3	Change of Watch	Elks Club
December 10	Lunch with the Commander	Cottage Café
December 17	Executive Meeting	Cottage Café
January 7	General Meeting—Cancelled	Elks Club
January 14	Lunch with the Commander	Cottage Café
January 21	Executive Meeting	Cottage Cafe

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DECEMBER

2015

**CHANGE OF WATCH
Elks Club**



**1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner
Prime rib and Blue Cheese Crusted Cod
Salads, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert
30.00 person**

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Nov 29 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, Nov 30
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S

Ahoy all! By the time you receive the 45th Parallel, I will have less than one week left as your Commander here in GTBSPS. I'm reflecting on my two years as Cdr. and hope I've done an adequate job for you. We need to think, where will our squadron be in 75 years, 50 years and even 10 years? Through our 101 years USPS has gone through many changes, business plan changes, if you would. After conducting many surveys both on the squadron level and district level, many thoughtful comments and suggestions were compiled and prompted a brainstorming session at Fall Conference.

In addition to the changes and developments I've attempted in my 2 years as Cdr., District 9 Bridge has developed an extensive list of "areas of opportunity". As the future unfolds and we continue to change in hopes of reaching our goals (sign new members, book great programs, start Fresh Water Festival, etc) I'll share with you this list. It's you, the squadron members who are the front line. Let's not wait for Nationals to tell us what to change.

Please remember my Spring Conference thoughts, if we stay together, work together, we can achieve our goals. Change is good! Thank you for the last two years letting me be your Commander. Gratefully yours, Commander Jan Hartesvelt





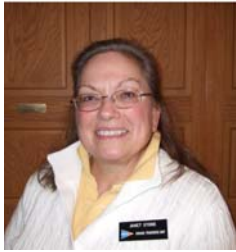
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Stone, P

It is hard to believe but another year of activities is coming to a close. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Squadron Executive Officer for the past three years. I have been fortunate to serve under two outstanding Commanders, Bill Bailey and Jan Hartesvelt. I have learned a lot about our squadron and have been able to participate in many activities.

This summer I made the decision to retire from JCPenney, which will now allow me time to take on the role of Commander for 2016. This is a huge honor for me, but I will need the help of everyone to continue to make our Squadron one of the best in the the entire USPS. I look forward to working with all of you.

I am inviting everyone especially all Past Commanders to attend the Change of a Watch on Thursday December 3, 2015, 1800 at the Elks Club in Traverse City. If you are unable to drive please let your caller know and we will arrange for your transportation.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Stone, P

I've enjoyed serving as your Administrative Officer these last two years. It's been a lot of fun meeting people and putting names with faces as I've gone along. My favorite project has been helping Harve and Donna with the children's swimming safety classes, which I am excited about continuing with this coming spring.

I especially wish to thank all of our Squadron members for their kind thoughts, cards and well wishes during my recent illness. They truly helped me back to full recovery.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Change of Watch!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS—

12/01 Karen Dill	12/11 Greg Thompson
12/01 Kate Stephan	12/12 Haley McLeod
12/02 Kathleen Millross	12/20 Brian Nelson
12/02 Gene VanRhee	12/21 Jim Bertoldi
12/03 Pete Hilder	12/25 Margaret Haddix
12/08 Linda Taddia	12/27 Pat Rottman



NOVEMBER MEETING—



New member Mark LaSarge
Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S



Lt/C John Weih, P
Lt Sue Brown, P



Fred Page
Nicole Smethells
Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S
Amy Peterson



P/C Bill Klein, AP
Barb Klein, AP
John Davies, SN
Edy Davies



L/C M R Gillooly, S



Tom Lyon, AP



Cdr Hartesvelt, S
Presenting the Homer
Humphrey Award to
P/C Bill Bailey, JN



Cdr Hartesvelt, S presenting the Certificate of Educational
Proficiency to Tom Lyon, AP (left) and
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP (right)



November Meeting Film



WINNERS—



Mark LaSarge



P/C Bill Klein, AP



Chuck Watson, AP

NOVEMBER INVOCATION

November for hunters brings thoughts of deer
For boaters it can bring thoughts of fear

When all the leaves have started to go
Skiers are thinking fondly of snow

The harvest is in, and the land gets ready for cold
And many stories of past winter storms are told

Wood for the fireplace is split and gotten ready
To keep the hearth fire hot and steady

And just when we think we are ready for the winter game
It warms up and the climate becomes tame.

Remember God's plan and all that he has created
Is never ever going to be outdated

P/C Bill Klein, AP

BY-LAWS CONCERNING NOMINATIONS:

Article 5, Sect 5.1.2 All Bridge officers shall have been awarded at least one Advanced Grade and at least one merit mark.

Article 6, Sect 6.8 The Nominating committee shall select a candidate for each elective office and for the chairman and members of each elective committee provided for herein and shall submit its written report to the secretary at least 40 days prior to the annual meeting.

The following slate for 2014-2015 is presented:

Commander	Thomas Stone, P
Executive Officer	Bill Smethells, S
Administrative Officer	Janet Ward, P
Secretary	M R Gillooly, S
Treasurer	Catherine Holcombe, P
Asst Treasurer	John Weih, P
SEO	Dave Terrell AP
Asst SEO	Bill Bailey, AP

Executive Committee At Large:

Terry Hoiles
Tom/Barb Lyon, AP
Mary Peterson, P

Elected for a three year term to:

Auditing Committee:	Jerry Williams, AP
Rules Committee:	P/Lt/C Ken Musson, SN
Nominating Committee	Jerry Williams, AP

Article 11, Sect 11.1 Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five (5) Active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of the election.

Article 11, Sect 11.4 No active member shall be eligible for nomination without first signifying willingness and ability to serve if elected.

Article 9, Sect 9.3 The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees. Including the chairman thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this squadron, shall be sent to each Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

The Executive Committee has approved the election of Assistants

Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee, 2015