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## Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2016-2017 Activities Calendar

Dec 1	Change of Watch-1800	Elks Club
Dec 8	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
Dec 14	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Cafe
Jan 5	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
Jan 12	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
Jan 16	Engine Maintenance Class starts-1800	NMC
Jan 17	Cruise Planning starts-1800	NMC
Jan 18	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Cafe

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### 1 December 2016

#### CHANGE OF WATCH



**1800 Social Hour  
Hors d'oeuvres**

**1900 Dinner  
Prime Rib and Fish  
Salads, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert  
35.00person**

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Nov 27 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email [daisy.d1569@gmail.com](mailto:daisy.d1569@gmail.com) by Monday, Nov 28  
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas Stone, P

As I write this report, I only have a few days left in my time as your Commander. The year has gone so quickly and I'm pleased to report, very smoothly.

One of our goals this year was to find new activities that the entire Squadron could participate in. We started the year with a train trip to the Chicago Boat Show, and then we had the First Hard Water Festival at Boyne Mountain. Next we participated in the Traverse City Boat Show, and from that we learned that we needed some form of identification, so we had some vests printed up to wear at all our public events. June brought in the First Annual Fresh Water Festival and we had our annual Shakedown weekend with a pizza party. In July we held the Power Island Picnic, and the Equality Cruise with a day on the water and a potluck. Our August Lobster Bake will forever be remembered for the downpour and our ability to still prepare a delicious meal in spite of Mother Nature. On top of that were all the great general meetings and speakers.

So, when I look at all these activities I think we were very successful in providing opportunities for all members to participate in an event. Let's keep this momentum going next year! Personally, my greatest pleasure has come from getting to know so many of you. As relative new -comers to our Squadron, Janet and I are so grateful in the way we have been welcomed and accepted. I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as the leader of such an outstanding group. I want to thank the Bridge for their time and to those of you who helped at all of our events.

Our Change of Watch is on December 1. I would really like to see as many Past Commanders as possible attend. If you need a ride please call any Bridge Member. We will make arrangements to pick you up.

See you on December 1 at the Elks,



***Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends'***



<b>EDUCATION OFFICER</b> <b>LT/C Dave Terrell, AP</b>
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1. Starting in January, GTBSPS begins the second year of its partnership with Northwestern Michigan College. We are offering three courses during that period that corresponds to the college's Spring Semester. The schedule is reproduced below.

Start Date	me	Course Offering	Location
1/16/17	6-9 p.m.	<a href="#">Engine Maintenance</a> Meets for 5 Mondays	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm TBA
1/17/17	6-9 p.m.	<a href="#">Cruise Planning</a> Meets for 6 Tues- days	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm TBA
2/20/17	6-9 p.m.	<a href="#">Piloting</a> Meets for 7 Mondays	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm TBA

2. At this time there is no reason to expect relief from National's surcharge on giving Exams to non-members and maintaining the non-member data base in the USPS University. The bright side of this is that NMC adjusted the course prices so that students will not have to bear the full brunt of this cost. I do not know the exact class prices at this time.
3. We have a full program of courses and seminars planned for the spring and summer offerings but specific dates are available on the squadron's website.
4. The Seamanship course has also concluded and their exams have been sent in. We may have the results by the Change of Watch. If so I will share the results at that time or in next month's newsletter.
5. For the rest, enjoy the last weeks of this year and call that time whatever pleases you.
6. And remember, around December 21, the sun begins to head north bringing with it the boating season. Just be patient. It is only a matter of time. In the meantime, find something fun to do during the winter even if that means you need to flee to some warm place like Tahiti or the BVI's.

**NOVEMBER MEETING—**



Tom Lyon, AP; Barb Lyon, AP;  
Ken Musson, SN; P/C Jan  
Hartesvelt, P; Pat Musson, JN



A beautiful Sunset on the  
peninsula



Arnie Taddia, AP  
Linda Taddia  
Carol Watson, AP



Chuck Watson, AP  
Lt/ C Dave Terrell, AP



Brian Nelson, AP  
Cdr Tom Stone, P  
Donna Nelson, AP



Paul Gonzalez  
Pat Musson, JN  
Nancy Gonzalez



Our Speaker Bob Mason



P/C Joe Schott, SN  
Peter Haddix, S  
Margaret Haddix



Cdr Tom Stone, P presenting  
Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP with  
The District Teacher of the  
Year Award

**WINNERS-**



Sheridan Haack, P



Ken Musson, SN



P/C Bill Klein, AP





# **SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT**

**Lt Brian Nelson, AP**

## **Winter Is here – A Good Time To Do Some Reading About Safety**

As I contemplate the mid-west weather from my winter home in the south-west, I am certain that boating for 2016 has come to an end in the Grand Traverse Bay area. I'm also confident that many of us now utilize the internet more than printed books for our reading enjoyment or self-education. With that thought in mind, I did some browsing for boating safety information that would be easy to access and that could be read like chapters of a book.

Now that we are relegated to arm-chair boating until spring, I recommend taking some of our new-found spare time to read some more in-depth articles concerning boating skills and safety. Boat US and author/life-time cruiser Tom Neale have some excellent articles available online at <http://www.boatus.com/boattech/safety.asp> . Bookmark that site and visit it frequently during the winter. Come next boating season, we will be much safer boaters!

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### **HARD WATER FEST—**

Tom and Barb Lyon are again planning the Hard Water Fest. The date they have chosen is February 28, 2017. They will provide lunch and again invite everyone to their house for après-skiing afterwards. More plans later, but they want you to save the date.



**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 2016-2017 is presented:**

Commander	Jerry Williams, AP
Executive Officer	Bill Smethells, P
Administrative Officer	Janet Ward, P
Secretary	MR Gillooly, S
Treasurer	Catherine Holcombe, P
Asst Treasurer	John Weih, P
SEO	Dave Terrell AP
Asst SEO	Bill Bailey, JN

**Executive Committee At Large:**

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

**Elected for a three year term to:**

Auditing Committee:	Tom Lyon, AP; P/C Joe Schott, SN; Bill Rottman, AP
Rules Committee:	P/Lt/C Ken Musson, SN
Nominating Committee:	P/C Tom Stone, P; Lt Sue Brown, P; P/C Jan Hartesvelt, S

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, 2016  
Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP; P/C Bill Bailey, JN

## NOVEMBER INVOCATION

Have you been lucky enough to spot an eagle sitting in his tree?  
It is hard to imagine a really better sight to see

The trees are shedding leaves faster than your dog can shed his hair  
So we know cold is coming, and we will get our share

Those lovely white fluffy clouds now have a frosty glow  
The crisp air brings back memories of snow, snow, snow

It is Thanksgiving time and it is harvest time  
And it is fall in its most brilliant prime

God gets us ready for the coming season, he really cares  
And we can say thank you by giving him our prayers

Let us look up to our lord above  
And Give him our support and love

P/C Bill Klein, AP

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dill, Karen L.  
Haddix, Margaret C.  
Millross, M. Kathleen  
Nelson, Brian K.  
Rottman, Patricia A.  
Stephan, Kate A.  
Taddia, Linda P.  
Thompson, Gregory B.  
Van Rhee, Gene R.

