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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2015 Activities Calendar

February 5	Adventures on the Great Loop	Elks Club
February 12	Commander's Lunch	The Cottage
February 19	Executive Meeting (Note Change of Day to Thursday)	The Cottage
February 14-22	Detroit Boat Show	Cobo Hall
March 5	General Meeting	Elks Club
April 24-26	D9 Spring Conference	Shanty Creek

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FEBRUARY

2015



**Adventures on the Great Loop
By Katie**



**1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner
2 Entrees
Salads, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert
18.00/person
(note price increase)**

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Feb 1 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com
by Monday, Feb 2



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S

Happy New Year to all members of the squadron!

We have exciting new programs lined up for the year. I'd like to thank the calling committee people for their swift action back on Jan. 8th when we had to cancel our meeting. I was able to report to Terry at the Elks of our cancellation before the chef had begun our buffet. So there are no financial repercussions to the squadron. Having no precedent to work from, I feel we did well. Good job, everyone!

The Feb. 5th program will be Adventures on the Great Loop by Katie, one of the two young women who took 2 years of their life and travelled the Great Loop on a 27' Cal sailboat. I drove to Glen Arbor one evening not too far back to hear them and this is not to be missed folks! Please attend and support them by buying their T-shirts.

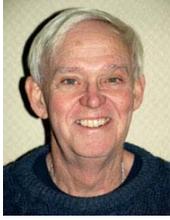
The support I've received for The First Annual Fresh Water Festival has been outstanding! I've travelled to COWs downstate in the past 2 months to present my idea and members from the Greater Detroit squadrons have reported they will come up here to attend and support us! This is really exciting to me! As more details are ironed out, I'll report to you. Exhibitors to date are the Coast Guard Aux., us, MHA, the paddle club and the GT Yacht Club. Again, I've been travelling to these group's meetings around town to present my idea and the response is fantastic! To all of us still in TC this winter, bravo!

See you at our Feb. 5th meeting.



Happy Valentines Day





EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP

Here us what is happening in the education department for this month.

1. Fourteen people are signed up for the Electronic Navigation course based on materials produced by the Canadian Power Squadrons The course is being taught by Tom Kelly of Inland Seas Education Association and Jerry Williams
2. Arrangements have been made to hold the America's Boating Course, 3rd edition at Grand Traverse Yacht Club on the Saturdays of March 14 and 21 from 8:30 to 12:30 and April 25 and May 2nd. An additional session of the course may be held at the Grand Traverse Mall during the middle of April. We are seeking members of the public as well as members of community organizations that share an interest in the boating life to sign up for these courses.
3. Scheduling of Seminars during March, April and May is being developed at this time. If you have not received it you should soon be receiving a survey that asks you what seminars and courses you would like to take. Please return this survey as it will help Jerry and I decide what seminars to offer and in what order. Stand by for a schedule of seminars very soon.
4. Also in the planning stage is a series of very short presentations to be made on Traverse City TV stations about key tasks or things people need to know or be able to do on the water. The idea is to be interviewed by one of the news people and get to answer a question or two. Among the presentations might be the following:
 - Life Jackets—show 2 or 3 different life jackets and their pros and con
 - Children's Life Jackets—How to fit your child for a life jacket
 - Making a dock line fast to a cleat and pilling
 - How to select an anchor—which anchor for which type of bottom
 - Why do I need chain in the anchor rode
 - East way to keep your paper chart and GPS location synced
 - Safe Boat Fueling

If you would be willing to participate in this program, please contact me at dterrell1@charter.net or dterrell@nmc.edu. I expect it to be a very low stress event.

5. Jerry Williams is doing a great and much appreciated work introducing me to the mysteries of using the national site to do education department work. The mysteries are not as deep as that the trinity in Christianity or suffering in Buddhism, but they are mysterious nonetheless. Many thanks to Jerry.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Stone, P

As I write this I believe that winter is nearly half over and we can once again think about boating. Last weekend Janet and I went to the Strictly Sail Show in Chicago which is no longer strictly a sailboat show. They moved the event from Navy Pier to McCormick Place and combined it with power boats and RV's. So whatever your pleasure you could find it there. They still had several boats on display, more equipment than you could ever need, and some great seminars. We left with all kinds of ideas, and dreams of a new boat. So, since the sun actually came out today I drove up to Northport to check on the "S"urprise, and much to my delight the tarp was still intact with no snow at all.

In an effort to improve our communication to both Squadron Members and the public, I have updated our Facebook page. My intention is to post all of our meetings and events on the site for easy reference. Even if you do not do Facebook, you can go to the site, and please click on the like tab while you are there. If you have something you would like me to post, just shoot me an e-mail and I will add it.

See you Feb. 5 at the Elks Club. We have some very special guests. If you want to learn more, check out our Facebook page. (If you don't know how to do that ask your Grandkids!)

Editor's Note: This was submitted by Jerry Williams, AP

Boating Tips

I propose GTBay presents on television, in the early morning local news show, a short segment on "Boating Tips".

The purpose of these presentations would be to provide the Grand Traverse area general public with safety tips and to make the purpose and presence of GTBay known.

Once a week on the 0500 to 0700 morning show, a GTBay member could be interviewed and present a SHORT, about 2-3 minute, Boating Tip. These presentations would run from late February thru May and in each Boating Tip there would be an announcement of an upcoming course or seminar.

Possible Boating Tip Topics;

- Life Jackets – Show 2 or 3 different life jackets and their pros and cons
- Children's Life Jackets – How to fit your child for a life jacket
- Making a dock line fast to a cleat and piling
- How to select an anchor
- Why do I need chain in the anchor rode
- Easy way to keep your paper chart and GPS location synced
- Safe Boat Fueling

These are just a few of the topics we could use. With the GTBay members as a resource we can expand this list. *Please send me your Boating Tips.*

Now the hard (work) part, I need help with the development of these Boating Tips and the making of some of the props used in the presentations. If you have some free time this winter and are interested in helping, please contact me jwilliams6@sbcglobal.net

Since our January meeting was cancelled, there are no pictures. So the Editor has decided to give you some sights from last summer—really it is almost here!!

SHAKEDOWN CRUISE



LOBSTER BAKE



February Birthdays—

- 2/06 Dennis Stockemer
- 2/10 Gloria Butler
- 2/10 Barb Lyon
- 2/12 Dixie Lee Lockwood
- 2/12 Ed Woessner
- 2/14 Dave Sutton

- 2/15 Pat Kernaghan
- 2/21 George Kobernus
- 2/23 John Weih
- 2/24 Kathryn Dombrowski
- 2/28 Claire Foote



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