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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2016 Activities Calendar

January 7	General meeting cancelled	
January 7	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
January 14-17	Chicago Sail Show	
January 18	Engine Maintenance starts 1800	NMC
January 20	Executive Meeting-1800 (Wed. Evening)	Cottage Café
February 2	Hard Water Rendezvous 900-1400	Boyne Mtn.
February 4	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
February 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
February 14-21	USPS Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL
February 17	Executive Meeting-1800 (Wed Evening)	Cottage Café
February 29	Weather Class starts	NMC





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas Stone, P

As I write this it is Christmas Eve and I am looking out at brown instead of white, but as strange as it looks outside, Christmas is still that special time to be with friends and family, and to reflect on the true reason we celebrate this day.

I want to thank so many of you for your warm wishes and encouragement as I begin my term as your Commander. But, as I said at the Change of Watch, I really think of my role is to be your leader. We have so many knowledgeable members and I hope to get to know you all better, so we can put your skills to work. It is a lot more fun when you are involved. Feel free to call me or send a note at anytime.

We are putting together some really interesting programs for our meetings. We will kick off February with a discussion from Julie Clark, who is the Director of Tart Trails. We are so fortunate to have this outstanding trail system in our area. It is something that we all can use for our recreation, be it a short walk by Boardman Lake or a bike ride all the way to Suttons Bay. Julie will tell us about the future plans for the system and what we can do to support it.

Just a reminder, that the January General Meeting is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict at the Elks. If you need a Power Squadron fix, join us for lunch on January 7, 2016, at The Cottage Restaurant. The time is 1200. Be sure to check our Squadron website regularly as all the information you need about events and other Squadron news is there. The website is: www.gtbayboating.org .

Janet and I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Ward, P

I attended my first Bridge meeting as your new Administrative Officer on December 17, 2015. In the next few weeks, I will be contacting all Administrative Department committee heads to confirm their commitment to continue serving in their current capacity. I forwarded contact information to Commander Tom Stone for two potential program presenters for 2016 Members Meetings. I would like to thank the Bridge members for their willingness to change the monthly Bridge meetings from the third Thursday to the third Wednesday of the month to accommodate another commitment I have on the third Thursday. As a relatively new, three year USPS member, I am reviewing the USPS Operations Manual to acquaint myself with the expectations and duties of my new role. I look forward to overseeing the internal affairs of the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron.

A little about myself. As a three year boat owner and USPS member, I would like to introduce myself. I am a retired Registered Nurse, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, and a Masters in Continuing Education. Although I was born and raised in Flint, Michigan, I spent 29 years of my adult life in the Canadian prairie Province of Saskatchewan and 4 years in northern Alberta, Canada. My husband, Pat Kernaghan, continues to work in northern Alberta as a Steam Engineer/Power Operator in the Canadian Oil industry. When we chose northwest Michigan for our retirement home we knew we would like to have a boat and explore the waters of the Great Lakes. We purchased our 2003 Tiara 3100 Open, "At Last", in 2012. I immediately started taking classes from GTBSPS since I knew my husband would not be here often and I would have to know how to navigate and pilot our boat. To date I have completed Seamanship, Piloting & Navigation, Weather, Marine Engine Maintenance and Electronic Navigation.

But this is not my first experience with USPS. When I was young teenager in Flint, a family relative, Murray Diem, had a 40 foot cabin cruiser on Lake Huron and took our family out every summer for a day cruise. Uncle Murray encouraged me to take a Piloting and Navigation course when I was 14. I didn't pass the course but the bug was planted. When Uncle Murray died, I was given his 1961 copy of Chapman's Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling. Years later, my husband opened the front cover to find that the book was autographed by Chapman and there is a letter taped to the inside cover from Chapman to my uncle, Murray Diem, Commander of the Flint Power Squadron. I feel I have come full circle and that Uncle Murray would be proud that I finally passed Piloting and Navigation and have become an Executive



EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Dave Terrell, AP

Even though Santa is back at his workshop smoking his pipe and drinking up the fine Chardonnay the French gave him while he was passing through their idyllic land, the Education has been at least a bit busy. Here is a list of what we have been doing.

1. We are waiting for results of the piloting tests and expecting that all students will pass with flying colors.

2. Publicity for the squadron's Winter and Spring class to be held at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy of Northwestern Michigan College has begun. The first course is Jerry's Engine Maintenance. I have put together a description of the course and sent to all members of our publications list. I will send a notice to members of that list every week until the course starts on January 15th. I also have sent a notice to the GTYC for publication in their monthly newsletter. Also I am going to find a way to send a similar notice to other boating related organizations in our area, i.e., Maritime Heritage Alliance, Inland Seas, and TACS. I will follow the same procedure in February, March and April for offerings we have available then. The same will go for the seminars we offer. We have a posting at West Marine on the Engine Maintenance course, courtesy of Jerry Williams.

3. Planning is going on for the spring seminars. I have asked Bill Bailey and Jerry Williams if they would give me his favorite 6 or 7 seminars. I will do the same and then put together a grid and see what sort of agreement we have. After that, the appropriate instructors will be contacted.

4. I think I am close to figuring out what courses I think we should offer on a two year basis. When I am done I will share this with Bill Bailey, the new ASEO and Jerry who was SEO for a coon's age or more. If any one knows how long a coon's age is, please contact me.

5. I am interested in volunteers to teach advanced piloting and the navigation classes. Though the GPS has made navigation easier that it was in the past, I think there are good reasons to make these courses available, not the least of which is building more brain synapses.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Bill Smethells, S

During this time of year, there isn't much to report; so, I thought that I would follow the editor's suggestion of introducing myself.

Nicole and I were raised in Traverse City. After college, we ended up in Eau Claire, WI where Nicole practiced medical and psychiatric social work and I was a member of the physics and astronomy faculty at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. We raised two boys there, now ages 34 and 39. Shortly after retirement, we inherited Nicole's home on East Bay where we spend the warm weather months, returning to Eau Claire in the winter. Snowbirding to Wisconsin sounds a little crazy, but after being there since 1968, we are well connected in Eau Claire and like to get back to see friends. It is also home for our sons who, with their families, are now in the Chicago area and in St. Paul, MN; Eau Claire is in between right on I-94.

Our boat is a 1985 Catalina 30, named Windermere. During the summer you will find her at Elmwood Marina in slip C-148, the first slip on the left when walking onto C dock. Stop by and say "hi".

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS—

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|------|-------------------|------|----------------|
| 1/11 | Carol Geiger | 1/19 | Cathy Holcombe |
| 1/15 | Donald Gorski | 1/19 | Bobbie Schott |
| 1/15 | Dave McLeod | 1/23 | John Holcombe |
| 1/16 | Harold Dombrowski | 1/27 | Ken Musson |
| 1/19 | Alex Eagleton | 1/31 | Clark Phelps |



**December Meeting—
Change of
Watch**



Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S
Guy Leslie



Dianna Terrell; Janet
Stone, P; Pat Rottman



Terry Hoiles
Ruth Ann Hoiles



Terri, Elks Club
Manager



Lt Jerry Williams, AP
Madonna Williams



D/C Dawn Flynn swearing
In new member Mark
LaSarge



Pat Musson, JN
Ken Musson, SN
D/C Dawn Flynn, JN



Donna Daciak, AP
Julie Sutton, P



Dave Sutton, P
Mike Richmond

WINNERS—



Barb Lyon, AP



Madonna
Williams



Terry Hoiles



Lt/C Janet Ward, P



Janet Stone, P



D/C Dawn Flynn, JN swearing in new Bridge—
Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P; Lt/C M R Gillooly, S;
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP and Lt/C Janet Ward, P



Bill Rottman, AP
Tom Lyon, AP



Linda Taddia
Elaine Young



Cdr Tom Stone, P being
sworn in by D/C Dawn
Flynn, JN



Mark LaSarge
Kristen Messner



P/Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S
receiving her commanders
gift



Cdr Tom Stone, P
with squadron
gavel

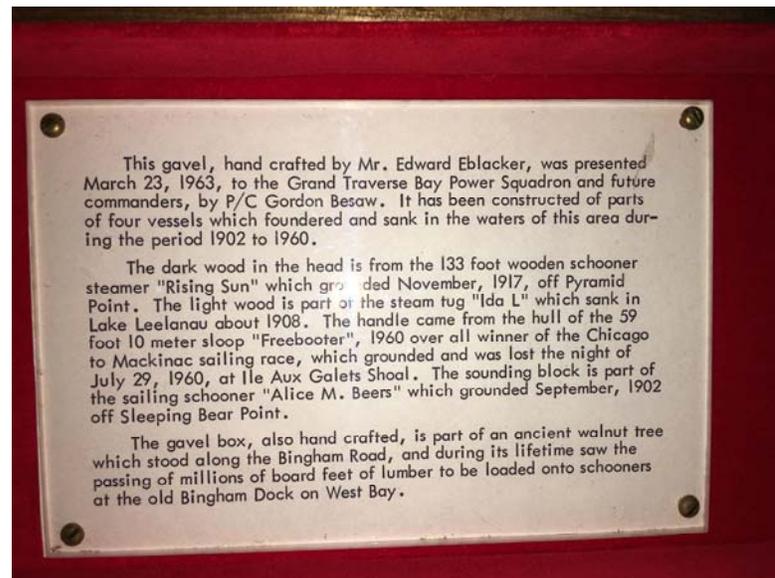


D/C Dawn Flynn, JN presenting
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP with the
D/9 Teacher of the Year Award.
P/Cdr Jan Hartesvelt looking on.



And the first lady
Janet Stone, P
receives her crown

THE STORY OF THE GAVVEL—



DECEMBER INVOCATION

We are so blessed to live in this beautiful land
Created by god's own loving hands.

And when we see the stars blazing in the northern night sky
It can bring tears of wonderment to our eyes

It is the season to reflect on peace, hope and love
And look for guidance from our God above

We pray to God, may this world be a safe place to live
And that joy and happiness to others we may give

We pray that wars may cease and evil be gone
And that the bells of peace may toll their happy song

P/C Bill Klein, AP