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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2016 Activities Calendar

March 3	Lee Hepner-1800	Elks Club
March 10	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
March 16	Executive Meeting-1800	Cottage Café
April 7	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club

Ed note: See SEO report for the schedule of seminars for March



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Lee Hepner

Marine Radio specialist
Come and hear about radio advancements and
FCC requirements

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

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Feb 28, please call John Weih at
231-938-3316 or email jwweih@aol.com by Monday, Feb 29.
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas Stone, P

February was a really great month for many members. We started with the 1st Hard Water Rendezvous at Boyne Mountain. About 12 members attended and either skied, snowshoed, or just enjoyed great chili and each other's company. A huge thank you goes out to Barb and Tom Lyon for hosting this event. Hopefully we can do it again next year. If you have an idea that will bring us together away from the water, please share it.

We are working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary to staff a table at the Traverse City boat show in April. If you are interested in helping please send me a note. I need a few volunteers before we commit.

Our annual awards meeting will be in May this year. I will have some paper ballots available at the March meeting, for you to nominate award recipients. Be thinking of some worthy candidates, and fill them out that night. If you are holding a trophy from last year or prior, please bring it to the March meeting, so we will have time to get them engraved.

You may be receiving an e-mail with a questionnaire from District Commander Dawn Flynn. Please complete it as soon as possible and return it to me. I need time to compile the results and return them to Dawn.

Finally our guest for the March meeting will be Lee Hepner. Lee has an extensive knowledge of marine radio and is also active with the Inland Seas Education Association. This will be a very informative presentation.

Thank you for all you do for the Squadron. See you March 3!

Hard Water Rendezvous—





EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Bill Smethells, S

As February draws to a close, the lengthening days herald the arrival of Spring and another season on the water. In only a few short weeks, Nicole and I will pack up the car and head for Traverse City. Meanwhile, with little to report that's new, here are some thoughts on recurrent topics:

Membership: It's fun to bring in new members and thereby make new friends. An invitation to a meeting is a good way to start. Also, the new website is a great way for people to learn about USPS and join via a link found there. The URL is gtbayboating.org. Nicole will be promoting the search for new members when we get back. Any ideas to share? Her email is smethelln@gmail.com.

Courses: While you are waiting for May, check out the GTBSPS course offerings on our website. I hear good news about their popularity. For the courses available through NMC, clicking on the course name takes you to the college website and more information.

Cruises: The eQuality cruise needs to be planned and in a way that provides opportunities for camaraderie for all. Send along any ideas that come to mind; my email is wsmethells@gmail.com. Also, Nicole and I want to go to the North Channel in 2017. Is anyone else interested? Let us know.

See you all soon.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS—

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|------|----------------|------|------------------|
| 3/05 | Marti McIntyre | 3/14 | David Daciuk |
| 3/07 | Frank Burdick | 3/16 | Ron Hurd |
| 3/08 | Bob Nolan | 3/21 | Jan Carter |
| 3/10 | Bob Cruse | 3/24 | Madonna Williams |
| 3/12 | Ann Conway | 3/27 | Jack Klang |
| 3/13 | Carol Boskay | | |

February birthday omission:
2/23 John Weih





EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Dave Terrell, AP

1. our class offerings through NMC continue to go well. Engine Maintenance just finished. Twenty one students were enrolled. They will have their exam on Monday, February 22. The weather class will begin February 29 with David Terrell teaching. Jim McIntyre was not available to teach the course next year. Enrollment at this time is at least 9. More are expected by the time the class starts. Marine Electrical Systems will start on April 6th, two days after Sail which starts on April 5th. Both courses are expected to have good numbers of students enrolled.

2. The first version of a two year course schedule has been completed. We will provided this schedule to NMC's Bill Queen who schedules Extended Educational Services classes. A copy of this schedule is attached to this report.

3. Finally we have developed a schedule of seminars for the Spring semester. A copy of this schedule is attached to this report. In addition we are considering developing a seminar program for this summer and fall. The seminars will be chosen because we think they will be attract people in the summer but not necessarily in the spring. There may be seminars offered this fall. Among them will be winterizing your engine.

The method we used for selecting which seminars would be give was to give each Bridge member a list of the 20 or so USPS seminars and asked each one to rank order the seven seminars they thought were most important for our audience. After all members sent in their selections, a matrix was made of their preferences and the courses that were selected most frequently made the list. While the process took a little time, it gave all the Bridge members a chance to play a role in the selection process.

4. Scheduling is going on for the ABC class and the Michigan DNR Boating class. Specifics will be shared in the April report.

5. Harvey Norris is working hard on his Kid's Boating Safety Program for the Traverse City area grade schools. Harvey handed out about 20 cartons of coloring books from Met Life to members at the last meeting for label application. This is a program that Harvey has been doing for several years. It helps kids and their parents to become conscious of safety on the water. Harvey deserves a lot of credit for what he and his volunteer helpers do in preparing and presenting these programs. Last year about 3000 students saw presentations by Harve and his crew.

Grand Traverse Bay
Seminar schedule 2016

1	March 16	7:00 PM	Anchoring	Bailey	West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
2	March 23	7:00 PM	Emergencies on Board		West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
3	March 28	6:00 PM	Sail Trim and Rig Tuning	Terrell	Grand Traverse Yacht Club 13615 S West Bay Shore DR, TC
4	March 30	7:00 PM	Mastering the Rules of the Road		West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
5	April 6	7:00 PM	Boat Handling Under Power	Williams	West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
6	April 20	7:00 PM	Crew (Man) Overboard	Terrell	West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
7	May 4	7:00 PM	Weather	Terrell	West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
8	May 18	7:00 PM	Partner in Command	Williams	West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
9	June 1	7:00 PM	Marine Radio – VHF and VHF/DSC	Norris	West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
10	June 15	7:00 PM	Using GPS Effectively		West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
2016 Summer Seminars					
#	Date	Time	Seminar	Professor	Location
11			On the Water Training	Terrell	
12			Crossing Borders	Bailey	
13			Paddle Smart	Bailey	
14			Trailer Your Boat		
15			Basic Navigation	Taddia?	
16			Knots, Bends and Hitches for the Mariner	Norris	
2016 Fall Seminars					
#	Date	Time	Seminar	Professor	Location
17			Winterizing Your Boat/Engine	Williams	

Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron Course Offering Schedule

2015-16	Fall Semester	Professor	Spring Semester	Professor
	Seamanship	Bailey	Engine Maintenance	Williams
	Piloting	Williams/Taddia	Weather	Terrell
		Williams	Sail	Terrell
			Marine Electrical Sys.	Smethells
			ABC Boating Course	Team Taught
			Michigan DNR Boating Course	Team Taught
2016-17	Fall Semester	Professor	Spring Semester	Professor
	Engine Maintenance	Williams	Seamanship	Bailey
	Weather	Mc Intyre	Piloting	Williams
	Marine Electrical Systems	Smethells	Sail	Terrell
	Cruise Planning	Brian/Donna Nelson	Marine Electronics Navigation	TBA
			ABC Boating Course	Team Taught
			Michigan DNR Boating Course	Team Taught
2017-18	Fall Semester	Professor	Spring Semester	Professor
	Seamanship	Bailey	Engine Maintenance	Williams
	Piloting	Williams/Taddia	Weather	Mc Intyre
	Marine Electronic Navigation	Williams	Sail	Terrell
			Marine Electrical Systems	Smethells
			ABC Boating Course	Team Taught
			Michigan DNR Boating Course	Team Taught

FEBRUARY MEETING—



Terry Hoiles; Ruth Ann Hoiles
Lt/ C Janet Stone, P;
Cdr Tom Stone, P



Cdr Tom Stone, P
introducing
Julie Clark our speaker



Madonna Williams, P
Pat Rottman; Mary Norris



P/C Harvey Norris, AP
Pat Musson, JN



P/C Bill Bailey, JN
Lt/C Janet Ward, P



P/C Joe Schott, SN; P/C Ken Musson, SN;
Bruce Trudgen, AP; May Trudgen;



Chuck Watson, AP; Arnie Taddia, AP;
Linda Taddia; Carol Watson, AP



Members enjoying the program



Lt/C Janet Ward, P
P/C David Terrell, AP

WINNERS—



P/C Bill
Klein, AP



P/C Jan
Hartesvelt, S



Lt/C Janet
Stone, P

FEBRUARY INVOCATION

Minute by minute the days are getting longer
And minute by minute our desire for warm weather grows stronger

So far it's a good winter as northern winters go
Not to many zero days, and not much blinding snow

The white stuff has been coming just a few inches at a time
Which keeps the landscape beautiful, and the skiing very fine

We get billions of snowflakes straight from God's own hand
To make our place here a real winter wonderland

Thank you Lord for all the blessing that to us you give
And making this a great place for all of us to live.

P/C Bill Klein, AP

Some "Throw back Thursday" pictures. Recognize these people??



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	