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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2015 Activities Calendar

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| May 14 | | Awards Night/Bruce Trudgen | Elks Club |
| May 14 | | Commander's Lunch | Cottage |
| May 21 | | Executive Meeting | Cottage |
| June 4 | Kids | Night/Paddle Antrim | Elks Club |
| June 11 | | Commander's Lunch | Cottage |
| June 1; -41 | | Shakedown Cruise | Rapids Marina |
| June '42 | | Executive Meeting | Cottage |
| July 12 | Power | Island Picnic | Island |
| July 19-21 | | Equality Cruise | |
| August 16-18 | | D/9 Lobsterfest | Northport |

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MAY

2015

AWARDS NIGHT

**And
Bruce Trudgen
Aircraft carriers on Lake Michigan**



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

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, May 10 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, May 11



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jan Hertesvelt, S

Ahoy from the District Bridge! Yes, I was officially sworn in last Saturday afternoon and took my place on the District 9 Bridge. This is an eight year commitment I'm proud to take on. 115 members participated in seminars, hospitality rooms, conference meeting, District COW, then dinner and dancing with our very own Ron Getz trio.

The positive energy in every meeting I attended was infectious. The squadron needs to move forward focusing on what works and tweaking those elements that have lacked luster. Squadron commanders met at 8 a.m. Sunday for a private meeting and decided to do a Skype meeting August 3rd. The District Bridge members joined us 45 minutes later to add that 3 Cdr. Skype meetings per year would be better. This is to discuss how our years are going and share ideas.

I'd like to thank Members at Large Tom and Barb Lyon who attended the conference at Shanty Creek. They went to seminars I couldn't attend and they've come up with new ideas. Here are a few: Lobsterfest is getting a lot of attention from Detroit squadron. 15 of their members are coming and word is spreading. Maybe we should invite a different local yacht club annually and limit it to the first 10 people that accept. Instead of the usual Elks entire catered dinner, ask the membership to bring potluck salads, appetizer and/or dessert. 5-6 people on a rotating basis could do this and get greater involvement from our senior members.

I'd like to thank P/D/C Jerry Stephan for escorting the National Rep. V/C Peter Mitchelson and his Aide from Sebastian Inlet, Fla. to Shanty Creek. Thank you also to Gene and Shirley Van Rhee for attending and delivering VSC decals to us and escorting the National Reps. to the T.C. airport so they could fly home to warmer temperatures. Bruce Trudgen attended Saturday's ceremonies as well, thank you Bruce for supporting GTBay Sail & Power Squadron.

Positive energy was brought up earlier in my report, let's focus on that. Times are changing, our strategic plan is educating people who want to go boating: yet in this day & age young people don't want to sit in a classroom - they want to participate in activities! Let's take our activities that work and expand on them! Shakedown is already opening up to Elk Rapids Yacht Club and including kids games. Lobsterfest is exploding with downstate attendance. I'm still working with MHA, CG Aux. and the GT Yacht Club. So let's go into our summer season with positive thoughts and open minds about our squadron. The future looks bright if we all pull together.

Sincerely, D/1st/Lt Jan Hertesvelt, also still your devoted Commander Jan, S



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As I write this we are only about 3 weeks away from the start of boating season. Winter tried one more time this morning, but now I'm looking out at a hill covered with Janet's daffodils. So there really is hope that it will be warm soon.

We have a couple of changes to our spring general membership meeting dates and agendas. First the May meeting has been moved to May 14, due to an Eagle Scout dinner scheduled for the 7th. This will be our annual awards dinner. Bruce Trudgen will also give a presentation on the fresh water aircraft carriers from WWII.

Our June dinner will be on June 4 and will feature a presentation on the Antrim Water Trail. This will also be kids night, with Ice Cream sundaes for desert.

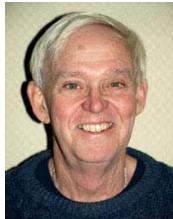
Also if you didn't see the story on Harvey Norris and Donna Daciuk in the Spring Ensign, check it out! It's on page 34.

See you May 14 at the Elks!

MAY BIRTHDAYS—

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|------|----------------|------|-----------------|
| 5/01 | James Lazar | 5/14 | John Welburn |
| 5/02 | Tom Lyon | 5/26 | Kerry Foote |
| 5/03 | Kelly Daciuk | 5/26 | Carole Merillat |
| 5/03 | Donna Nelson | 5/28 | John Blakeslee |
| 5/05 | Guy Leslie | 5/30 | Gordon Besaw |
| 5/06 | Norm Dill | | |
| 5/12 | Barb Wentzloff | | |





EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP

1. The Sail course has begun. We have 16 students. At this point we are learning about the science that lies behind sailing - stability, balance and how the wind makes sailing possible. Next week my boat goes in the water and after the students tune the boat, we will embark on a month of sailing parallel to the classroom activities. By then it will be June and time for the exam and the celebration that follows it.
2. Next weekend, we will begin the second ABC class. We hope to have a larger group than we had in the first session of the class in March. The class will be held at the Grand Traverse Mall. In June, we will also be offering an ABC class in Elk Rapids for members of the Elk Rapids Yacht Club and the local community. This is new territory for us and it may be a new source for squadron members.
3. Since we have expanded the number of news outlets we notify of our events we have been getting good numbers for our seminars and courses. Numbers are running in the 14-15 range. This week I am going to add The Cadillac News to the newspapers we send press releases to. In addition, I need to contact the radio stations to find out how to best contact them. Sending press releases to their station .com addresses has not been successful.
4. On April 25th I represented the squadron at a joint gathering of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club and the Maritime Heritage Alliance. The event was open to the public and at least 6 members of the squadron attended the event. I was asked to give a brief introduction to the squadron. In that introduction, I shared our mission of boating safety and education as well as social interaction. I told them about our courses, especially the ABC classes, and invited them to visit our website to learn more about who we are and what we do. There was a two part program featuring the summer ventures of the Madaline in the Great Lakes and the one summer - a trip around the Black Sea - of the 10 voyage of Doug Roberts and Sarah Boys to the Mediterranean. The food was good - pulled pork, some very good baked beans and yummy cold slaw - sort of an early summer picnic.
5. Our work creating a partnership with NMC's Extended Education Service is making progress. It seems that we can market our courses through EES at a price that the public will find acceptable. If that turns out to be the case, we will solve the problem of getting acceptable room space at a price we can afford.
6. Because of illness, I was not able to attend the SEO meeting at the District 9 conference at Shanty Creek this weekend, I will have to catch up with the news from the Education Department and share that with you in the next 45th in June. I am beginning to feel more normal.



Safety Officer's Report

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

Alcohol and Boating: New Michigan Legislation

Boating on the lakes of Michigan is one of the best parts of living here. There is nothing like taking your boat out on a beautiful Michigan day. Generally, Michigan boaters are very safe and

Observe the “rules of the road”. Each year, Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) publicizes the impressive safety record Michigan boaters have in the 3rd largest boating state in the country. "Boating in Michigan is a very safe recreational activity," states Nicki Polan, Executive Director. "In fact, Michigan's safety record is among the best in the country." While this is good news, we must recognize that approximately one-third of boating accidents are caused by boaters who are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. For this reason, Michigan has enacted new rules for boats and other recreational vehicles. Before you head out onto the water, make sure that you know what the changes are. The new changes include: The blood alcohol limit has changed. It was .10 and now it is .08, just like if you were driving a car.

If you are under the age of 21, you may not operate a boat with any alcohol in your system. Michigan law does not prohibit drinking on the water. Passengers—and the watercraft operator—can openly cruise around with a bottle or two. But that's where the leniency stops. Just as operating a motor vehicle under the influence is illegal, so is jumping behind the wheel of a boat. According to Frank Jennings Jr., the U.S. Coast Guard's recreational boating and water safety program manager for the Great Lakes, a breathalyzer test proving that limit is not necessarily needed to take a person into custody. Coast Guard officials will conduct field sobriety tests and may also take into consideration whether the boater appears to be disoriented, confused or smells of alcohol. "Even a couple of beers, once you combine that with the sun beating down and the wind on your face, is going to increase the effects of alcohol on the operator," he said. Coast Guard officials often will stop a boat for safety and equipment checks if the driver is seen drinking, said Dan Kehrein, a boatswain's mate 2nd Class with the Grand Haven station. (An interesting aside here is that in 2012, the Governor also signed into law Public Act 162, which states that, if a boater has a Coast Guard Safety Check decal on his or her boat, they cannot be pulled over for a random safety inspection, unless there is probable cause for violation.) Rep. Dave Pagel, one of the sponsors of the alcohol limits legislation, said "I think it sends a message that these are family activities and people should practice them safely".

APRIL MEETING—



Janet Ward, P
Patrick Kernaghan



Lt/C Cathy Holcombe
Lt/C John Weih



Guests Jean and
Bill Scott



Terry Hoiles
Ruth Hoiles



Bill Rottman, AP
Tom Lyon, AP
Chuck Watson, AP



Pat Salathiel, P
Lyn Salathiel, P



Barb Lyon, AP
Bill Rottman, AP
Pat Rottman



Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP
Tom Lyon, AP



The Ron Getz Trio provided great music



Guests Deb and Jim Heston



Dancing the night away

APRIL INVOCATION

The winter and spring have been unseasonably cold
We wonder what next mother nature will unfold

It is April and we wish that winter would leave
So that a glowing warmth we could perceive

The birds are singing to help create a spring mood
And flock to the feeders hungry for food

For us, we can eat even if the land is covered with snow
And we should thank our God for making it so.

This year we have gotten cold, it was the norm
But Gods been here always to keep our spirits warm

Thank you God for this day
And to you God we do pray

P/C Bill Klein, AD