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

May 4	Boat Handling Under Power-1700	West Marine
May 5	Lunch with the Commander-1200	The Cottage
May 9	ABC Safe Boating Course starts-1600	NMC
May 12	Awards Night-1600 (Note day Change)	Elks Club
May 25	Crew Overboard-1700	West Marine
June 17-19	Shakedown Cruise	Elk Rapids Marina
July 17	Power Island Picnic	Power Island
July 26-Aug 3	eQUALITY Cruise	
August 19-20	Lobster Bake	Northport

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**12 MAY 2016**

**AWARDS NIGHT**

**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 8 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email [daisy.d1569@gmail.com](mailto:daisy.d1569@gmail.com) by Monday, May 9.  
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas Stone, P

We made it through another winter and it is finally time to start getting the boats ready for the water. It is amazing how much harder this process becomes as we age. I hate to admit it to myself that I'm tired after 4 or 5 hours and quite stiff the next day, but it still revitalizes me to see the boat come together.

We have some great activities planned for this summer which everyone can participate in even if you no longer own a boat, or are unable to journey to other ports. The Shakedown in June is always a fun time. If nothing else please come to one of the dinners Friday or Saturday.

If you have not read the Equality Cruise notice Bill Bailey sent out last week, you need to do it. The committee put together an easy cruise so you can do all or part of it, but more importantly, they planned events so you can pull your trailerable boat up to Boyne or Petoskey and join in the fun. Or as Bill says , " don't have a boat- no problem" , someone else will take you out for a day on the water. These are the kind of events that you have been asking for, so please take advantage of them!

I want to thank the members who helped man our table at the Traverse City Boat Show. We haven't done this event in many years, and they came back with some good ideas to improve our presence next year.

Don't forget that the May General Meeting is a week later, May 12, and it is our annual Awards night.

Come and find out who will receive this year's Bonehead Award.



***Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends<sup>sm</sup>***



## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Lt/C Bill Smethells, S**

I am writing this short report looking out at the whitecaps on East Bay; temperature is just 50 degrees and the wind is about Force 4 on the Beaufort scale. Lovely day for sailing?! I have just a couple of thoughts to pass along.

1. Our speaker at the April meeting was Lt. Adam Morehouse, a pilot with the Coast Guard, who entertained us with stories and pictures from his various adventures. He gave a great talk; it would be a delight to have him back again. He said he has more stories.
2. Thanks to Tom Lyon, Bill Rottman, and Bill Bailey who developed the eQuality Cruise for the summer. It looks good! I understand Jerry Williams was consulted as well. Information and sign-up is available through the Squadron website.
3. Those of us that have been teaching courses this Spring have been inviting course participants to the monthly meetings (and asking that we call ahead for them, of course). Hopefully we will have visitors at the May meeting for whom we can provide a hearty Squadron

See you on the bay. It won't be too long now.



## **EDUCATION OFFICER**

**LT/C Dave Terrell, AP**

1. Six students took the Weather Exams. Results will be forthcoming.
2. 13 Students are enrolled in Marine Electrical Systems being taught by Bill Smethells
3. Sail at GTYC had 2 students and has been cancelled. The students have been offered the opportunity to take Sail this summer at the spring price when it will be offered through Northwestern Michigan College's Extended Education Services. The course will run from July 11 to August 22 and include seven classroom sessions and seven weeks of sailing.
4. Upcoming seminars are as follows: Mastering the rules of the Road on April 27th, Boat Handling Under Power on May 4th, Crew Overboard on May 25th and Weather on June 8th. All seminars will be held at West Marine, 3500 Market Place Circle TC.
5. ABC3 will be offered twice this summer. For three Monday nights from 6 to 9 starting May 9th at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in room 101 and at Elk Rapids on June 26th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Marina Pavilion.

Date	Time	Course Offering	Location
3/30/16	6-9 p.m.	<a href="#">Marine Electrical Systems</a> Meets for 6 Wednesdays	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm 101
4/11/16	6-9 p.m.	<a href="#">Sail</a> Meets for 11 Mondays	Grand Traverse Yacht Club
5/9/16	6-9 p.m.	<b>ABC Safe Boating Course</b> Meets for 3 Mondays	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm 101
6/26/16	8:30am to 5:30pm	<b>ABC Safe Boating Course</b>	Elk Rapids Harbor Pavilion
7/11/16	6-9 p.m.	<b>Sail – On The Water</b>	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm 101
8/8/16	6-9 p.m.	<b>Advanced Piloting</b> Meets for 6 Wednesdays	To be Announced
8/16/16	6-9 p.m.	<b>Cruise Planning</b> Meets for 5 Wednesdays	To be Announced
9/6/16	6-9 p.m.	<b>Marine Electrical System</b> Meets for 6 Wednesdays	To be Announced
9/19/16	6-9 p.m.	<b>Engine Maintenance</b> Meets for 6 Wednesdays	To be Announced
10/25/16	6-9 p.m.	<b>Weather</b> Meets for 6 Wednesdays	To be Announced

Date	Time	Seminar Offerings	Location
3/23/16	7-9 PM	<b>Anchoring</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine 3500 Market Place Circle, TC
3/30/16	7-9 PM	<b>Sail Trim and Rig Tuning</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
4/13/16	7-9 PM	<b>Emergencies on Board</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
4/27/16	7-9 PM	<b>Mastering the Rules of the Road</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
5/4/16	7-9 PM	<b>Boat Handling Under Power</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
5/25/16	7-9 PM	<b>Crew (Man) Overboard</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
6/8/16	7-9 PM	<b>Weather</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
6/22/16	7-9 PM	<b>Partner in Command</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
7/13/16	7-9 PM	<b>Marine Radio – VHF and VHF/DSC</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
7/27/16	7-9 PM	<b>Using GPS Effectively</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	West Marine
8/24/16	7-9 PM	<b>Laying up your Boat</b> 2 hour FREE Seminar	

APRIL MEETING—



Barb Lyon, AP  
Tom Lyon, AP  
Mary Norris



Carol Watson, P  
Linda Taddia  
Elaine Young



New members  
Paul Gonzales  
Nancy Gonzales



Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP  
Carol Currin, P  
P/C Eric Currin, AP



Nicole Smethells  
Speaker Lt Adam Morehouse,  
United States Coast Guard  
Lt/C Bill Smethells, P



Bill Rottman, AP  
Pat Rottman  
Lt Sue Brown, P



Bobbie Schott, AP  
Barb Klein, AP



L/C Cathy Holcombe, P  
L/C John Weih, P



P/C Bill Young, AP  
Chuck Watson, AP  
Arnie Taddia, AP

Winners—



Barb Lyon, AP



Arnie Taddia, AP



Sheridan Haack, P



New Members  
Sheridan Haack, P  
and Robert Haack



P/C Bill Klein, AP  
P/C Joe Schott, SN

## A Note from D/L/C Jan Hartesvelt,

Hello all GTBSPS members! Saturday, April 9, 2016, I was sworn in as District 9 Secretary at the Doubletree Inn in Dearborn, that was our Spring Conference. I'm humbled and honored to represent you. Immediate Past Chief Commander Robert Baldrige from Baton Rouge, La. was also present at my swearing in at the D9 Change of Watch. That was quite a huge experience for me!

Just a note about Fresh Water Festival, things are going swimmingly. I've been in contact with the proper people in Elk Rapids, there's a banner being made, MHA will have center court as they are bringing the Gracie L. on a trailer. So far we have eight confirmed entries. Still waiting for groups to call me back. If anyone would like to join Fresh Water Committee, I'm ready for volunteers. Please just call or e-mail.

Thank you again for your support for getting me to D9 Secretary level. I'm extremely grateful. As I said when I took the helm for GTBSPS, "I'm going to rattle the cage!" So will I do at the District level.

Photos from the Carl M Levin naming ceremony



Cdr Althea Doolittle, SN  
D/Lt/C Mike Babiarz, AP  
D/Lt/C Jan Hartesvelt, S



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D/C Tony Lewandowski



Cdr Althea Doolittle, SN  
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## FIRST ANNUAL FRESH WATER FESTIVAL

**IDEA:** To have educational and non-profit groups in and around Traverse City that have water as our common denominator to gather together in one place once a year to support each other and as-a-whole present our group's information to the public.

**REASON:** Groups like Maritime Heritage Alliance, Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadron, Inland Seas and others hold their own celebrations throughout the boating season. Wouldn't it benefit those groups to combine efforts on one day in June to combine their strengths and attract the public to learn about them?

**DATE & TIME:** Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Set-up at 9 a.m., Festival runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Elk River Landing, Elk Rapids, Michigan

**EVENT EXAMPLES:** Eligible groups will bring white EZ-UP tents, folding tables for pamphlets and other appropriate items supporting our theme. Some groups like Charlevoix sector Coast Guard may bring one of their rescue boats on a trailer. Paddle Antrim group and kayak clubs want to do dryland demonstration. The United States Power Squadron will sponsor an educational scavenger hunt with a prize for the winner. Maritime Heritage Alliance is bringing the Gracie L on her trailer.

**GROUPS TO ATTEND:** We are continuing our search at this time, however here are some prospects: the YMCA, Great Lakes Cruising Club, GT Bay Yacht Club, TACS, Quantum Sail, Coast Guard Aux., Inland Seas of Suttons Bay, Cedarville Boat Builders, Red 8 with Rourke Miller, and a water qualities activity group.

I would like to invite your group to join this first time Festival in June! I am working closely with the Village of Elk Rapids to be sure we follow their rules so we all will be invited back.

A successful Festival will only get bigger and better with each following year.

Please contact Fresh Water Festival Planning Commissioner, Jan Hartesvelt at 231-620-0530 with questions, or even better, to let me know you'll join the Festival!

Thank you!



## APRIL INVOCATION

This is the time of year that we bid winter good-bye  
And look forward to spring and give a long deep sigh

Then sighting the years first Robin landing in the snow  
Hear him chirping and then wondering now where to go

In sort order the chickadees spring to life  
A sure sign we have had enough of winters strife

April is only a few days old, but we have already had rain, snow and sun  
God and Mother Nature are sure having lots of fun

We thank you god for getting things ready to grown  
And for the new boating season, let us be ready to go.

P/C Bill Klein, AP

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS—

5/01 James Lazar

5/02 Tom Lyon

5/03 Kelly Daciuk

5/03 Donna Nelson

5/05 Guy Leslie

5/06 Norm Dill

5/12 Barb Wentzloff

5/26 Kerry Foote

5/28 John Blakeslee

5/30 Gordon Besaw



# *Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron*



## **2016 Shakedown Cruise**

***Grace Memorial Harbor, Elk Rapids, MI  
June 17, 18, & 19 2016***

Even if you can't come by boat,  
**PLEASE ATTEND and HAVE FUN!**

### **Friday Welcome to Elk Rapids**

- Barb and Tom Lyon have offered their home for a deck party
  - ✓ If weather is bad we will move the event to the Jack Blesma Pavilion
- We are planning to have pizza, salad and a light desert. **BYOB**
- Music by Stan Getz and Ronne Hernandez
- Cost for Friday night is \$12.00 per member
- 1700 to ??

### **Saturday**

- Coffee & Doughnuts at Day Room – sponsored by ERYC (donation please)
- VSC from 1000 to 1300
- Ship Handling Simulator in the Jack Blesma Pavilion – 1000 to 1400

### **Saturday Dinner** - Jack Blesma Pavilion

- Join the Commander and Crew for Happy Hour – 1700 to 1800
- **Dinner Choices** – 1800 to 1930 - \$29.00/person
  - ✓ Barbecue Chicken
  - ✓ Barbecue Ribs
- Salad, vegetable, dinner rolls, desert (ice cream sundaes)
- **BYOB**

### **Sunday Morning**

Last year the coffee and doughnuts turned into a full pancake breakfast so bring you appetite and join us for breakfast. (Donations please)

**MAKE SLIP RESERVATIONS WITH Eric Crissman, ELK RAPIDS HARBORMASTER  
AT 231-264-8174**

2016 Shakedown Cruise			
Event	Quantity	Cost Each	Total
Friday Night – Pizza and Salad		12.00	
Saturday Night Dinner	*****	*****	*****
Barbecue Chicken and Ribs		29.00	
Sunday Morning Pancake Breakfast		Donations	

**Persons attending:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

For reservations send info and payment (checks to GTBSPS) by June 13, 2016 to

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