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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2016 Activities Calendar

Nov 3	Bob Mason-1800	Elks Club
Nov 10	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
Nov 26	Executive Committee -1800	Cottage Cafe
Dec 1	Change of Watch-1800	Elks Club
Dec 8	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
Dec 14	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Cafe

3 NOVEMBER 2016

Bob Mason

**Come here the story of the sinking of the
Edmund Fitzgerald
He had several friends on that ship**



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

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Oct 30 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, Oct 31
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Thomas Stone, P

Wow it's been a beautiful fall. I guess we could have left the boat in a couple more weeks. But the bright side is we were able to get it tarped and winterized when it was warm.

This weekend we have our District Conference in Grand Rapids. It should be a fun and informative event. I will update you at our next meeting.

Our November speaker is Bob Mason. Bob was a cadet at the Maritime Academy when the Edmund Fitzgerald disaster occurred. He had several friends on the ship. Bob will share his story of the sinking



Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends'



EDUCATION OFFICER
LT/C Dave Terrell, AP

- 1. The seamanship class has concluded and the students took their exam on October 25th.

- 2. National has announced a very troublesome new practice. They are imposing a \$20.00 fee on all non-members who take the exams. It is justified as a fee to cover processing and maintain the data base. This will be discussed at the D9 conference. No doubt there will be a lot of push back on this new fee.

- 3. A full schedule of classes and seminars through next August has been posted on the squadron website. More on the Winter/Spring offerings in the December 45th.

1/16/17	6-9 p.m.	Engine Maintenance Meets for 5 Mon-	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm TBA
1/17/17	6-9 p.m.	Cruise Planning Meets for 6 Tues-	NMC Great Lakes Camppus
2/20/17	6-9 p.m.	Piloting Meets for 7 Mondays	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm TBA
May	6-9 p.m.	America's Boating Course Meets for 3 Mon-	NMC Great Lakes Campus Rm TBA
May	6-9 p.m.	Marine Electrical Systems Meets for 7	NMC Great Lakes Campus

OCTOBER MEETING—



Lt Brian Nelson, AP
Tom Lyon, AP
Cdr Tom Stone, P
Janet Stone, P



Bobbie Schott, AP
Receiving her
Life Member
Award from
Cdr Tom Stone, P



Nicole Smethells
Donna Nelson, AP



Cdr Tom Stone, P
P/C Eric Currin, AP



Pat Musson, SN
Bobbie Schott, AP



Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP
Paul Gonzalez



Janet Stone, P
Madonna Williams, P



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



John Melvin, P
Mary Melvin, P



Terry Hoiles
Mary Petterson, P



P/C Jan
Hartesvelt,S

WINNERS—



Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP with
our speaker Liz Kirkwood
from FLOW



P/C Norm Dill, SN



John Davies, SN



P/C Bill
Young, AP



SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

CHANGES TO PFD CLASSIFICATION AND LABELING COMING IN 2017

The Coast Guard announced they are working with the Personal Flotation Device (PFD) community to revise the classification and labeling of PFDs. The Coast Guard's removal of type coding has come about because new PFDs offered for testing and approval were unable to be classified with the current system. Their abilities exceeded many presently approved PFDs. When the revisions are completed, the hope is that the information regarding the various types will be easier to understand.

Chris Edmonston, Chairman of the National Safe Boating Council, stated; "The boating safety community believes this move by the Coast Guard will help lead the way toward more comfortable and innovative life jacket designs, help boaters stay on the right side of the law, lower cost, and save lives. The type coding unique to the United States, tended to confuse boaters, limited choices and increased the cost. Removing the coding will be the first step toward adoption of new standards that will simplify life jacket requirements for recreational boaters."

The Coast Guard has announced the new rating system won't be in place until 2017 but any present PFDs in use will be acceptable for, "the life of the PFD." If you need a new PFD – buy one. Don't wait for the review process to complete. Lives will still need to be protected.

Modern inflatable PFDs have come a long way since they were approved for recreational use in 1996. Improvements in their design and use are ongoing. A limited number of the inflatables have been approved for Type II and Type III recreational use. If you select one, you need to determine if it carries a current Coast Guard **160** approval number.

Various manufacturers, whose inflatables have been approved, provide detailed instructions for use and care and I highly recommend you thoroughly review them prior to purchasing or using one. The Coast Guard points out that it is important for consumers to register their inflatable PFDs with the manufacturer because they must have your information on file to effectively contact you in a timely manner regarding any recalls.

Because many unapproved products are beginning to flood the market, be sure to seek out those that have been tested and approved by the Coast Guard and display the **160** number on them. Many of the new styles are very comfortable and are designed for multiple use and the prices for them are coming down.

BY-LAWS CONCERNING NOMINATIONS:

Article 5, Sect 5.1.2 All Bridge officers shall have been awarded at least one Advanced Grade and at least one merit mark.

Article 6, Sect 6.8 The Nominating committee shall select a candidate for each elective office and for the chairman and members of each elective committee provided for herein and shall submit its written report to the secretary at least 40 days prior to the annual meeting.

The following slate for 2016-2017 is presented:

Commander	Jerry Williams, AP
Executive Officer	Bill Smethells, P
Administrative Officer	Janet Ward, P
Secretary	MR Gillooly, S
Treasurer	Catherine Holcombe, P
Asst Treasurer	John Weih, P
SEO	Dave Terrell AP
Asst SEO	Bill Bailey, JN

Executive Committee At Large:

Mary Petterson, P
Tom/Barb Lyon, AP
Terry Hoiles

Elected for a three year term to:

Auditing Committee:	Tom Lyon, AP; P/C Joe Schott, SN; Bill Rottman, AP
Rules Committee:	P/Lt/C Ken Musson, SN
Nominating Committee:	P/C Tom Stone, P; Lt Sue Brown, P; P/C Jan Hartesvelt, S

Article 11, Sect 11.1 Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five (5) Active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of the election.

Article 11, Sect 11.4 No active member shall be eligible for nomination without first signifying willingness and ability to serve if elected.

Article 9, Sect 9.3 The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees. Including the chairman thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this squadron, shall be sent to each Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

The Executive Committee has approved the election of Assistants

Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee, 2016
Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP; P/C Bill Bailey, JN

OCTOBER INVOCATION

The grass is so rich lush and green
It seems to be growing faster than we have ever seen

The humming birds left for the south the other day
May their long and difficult flight be a safe one we pray

The woodland creatures are stocking up for the winter to come
Amphibians are burrowing deep for their time for going numb

God's order for his world is really amazing
Which is why he should get all our praising

Thank you God for all you have done
To keep us safe under your orbiting sun

May we seek peace not war
That hope and love will be ever at our door

P/C Bill Klein, AP

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS—

Gonzalez, Nancy L.
Haack, Sheridan K.
Hartley, Richard L.
Hoiles, Terry Lee
Klein, William F.
Terrell, David Jeffrey
Wentzloff, Dale V.
Williams, Charles P.



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