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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2015 Activities Calendar

September 3	The Bill Show	Elks Club
September 10	Lunch with the Commander	The Cottage
September 14	Seamanship Course Begins	NMC
September 17	Executive Meeting	The Cottage
September 19	Call to Council	Detroit Yacht Club
October 1	General Meeting	Elks Club
October 16-18	D9 Fall Conference	Auburn Hills, Mi

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September

2015

The Bill Show

Come and listen to
Bill Rottman and Bill Smethells
As they recount their trip this last year with
Bill Bailey

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

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, August 30 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, August 31.



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S

Ahoy all! What a wonderful summer! Topped off by a warm August, I couldn't have wished for anything better. Our summer activities were successes as far as I'm concerned. Reminds me of my report after Spring Conference this year, if we all pull together, we can make great things happen. Many thanks to all who served on committees to have the Picnic be one of the most populated picnics in awhile. Thanks to Tom & Barb Lyon for changing up the menu for Shake-down, and for another well attended event, the Pizza Party at their residence. The Equality Cruise combined with Lobsterbake was great as well. New ideas are hatching to improve 2016 activities, which is fantastic! I'm thrilled with our progress. Congratulations everyone. Let's keep the momentum going into next year.

Our very own P/C Dave Terrel has been nominated to receive the 2015 Chapman Award. This is Teacher of the Year given out by Nationals. This is a BIG DEAL! When you see Dave, pat him on the back and say thank you. We came up with a committee on short notice to get this in place yet I believe we put together an adequate package for him. Let's all wish him luck.

The D9 Call to Council Fall 2015 is Saturday 19 September 2015 at the Detroit Yacht Club starting at 9:00 a.m. The Fall Conference is October 16-18, 2015 at Center Point Marriot in Auburn Hills. Anyone interested in attending either of these events please contact me and I will forward the registration forms from District Secretary, Michael Babiarz, AP. Hope to see many of you at the Sept. 3rd monthly meeting for "The Bill Show".



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Tom Stone, P

Well we are nearing the end of another great summer, but we still have some wonderful days remaining. We had our normal Squadron activities for the summer including the Shakedown, picnic, Equality Cruise, and of course the Lobster Bake. We were also able to participate in several other events like the Inland Seas Water Festival.

This fall we will start working on the recommendations of The Village Press to improve our membership and expand our visibility to the public. We will keep everyone informed as we move forward with this effort. As always we need everyone's involvement to keep the squadron viable.

Our next general meeting is right around the corner at the Elk's, on Thursday September 3, 2015. Hope to see you all there.



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP

The most important thing going on in the Education Department is that we have listed two courses, Seamanship and Piloting, in Northwestern Michigan College's the Extended Educational Services Fall catalogue. We have listed them at prices that the NMC staff thinks will be attractive.

Bill Bailey will teach Seamanship and Jerry Williams is scheduled for Piloting. Seamanship, which starts on September 14th has 3 people enrolled. No one has enrolled for Piloting, but it is very early for that course which begins on October 19th. I am ordering books for both classes soon.

If this approach works we may have solved one of our most important education department problems - finding room space at a price we can afford. We do not wish to overuse the Space at Grand Traverse Yacht Club.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS—

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|------|------------------|------|----------------|
| 9/01 | Jerry Williams | 9/12 | Claudia Nowak |
| 9/05 | Nicole Smethells | 9/22 | Travis McLeod |
| 9/05 | Mary Woessner | 9/24 | Eric Currin |
| 9/08 | Laura Laubhan | 9/28 | Doug Scott |
| 9/09 | Sandy Stockemer | 9/29 | Gloria Heusner |
| 9/11 | Judy Crockett | 9/29 | Tom Rudzinski |
| 9/12 | Dick Lavanture | | |





Safety Officer's Report

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

OUT-OF-SIGHT, OUT-OF-MIND?

"Let sleeping dogs lie," may be sage advice when dealing with Rottweilers, but marine surveyor Frank Lanier can tell you it's definitely not the attitude to have with regard to boat maintenance. The various systems aboard your boat won't continue working flawlessly without proper upkeep, and an "out of sight, out of mind" maintenance philosophy simply won't do. Most all boats have sleeping dogs, so inspect your vessel before they have a chance to wake up and take a bite out of the captain's quarters.

Defective thru-hull fittings and valves have been the primary focus of many safety articles and vessel inspections, however, cockpit drain hoses which are frequently hidden from view are commonly overlooked. Even though the cockpit drain exits above the waterline, a cracked or broken hose can allow a large volume of water to enter the boat during a heavy rain such as we have witnessed recently.

Let's say your boat was manufactured in 1980, a realistic example as there are still plenty of vessels from that era out and about. If the cockpit drain hoses are original (and there's a good chance they are), it means the safety of you and your vessel hinges on a 33-year-old piece of hose. All hose has a finite lifespan and should be inspected and replaced on a regularly scheduled basis, regardless of appearance. Recommended replacement time frames vary between hose manufacturers, but 10 years is commonly quoted.

Even when all fittings and hoses are in good condition, backup bilge pumps are always a good idea. However, there are a few installation points to consider to insure they work properly when needed. Backup pumps should be mounted and configured to turn on when the bilge-water level reaches around four to six inches above the turn-on point for the primary pump. This prevents the backup pump from resting in the normal accumulation of bilge water, where it can become clogged with sludge and debris and seize from disuse. Each pump should have its own discharge hose and thru-hull; never connect multiple discharge pumps to a common line.

JUNE MEETING—



P/C Jean Schmidt, AP
 Carol Watson, AP
 Elaine Young



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



Lt/C Tom Stone,
 Lt Brian Nelson, AP
 Bill Smethells
 P/C Jerry Stephan, AP



Tom Lyon, AP
 Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P
 Barb Lyon, AP
 Lt/C John Weih, P



Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP
 P/C Doug Scott, AP



Donna Nelson, AP
 Mary Norris



Lt/C Janet Stone, P
 Lt/C Tom Stone, P



Don Gorski, AP
 Donna Daciuk, AP



L/C Jerry Williams, AP
 Helping us get the the USPS
 Web Sit



Ruth Ann Hoiles
 Nicole Smethells



Ken Musson, SN
 P/C Jerry Stephan, AP

Editors Note—
 Pictures from the August
 Rendezvous will be in the
 October Newsletter



Deana Jerdee our speaker
 From Paddle Antrim

AWARDS—



25 year pin being awarded
To Margaret Haddix by
Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S



25 year pin being awarded
To Bobbie Schott, AP
By Cdr Jan.



25 year pin for Jean
Brooks, AP being accepted
by Ken Musson, SN from
Cdr Jan.

WINNERS—



Madonna Williams



Kate Stephen



P/C Bill Young, AP

JUNE INVOCATION

Winter wants to hang on by giving the land a frosty coat
We hope the chance of more frost gets really remote

Still, cold or not the cherry blossoms were a sight to behold
God was letting the wonders of his land completely unfold

The lakes are sparkling with their water so clear
And we can feel the warmth that starting to get near

See and listen to the colorful Oriole singing its beautiful song
And a Humming bird darting here and there on wings so strong

Mother nature is starting her summer plan
All controlled and under our Gods guiding hand

Guide us God, and keep us good to the core
That we may help seek peace, and not man's ugly war

P/C Bill Klein, AP

USPS D9 2015 Fall Conference



Conference Registration Form

United States Power Squadrons - District 9 - Fall Conference 16 - 18 October 2015

Rank Last Name First Name Grade

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Squadron _____ Phone () _____ E-Mail Address _____

Check if a First Timer at a district conference

No Meals, Friday hospitality registration only

Lunch \$24.00 each

____ Southwest Turkey Wrap (Sliced Turkey, Southwestern Ranch, Queso Fresco, Shredded Lettuce, and Pico de Gallo)

____ Traverse City Chicken Salad (Mixed Field Greens accompanied by Michigan Dried Cherries, Grilled Chicken, Sliced Pecans, and Blue Cheese Served with House Vinaigrette. Served with Warm House Rolls and Butter)

____ Special Diet Specify _____

Dinner \$53.00 each

____ Herb Roasted Chicken Breast (with Oven Dried Tomato, Portobello Mushroom, Shillake Mushroom & Marsala Garlic Broth)

____ Oven Braised Salmon Filet (with Tomato-Basil Coulis & Sweet Onions)

____ Special Diet Specify _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Reservations must be received by 9 Oct 2015

!! 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:

USPS District 9

Mail Check & Registration to:

Dave Dudek
35801 Schmid Dr
New Baltimore, MI 48047

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 (9 Oct) will be unclaimed tickets or tickets turned in for resale.
- Any reservation received after the cut-off date (9 Oct) 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 start at \$99.00. One time fee of \$50.00 for bed removal, 1 table, and 5 chairs. Additional tables or chairs come with an additional fee. Cut-Off Date 24 Sep 2015



Marriott at Centerpoint
Standard Room
\$99.00

Rooms Reservations: Reserve on or before 25 Sep 2015 Call 248-253-9800
Marriott group rate reservation Link ==>>> <http://tinyurl.com/D9conference-F2015>

SHAKEDOWN CRUISE 2015



POWER ISLAND PICNIC 2015

