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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2022 Activities Calendar

April 7	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
April 14	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
April 21	Executive Meeting-1900	Via Zoom
April 23	Spring D-9 Conference	Via Zoom
May 5	General Meeting-1800	TBD
May 12	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
May 19	Executive Meeting-1900	Via Zoom
June 2	General Meeting-1800	TBD
June 17	Shakedown-1700	Gonzalez House
June 18	Tall Ship Manitou	

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HEATHER JANKENS

Maritime Heritage Alliance Upcoming events and projects

Cherry Barbecue Chicken
1/2 Split chicken, oven roasted, then char broiled with homemade
Cherry BBQ sauce
Potato, salad roll and butter

1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner

\$20.00 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, April 3, please call John Krieger at
630-624-8090 or email Kriegwheat@gmail.com by Monday, April 4
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr Mary Petterson, N

The March roller coaster is here. It's officially spring and most of the snow was gone. As I write this, snow is coming down pretty good with considerable wind. So much for uncovering boats and getting to work on the exteriors! Looks like we'll be into April before any outside work on boats or in our yards can start. Summer couldn't get here too soon!

For the April 7 dinner meeting, we will be returning to Sleder's. Heather Jankens with the Maritime Heritage Alliance will entertain us with information about their fleet and upcoming events and projects.

Nancy and Paul Gonzalez have so graciously offered their home again for the Shake-down Cruise pizza party, Friday, June 17. In addition, on Saturday we'll be taking an ice cream cruise on the tall ship Manitou. Please see our website for details. There will also be a flyer coming out in April. This could be a really fun event with the kids or grandkids.

Other upcoming events this spring include:

Lunch with the Commander – April 14

Bridge Meeting – April 21

District 9 Spring Conference – April 23

May Dinner Meeting – Awards Night!

Also, check out our website about the eQuality Cruise. Everyone is welcome to join. If you're not boating, consider rendezvousing with us at Fayette State Park or Escanaba on a summer road trip. Taking the ferry from Charlevoix to Beaver Island is another possibility. We have loads of fun on the summer cruise, both while cruising and exploring the ports.

Hope to see many of you at the April 7 dinner meeting for cherry barbecued chicken, an enlightening program and our usual camaraderie!





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

In previous reports in the 45th Parallel, the details regarding Spring course dates and venues were provided. Since one of them is being offered by our squadron through Zoom and the rest are being offered through NMC which has instituted a new website for Extended Education classes, I thought that the following review might be helpful in accessing online information and registering for the classes.

There are three classes being offered through NMC and in-person. They are Cruising and Cruise Planning, Sailing, and the College for Kids version of America's Boating Course. For these, go to nmc.augusoft.net (not .edu). Since Cruising and Cruise Planning has already started, there will be information on the website but you will need to contact instructors Tom Stone or Bill Bailey to register. For all of them, after accessing the website, go to "Recreation" to find the courses.

In the same way, you will find the virtual (adult) version of America's Boating Course which is being offered through NMC's LiveStream (their version of Zoom) in May.

The Boat Handling Course and Seminars is different. It is being offered directly by us via Zoom rather than through NMC. Go to gtbayboating.org to find a description of Boat Handling and a registration form to mail in. This course is the new version of Seamanship; for members of Grand Traverse Bay, completing the course and passing the exam leads to the grade of "S".

If there are any questions or problems, please contact me at 715-579-2557 or wsmethells@protonmail.com.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, N

We will be returning to Sleder’s Restaurant for the Thursday, April 7th Dinner meeting. Our last gathering at Sleder’s was in February, was well attended and the meal was great. We hope to see you there. Noted elsewhere in this report is a description of the planned dinner selection.

By the time of your reading this report, ABC/USPS Leadership has completed the first of a scheduled series of all member Town Hall meetings seeking membership comments and participation in helping to plan the future of the Organization. This first and I’m sure subsequent meetings, will focus on the Ad hoc committee’s reorganization proposal which was issued February 22, 2022 and is available in the February 24th Ensign on the ABC/USPS website. Though a bit lengthy, it is nonetheless thorough and worth a look. All this effort is in preparation for a final decision and adoption vote at the 2022 national meeting scheduled for September. For those interested in viewing the meeting, we have received word that this meeting will be recorded and will be available on the ABC/USPS website.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS—

- Bill Bailey, JN P/C
- Carol Currin, P
- Brian Flickinger
- Mary R. Gillooly, S
- Michael LeButt, SN P/Lt/C
- Patricia Musson, JN
- William Rzyzi
- Craig Shantz
- Thomas Stone, JN P/C



MARCH MEETING—



WINNERS—



Cdr Mary Petterson



Arnie Taddia, AP



John Davies, SN



Shakedown Cruise 2022

June 17

Nancy & Paul Gonzalez Home

This year's Shakedown Cruise will be a repeat of last year's very successful event.

On Friday, June 17, we will have a Pizza Party at the Gonzalez home. Pizza, plates and utensils will be provided. Bring your own beverages and chairs.

Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m.

Pizza served at 6:00 p.m.

We need a head count by June 13

Click [here](#) to RSVP

Donations for food cost will be accepted at the party.

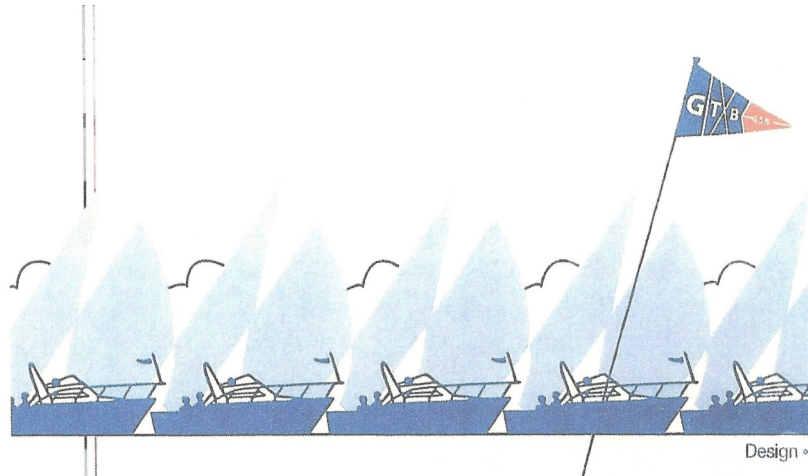
June 18

Tall Ship Manitou

Saturday finds the club on an ice cream bay cruise on the Tall Ship Manitou with Moomers, the best ice cream in America. \$49 adults and \$27 kids 12 and under for the 3:30 p.m. cruise.

Make your own reservations by clicking [here](#) after

April First. No this is not an April fool's joke.



eQuality Cruise 2022

The 2022 eQuality Cruise committee with help from the Currins, Mary Petter-son, and the Shantzs have set the itinerary for this year's cruise.

Ports of call include Beaver Island, Manistique, Fayette, Escanaba, Washington Island, Bailey's Harbor, South Manitou Island, and Leland. Dates are July 14-26

Mark your calendars, get your boats ready, and come along for the best cruise of the summer.

Even if you don't want to boat along, consider a summer road trip in the U.P. and join us in Manistique, Fayette, and Escanaba.

The past four years we've gone to the North Channel, Northern Lake Michigan and Green Bay, Lake Superior, and Central Lake Michigan along the Michigan and Wisconsin shores. All were a smashing good time and made memories that will last a lifetime. So, join in with fellow club members and go cruising this summer