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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2021-2022 Activities Calendar

February 3	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
February 10	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
February 17	Executive Meeting-1900	Via Zoom
February 19-27	ABC Annual Meeting	Ponte Vedra, FL
March 3	General Meeting-1800	Harrington's by the Bay
March 10	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
March 17	Executive Meeting-1900	Via Zoom
April 7	General Meeting-1800	TBD
April 14	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
April 21	Executive Meeting—1900	Via Zoom

3 FEBRUARY 2022

Fred Sitkins

Inland Seas Education Association

**1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner**

**Steak, Red Skin Potatoes
Salad, Rolls**

\$20.00 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Jan 30, please call John Krieger at 630-624-8090 or email Kriegwheat@gmail.com by Monday, Jan 31
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr Mary Petterson, N

It's the end of January so, as usual, Bill and I are at Beaver Creek, CO, for our annual western ski trip. On the way out, we passed the Dillon Yacht Club (Dillon is about 70 miles west of Denver right off I70). The yacht club is on Dillon Reservoir, a decent sized lake with plenty of boating and sailboat racing. The yacht club has the distinction of being the highest in the US at 9701 feet! Today was a great ski day, robin egg blue skies and temperatures in the high 20s on the mountain.

Your Executive Committee has decided to search for an alternative location for our monthly dinner meetings due to changes at the Elks Club. We've been at the Elks for many years and we're hoping a new venue will be positive. **For February 3 it will be at Sleders. The March dinner meeting will be at Harrington's by the Bay.** Both locations are very close to the Elks so they will be convenient. Paul Gonzalez will be providing more detail and, of course, details will be on our website and mentioned in the 45th Parallel.

We have a big change in the leadership of our Calling Committee. After many years of excellent service in the capacity of chair of the Calling Committee, Donna Daciuk, has stepped down. Donna, we hope you realize how much we have appreciated all your work in this capacity. We sure understand how challenging it could be! John Krieger has agreed to assume that role.

The other bit of news that I have is that Janet Ward and her husband, Patrick Kernaghan, are finally returning to the US! As many of you know, it has been a quite a challenge for Pat to navigate the bureaucracies of the US and Canada to complete the immigration process. Janet will be back toward the end of February and Pat will follow in April sometime. Welcome back, Janet and Pat!

Since I'll miss the February meeting, as they say, embrace the winter! While snowfalls may not be extraordinary in the Traverse City area so far this winter, the temperatures sure make us long for boating. Only a couple of months before we start launching!

Happy
Valentine's
Day



EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

This Spring, a valuable course will be offered through NMC, one that hasn't been offered for 6 years and won't be offered again for a couple of years: Cruising and Cruise Planning will be presented by Tom Stone and Bill Bailey who have been organizing and planning cruises from the North Channel and Lake Superior to Lake Michigan, the Wisconsin shore and back again. These folks know what they are doing.

Even if you have done a little cruising, taking this course, engaging with fellow boaters, and learning new strategies and tips will add to the fun and success of your next adventure. If you are new to cruising the Great Lakes, this is surely the course for you. Cruising and Cruise Planning will be held at NMC on 6 Monday evenings, March 28 through May 2 from 7 to 9 PM.

A Spring tradition, Sailing will be offered by David Terrell, meeting on 10 Tuesdays, April 19 through June 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at NMC. Additionally, David generously includes, as part of the course, on-the-water instruction on his Alberg 30.

America's Boating Course will be offered twice. First, virtually via NMC's LiveStream (basically Zoom) on 3 Monday evenings, May 9 to May 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Jerry Williams, Bill Bailey, and Tom Stone will guide adult students through the basics of safe boating, leading to a certificate of completion required by the State of Michigan for those born on or after July 1, 1996.

In the second offering, College for Kids will find Stone, Bailey, Arnie Taddia, and David Terrell teaching America's Boating Course to youngsters in Grades 7 to 12. The course meets 4 mornings, June 20 through 23, from 9 AM to Noon at NMC. Reflecting the younger set's interest in boating, the course always fills.

For all of the above courses, sign up through NMC. For new members taking advantage of their complementary course, please talk to me first. Also, a reminder that for all courses held through NMC, Members receive a rebate of the \$20 USPS fee from the squadron.

Last year's May Seminar Series was a success which we are going to try alternating with another series of seminars to be held in late Spring via Zoom: The Boat Handling course (previously Seamanship) is now organized into six seminars aimed at increasing a boater's confidence. Topics included are navigation rules, docking, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinspike (knots and lines). The course leads to the USPS grade of "S". Watch the 45th Parallel and gtbayboating.org for more details.

Fair winds and calm seas,



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John Krieger

With winter in her full force and glory, I can think of no better time to remember those glorious summer afternoons on the Bay with the wind lightly blowing, the enticing blue and sapphire colors of the waters reaching near and far, and bright sun and blue skies to keep us company. In the interim we can hunker down, read our books, magazines and other materials that will make us even better equipped for our return to the water. That being said, our daydreaming days will fly by full of opportunity and developments within GTABC.

As the newbie Executive Officer I wanted to bring you up to speed on a couple of those developments. The first pertains to our venue for our monthly dinner meetings. Over the years, the Elks Club has done a good job providing both food and drink to our membership. However, after the last several meetings, it became apparent to the Bridge that what was once a draw for meeting attendance had become a detractor. After some great investigative work and negotiation by Paul Gonzales the **Executive Committee approved the recommendation to move our future dinner meetings to Sledders**. Sledders has good food, free parking and is well located in Traverse City. There are good options on the menu and we will work with them to find the perfect cost/quality point. Our goal is to make sure that, in addition to our excellent programming, we want to give the membership a compelling and yummy reason to come to our meetings.

Finally, a few upcoming events that are taking place outside of our little corner of the world. The first is the National Spring Conference which will be held February 20th through the 27th at the Marriott Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach in Florida. Closer to home, our District Nine meeting will be held April 23rd via Zoom. Stay tuned for details.

I hope you have a great month and find a way to get outside and enjoy Michigan winter in her full force and glory!





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, N

Change in Venue

This February, the Thursday night dinner meeting, will be changing location to **Sleder's Tavern Restaurant located at 717 Randolph Street in Traverse City**. Sleder's restaurant not only holds the honor of being the oldest continually operating restaurant in Michigan but it is also the home of " Randolph", the moose. The new location is not far from the Elks Club; actually Sleder's is located just across Division Street.

For our inaugural dinner, we will be serving New York Strip so come hungry. The dinner price remains the same.

I also wish to report that Donna Daciuk has stepped down from coordinating the member call list duties. Donna has coordinated this activity for many years and has been a great help in keeping our members informed of our dinner meetings, our speakers and our activities. Thank you Donna for all your help and assistance. Taking over for Donna is John Krieger, our Executive Officer. Thanks John.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS—

- Julianna Crim
- Patrick M. Kernaghan
- Dixie Lee Lockwood, S
- Barbara Lyon, AP
- Nancy G. Rea
- William Rottman, AP
- Dennis K. Stockemer, P
- John W. Weih, P



JANUARY MEETING—



Arnie Taddia, AP
Bill Rottman, AP
Pat Rottman



Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, N
Nancy Gonzalez
Nicole Smethells
Lt/C Bill Smethells, N



Craig Shantz
Dee McClure, AP
Jeanne Shantz



Mary Norris
John Davies, SN



Guy Leslie, P



Arnie Taddia, AP
Lt/C Bill Smethells, N
Lt/C John Krieger



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



Arnie Taddia, AP
P/C Harvey Norris, AP



D/C Jan Hartsevelt, P
Cdr Mary Petterson, N



Mary Krieger
D/C Jan Hartsevelt, P
John Krieger



WINNERS—



Nancy Gonzalez



Nicole and
Lt/C Bill Smethells, N



Carol Currin, P