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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2022 Activities Calendar

May 5	Awards Night-1800	Sleders
May 12	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
May 19	Executive Meeting-1900	Via Zoom
June 2	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
June 17	Shakedown-1700	Gonzalez House
June 18	Tall Ship Manitou	
July 14	eQuality Cruise Begins	

5 MAY 2022



AWARDS NIGHT

1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner

Steak and Shrimp Combo
BBQ Ribs
Salad, Roll, Potato
Please let your caller know your preference

\$20.00 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, May 1, please call Paul Gonzalez at 517-242-4739 or email Paul Gonzalez at Gonz2006@aol.com by Monday, May 2
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr Mary Petterson, N

Fortunately, I missed part of April in Northern Michigan that failed to bring warm, sunny weather and continued to defy much opportunity to work on boats or in yards. Consequently, I could really enjoy our 10 days in Portugal. If you have not traveled there, it is a beautiful country and has a tremendous navigation history. Our tour guide provided much background, at least as how the Portuguese see it, on that rich history. We did visit Prince Henry the Navigator Square in Porto, Portugal's second largest city. Turns out he only sailed once!

A very special thank you to the Lyons for donating their storage building to the Club! Tom and Barb presented the deed to us at the April dinner meeting. Their only request is that we name it "Barb's Barn." Small request that we will certainly fulfill.

I have a special request this month. We need a secretary for the Executive Committee. Jerry Williams had agreed to continue but his remoteness, not just with his change of address to Holland, but with some serious traveling, has made it difficult to be available to take minutes at the Bridge meetings. Getting involved with the Bridge is an opportunity to participate in the decision-making of the Squadron and get the inside scoop on what is happening and being planned. The Bridge meets the third Thursday of each month, except July. Currently the meetings are via Zoom so it only entails about an hour at the meeting and then writing the minutes. When we return to in-person meetings, most likely we will resume at the Cottage Restaurant. Then meetings are at 6pm, followed by dinner if you choose to stay. So, please give this opportunity some consideration and let me know.

Upcoming events this spring include:

Dinner Meeting – May 5 - Awards Night!

Lunch with the Commander – May 12

Bridge Meeting – May 19

June 2 Dinner Meeting -- Our speaker will be Catherine Allchin of the Fox Island Lighthouse Association.

Shakedown Cruise – Pizza at Gonzalez's June 17 and Ice Cream Cruise on Manitou June 18

Also, another reminder to check out our website about the eQuality Cruise.

Hope to see many of you at the May 5 dinner meeting. This month we'll have a choice of entrees!



EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

The Cruising and Cruise Planning Course is nearing the end, the Sailing course has started, America's Boating Course will be starting in early May and David Terrell has removed the tarp from his boat. It must be Spring. See our website for more information. The course that didn't go was Boat Handling (aka Seamanship). We offered that via Zoom and got no takers; next year, we'll probably take it back to NMC.

At the D9 Conference on the weekend of April 23, we were recognized with numerous awards related to education. I'll go into the details at an upcoming dinner meeting. Meanwhile, many thanks to our instructors who have soldiered on through Covid, tolerating cancelled classes, low enrollments, social distancing, switching to virtual venues, and the like. It is nice to see things coming back to normal. For example, the Sailing class has 12 people in it and the summer College for Kids course has maxed out at 15 (NMCs limit).

Next Fall's courses at NMC (face-to-face or Livestream) are due on May 10. So, if anyone has a suggestion, now is the time to offer it. I'm thinking about repeating last Fall's line-up of Marine Navigation (Piloting), Weather, and Engine Maintenance (via NMC's Livestream — basically Zoom). Reactions are welcome.

Soon, I plan to visit the new marketing person at EES to see what additional advertising help we can get for our courses. This Spring there was an email blast from NMC—EES advertising the Cruise course and a postcard oriented toward water recreation — a great start. Hopefully, they have more marketing approaches that can be tapped.

“Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the flowers is?”





EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John Krieger

Warmer weather lifts spirits and it certainly is on its way! By the time you read this report, I am sure several of you will have your boats in the water and have already booked a few nice afternoons on the Bay. The last several months have been busy with the successful launch of our spring classes, District Nine meeting and the never ending quest to insure that we have the right location and menus for our monthly dinner meetings. For those of you who have not been able to join us, the food has been very good, the presenters have been top notch and the fellowship outstanding. I encourage you to join us for the upcoming May 5th meeting.

As we gracefully roll through summer, our group has a lot to look forward to starting with the Vessel Safety Checks. Just an all-around good idea for everyone. Other events include the Shakedown Cruise which Paul and Nancy Gonzales have graciously agreed to host for the second year running, the e-Quality Cruise, the Lobster Bake, perhaps desserts by Diana Terrell and the cruise of Grand Traverse Bay(s). These events provide the forum to swap stories, commune and grow as an organization and drive our purpose of boater education and safety forward. I encourage you to be active in the GTBABC and bring others in who would enjoy membership as much as we do.

MERIT MARKS FOR 2021—

Bill Bailey
Sue Brown
Carol Currin
Eric Currin
MR Gillooly
Nancy Gonzalez
Paul Gonzalez
Jan Hartesvelt
Cathy Holcombe
John Holcombe
John Krieger
Guy Leslie
Andrea McClure
Brian Nelson
Donna Nelson

Thomas Rea
Pat Rottman
Bill Rottman
Craig Shantz
Nicole Smethells
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Jeanne Snow
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Mary Krieger Donna Daciuk Gloria McClay



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, N

For the May meeting at Sleder’s restaurant, we will have a choice of entry. Select between either a Steak and Shrimp Combo or the Slabtown BBQ Ribs. The Steak and Shrimp Combo is a 6oz. seasoned steak with golden fried shrimp. The Slabtown Ribs is a half rack of baby back pork ribs oven roasted and then char-broiled in BBQ sauce. Both entries include a salad, dinner roll with butter and potato. As we must let the restaurant know selected quantities beforehand, please indicate your entry selection to your caller. As this is the annual awards night, plan to come to enjoy good friends, good food and a good time.

The second USPS Town Hall Meeting on reorganization will be held Wednesday May 4th at 8:00 PM. Instructions on how to join are posted on the USPS website.

Also included on the web site announcement is a highlighted link for an update on the process as well a means of submitting any questions you might have regarding the reorganization proposal for the participants to answer.

MAY BIRTHDAYS—

- Norman L. Dill, SN P/C
- James M. Lazar, S
- Guy W. Leslie, P
- Thomas Lyon, AP
- Donna M. Nelson, AP
- Barbara E. Wentzloff





SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

New Fire Extinguisher Regulations

Beginning April 20, 2022, new U.S. Coast Guard regulations change extinguisher expiration dates and the minimum classification of fire extinguishers carried aboard. The new regulation puts a 12-year expiration on all disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguishers from the date of manufacture. A boater should look for the manufactured date on the bottom of the bottle or near the URL label. It may appear as two or four digits (e.g., 08 or 2008). The 12-year expiration date puts the U.S. Coast Guard regulations in line with the National Fire Protection Association's recommendations. Note that rechargeable and fixed-mount fire extinguisher regulations have not changed; they require regular servicing by a technician.

2018 model boats or newer must carry "5-B", "10-B", and "20-B" classified extinguishers. The number on the new labels refers to the size (in square feet) of a potential fire the device is suitable to extinguish. Note that for boats 26-65 feet the requirements vary. 2017 model boats and older may carry older "B-I" or "B-II" disposable extinguishers until their 12-year expiration date, and then they must be replaced with newer class extinguishers. Remember, these are minimum requirements. The prudent boater will want to exceed the minimum.

For your reading pleasure and knowledge, here is the link to the Federal Register with the entire final rule:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/10/22/2021-22578/fire-protection-for-recreational-vessels#sectno-reference-175.320>

Be sure you check your extinguisher(s) for compliance when prepping for safe summer boating!

APRIL MEETING—



Mary Krieger
Lt/C John Krieger
Cdr Mary Petterson, N



Sharon Stone, JN
P/C Tom Stone, JN
Dave Terrell, AP



Bill Rottman, AP
P/C Eric Currin, AP
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Guy Leslie, P



P/C Tom Stone, N
P/C Dale Wentzloff, AP



Lt/C Bill Smethells, N



P/C Dale Wentzloff, AP
Arnie Taddia, AP
Barb Wentzloff



Our speaker Heather Jankens
from the Maritime Heritage
Alliance



Lt/C Sue Brown, P

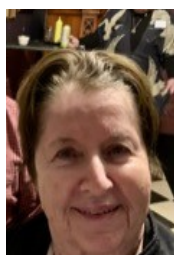


D/C Jan Hartesvelt, P
Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P
Lt/C John Weih, P

WINNERS—



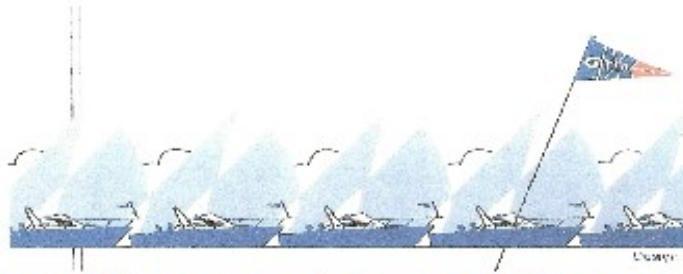
P/C Bill
Bailey, JN



Barb Lyon, AP



Ellen Dunbar



A Brief History of the eQuality Cruise

The Name

Prior to 2009, the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron's summer cruises were mainly limited to power boats due to the distance and time constraints of the cruise. Most members were involved in a four letter activity back then (work) so the cruises were shorter in time but longer in distance. In 2009 Gordy Brown thought it would be a good idea to include sailors in the cruise. So, he steered the cruise in a new direction setting ports of call closer together so both sailboats and powerboats could participate. He called it the Equality Cruise since both power boats and sailboats could equally take part. The Equality Cruise became one of the most popular summer events of the club, almost up there with the Lobster Bake. On the first 2009 cruise there were at least 32 boaters and 15 boats, about 9 power and 6 sailboats. On the stop in Bay Harbor, we had dinner at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club.



Dinner at Bay Harbor Yacht Club on 2009 cruise

How It Worked

Back then, Gordy and one or two of the cruise committee would spend a day or two early in the spring actually visiting with harbor masters of the ports of call to let them know we were coming and inform them of dates, captains names, boat names, and boat sizes so slips could be reserved for us. Gordy always thought it was best to arrange things face to face, and the early road trips to the marinas were fun too.

We usually spent two nights at each port which allowed a full day to explore, shop, and find ice cream in each town. Each port of call also had a port captain who was responsible for that particular harbor. The port captain organized activities for the day. There were some great activities too. There was usually a happy hour around 5:00 p.m. Everyone would get together, on the dock usually, and bring their beverage of choice and something to pass. The food to share got to be so extravagant that we often weren't quite hungry for dinner. That does not mean we didn't we have some great meals at fantastic places. Among many other things we grilled out as a group (grill master Brian Nelson), had pizza



parties, had ice cream socials in Charlevoix, scavenger hunts in Boyne City, the infamous blind dinghy race in Bay Harbor (Gordy) and of course the famous wine tastings of Joel and Dixie Lockwood.

The Spelling Change

On the cruise a few years ago Bill Rottman and I were talking and he said “this is a quality cruise”. I agreed and started spelling the name with a small “e” and a capital “Q” so the name still suggested it was not only a cruise for all types of boats, but also emphasized the Quality of the cruise.

Recent Cruises

Gordy Brown organized the cruise for several years, then I had a hand at it. Tom and Janet Stone have been helping with the last several cruises and now they are in charge and doing a wonderful job.



Inside the USS Cobia submarine on last year's cruise

In the past few years (since many have given up the four letter activity mentioned above) the eQuality Cruise has expanded to longer trips of two to three weeks. This has allowed us to travel to more distance destinations. In the last four years we have toured the North Channel, Northern Lake Michigan and Green Bay, Lake Superior, and Central Lake Michigan along both the Michigan and Wisconsin shores. Since many ABCGTB members are also members of the Great Lakes Cruising Club, the eQuality Cruise has been planned right after the GLCC annual Rendezvous. This year's GLCC Rendezvous is chaired by our own Dee McClure and Craig Shantz. It will be held in Mackinaw City July 10 – 14. If you are a member of GLCC plan to attend, the rendezvous are always fun and there's one activity that fits in quite nicely with the theme of the eQuality Cruise, the volleyball game between the stink potters and the rag haulers.

eQuality Cruise 2022

This year the cruise will be on Northern Lake Michigan again, revisiting some harbors but also new ones. It will start on July 14, first port Beaver Island and continue on ending at your home port around the 27th. You are responsible for your own slip reservations, so check the registration form for dates and harbors. Please register so Tom and Jan know who will be coming and at which ports by clicking [HERE](#). Hope you can join in. It's a guaranteed good time.





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.

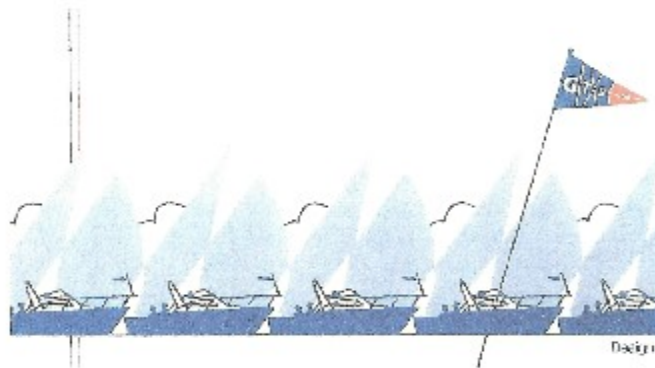
June 18

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

[Click HERE to register](#)

The 2022 eQuality Cruise committee has set the itinerary for this year's cruise. **Please register for the cruise** so the committee knows who's going and to which ports. Click on the link above to register.

July 14-15 Beaver Island
July 16 Manistique
July 17-18 Fayette
July 19-20 Escanaba
July 21-22 Washington Island Wisconsin
July 23-24 South Manitou Island
July 25 Leland
July 26 Home Port

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