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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2018-2019 Activities Calendar

February 7	Awards Night-1800	Elks Club
February 14	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
February 16-24	Detroit Boat Show	Cobo Hall
February 19-23	National Conference	Orlando, Fla
February 20	Executive Meeting-1800	Cottage Café
March 7	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
March 14	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
March 15-17	Traverse City Boat Show	G T Civic Center
March 20	Hard Water Rendezvous	
March 20	Executive Meeting-1800	Lyon's House
April 3	Marine Electrical Systems	NMC
April 4	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
April 8	Marine Engine Maintenance	NMC
April 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
April 16	Sailing Class	NMC
April 17	Executive Meeting-1800	Cottage Café

7 FEBRUARY 2019

AWARDS



NIGHT

1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner
Two entrees
Salads, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert
 \$20.00 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Feb3, please call Donna Daciuk at
 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, Feb 4
 (Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr Mary Petterson, AP

As I'm re-energizing from a day on the slopes in Colorado, I checked the weather in the Grand Traverse region and see that you're experiencing the coldest and perhaps snowiest weather so far this winter. Out here we relish the snow – but not so much frigid temps and my limits are being tested.

While I've been gone, I know a number of our members made what has become an annual trip to the Chicago Boat Show and hope it was a great trip as it has been in the past. Thanks again to Bill Bailey for all the organizing to make this happen.

As winter rolls on, we have lots of activities to help pass the time to uncovering boats. February 7 is the Awards Night Dinner Meeting. Always entertaining and thanks in advance to Tom Stone for chairing the meeting since I'll still be in Colorado.

The Traverse City Boat Show will again be at the Civic Center but it is earlier this year, March 15 through 17. We will have an improved presence this year with a larger booth. Be on the lookout for an email announcement for signing up to volunteer online as we did last year. That system worked so well. I think it is Jerry Williams who needs to be thanked for this technological advance!

For the Vernal Equinox, March 20, the Lyons again will host the Hard Water Rendezvous. Skiing at Boyne Mountain in the morning followed by a pot luck lunch at Lyon's. All members are welcome, regardless if they ski in the morning.

Also, please check out the courses and seminars being offered by visiting our website, gtbay-boating.org. Our educational folks have created some great new seminars to hopefully attract some new members. There are four courses being offered this spring to the public, as well as any of our members who are interested. Not listed on the website is the Junior Navigation course to be offered to our members only beginning in March. If you missed previous announcements regarding this course, let us know.

Of course, our terrific cruising committees have been at work developing plans and dates for summer activities, both on and off the water.

Wow, as we look out the windows to the blanket of snow (or spend hours snow-blowing and shoveling), cruising on the water sure sounds wonderful!





EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP

Getting Acquainted with the Bridge

Madonna and I joined GTBay in 1985 after taking the Safe Boating Course. I was encouraged to attend (pushed) to the course by my wife because we were doing more boating and she wanted more education. The course was great, the instruction was top notch, and it resulted in many boating friends.

I retired after teaching marine engineering at the Great Lakes Maritime Academy for 35 years and have been teaching courses and seminars with GTBay for 33 years. I enjoy teaching Engine Maintenance, Seamanship, Piloting, ABC and all of the seminars.

We sail Belladonna, our 38' Hunter sailboat, out of slip 191 in Elk Rapids (Stop by and say Hi). This is our fifth sailboat and for a short time we had two power boats.

Madonna retired last year after 35 years as a CPA and last winter was our first winter vacation in 35 years (winter is tax time). We spent a month in Florida and enjoyed the sun and free time. This past summer we had the time to cruise Belladonna to Holland Michigan for a visit with our son and his family. It is great to sail and not be on a time schedule. With open summers we plan to do more extended cruising.

In my time with GTBay I have served as Treasurer, Education Officer (twice), Commander, and now Executive Officer.

Remember if you have a diesel question, give me a call 231-633-3141.

FEbruary BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Butler
Patrick Kernaghan
George Kobernus
Dixie Lee Lockwood
Barbara Lyon
Nancy Rea
William Rottman
Dennis Stockemer
David Sutton
John Weih





EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Bill Bailey, JN

Happy February, the perfect month to start planning for summer cruising, which may include learning new skills, or a refreshing old ones.

You may not be aware USPS has a Jump Start program which offers hands-on training for new boat owners, or owners of boats new to them. The goal is to help the new boat owner develop essential skills for safe operation of their boat, and to break through any barriers that may limit their boating enjoyment. The Jump Start Program provides a personalized, high-quality training experience for the student. It also helps the student bond with the squadron, and encourages participation in additional squadron training and activities.

The Jump Start program can be taught by any USPS member that has taken a basic boating safety course. There is no other formal requirement for conducting the training. This on-the-water training uses the student's boat. Topics are variable and customizable to the student's needs such as docking, launching and retrieving from a trailer, backing, adjusting trim, and other items the student may need. The program is free and covered by USPS insurance.

If you are interested in the Jump Start program, contact me for an informational pamphlet.

America's Boating Club Grand Traverse Bay is offering several courses through Northwestern Michigan College this spring. Marine Electrical Systems taught by Bill Smethells starts April 3 and runs for eight weeks. Marine Engine Maintenance is scheduled for April 8 and lasts seven weeks. Of course, it is taught by Jerry Williams. Dave Terrell's Sailing class, including on the water training, starts April 16 and runs for ten weeks. America's Boating Course 3 is scheduled for three Tuesdays starting May 14. We are again offering a College for Kids boating class in June. Further details can be found in the MNC Extended Education Winter/Spring catalog or on our website, www.gtbayboating.org. Click the Education link.



JANUARY MEETING—



Bill Rzyzi
 Cdr Mary Petterson, AP
 Nicole Smethells
 P/C Tom Stone, AP
 John Holcombe, AP



Linda Taddia
 Mary Norris
 P/C Harvey Norris, AP
 John Davies, SN
 Edy Davies



Nancy Gonzalez
 Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, AP



Don Gorski, AP
 P/C Eric Currin, AP
 Donna Daciuk, AP
 Carol Currin, P



P/C Dave Terrell, AP
 P/C Bill Smethells, AP



Madonna Williams
 Arnie Taddia, AP



Cdr Mary Petterson, AP
 swearing in new member
 Bill Rzyzi



P/C Jan Hartesevelt, P
 Jan Musson, JN
 Gloria McClay



Ron Dunbar, P
 Tom Lyon, AP
 Barb Lyon, AP
 Pat Salathiel, P



Ron Dunbar, P
 P/C Jerry Williams, AP

WINNERS—



Madonna Williams



P/C Bill Bailey, JN



Paul Gonzalez, AP



Bill Rzyzi



Ken Musson, SN
P/C Eric Currin, AP



Ellen Dunbar



Ellen Dunbar
P/C Tom Stone, AP



Tom McClay

The only picture of some of the members that went to the Chicago Boat Show from Bill Bailey



THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE RECEIVED MERIT MARKS

Bill Bailey
Sue Brown
Carol Currin
Eric Currin
John Davies
MR Gillooly
Paul Gonzalez
Jan Hartesvelt
Terry Hoiles
Cathy Holcombe
John Holcombe
Bill Klein
Michael LeButt
Guy Leslie
Barb Lyon
Tom Lyon

Brian Nelson
Donna Nelson
Harvey Norris
Jim Patrick
Mary Petterson
Pat Rottman
Bill Rottman
Bobbie Schott
Doug Scott
Nicole Smethells
Bill Smethells
Janet Stone
Tom Stone
Julie Sutton
Arnie Taddia
Dave Terrell

Janet Ward
Carol Watson
John Weih
Jerry Williams

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION-

Donna Daciuk
Gloria McClay
Barb Klein
Gayle Emery
Linda Taddia
Ken Musson
Pat Musson



SHIP'S STORE at 2019 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Featuring National Ship's Store and other Gently Used Items



To reduce ship backs (i.e., returns) and assure people are getting what they want, we are requesting you view the Ship's Store items on the National website and forward the information on the items you want to order to Lansing, Ship's Store Contact Mary Ann Jensen by January 31, 2019 at jensene@msu.edu

Note: for apparel, specify size, color, quantity, and item number if possible.