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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2023 Activities Calendar

January 5	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
January 12	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
January 19	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
	(Note Time Change)	
February 2	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
February 9	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
February 16	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
February 19-26	ABC Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL
March 2	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
March 9	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
March 16	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom

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Dave Conrad

Great Lakes Sailing

1800 Social Hour
1830Dinner

**Baked Cod
Buffalo Burger**

Please let your caller know your preference

\$25 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, January 1,
please call John Snow at
231-492-8395 or email John Snow at johnsnow@charter.net by Monday, January 2.
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr John Krieger, P

As we close out the year and look forward to the new one, I want to thank each and everyone of you for your contributions during the last 12 months. The combined efforts of our bridge officers, committee chairman, and volunteers have proven once again that when we all work together, our outcomes are outstanding!

The new year will present new challenges for us, and we will take actions to ensure that our squadron is financially secure, its membership is stable or increasing, and that the proposed changes to both the District and our by-laws best serve our squadron now and in the future.

In the interim, I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

This month's report is mainly a heads up that, pretty soon after the New Year, we will need to settle on free virtual seminars to be offered in May. Suggestions are shown below along with the seminars from 2021. Please send me comments on what you view as important seminars, suggest other seminar ideas, or offer to conduct seminars. I'm guessing that 4 to 6 seminars would be a reasonable range. As we did in 2021, people will sign up online to be put on a mailing list for a link to a Zoom session for that particular seminar. Instructors need not have Zoom accounts; links can be provided. The seminars will be written by the instructor so that we can offer them for free. The seminars in May, 2021 attracted an average of 12 registrations each with attendance at about the 60% level. Let's see if we can increase that

Free Seminars via Zoom (May 2021)		
Spring Seminars	Instructor	Registrations
Spring Fit-out	Williams	11
Anchoring	Bailey	12
What a Surveyor Looks For	McClure	10
Stray Electricity	Smethells	11
Buying a (New to You) Boat	McClure	15
Smartphone Navigation	Bailey	16
Summer and Fall Seminars		
Pump Maintenance	Williams	7
Fall Lay-Up	Williams	5
Note: These are all written by the presenters		

Some Possible Seminars for 2023	
Spring Seminar Series (using personal Zoom)	Possible Instructor
Spring Fit-out	Williams
Review of Rules and Regs	Terrell
Smartphone Navigation	Bailey
Testing a Boat's Electrical System	Smethells
Cruising and Anchoring	Stone
Starry Night Boating: Know the Sky	Smethells
Other ideas are more than welcome!	????
Fall Seminar Series (using personal Zoom)	
Fall Lay-up (winterizing your boat)	Williams
Planning a Boat Purchase	McClure
Upgrading the Electrical System	Smethells
Pump Maintenance	Williams
Starry Night Boating: Know the Sky	Smethells
Other ideas are more than welcome!	????





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

We enter the New Year 2023, with some new faces on the Calling Committee and a slight change in our monthly dinner charges. Welcome to John Snow, Calling Committee Chair and new Calling Committee members, Jan Hartesvelt and Sally Weaver. Thank you for responding to the request for new members.

In order to keep our dinner cost at \$25 and not incur a deficit, the Bridge voted in December that members pay for all beverages (alcohol, soda, coffee and tea) ordered at the monthly dinner meetings. Starting at the January dinner meeting Sleder's will charge you for your beverages but your dinner cost will remain \$25. However, the good company and informative program will remain free but invaluable!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS—

- Jean Brooks, AP
- Donna Daciuk, AP
- John Davies, SN
- Catherine Holcombe, P
- John Holcombe, AP
- Andrea McClure, AP
- Brian McClure
- Ken Musson, SN
- Clark Phelps, AP
- Jeanne Shantz
- John Snow





SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

Winter – A Great Time For Reading

All of us have some sort of library of books and magazines pertaining to boats and boating, probably a mix of digital and hard-copy formats. When was the last time you browsed your library and read or reread any of that material? Can't remember? Our summers are short and busy, so it's not likely we take time for reading then unless we are in urgent need to resolve a problem that is affecting our pleasure on the water. Since our winters are, or certainly seem to be, much longer than summer, this is a great time to do some quiet reading in preparation for the eventual arrival of summer.

In addition to reviewing and better organizing our libraries, this is also a great time to add to our knowledge-base. While dusting-off that old copy of Chapmans and paging through it is always time well-spent, reading new material made easily available on the internet can keep us engaged in our favorite past-time all winter long. There is much we can still learn to improve our safety and skills aboard by taking the time now to read. To help you get started, the following link will take you to **RBS Job One** Publication of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Directorate (Volume 8, Issue 2 (Summer 2022)). There are some really great articles in it that are both entertaining to read and very educational. Please give it a look and start planning for a fun and safe 2023 summer.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Wv_o1OspCroBwauXFOiHFVHYTjkX3XUY/view



DECEMBER MEETING—



Lt Sue Brown, P
Nancy Gonzalez
Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, SN



Arnie Taddia, AP



Tom Lyon, AP
P/C Tom Stone, N
Barb Lyon, AP



Pat Kernaghan
Janet Ward, AP



Lt/C Bill Smethells, N
Craig Shantz
Cdr Mary Petterson, N



P/C Dave Terrell, AP
Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, N
Janet Ward, AP



P/C Harvey Norris, AP
receiving his 50 year award
from Cdr Mary Petterson N

WINNERS—



Arnie Taddia, AP



Janet Ward, AP



Lt/C Bill Bailey,



New Commander John Krieger, P
Being sworn in by P/D/C Jan
Hartesvelt, P



Bill Smethells, N
Janet Ward, AP
John Snow being sworn in by P/D/C Jan
Hartesvelt, S



Cdr Mary Petterson, N with the
Squadron 75th anniversary cake



Cdr Mary Petterson, N passing out thank you
gifts to the previous board members.



Cdr John Krieger, P receiving
the squadron gavel from
P/C Mary Petterson, N

The 2023 Officers

Meet the new Commander John Krieger



I am blessed to have a loving wife of 40 years, two wonderful children who are both married, and two super fun grandchildren. During the course of the last 40 years, we have lived in 11 homes and traveled extensively in both nationally and internationally. We became full time residents of Grand Traverse County in September of 2018. Since Mary loves snow, and I love water, Traverse City seemed like the perfect location for us. I retired from a rewarding career in commercial real estate at the end of June this year which allows me to pursue my long list of hobbies including sailing, power boating, cycling, golf, fishing, cards, Pickle ball, cooking and most importantly volunteering. We are active in a number of organizations in and around Traverse City.

With regard to sailing/boating I have always been intrigued by everything water and boats. We have been, and currently are boat owners, I have raced sailboats and completed my ASA certification in August of this year. You might say "I've got the bug". I sincerely thank David Terrell who invited us to our first monthly dinner and we joined GTB ABC immediately. I have taken and passed four of our USPS sanctioned courses, and look forward to the opportunity of lifelong learning that our club offers its members.

As your new Commander, I look forward to working with each of you to further the noble mission of our Club and Squadron.

Meet your new Executive Officer John Snow

I have been an active sailor since I was 10 years old. The last two years is the only time in the last 40 years that I have not owned a sailboat. My wife and I moved to Traverse City in 1997 and we enjoyed having our sailboat on a mooring can in front of our home on Bluff Road on Old Mission Peninsula. I have been actively involved in Peninsula Township government as an appointed member of several boards, as an elected park commissioner, and for nine years as an EMT and firefighter with the Peninsula Fire Department.

My primary career was with the U.S. District Court in Chicago where I was a Supervising United States Probation Officer. Following retirement from the U.S. District Court my wife and I moved to Traverse City where I was employed as a social worker until full retirement in my mid 60s. My spouse, Jeanne Snow, died in 2021. She had been the Executive Director of the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.



Meet the Squadron Education Officer Bill Smethells



My wife, Nicki, and I are living in the house on Old Mission Peninsula in which she was raised. Her parents purchased 200' on East Bay (imagine doing that now) just after World War II; her Dad built the house himself. After these many years, upgrading was needed which is an ongoing project for us.

I was raised in Traverse City, too, and left when it was time for college. Nicole and I were married in 1968 and, shortly after that, moved to Eau Claire, WI where I had a faculty position in the physics and astronomy department at the university and she became the first social worker at the hospital there. Later, after a brief time attending graduate school at Case Western Reserve University, we emerged with a MSW (Nicki) and a PhD (Bill), then returned to Eau Claire.

We raised our boys, Greg and Jack, there. They are now in their 40s and married with two children each and have successful careers. Nicki wrapped up her career doing psychiatric social work and I ended up in various administrative posts, returning to full time teaching shortly before retiring in 2002.

Eventually, we moved permanently to the house on the peninsula in 2017, after spending many warm-weather seasons here. We had added a Catalina 30 to our "fleet" in 2011 then joined what was then called the "Sail and Power Squadron" in February, 2012. Both of us have enjoyed our time with the squadron and joining in on the summer cruises. We are grateful to Jerry Williams for introducing us to this great group of people

Meet Janet Ward, Administrative Officer

I am a retired Registered Nurse who started my life and career in Flint Michigan before living in Saskatchewan and Alberta Canada for 33 years. In 2010 my husband, Pat Kernaghan, and I bought a home in Suttons Bay for our retirement and immediately put our name on the waiting list for a slip in Suttons Bay Marina. In 2012, we bought our 31 foot Tiara power boat and I joined the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron. We knew that we wanted to do America's Great Loop some day so I started working my way through all the classes offered by the USPS. When I was taking the Piloting course, I recalled that when I was in my first year of high school, my uncle, Murray Diem who had a 40 foot cruiser on Saginaw Bay, suggested that I take a boating class, Piloting, which I did not pass because I was too busy with high school to apply myself to a boating course. When Uncle Murray died, I was given his 1961 edition of "Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling" by Charles F. Chapman. Many years later, I opened the book and to my surprise discovered that it was signed by Chapman "To Lt/C J.M. Diem, Flint Power Squadron, With the author's best wishes, New York, July 31, 1961". I can't help but feel that Uncle Murray would be pleased that I have successfully completed Advanced Piloting and cruised 7,000 miles and 115 locks to complete America's Great Loop in 2018-2019. I am grateful for the preparation and encouragement that I received by our local chapter of America's Boating Club. I would also like to thank Paul Gonzalez for taking over my role as Administrative Officer while we cruised the Loop. It's going to be hard to fill your shoes Paul!



Meet the New Secretary and New Member Dan Cline



Dan and Linda Cline joined the club recently and have lots of boating experience. You may have seen them on promotions for CMU Public Television

Dan and his wife Linda have been sailing together for over 40 years, starting with crewing in Lightning races, which led to their purchase of *Wildwood*, their Island Packet 320 in 2004. *Wildwood* is currently berthed at Elk Rapids. Dan is a retired attorney, and has served on numerous nonprofit and governmental boards over the years, and is a Past Commodore of the Great Lakes Cruising Club. Much of Dan's work with nonprofits has focused on governance and tax-related matters. He is a 1978 graduate of Yale College and a 1981 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

Meet the Treasurer Cathy Holcombe and Member at Large John Holcombe



The Holcombes are long time members of the club. Cathy is a recently retired CPA, and John is a retired dentist. They have a daughter Kelly who lives in North Carolina and a son Alan and daughter-in-law Amanda who live in Traverse City. They also have three granddogs, Sadie, Meeko, and Nala. They sail out of Suttons Bay on SV *Explorer* (also the name of a dental tool) and enjoy traveling in their motorhome, as yet unnamed. Editor's note: they are two of the best people in the whole wide world.



Meet ASEO Dee McClure



Dee grew up sailing on the East Coast, sailing with her Dad on the family's 16 foot sailboat. She and her father joined the Power Squadron in 1982 and took several classes. After graduating college, she did years of one-design racing in Lightnings, Stars and frostbiting in Dyer Dhows. PHRF racing at the local yacht clubs included weeknight beer races in addition to long distance races (Around Long Island, Stamford-Martha's Vineyard, etc.) and a few boat deliveries to Newport and Block Island. Since moving to Michigan, she's focused her time on extended cruising of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and the North Channel joining the GT Sail/Power Squadron's equality Cruises and cruising with friends with her 2 dogs always on the ready to join in on the adventures. Dee is active with the Great Lakes Cruising Club as a Port Captain for Suttons Bay and last year served as CoChair of the Annual Rendezvous. She is a USPS/USCG Vessel Safety Examiner and moves from Member-at-Large position on the Board to Assistant Education Officer role this year.

Meet Assistant Treasurer John Weih

John has served as the Assistant Treasurer for several years and is a Traverse City native. You see John collecting 50-50 money at the monthly dinner meetings and may have noticed he is a dedicated, enthusiastic, zealous, fanatical Ohio State fan.

John is a Life Member of the United States Power Squadrons having joined the Grand Traverse Bay Power Squadron (as it was called then) 32 years ago.



Meet Members at Large Craig and Jeanne Shantz



We lived in Traverse City during our first two years of marriage, but made the hard decision to leave the area and follow a career with General Motors. After 41 years, 9 relocations and 15 different assignments, we're back where we started, on beautiful Grand Traverse Bay!

Growing up in Northern Michigan, we have always had a love for the water and boating. When a career move took us to Southern California in January 1994, we expanded our boating experience by joining the Santa Barbara Sailing Center. This really ignited our passion for sailing, as we cruised the Channel Islands off the California Coast. When we returned to the Great Lakes State, we continued sailing and cruising the "Sweetwater Seas". We both absolutely love the Great Lakes with the fresh water, pristine shoreline, and abundant anchorages. Not to mention, that the fresh water is so much kinder to our boat.

Now retired, we live in Suttons Bay, MI., and have sailed our Island Packet 380 (*Jeanne Kay II*) on Lakes Erie, Huron and Michigan, but we still have so much more we want to explore. In addition to our membership in the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron, we are also members of the Great Lakes Cruising Club.

**Over the years, Craig has completed American Sailing Association Certifications through ASA 106, and holds a USCG Master to 100 GRT License. He is also a Certified Vessel Safety Check Examiner through America's Boating Club of Grand Traverse Bay.

Jeanne is excellent at the helm over long voyages, assisting with sail trim, and keeping everything shipshape and Bristol fashion.

Meet Member at Large Bill Bailey

Bill lives in Bellaire and has one daughter, Emily, and two wonderful grandkids Gianna and Jack who live in Indiana. He is a retired math and computer programming teacher.

Bill lives on his sailboat, *Cavalier* during the summer. When he is not cruising the Great Lakes, or elsewhere, *Cavalier* is slipped in Elk Rapids.



In the spring of 2014 he helped friends sail their new to them Norseman 447 sailboat from Panama to Norfolk, Virginia visiting Columbia, Jamaica, and several stops in the Bahamas, along the way, arriving in the U.S. at Beaufort, North Carolina then continuing on to Norfolk through the Intercostal Waterway. In August of that same summer he started an 11 month boat ride from Elk Rapids to the Bahamas and back. Bill has sailed in all five Great Lakes, as well as the British Virgin Islands and Long Island Sound. In the winter he enjoys skiing.