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# Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2023-2024 Activities Calendar

January 4	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
January 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
January 18	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
February 1	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
Feb 6-11	National Meeting	Orlando
February 8	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
February 15	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
March 7	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
March 11	AP Class starts	NMC
March 14	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
March 21	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom

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### STATE OF THE SQUADRON



Cdr John Krieger, P  
Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P

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1800 Social Hour  
1830 Dinner

**1/2 Rack of Ribs**  
**Spaghetti w meatballs, garlic bread and salad**

Please let your caller know your preference

\$20Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Dec 31, please call Janet Ward at 231-492-3038 or email Janet Ward at [janet.ward49@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.ward49@yahoo.com) by Jan 1.  
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



## COMMANDER'S REPORT

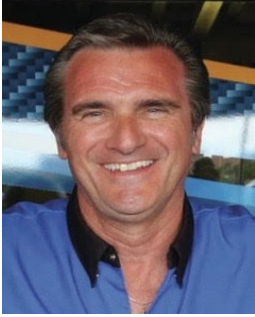
Cdr John Krieger, P

We closed out 2023 by installing a new Bridge. Special thanks to Tom Fisher our D-9 Secretary and his wife Martha, who made the trip to Traverse City to swear us all in. We welcome our new Squadron Education Officer, Craig Shantz, who takes over for Bill Smethells (who is staying on as our ASEO) and we thank Bill for his years of service. I am most excited to work with this group of talented people in 2024 and we will kick off our year with a “State of the Squadron” report at our January meeting. Later in the month, the Executive Committee will meet for a strategic retreat to build out our plan for 2024 and beyond. We will discuss everything from membership, leadership partnerships and committee assignments to additional activities for our members. Most importantly, we will work to incorporate the feedback we received from the membership survey many of you completed in the fourth quarter.

Finally, the most important thing: Merry Christmas to you and your family. This is the one time of year where we all have the opportunity to reflect on the love we are given, and share with family, friends and those that are less fortunate that we are. I know it can be tough at times to be a Fezziwig in an Ebenezer Scrooge world, but we all need to show the world more of good ole Fezz, so treat yourself and have a ball! Happy Holidays.

2024 promises to be a busy year for our squadron, and one that will be filled with learning, fun, usually food, and of course, “guaranteed good times” Hope to see you in January.





## **EDUCATION OFFICER**

**Lt/C Craig Shantz**

In my new role as the Squadron Education Officer, I'm learning the responsibilities, procedures, computer programs and required network/contacts from past SEO's, especially Bill Smethells who has been particularly helpful with his support, and answering my seemingly endless list of questions. Bill is a hard act to follow, but with his guidance, I'm getting up to speed!

A few things that I would like to make you aware of this month include:  
The Marine Navigation course concluded with (5) five people taking and passing the exam, two of which are members of our squadron.

The NMC Spring catalog is out and using two new images which represent our club and boating as a nice touch and added enhancement.

We have (3) three Spring courses currently open for registration, which include; Advanced Marine Navigation (currently with 2 enrollments), Cruise and Cruise Planning, and Sailing (currently with 6 enrollments). As we made it through the holidays and we get closer to spring, these enrollments will surely grow.

I'm looking forward to a training packed year, and as we begin 2024, I'm wishing everyone a very Healthy and Happy New Year!





## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

Season's Greetings fellow boaters! We have made it past the Winter Solstice so our days will slowly get longer as the sun makes it's journey back to the north. We will welcome increased daylight.

You will be hearing from your Calling Committee soon as we have to account for two holidays before our next meeting. Please reply promptly so we can get our tallies in to Sleders by Dec. 29. If I wait until after the New Year it will be a very short 1-2 day notice for the management.

The meal choices for Jan. 4 are:

Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garlic Bread and Salad

1/2 Rack of Slabtown Ribs

The January program will be the Annual Report of America's Boating Club, Grand Traverse Bay presented by Commander Krieger and our Treasurer, Lt. Commander Cathy Holcombe.

Merry Christmas and Happy New to everyone!

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS—

Jean Brooks, AP  
Donna Daciuk, AP  
John Davies, SN  
Cathy Holcombe, P  
John Holcombe, AP  
Dee McClure, AP  
Brian McClure  
Ken Musson, SN  
Clark Phelps, AkP  
Jeanne Shantz  
John Snow



DECEMBER MEETING—



Mike Adkins  
Mary Adkins  
Lt/C Dee McClure, AP



Lt/C John Snow  
Tammy Holder



Lt John Holcombe, AP  
P/C Mary Petterson, N  
Arnie Taddia, AP



Paul Gonzalez, N  
Lt/C Janet Ward, AP



Lt Sue Brown, P  
Linda Taddia  
Mary Krieger  
Nancy Gonzalez



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



D/Lt/C Tom Fisher, SN  
Martha Fisher



Alan Holcombe  
Amanda Holcombe



D/Lt/C Thomas Fisher, SN



Cdr John Krieger, P being Sworn in by D/Lt/C Thomas Fisher, SN



Lt/C Dan Cline, S  
Lt/C Janet Ward, AP  
Lt/C John Snow  
Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P being Sworn in for a second term



Bill Bailey, JN  
Lt/C John Weih, P  
Lt/C Bill Smethells, N  
Dee McClure, AP  
John Holcombe, AP being sworn in  
By D/Lt/C Thomas Fisher, SN

WINNERS—



Lt/C Janet Ward, AP



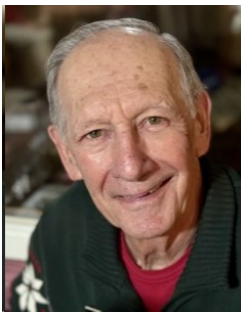
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Dave Terrell, AP



Pat Kernaghan



Arnie Taddia, AP



Lt/C Dan Cline, S



Lt/C John Snow



Mary Adkins