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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2023 Activities Calendar

May 4	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
May 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
May 18	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
June 1	Awards Night-1800	Sleders
June 16	Shakedown Cruise-1700	Gonzalez House
August 11-12	Lobster Bake	Northport
August 16-30	eQuality Cruise	North Channel

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AWARDS NIGHT

1800 Social Hour
1830Dinner

Steak & Potato
Cherry BBQ Chicken

Please let your caller know your preference

\$25 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, May 28, please call John Snow at 231-492-8395 or email John Snow at johnsnow@charter.net by Monday, May 29
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr John Krieger, P

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Many people may disagree with that statement, but you must admit that with the blossoms, temperatures in the 70s, and boats finding their way back to the water and their slips for another fun filled summer, what could be better?

From a squadron perspective, we also are transitioning from our winter dinners, classes and programs to our own unique summer programs. We will take a three-month hiatus from our general dinner meetings, executive committee meetings, Lunch with the Commander and most of our instructional classes. Our team responsible for Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) is kicking into high gear, and our new summer sailing class will have students for the first time.

The squadron's summer fun programs kick off June 16th with the Shakedown Cruise, which once again will be graciously hosted by Paul and Nancy Gonzales. The Lobster Bake and Summer Rendezvous will take place August 11th and 12th, and the eQuality cruise will take place August 16th through the 30th. Check the website for more information.

It's a good idea to take stock of what has been done to date. In the last year, thanks to the great work of Nicki Smethells and the membership committee, we have added 15 new members to the squadron. The brochures have been redesigned and reprinted, we got some much-needed press in the Record Eagle, our Facebook page has new regularly refreshed content, and our website is undergoing some renovations to enhance our message and make it easier to navigate.

I want to close by telling you that our Water Safety Day for Kids was a great success. Our partnership with the Great Lakes Children's Museum, resulted in almost 200 participants, 98 of which were kids. All the kids went home with lifejackets and a better understanding of what being safe in and near the water means. Our sincere thanks to Long Lake Marine who once again generously donated the lifejackets, and to Harve Norris who put the program together and worked diligently to make it a smashing success!





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

I am pleased to report that registrations for the Seminar Series has picked up substantially. We now have 16 people registered for 50 seminar seats. This falls short of 2021 when we had about 50% more registrations, but this is a definite improvement over a month ago. Please consider joining a seminar in June when Bill Bailey will give two seminars. On June 5th at 7 PM he will be discussing Smartphone Navigation and on June 7th at 7 PM, the topic will be Anchoring in Northern Michigan. Register on gtbayboating.org; the seminar list was published in the 45th last month.

More clarity regarding the status of basic boating courses was expected by now, but more DNR courses are springing up at no cost, likely affecting our ABC course enrollment. It is not clear at this time how this is going to play out. A number of your fellow members who are involved in the education program are exploring possibilities. More on this later.

This Fall, our course offerings will center on navigation. Are you interested in learning how to use a sextant? Offshore Navigation (formerly Junior Navigation) will be available through small group home instruction with lots of hands-on time. Along with that, we will be offering Marine Navigation (formerly, Piloting) taught by Mary Petterson and Arnie Taddia at NMC. Independent study is always available for those who wish to work on any of the other courses.

Have a wonderful summer!





Northern Michigan's Only
Yacht Club Specifically
for Adventurous Cruisers

**2023
SPRING/SUMMER
PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

TICKETS (Paid at Door)
Adults \$5.00 – Kids \$2.00
• **FREE FOR TCAP FAMILIES** •

PUBLIC WELCOME!

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 pm
PRESENTATION: 6:00 pm
Come mingle before and after presentation

TCYC, founded on the idea of educating future cruisers of all ages, encourages seasoned members to pass down their knowledge to those just gaining a passion for cruising and to inspire future generations. The club's mission is to create an atmosphere that will encourage members to help each other be more adventurous as they explore, not only local waterways but far-reaching cruising grounds. Sharing adventures, cruising stories, and accomplishments are uppermost in the club's priorities.

There are many ancillary activities and accomplishments that contribute to a boaters' success in long-distance cruising. Learning how to maintain a boat's systems, use navigation, set up communication systems, provision, conserve resources, have good boating etiquette, and gain safe boating skills are just a few of the boating lessons TCYC hopes to foster within its membership.



JUNE 7, 2023

Location: Center Pointe (Auditorium)
12935 SW Bayshore Dr., Traverse City

Please RSVP — PUBLIC WELCOME

Call For More Info and RSVP: 231-642-7625

**TRENT SEVERN WATERWAY
SETTING UP AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE FOR KIDS**

Presentation by Jim & Lisa Favors

Last summer, Jim and Lisa Favors planned and executed a boat trip to Canada's Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) with their two oldest grandchildren. They designed the cruise to be educational, picking a waterway they are familiar with, one with historical content and some fun boating features. The kids would learn about early commerce transportation in Canada and the significance of traveling through a historic lock system. Each lock has its own story to tell.

The full length of the TSW stretches 239 miles from Trent to Port Severn, Ontario, connecting Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay. There are 44 locks on the entire waterway which cater to recreational boaters, providing overnight moorage along lock walls, which may include washrooms, campsites, and potable water. Parks Canada also has a fun Xplorer's program for children.

In this presentation, the Favors will share how they planned their 111-mile, 12-day boat trip, from Peterborough to Orillia, Ontario (transiting 19 of the 44 total locks). Unlike most of their adult explorations, Jim and Lisa focused this trip around their grandkids' needs.

The kids would learn about all aspects of adventure cruising, not only trip planning, navigation, and reading charts, but walking while exploring historic little towns along the waterway. Periodically, the Favors would communicate important boating lessons on how to stay safe onboard and around open water, traveling in a foreign country, and general life onboard, such as stocking the galley, food prep, cooking and cleanup of meals, clothing management, cleaning and maintenance chores, all while conserving limited resources (water and electricity). When cruising for long periods, boaters have to do all the things they do at home to maintain their health and welfare.

The Favors will share details on how they planned for the trip, how it worked for the kids and what they would, and wouldn't, do next time.

Next On the Calendar...

THE GREAT LOOP BOAT TRIP

The Boating Adventure of a Lifetime!

DATE TBD – Call For More Info and RSVP: 231-642-7625

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

Our June 1 dinner meeting is our Squadron Awards night. The menu choices are Steak with Baked Potato or Cherry BBQ Chicken. Since the steak is a special arrangement with Sleders, we need to get our numbers in by May 26. Please reply promptly to your caller so we can meet that deadline. If you reply after May 26 you will get the chicken menu.

Last month's speaker, Jim Favors, from Traverse Cruisers Yacht Club has invited us to attend their June 7 meeting at Center Pointe at 5:30pm where Jim and his wife will present on how to plan and carry out an educational cruise for children. They will speak from their experience cruising the Trent Severn Waterway in Ontario Canada with their grandchildren.

D/9 Lobster Bake



Mark your calendars August 11 & 12 for the annual D/9 Lobster Bake in Northport's Haserot Park. Friday will be a burger fest with happy hour beginning at 5:00. Dinner will be at 6:00 with burgers, salads, beans and dessert. Music in the Park begins at 7:00 in the Marina Park, Northport. Saturday festivities begin about 2:00 with Brian Nelson and his helpers beginning to build the fire to bake the lobsters and veggies. Happy hour begins at 4:00 which is about when the fire will be lit and the steaming begins. Dinner will be served at 5:00 which includes your choice of a whole lobster or a large slice of prime rib, salad, steamed veggies, and dessert. During the afternoon there will be Silent Auction bidding and a Dock Box Sale. The Silent Auction bids sheets will be by the item on the table and the Dock Box Sale will be a donation of whatever the item is worth to you. Credit cards will be accepted for the Silent Auction. See you there!
 Donna Nelson, Committee Chair



SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

Let Someone Know Before You Go

Rescue is faster when you use the USCG Float Plan

Whether you are a power boater or kayaker, the USCG Float Plan works for you. Set up a basic plan ahead of time and save it on your computer or smart device. Update it when you decide where and when you're going to go. Then, e-mail or text your completed plan to whoever you choose to follow up should you not return or check-in as planned.

The USCG Float Plan is a state-of-the-art lifesaving device that is used by search and rescue personnel to assist in reducing the search area in order to locate you in the shortest amount of time possible. It is also the first and only float plan that guides and directs the holder of your float planned to be accurately remembered and ultimately conveyed in an emergency situation. Without a float plan you are counting on someone else, a friend, neighbor, or family member to remember detailed information that rescue personnel need in order to find you. Information that can make a difference in the outcome

Features and capabilities you'll find in this version of the float plan:

- Save and send using any device with Adobe Acrobat Reader installed.
- Can be used with any size or type of recreational vessel.
- Accommodates up to 13 canoers/kayakers/paddle boarders that want to paddle together as a group.
- User defined fields provide increased flexibility.
- The ability to enter the unique identification numbers for the vessel's EPIRB and Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) attached to individual PFDs.
- Drop down lists that let you easily see all of your choices.
- Accommodates up to 12 passengers.
- Identify up to 21 waypoints.
- Exclusive Boating Emergency Guide™ assists the person holding your plan with starting the Search And Rescue process.
- 100% digital means it's easy on the environment.
- The float plan and the data you enter is stored on your computer or mobile device under your control.
- It's FREE. From the experts in boating safety, the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Saving lives is what the float plan is all about. Create a float plan before your next voyage. Go to <https://floatplancentral.cgaux.org/classroom/floatplans.htm> to download the Float Plan, Boating Emergency Guide, and tips on how to prepare and use the on what to do via the exclusive Boating Emergency Guide.

Why prepare a Float Plan? The answer is simple... there are just too many facts that plan. Let's be safe out there!

MERIT MARKS—2022

Bill Bailey
Sue Brown
Carol Currin
Eric Currin
Mary Gillooly
Nancy Gonzalez
Paul Gonzalez
John Holcombe
John Kreiger
Guy Leslie
Andrea McClure
Donna Nelson
Brian Nelson

Thomas Rea
Pat Rottman
Bill Rottman
Craig Schantz
Jeanne Schantz
Nicole Smethells
Bill Smethells
Janet Stone
Tom Stone
Arnie Taddia
Dave Terrell
Sally Weaver
Jerry Williams

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS—

JUNE

Mark Benedict, S
Brian Brooks
Susan Brown, P
Linda Cline
Ronald Dunbar, P
Paul Gonzalez, N
Barbara Klein, AP
Joel Lockwood, AP P/C
Karen Ludwig, P
Gloria McClay
Harvey Norris Jr., AP P/C
John Pardington, S
Lyndon Salathiel, P
Mary Patricia Salathiel, P
William Smethells, SN P/C
Janet Stone, JN
Janet Ward, AP Lt/C
Diane Warren

JULY

Alan Holcombe, P
Ward Kuhn, SN P/C
Leroy Nowak, SN P/C
Chuck Day

AUGUST

Mary Krieger
Carol Kuhn, P
James Murphy
Mary Petterson, N P/C
James Russell
Arnold Taddia, AP
Sally Weaver
Donald Willman, AP



MAY MEETING—



John Holcombe, AP
 Bill Rzyzi
 P/C Mary Petterson, N



Pat Kernaghan. S
 Guy Leslie, P



Lt/C Janet Ward, AP
 Lisa Favors
 Jim Favors
 Lt Sue Brown, P



Ron Dunbar, P
 Arnie Taddia, AP
 Mary Weaver
 Pat Rottman
 Bill Rottman, AP
 Ellen Dunbar



P/C Joel Lockwood, AP
 P/C Harve Norris, AP



Or Speaker Jim Favors of
 Traverse Cruisers Yacht
 Club.



Craig Schantz
 Dee McClure AP



Pat Rottman
 Mary Norris



P/C Dave Terrell, AP receiving his Life Member Award From P/C Jan Hartesvelt, P



P/C Bill Bailey, JN receiving the Web Master Award from P./C Jan Hartesvelt, P and Lt Sue Brown, P receiving one for the Newsletter

WINNERS—



Jim Waslawski
(Arnie Claimed it for him)



P/C Bill Bailey, JN



Lt Sue Brown, P

WATER SAFETY DAY—

It was a great day with a turnout of about 200 People with 98 being children. Free life jackets were handed out.



Meet New Members Mary and Mike Adkins



Greetings America's Boating Club Grand Traverse Bay Members from Mary and Mike Adkins, Bill asked that we introduce ourselves to the Club with some background information about us. May has been a very good month for us. We are new Grandparents with our first Grandchild born at the beginning of May! Shortly afterwards our first sailboat (with a motor) arrived in Traverse City from downstate, a 1978 S2 9.2a. We took our maiden voyage from Elmwood Marina to Elk Rapids Marina on May 13th and are very pleased with the sailboat.

Mary grew up sailing in Lake St. Clair and cruising the Great Lakes during the summers. I started about 1 year before we were married which was 37 years ago with a one week trip up Lake Huron on the Canadian side. We sailed on her Dad's Morgan 36 and also raced 5 Port Huron to Mackinac Races in the late 80's.

We lived in the Washington/Romeo Area for 35 years and raised two children; a daughter and a son. Mary was an RN and I was in IT and we have been enjoying retirement for the past 4 ½ years.

We moved year-round to Kewadin, just north of Elk Rapids, in January 2022. After 7 years on the on the waiting list we now have a seasonal slip in the Elk Rapids Harbor. We are looking forward to meeting you. If you are ever in the Elk Rapids Harbor, please stop by slip 93 and introduce yourselves.

We look forward to meeting you!



P/C Joel Lockwood

CONGRATULATIONS JOEL

Lawrence Award-Joel Lockwood

This year's winner joined USMS in 2012 at the age of 78. Since joining, he has swam for for 4 different teams/workout groups FAST, STRAY CATS, MAC and North Coast Masters out of Traverse City.

Over the year's he has had numerous USMS Top Ten times in all three courses (SCY, SCM,LCM).

He has held the top spot in the 200 Breaststroke 85-89 age group FINA Masters Swimming World Rankings.

In 2020, by attending just two meets, he was able to achieve 11 USMS Top Tens times.

In 2021, he had 8 swims in the USMS Top 10.

Then in 2022, he swam in two Michigan meets and achieved 7 swims in the USMS Top Ten and had two #1 swims in the 500 Free and 50 Breast.

He now has a total of 108 USMS Top Ten swims in the 11 years he has been swimming since 2012.

For all of these past achievements and to future endeavors, the 2023 Lawrence Award goes to Joel Lockwood.

This award was initiated in 1978 and is names after Bob Lawrence. The recipient of this award is a Michigan Masters Swimmer who has achieved outstanding performances in National competition over the last year as well as over their long-term swimming career.

Examples of National competition include the following: USMS All-American selections, National and World Number One Swims in yearly Top-Ten rankings, USMS National and Fina World Records, USMS National Championship Meet and FINA World Championship Meet Titles, FINA World and USMS National Top-Ten Rankings. Additional examples for consideration include: YMCA National Records or YMC Championship Meet Titles and Michigan Masters State Records or State Championship Meet Titles