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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2023 Activities Calendar

March 2	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
March 9	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
March 16	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
April 6	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
April 13	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
April 20	Executive meeting-1600	Zoom
April 28-29	D-9 Spring Conference	Bay City, MI
May 4	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
May 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
May 18	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom



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WALSTROM MARINE

Tom Ervin

1800 Social Hour
1830Dinner

Wet Burrito
Fried Perch
Salad and roll

Please let your caller know your preference

\$25 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, February 26,
please call John Snow at
231-492-8395 or email John Snow at johnsnow@charter.net by Monday, February 27,
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr John Krieger, P

As we put another month of winter in the books and look forward to March and the Vernal Equinox, I am pleased to report multiple new developments in our Squadron, the District and at the National levels.

First at the squadron level. I am pleased to inform you that Harve Norris and Mary Krieger have agreed to Join our Membership Committee chair Nicki Smethells and bring their great ideas and talents to this very important committee. They will resurrect the report of the previously hired consultant and use it begin to implement the recommendations. They will also review the work of our internal membership task force and prioritize the recommendations that were incorporated in the task force report.

During our Executive Committee meeting last Thursday we had a good discussion about increasing awareness in the local market about America's Boating Club, and what our squadron does locally. Some of the ideas discussed included radio advertising, Public Service Announcements, interviews with local radio stations and getting our name in the Record Eagle summer circular. Others were partnering with the Children's Museum to do a boater safety course and work with local marinas and Traverse City on a life jacket loaner program.

All of these are excellent ideas, but now we must move ideas to actions. The Bridge is looking for multiple members who would like to volunteer to lead and work together towards accomplishing the above to promote greater awareness in our local market. Most importantly, this includes recommendations on our website and leveraging social media. Finally, we are exploring getting a booth at the Traverse City Boat Show which will be held March 17-19.

At the District level, the Spring Conference will be held April 28-29 in Bay City. More details to follow. Also, Alana Harvey will soon vacate the D-9 commander position which she has held for an extended period. We thank her and wish her the best.

At the National level, the National Meeting will be held February 25th in Orlando, FL where changes to the by-laws will be voted upon. Our squadron has two votes. Janet Ward and I will be voting remotely on the changes. For more information about those changes, please refer to the National website for details. If you have comments about the proposed changes, please send them to me prior to the 25th.

Our March meeting will be held March 2nd at Sleders. The President of Wallstrom Marine will be our presenter and will discuss the growth in Wallstrom's business including the recent acquisition of Grand Bay Marine. We look forward to seeing you then.





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

We are in the process of preparing final details for the Spring courses which start in March. If you wish to review those, they are online at gtbayboating.org. The various 45th Parallels from Fall, 2022, also include a schedule for Spring 2023, a long-range projection of courses, and along with the January, 2023, edition, the current state of planning for the May seminars. A final listing of seminars will appear in next month's 45th and online on our website.

Keep in mind that most courses are offered only every two years. The exceptions are Sail and America's Boating Course (both the May virtual version and the College for Kids version). So, if you are interested in the Boat Handling course (previously Seamanship), it is available now or you have to wait two years. Ditto with Marine Electrical Systems.

If anyone has an interest in teaching a course or seminar, please let me know. The more, the merrier! It is fun, and for all of you former teachers, you do not need to grade homework, go to committee meetings, and all of that other stuff. It's a good deal.

See you around the Bay.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

Thank you to the two new volunteers for the Calling Committee, Jeanne Shantz and Bill Bailey. They will receive their contact lists for the April meeting.

The March 2 meeting menu choices are:

Wet Burrito (beef and beans) or Fried Perch

If you have a menu request let me know.

There was some confusion last month about beverage charges. Members are responsible for the cost of all beverages. If the server says they are included, that is a mistake and you must pay for your beverages.

Tom and Janet Stone have created a detailed itinerary for the summer e-Quality Cruise to the North Channel August 16-30. It is available on the webpage along with a registration form. Sign up for a guaranteed good time!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS—

- Frank Burdick, SN
- Janice Carter
- Ann P. Conway, SN
- Robert Cruse, S
- Jack Klang, AP P/C
- Thomas Lechota, P
- Robert Nolan, AP
- Pamela Petajan, S
- Thomas Rea, SN
- Larry Rotta
- Susan Rotta



FEBRUARY MEETING—



Lt/C Bill Smethells, N
P/C Dave Terrell, AP
Jon Schultz



P/C Harvey Norris, AP
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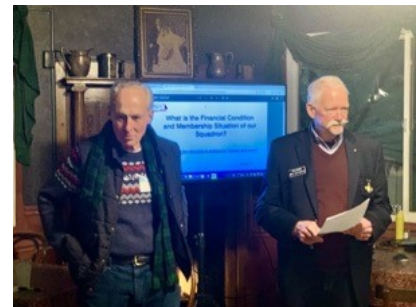
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Craig Shantz
Jeanne Shantz



Arnie Taddia, AP



Nancy Gonzalez



Lt/C Janet Ward,