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

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| 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 |
| April 4 | General Meeting-1800 | Sleders |
| April 11 | Lunch with the Commander-1200 | Cottage Café |
| April 17 | Cruising and Cruise Planning | NMC |
| April 18 | Executive Meeting-1600 | Zoom |
| April 23 | Sailing | NMC |
| May 2 | General Meeting-1800 | Sleders |
| May 6 | America's Boating Course | NMC |
| May 9 | Lunch with the Commander-1200 | Cottage Café |
| May 16 | Executive Meeting-1600 | Zoom |

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Fred Sitkins Inland Seas Education Association

1800 Social Hour
1830 Dinner

Please let your caller know your preference
Steak and shrimp combo
Grilled Chicken Salad

\$25 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Mar 3 please call Janet Ward at 231-492-3038 or email Janet Ward at janet.ward49@yahoo.com by Mar 4.
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



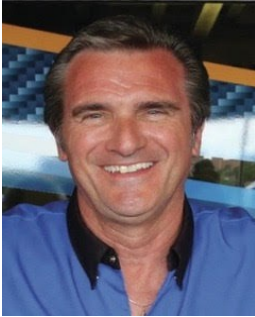
COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr John Krieger, P

In last month's report, I shared the outcomes of our January planning meeting and included details of actions to be taken and expected outcomes. As the end of the first quarter of 2024 approaches, I am very pleased to share with you that several key initiative areas including activities, collaboration, education and VSCs are well on their way to achieving our desired outcomes. Bill Bailey and Tom Stone have led the effort to revisit our list of activities and with strong input from our members survey have added new activities, both on the water and off, to the calendar. The commitment to participate in these activities by membership has increased and we have some new leaders who have agreed to chair these activities throughout the upcoming season. Dan Cline has been actively leading the charge to develop our relationship with Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC). Several of our members serve on its board and we have received great input and are actively sharing calendars. Our new SEO, Craig Shantz has taken a hard look at our current list of classes and is actively working with NMC and other outlets to explore new venues for classes and take a hard look at how we price our educational classes. Finally, we are adding two new VSC personnel to our current compliment of three which will give us a total of five inspectors. Needless to say, we are far ahead of where we were at this time last year.

I look forward to sharing more developments and achievements in the coming months as we use the new plan to guide us through 2024 and beyond.





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Craig Shantz

March brings us daylight saving time, the first day of spring, longer days, warmer weather and it also brings us that much closer to boating season! It's a time when we start thinking about our boat launch preparation and boat project completion. This is also an excellent time of year to take advantage of some of the many boating courses that our squadron offers, and add to your mariner knowledge.

Below is a list of our current offerings and start dates for your consideration through Northwestern Michigan College (NMC).

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| ADVANCED MARINE NAVIGATION | 03/11/2024 |
| CRUISING AND CRUISE PLANNING | 04/17/2024 |
| SAILING | 04/23/2024 |
| AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE | 05/06/2024 |
| AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE (Grades 7-12) | 06/17/2024 |
| SAILING (Summer Option) | 07/09/2024 |

The *Cruising and Cruise Planning* course that we are currently accepting enrollments in, is being replaced by the new *Cruising Under Power and Sail* course. This is an excellent program for first time cruisers, those that would like to expand their cruising area, or experienced cruisers that would just like to brush up on their skills.

The sixteen chapters in this new course include:

- Chapter 1 – Preparing to Cruise
- Chapter 2 – A Boat for Cruising
- Chapter 3 – Propulsion & Electrical Systems
- Chapter 4 – Vessel Subsystems
- Chapter 5 – Electronics & Navigation
- Chapter 6 – Communications
- Chapter 7 – Safety Equipment
- Chapter 8 – Security
- Chapter 9 – Anchors & Anchoring
- Chapter 10 – Weather for Boaters
- Chapter 11 – Crew Selection
- Chapter 12 – Provisioning & Meals
- Chapter 13 – Boat Emergencies
- Chapter 14 – Medical Emergencies
- Chapter 15 – Chartering
- Chapter 16 – Crossing Borders

Wow, the Easter Holiday is in March this year, and of course, so is St. Patrick's Day. Now I'm not Irish, but I will celebrate it. You can't beat fun for a good time I always say!



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

The days are getting longer and we have scheduled our spring launch date along with the last few maintenance tasks so the boating season is near! Until then, we have our monthly dinners and interesting presentations to look forward to.

The March 7 dinner at Sleders offers two meal choices: Steak and Shrimp Combo or Grilled Chicken Salad. The presenter will be Fred Sitkins, Director of Inland Seas Education Association.

Heather Smith, Grand Traverse Bay Waterkeeper has made her February presentation on Microplastics available to us on our webpage. It includes many links for more information so it is a valuable resource. Check it out! I have also asked Heather to keep us informed of the annual Beach Cleanup date and location in April. It would be a good opportunity for us to engage with another community group and promote our club.

I have invited Meghan Powers from the Red Cross, who also spoke with us in February and gave us a great CPR refresher, to come back next fall for a presentation on Marine Emergencies. Look for an October or November date.

In September we will have Stephanie Gandular, of the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary in Alpena speak to us about the Sanctuary and their annual Marine Film Festival.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS—

Frank Burdick, SN
Janice Faye 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





SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

Now Is A Good Time To Check Your Safety Gear

Yes, I know it is only March. BUT, we also know that as spring approaches, time has a way of passing faster and faster. It will be boating season once again before we know it! It is not too early to start thinking and doing to prepare for summer fun on the water. The first thing we can and should be addressing is our safety gear. Do we have necessary items that are old and tired, or date-expired things such as distress signals or inflatable floatation devices? Don't wait until the boat is launched to check the safety gear; do it now. One item in particular is easy to forget or ignore – inflatable life vests and belts. If yours is auto-inflating, it is especially important to refer to the manufacturer's information regarding expiration of the inflating components and how to replace them.

There's no question that inflatable life jackets are the lightest and most comfortable personal flotation devices to wear while boating. But what happens if it inflates -- either accidentally or necessary? No problem! You can rearm and repack it. BoatUS Magazine's Lenny Rudow shows you step by step how to rearm and repack an inflatable PFD. Some models are easier than others, but most aren't that difficult to rearm and repack if you understand the general steps and how they work: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSSX6yOe7cw>

As always, YouTube is a great source for more than you ever wanted to know on any subject.

Here are three more videos you may find interesting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6tsGav8wj8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5eniRI0mXM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEeqtsYu5HE>

Have a safe 2024 on the water!!



FEBRUARY MEETING



P/C Eric Currin, AP
 Carol Currin
 Lt Sue Brown, P



Mike Adkins
 Linda Cline
 Lt/C Dan Cline, S
 Pat Kernaghan
 P/C Dave Terrell



Chuck Day
 Nicole Smethells
 P/C Bill Smethells, N



Janet Stone, N
 Cdr John Krieger, P
 Lt/C Janet Ward, AP



Lt/Cathy Holcombe, P



Lt/C Craig Shantz



WINNERS—



Mary Adkins



P/C Dave Terrell, AP



Nicole Smethells



Meghan Powers from the American Red Cross also a speaker.



Getting ready to practice CPR with Meghan Powers



Our Speaker Heather Smith, Baykeeper from the Watershed Center of Traverse City



Cdr John Krieger, P
Swearing in new member
Chuck Day



Cdr John Krieger, P
Heather Smith
Lt/C Janet Ward, AP



Mary Adkins
Arnie Taddia, AP
Pat Kernaghan, S



Lt/C Craig Shantz
Jeanne Shantz
Mary Krieger

2024 DISTRICT NINE SPRING CONFERENCE AND CHANGE OF WATCH 12-14 April 2024

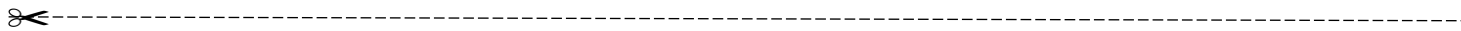
CONFERENCE THEME IS **NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL WORLD**

FRIDAY NIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES SPONSORED BY DISTRICT 9 SQUADRONS AND A CASH BAR

SATURDAY NIGHT THEME IS COUNTRY WESTERN



Conference Hosted by: **AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB GROSSE POINTE**



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Check if you are a Conference First-Timer

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

Saturday Business Lunch
 Love from Tuscany Lunch Buffet _____
 (Includes vegetarian choices)
Saturday Evening Dinner
 Filet of Beef _____
 Dijon Crusted Salmon _____
 Vegetarian Option _____

Make Check Payable to:
Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
D/Lt/C CHET DUNBAR
17522 Muirland
Detroit, MI 48221-2711

Total Lunches ___ @ \$42 ea. = \$ ___ **Total Dinners** ___ @ \$80 ea. = \$ ___
Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Dress Code:
 Morning & Conference-Uniform F
 Saturday Evening:-Country Western Attire

NO MEALS RESERVATIONS AFTER 25 MARCH 2024

Attending Friday Night Hospitality: YES _____ NO _____
 Attending Saturday Meeting: Meeting: with lunch _____ without lunch _____
 Attending Saturday Night Dinner Dance YES _____ NO _____

**SHERATON DETROIT NOVI HOTEL
21111 HAGGERTY RD, NOVI, MI 48375**



The Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel is offering District 9 members a group rate of \$119.00 USD per night plus, state, and local taxes.

[CLICK THIS LINK TO MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION](#)

Or call **1-866-837-4180** to make room reservations. Inform the reservation specialist you are with District 9 Sail & Power Squadrons.

Directions to the hotel are on the reservation web site.

Make your room reservation NO LATER than March 22, 2024.