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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

4 MAY 2023

**Jim Favors
Traverse Cruisers Yacht Club**

1800 Social Hour
1830Dinner

Wet Burrito (Beef and Bean)
Chicken Burrito
Taco Salad

Please let your caller know your preference

\$25 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, April 30,
please call John Snow at
231-492-8395 or email John Snow at johnsnow@charter.net by Monday, May 1,
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr John Krieger, P

What an exciting time of year! We have had our first taste of 80 degree weather and are confident that in a short period of time, it will become the norm rather than the exception. With May upon us, boats are coming out from under cover and being slipped, so all things required to prepare the vessels for another season can take place.

May will prove to be an exciting month for our squadron too. Thanks to the good work of Harve Norris and his long relationship with both the director of the Children's Museum and Long Lake Marina, Water Safety Day for Children will be held on May 20th at the Children's Museum.

Not only will GTBABC presence be highly visible, but we will be joined by Long Lake Marina, the Coast Guard (with a helicopter), the American Red Cross and of course the Children's Museum. Long Lake Marina has graciously donated life jackets for the children participants and will bring a pontoon boat to site for the day. We are currently working with the Children's Museum on copy for the local media. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy a great day of learning and fun!

Finally, our last two general meetings for the year will take place on May 4th and June 1st at Sleders. The May meeting will feature a Mexican dinner menu option and a presentation by Traverse Cruisers Yacht Club. The June meeting will cap off our "off season" general meetings with our annual awards program. Hope to see you then.





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

Good news! The huge waiting list problem for Sail has been solved by David Terrell. Working with Extended Education at NMC, he arranged for a second Sail class beginning in early July. There are currently 8 people signed up with more expected. A recent email blast from EES featured the class at the top of the page. It is a delight to see one of our classes so much in demand! See the Extended Education Services website at nmc.augusoft.net.

The news about the May/June seminar series is more sobering. We presently have 4 students signed up for 12 different sessions. Bill Bailey has set up seminar registration on our website. If you have any interest in one of the seminars, sign up well before the seminar starts. At some point, a decision will need to be made as to whether to offer a given seminar or cancel it if the enrollment is low. To help you review what is available, and get signed up on our website, here is the list of seminars with dates.

Seminar	Date	Cost	Location
<u>Spring Fit-out Seminar</u>	May 10 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Free	Zoom
<u>Rules and Regs Review Seminar</u>	May 17 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Free	Zoom
<u>Forecasting Weather from the Dock Seminar</u>	May 24 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Free	Zoom
<u>Testing Your Boat's Electrical System Seminar</u>	May 31 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Free	Zoom
<u>Smartphone and Tablet Navigation Seminar</u>	June 5 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Free	Zoom
<u>Anchoring in Northern Michigan Seminar</u>	June 7 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Free	Zoom

The Spring classes are going well. Marine Electrical Systems (taught by yours truly) and Boat Handling (taught by Dee McClure and Bill Bailey) will both be done by early May with 7 students in each. The first Sail class is full with 12 students and started the evening of April 18 with the second course scheduled in July, as discussed above. The virtual America's Boating Course will be held in 3 sessions in May and the College for Kids version will be taught the third week in June. People are signing up for both; there still is room. Thanks go especially Jerry Williams, Tom Stone, and Bill Bailey.

Looking forward, expect that there will be more news next month about other offerings of the ABC course or the DNR basic boating course. Since we now have instructors certified to teach the DNR class, that opens up new possibilities for us to continue to educate the public in boating safety. This area still loses too many people in the Bay each year. Thanks to Dee McClure and Tom Stone for their work on this. The Fall classes are due in soon to EES; tune in next month to check that out.

Fair winds!



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

The May 4 menu will celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the following selections of Mexican food:

- Wet Burrito (beef and beans)
- Chicken burrito
- Taco Beef Salad

Jim Favors of the Traverse Cruisers Yacht Club will speak to us about his group. We look forward to seeing how we might collaborate on our boating interests.

For the June meeting, we will have our Awards night. I am working with the Sleder’s manager, Beth, to find the right priced steak so we can have steak and baked potato.

Looking forward to launching in May and in the mean time, we are getting all the “land chores” done. Won’t be long now and we will all be on the water again!

MAY BIRTHDAYS—

- Norm Dill, SN P/C
- Jim Lazar
- Guy Leslie, P
- Tom Lyon, AP
- Donna Nelson, AP
- Barbara Wentzloff





SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

COLD WATER BOATING

Cold-water immersion is the cause of many boating-related fatalities. The danger increases as water temperature decreases below normal body temperature (98.6o F).

Dos and Don'ts

- Do make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket. Even experienced swimmers will experience shock within one minute in the frigid water and lose muscle control within 10 minutes.
- Do share with someone you trust all the details of your trip before you leave shore - including boat, persons, towing or trailer vehicle, communication equipment, and emergency contacts. This is your float plan.
- Do dress properly for the weather, always wear layers, and bring an extra set of clothes in case you get wet. Remember, dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.
- Do use your navigation lights to alert other boaters of your presence in dark and/or foggy conditions. Recreational boats operating at night are required to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise.
- Do catch your breath. A sudden, unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than one-half cup of water in your lungs to drown. If you remain calm, you have a greater chance of self-rescue.
- Don't panic if you fall into the water. Stay afloat with the help of your life jacket, regain control of your breathing and keep your head above water in vision of rescuers.
- Don't keep heavy boots on if you're in the water. Look for ways to increase your buoyancy. If you're in the water with others, huddle together with everyone facing inward to help everyone stay afloat and keep warm.
- Don't apply heat to extremities like arms and legs of a rescued victim. This sudden change in temperature could cause cardiac arrest.

Stages of Cold-Water Immersion

- Cold shock. You have one minute to adjust to the cold shock response – don't panic.
- Swimming failure. You have 10 minutes of meaningful movement to get help and get out of the water.
- Hypothermia. You have about one hour before you become unconscious from hypothermia.
- Post-rescue collapse. You “give up” and collapse after or right at the time of rescue.

APRIL MEETING—



P/C Dale Wentzloff, AP
Barb Wentzloff



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Lt/C Janet Ward, AP
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Pat Kernaghan



Sally Weaver
Linda Cline
Lt/C Dan Cline



Jim Schultz
P/C Dave Terrell, AP

WINNERS—



Sally Weaver



Linda Cline



Lt/C Janet Ward, AP



MEET NEW MEMBER MEL BOWMAN

A native of Northern Michigan, Mel was born in Manistee and lived in Kaleva where his father was a Conservation Officer. His father passed away when he was five and he, his mother and sister moved to East Jordan, the family home, where he attended elementary school and junior high school. At the age of fourteen he moved to Boyne City where he graduated from high school in 1967.

Having served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969 to 1972 he then attended North Central Michigan College and Western Michigan University graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering in 1977.

Moving to the Detroit area in 1977 Mel worked for Ford Motor Company and Cummins Engine Company designing electronic engine and transmission controls and vehicle diagnostic computers. In 1986 he moved to California to work for Intel Corporation and in 1989 moved to California's Silicon Valley where he designed computers until he retired in 2017. Residing in San Mateo for fifteen years and San Jose for fourteen years he moved back to Northern Michigan in 2018 where he chose to settle in Traverse City and in 2019 purchased a house in Cedar Hills Estates, four miles west of town.

To store his retirement toys he built a pole barn and, though he has no previous boating experience, bought a 25 foot Checkmate 253 power boat and joined the Power Squadron. He is currently enrolled in the Boat Handling course and looks forward to trying his hand at boating this summer.

He has volunteered at the Traverse City Film Festival and frequently volunteers at the Bijou By the Bay selling concessions.

Editor's Note—

We are now on Facebook. Below are the steps to join.

1. Go to Facebook and search for Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Our landing page looks like this:



2. Join or follow by clicking the Join or Follow Button
3. Make sure and like our page
4. Invite your friends from your friends list to join our page