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General Membership meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at Sleders. Executive meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at Traverse City. Anyone interested may attend via Zoom

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

November 2	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
November 9	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
November 16	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
December 7	Change of Watch-1800	Sleders
December 14	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
December 21	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
January 4	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
January 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
January 18	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom

2 NOVEMBER 2023

TOM STONE

**Sharing the experiences of this summers
2023 e-Quality Cruise**

1800 Social Hour
1830Dinner

Beef Taco Salad
Beef or Chicken Burrito

Please let your caller know your preference

\$25 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Oct 29, please call Janet Ward at 231-492-3038 or email Janet Ward at janet.ward49@yahoo.com by October 30.
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr John Krieger, P

During the last month, the Bridge has been reflecting on our achievements of the past, while thinking about what we need to put in place today to secure our future. I am pleased to inform you of some exciting recognition our squadron received at the most recent D9 Fall conference. During this conference our squadron was recognized with the following awards.

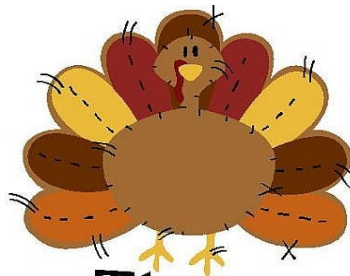
R/C Glenn H. Howell, SN Elective Course Trophy – The complement of our Advanced Grades is our Elective Courses. The Advanced Grades are designed to be somewhat mathematical and scientific in nature. The Elective Courses are designed to be of practical use to our boating members. Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Sail, and Weather assist our members in knowledge of their craft, themselves and/or individual abilities. This award is presented to the Squadron with the highest percentage of Elective Courses earned in the past educational year to the number of members eligible to take Elective Courses in the Squadron.

Grand Traverse Bay won first place followed by Saginaw Bay and Detroit in second and third place respectively.

P/R/C George (Bud) A. Richardson SN Total Squadron Educational Performance Award – This trophy is in memory of P/R/C/ Bud Richardson, SN, a dedicated member of USPS, District Nine and Ann Arbor Power Squadron. This award is presented to the squadron with the highest percentage of the total number of Advanced Grades earned and Elective Courses completed to the number of members eligible to take the courses in the educational year.

Grand Traverse Bay won first place followed by Saginaw Bay and Grosse Pointe in second and third place respectively.

These recognitions result directly from the fine work of our SEOs, both present and past, that helped develop meaningful curricula, and to our gifted instructors who delivered the materials in a meaningful way. A sincere thank you to all of you for a job well done! The trophies will be on display at our general meeting at Sleders on Thursday, November 2nd.



Happy Thanksgiving



EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

This Fall's course in Marine Navigation (Piloting) is off and running with Mary Pettesen and Arnie Taddia instructing 9 students. Considering the recent history of student registrations, especially having gone through the difficulty due to Covid, that is an excellent response.

It is sad to say that summer is over and the time has arrived to get your boat out of the water if you haven't already. Now what? Besides the annual run to the South to warm up, how about planning on taking a class this coming year to add to your background or sharpen your skills? It's fun and your squadron friends teach the classes! The Winter-Spring, 2024, offerings are listed below. Please note that Advanced Marine Navigation and Cruising and Cruise Planning are offered only every two years; so, this is your opportunity to earn the grade of AP or pick up some pointers on planning your summer cruise from an experienced cruiser.

Always available are the more advanced navigation courses involving sextant use. If you have not used a sextant before, are a little rusty in its use, or would like to earn a JN or N grade (or SN if you also complete 6 elective courses) please contact me. The courses are now titled Offshore Navigation and Celestial Navigation, but they are the same old Junior Navigation and Navigation and just as much fun and challenge as always. Here are the Spring 2023 courses

- Advanced Marine Navigation — 7 Mondays, March 11 to April 22, 6 to 9 PM, held at NMC. Instructor: Bill Bailey
- Sail - 10 Tuesdays, April 23 to June 25, 6 to 8 PM, held at NMC, plus on-the-water instruction. Instructor: David Terrell
- Cruising and Cruise Planning — 6 Wednesdays, April 17 to May 22, 6:30 to 9 PM, held at NMC. Instructor: Tom Stone

Prices will soon be determined. Look for the Winter-Spring catalog from NMC. May through August classes will appear in the Summer catalog (America's Boating Course via Zoom in May, ABC College for Kids course in June and the summer section of Sail starting in July).

All the best.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

The past month proved successful in securing speakers for every month this season except May and there are two potential presenters for that month. You can look forward to hearing from our own Tom Stone this month to share the “guaranteed good time” experiences of the 2023 e-Quality Cruise. Other future topics include Leelanau Historical Society, Inland Seas, and Microplastics.

Our menu choices for the November dinner meeting are:

Burrito: Beef or Chicken
Beef Taco Salad

I am working with Sleders to arrange a pasta night in the future.

There have been no volunteers to fill the vacancy on the Calling Committee so Jerry Williams will be redistributing the names on the caller’s lists. You may be contacted by a different person next month. If you are a Calling Committee member you can expect your contact list to change next month.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS—

Michael Adkins, S
Mel Bowman, S
Stanley Brossard
Nancy Gonzalez
David Terrell, AP P/C
Dale Wentzloff, AP P/C





SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

Cold Water Boating

Knowing The Basics Could Save Your Life – Or Someone Else's

One of the most dangerous aspects of boating, particularly for sportsmen who thrive on cold weather adventure, is the risk of hypothermia. Hypothermia happens when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it. It can occur as a result of prolonged exposure to cold air, or more dramatically, when a person is suddenly immersed in cold water. If a sportsman does fall into very cold water, there is only a limited time before he begins to lose his thinking capability and the use of his limbs. Most experts say that half of all drowning victims do not actually die from water filling their lungs, but instead from the fatal effects of cold water.

Water does not have to be icy to be cold enough to bring on hypothermia, it just has to be colder than you. Cold water is considered to be water under 70 degrees, but imagine, even 80 degree water is still almost 20 degrees colder than your body temperature. Given time, your body's core temperature will drop as you lose heat to the water.

Waterfowl hunters use boats on some of the coldest days of the year. Not only is the water deathly cold on these days, but the hunter is likely wearing enough layers to make himself heavy and clumsy. If he goes in the water, he's in serious trouble. Here is where a life jacket or a "float coat" can mean the difference between life and death. Without some flotation device, your chances of survival simply aren't that good.

If you see yourself about to fall in, if possible, cover your face with your hands. This may sound strange, but quickly becoming immersed in icy water can cause "Torso Reflex," or a sudden involuntary intake of breath. Covering your mouth is an attempt to avoid gulping water into your lungs when this happens.

If you are wearing a life preserver, great. If there are more floating in the water, grab those too to use as floats. Even decoys can be used, one under each arm, to keep you floating. Try to hold onto your boat, or even right the boat and climb inside (some boats are inherently buoyant and float even when filled with water). The idea is to get as much of your body out of the water as possible, so there is less area that can lose heat.

Tighten up your jacket, vest, shoes, whatever you are wearing. Try and keep your legs together, and your arms close to your body. Most importantly, try to keep your head dry and try to always wear a hat. You will lose over half of your body heat through your head. Even a mesh ball cap will help retain body heat. The water trapped inside your layers of clothes will warm up from your body heat and act as a wetsuit. Do not remove clothing. Do not try to swim. Swimming can reduce your survival time by almost 50%. Stay as still as possible, no matter how painful.

To read the rest of this article from **BoatU.S. Foundation**, go to <https://www.boatus.org/study-guide/prep/cold-water/> for more cold water and weather tips, and first aid for treating hypothermia. With winter close at hand, hypothermia is certainly not limited to falling into cold water. Cold, wet weather can be just as dangerous anytime when outdoors. Read the tips and be prepared for the unexpected.

OCTOBER MEETING—



P/C Bill Bailey, JN
Bill Rottman, AP
Pat Rottman



P/C Tom Stone, JN
Janet Stone, JN



Mary Norris
P/C Harvey Norris, AP



Mary Adkins
Mike Adkins



Speaker from the Inland
Seas Rachel Ratliff



Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P
John Holcombe, AP



P/C Bill Smethells, SN
Lt/C John Weih, P
Lt/C John Snow
Nicole Smethells

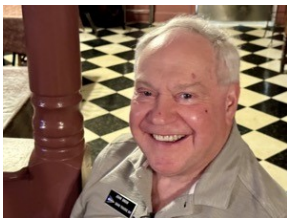


Mark Walters
Mary Adkins
P/C Dave Terrell, AP



Cdr John Krieger, P
Arnie Taddia, AP

WINNERS—



Lt/C John Snow



Mary Adkins



Jim Schultz

BY-LAWS CONCERNING NOMINATIONS:

Article 5, Sect 5.1.2 All Bridge officers shall have been awarded at least one Advanced Grade and at least one merit mark.

Article 6, Sect 6.8 The Nominating committee shall select a candidate for each elective office and for the chairman and members of each elective committee provided for herein and shall submit its written report to the secretary at least 40 days prior to the annual meeting.

The following slate for 2023 is presented:

Commander	John Krieger, P
Executive Officer	John Snow
Administrative Officer	Janet Ward, AP
Secretary	Dan Cline, S
Treasurer	Catherine Holcombe, P
Asst Treasurer	John Weih, P
SEO	Craig Shantz
Asst SEO	William Smethells, SN

Executive Committee At Large:

Bill Bailey, JN
Dee McClure, AP
John Holcombe, AP

Elected for a three year term to:

Auditing Committee:	Arnold Taddia, AP; Bill Rottman, AP; Guy Leslie, P
Rules Committee:	Ken Musson, SN
Nominating Committee:	P/C Tom Stone, JN ; P/C William Smethells, SN, P/C Mary Petterson, N

Article 11, Sect 11.1 Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five (5) Active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of the election.

Article 11, Sect 11.4 No active member shall be eligible for nomination without first signifying willingness and ability to serve if elected.

Article 9, Sect 9.3 The annual meeting shall be held in the month of December at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees. Including the chairman thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this squadron, shall be sent to each Executive Committee at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee, 2022
P/C Tom Stone, JN; P/C Mary Petterson, N; P/C William Smethells, N