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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2023 Activities Calendar

September 7	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
September 14	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
September 21	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom
September 30	D9 Conference	Port Huron

October 5	General Meeting-1800	Sleders
October 12	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
October 19	Executive Meeting-1600	Zoom

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Alex Cattelan
Chief Technical Officer
Brunswick Corporation

1800 Social Hour
1830 Dinner

1/2 Rack or Ribs
Seasoned Steak Salad

Please let your caller know your preference

\$25 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Sept 3, please call John Snow at 231-492-8395 or email John Snow at johnsnow@charter.net by Sept 4
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr John Krieger, P

Welcome back! I trust each of you had a wonderful summer filled with fun and great memories of your time on the water. Also, I hope you had a chance to participate in our summer events including the Shakedown Cruise, Boats on the Boardwalk, Lobster Bake, VSCs and the eQuality Cruise. A sincere thank you to all our volunteers who have made these great activities happen. As I write this piece, our eQuality flotilla is hunkered down in harbor waiting for the rain and gale force winds to subside before heading to the North Channel. We wish them a safe journey and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

We will officially kick off our return to “business as usual” on September 1st with our general meeting at Sleders. Janet Ward, our Administrative Officer, has arranged an excellent meal and program with our presenter being the Chief Technical Officer of Brunswick Corporation. Brunswick owns many brands including Sea Ray, Boston Whaler, Bayliner, Mercury Marine, Attwood, Lund, Crestliner, Mastervolt, MotorGuide, Harris Pontoons, Freedom Boat Club, Princecraft, Heyday, Lowe, Uttern, Quicksilver and CZone, among many others. We hope to see you there.

We, as your Bridge, have many things to accomplish during the next four months, including our continuing quest to build membership, enhance community awareness and manage our finances to continue strengthen our squadron into the future. We will keep you informed of our progress. Until then, enjoy the waning days of summer on the water.





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Smethells, N

Welcome back!! Is it September already? Where did the summer go? I hope that you enjoyed the warm (hot) weather and got in some boating. The Lobster Bake went well and the North Channel got a visit from the Grand Traverse Bay squadron.

In thinking about cruising, we are fortunate to have a full range of navigation courses to offer in the form of four USPS courses:

- Marine Navigation (previous name: Piloting)
- Advanced Marine Navigation (prev. Advanced Piloting)
- Offshore Navigation (prev. Junior Navigation)
- Celestial Navigation (prev. Navigation)

During the coming year, all of these courses will be available. That may not be the case next year; so, now is the time! Marine Navigation is being offered this Fall through NMC. Sign up at nmc.augusoft.net. The follow-up course, Advanced Marine Navigation, is planned for Spring.

Offshore Navigation and Celestial Navigation involve using a sextant to determine one's position on Earth which is fun to know how to do. Once we know who is interested and what material they want to work on, we'll figure out the logistics and timing involved; so, please talk to me. Perhaps you want to work on just part of a course. That's OK; we'll figure it out. **The only prerequisite will be a member's interest; having completed "AP" will not be required.**

In addition, Independent Study is always available for those who wish to work on any course. See me for more information.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

Writing a quick report as we prepare to set out on the eQuality Cruise (once the Gale Warnings and 12 foot waves subside!). Our meeting on September 7 offers two meal choices: 1/2 Rack of Slabtown Ribs or Seasoned Steak Salad. We will meet at 6pm for social time followed by dinner at 6:30pm. Our speaker is traveling from the Chicago area to join us. Alex Cattelan is Chief Technology Officer for Brunswick Corporation.

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Enjoy the waning days of summer and boating season!



SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

SMALL BOATS RULE

I recently came across my unread copy of BoatU.S. Magazine September/October 2022 while looking for some reading material to take on our recent (and too brief) trip to Beaver Island. In it, there was an article titled “America is a small boat nation” that contained some interesting ownership data from 2020. That year, there were approximately 12-million boats registered in the US. Of those, 95% (11.4-million) were less than 26 feet in length. Also in 2020, just over 1-million used boats changed hands and 320,000 new boats were sold.

Aside from the obvious lower purchase cost of boats under 26-feet, one of the great benefits of smaller boat ownership is their relative simplicity compared to larger craft. Simpler systems means fewer things to go wrong, easier maintenance and surprise repair bills that won’t bankrupt you. In spite of their size, small boats mean big fun for people of all ages, but particularly for the family of modest means. How many of you have precious memories involving youth, water and a boat?

My point is this: These statistics reinforce the importance of targeting the owners of “small boats” for our education program, and community outreach to those million-plus new-to-them boat owners each year. It’s time for squadron education programs to begin once again. Our efforts will help to ensure that those precious memories are good ones!

This BoatUS article will be very helpful for those acquiring a boat, or for those of us that haven’t made an inventory of our on-board gear for a while: <https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2022/september/basic-boat-equipment>

Fall boating is the best boating; let’s be safe out there!

USPS District 9 Fall Conference Set

Port Huron, MI— August 17, 2023 — The Fall Conference of the USPS District 9 has been set for Saturday, September 30, 2023. Cdr Dale Lashbrook and the members of America’s Boating Club of Port Huron are excited to welcome you to the Blue Water area.

Great Lakes Maritime Center is the venue.

The Great Lakes Maritime Center is located at 51 Water Street, Port Huron Mi. Members will gather for the fall conference meeting in the morning followed by lunch at the center. Members are encouraged to enjoy watching the freighters on the St Clair River go by as well as tour the center after the meeting. There are many things to do and enjoy in Port Huron.

Arrangements are being made for a Friday night hospitality event in downtown Port Huron which has been growing and features many new establishments.

Hotel arrangements are on your own; the Port Huron membership is putting together a list of recommended places to stay Friday evening if you wish to come to town early.

Watch for more details about Friday night as well as the registration form. Registrations are due by September 21, 2023.

For more information, contact:

Port Huron Sail and Power Squadron
810-982-2416

Watch the District 9 website for the registration form to be posted.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS—

Eric Currin, AP P/C
 Laura Laubhan, AP
 Dawn Russell
 James Schultz, S
 Nicole Ilona Smethells
 Sandy L. Stockemer, P
 Bradley A. Thompson
 Jerry J. Williams, AP P/C



JUNE MEETING—



Cdr John Krieger, P
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P/C Dale Wentzloff, AP



Donna Nelson, AP
Nicole Smethells



Paul Gonzalez, N
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Mike Adkins
P/C Dave Terrell, AP



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Lt Sue Brown, P
P/C Mary Petterson, N

WINNERS—



Nicole Smethells



Dan Cline



Lt/C Janet Ward, AP

AWARDS NIGHT



Dave Terrell, AP receiving the Marnett Award from Lt/C Bill Smethells, N



Lt Sue Brown, P and P/C Bill Bailey, JN received the Communicators Award



Cdr John Krieger, P presenting The Commanders Award to Janet Stone, N and Tom Stone, N along with P/C Mary Petterson, N



Cdr John Krieger, P presenting the Life Member Award to Eric Curren, AP



P/C Bill Bailey, JN presenting Janet Stone, N with the Homer Humphrey Award along with Cdr John Krieger, P



Cdr John Krieger, P swearing in new members Mary and Mike Adkins



P/C Tom Stone, N presenting The Gordy Brown Cruising Award to Dee McClure, AP along with Janet Stone, N