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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2017 Activities Calendar

Feb 2	Awards Night-1800	Elks Club
Feb 9	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
Feb 15	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Café
Feb 20	Piloting Class Starts-1600	NMC
Feb 21-26	Annual Meeting USPS	Orlando, FL
Feb 25-26	Boat Show	GT Resort
Mar 1	Hard Water Rendezvous-900-1400	Boyne Mtn
Mar 2	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
Mar 9	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
Mar 15	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Café
Mar 24-26	D9 Spring Conference	Clinton Twp

2 FEBRUARY 2017

AWARDS NIGHT



1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner
Two entrees
Salads, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert
\$18.00 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, Jan 29 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, Jan 30
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jerry Williams, AP

January is gone and most of the snow went with it. (HAPPY DAYS)

A group of GTBay members attended the Chicago Boat Show again this year and all had a great time. (NO ONE BOUGHT A NEW BOAT. SOMEONE BOUGHT AN OUTBOARD.) The best part of the show this year was the interesting seminars. The members that attended the seminars continued to build their boating skills during the winter months. Watch this spring and see what they learned!!! As usual for a GTBay event, we all enjoyed the fantastic food in Chicago. (BACK TO THE GYM) On Saturday everyone went their own way and visited museums, the aquarium, the planetarium and shopping on Michigan Avenue.

February is Awards Night so be sure to attend and see if you won or earned anything this year.

The Traverse Boat Show is February 24 to the 26 at the Grand Traverse Resort. We will be demonstrating the GTBay Ship Simulator and handing out USPS literature. If you have time to help, be sure to sign up at the Dinner Meeting.

March 1, 2017, is the Hard Water Rendezvous at Boyne Mounting Resort. Skiing starts at 0900 and lunch is about 1200. Come to ski or stop by and have a delicious bowl of chili with all the toppings, also some very delicious deserts.

Remember only 98 days until launch.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends'



EDUCATION OFFICER
LT/C Dave Terrell, AP

Engine Maintenance has 8 students

Cruising and Cruise Planning has 6 students

Work will begin next week on putting the Spring and Summer schedule together

Piloting- February 20th to April 10th.

Piloting is the first course in the sequence of United States Power Squadron courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. With a focus on recreational boats, you will learn to read and interpret nautical charts, understand the US system of Buoyage, and study the methods of setting bearings. Learn about Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and gain some traditional navigation techniques so you'll be able to find your way even if your GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing your skills through hands-on practice and learning. Includes text.

Registration Code = CRN 4332

Meeting dates = Feb. 20 to Apr. 10

Meeting days = Monday

Meeting time = 06:00PM-09:00PM

Location = Great Lakes; **Building & Room** = Great Lakes (GL), Room #111

Instructor = Jerry Williams

Cost = \$159

Call (231) 995-1700 to register

HARD WATER RENDEZVOUS—

Tom and Barb Lyon are again planning the Hard Water Rendezvous at Boyne Mountain Resort. The date they have chosen is March 1, 2017 from 900-1400. They will provide lunch and again invite everyone to their house for après-skiing afterwards. More plans later, but they want you to save the date.





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Ward, P

As we start a new year, I can't help but reflect on 2016 and the wonderful travel adventures that kept me away from some Squadron dinners and meetings but offered opportunities to experience boating on foreign bodies of water. In March 2016, my husband and I travelled in Vietnam and Cambodia which included boat trips on the Mekong River, Halong Bay and Lake Ton Le Sap. Then in September, I travelled with a girlfriend to Reykjavik for three days and on to Stockholm to start a two week Baltic Sea Cruise that took us to eight countries and eleven ports where the international differences in sound signals and aids to navigation were noticed. On the local front, my Canadian husband was able to be in Michigan long enough last summer for us to take our first eight day cruise on our 31 foot Tiara. We gained confidence in the skills and knowledge that we have acquired since joining the GT Bay Sail and Power Squadron.

Although I am back on home turf, the winter weather has grounded me at the top of my long, steep, icy driveway forcing me to miss more meetings and dinners! But I have had the time to do the online course "Navigating Rivers, Locks and Lakes" in preparation for our next big adventure, America's Great Loop, in 2018. Attending the Chicago Boat Show provided more opportunities to increase knowledge through the many excellent seminars offered at the show.

Looking forward to another summer of boating, the Summer Boating Activities committees are already at work planning events and looking at how to provide opportunities for more members to participate. As our Commander noted in his inaugural address, increasing our Squadron membership is a prime focus for 2017. If you have any suggestions for summer boating activities or acquiring new members, please share them with an Executive Committee representative.

I would like to say I will see you in February, but I will be in Edmonton, Canada for three weeks to see my husband for the first time since Christmas. While most people go somewhere warm in the winter, I will be testing my ability to tolerate forty below zero. Another adventure!

EDITORS NOTE—

I just wanted to let the squadron know that with this issue of the 45th Parallel, we are no longer having to mail any newsletters out. They are being electronically sent to everyone. I wonder if any of the other squadrons in D9 can say the same thing!!

Thanks to everyone and especially our great webmaster, CDR Jerry Williams, AP for helping to make this possible.

JANUARY MEETING—



Pat Salathial, P
Lyn Salathial, P
Bill Klein, AP
Barb Klein, AP
Ellen Dunbar



Paul Gonzalez
Nancy Gonzalez
Carol Currin, AP



Linda Taddia
Carol Watson, AP



Barb Lyon, AP
Ron Dunbar, P
Ton Lyon, AP



Lt/C Cathy Holcombe, P
Donna Daciuk, AP
Lt/C John Weih, P



Tom Lyon, AP with the
presentation for the evening
of their trip to Alaska



Donna Daciuk, AP
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP



Madonna Williams, P
Barb Wentzloff



Alan Holcombe
John Holcombe, AP



Carol Currin, P
P/C Eric Currin, AP

WINNERS—



Barb Lyon, AP



P/C Eric Currin, AP



Pat Salathial, P

MERIT MARKS FOR 2016

Bill Bailey
Susan Brown
Carol Currin
Eric Currin
Charlie Dietrich
Mary Dietrich
MR Gillooly
Terry Hoiles
Cathy Holcombe
John Holcombe
William Klein
Carol Kuhn
Barb Lyon
Tom Lyon
Marti McIntyre
Brian Nelson
Donna Nelson
Harvey Norris

Mary Petterson
Pat Rottman
Bill Rottman
Bobbie Schott
Nicole Smethells
Bill Smethells
Janet Stone
Tom Stone
Julie Sutton
Arnie Taddia
Linda Taddia
David Terrell
Gene VanRhee
Shirley VanRhee
Janet Ward
Carol Watson
John Weih
Jerry Williams

Coming soon – Ship’s Store 2017 Spring Conference

Featuring National Ship’s Store Items and Gently Used Items



To reduce ship backs and assure people are getting what they want, we are requesting you to view Ship’s Store items on National website and forward that information to Lansing, P/R/C Mary Ann Jensen by January 31, 2017 at jensene@msu.edu
Note: specify size, color, quantity

Bonus: This also eliminates your shipping charges.

JANUARY INVOCATION

Why do we love this place, even when it is so cold?
Is it because of the clean snow and all the beauty it holds?

Or is it the water, so clean, clear and blue
Reflecting the skies bright colors and wondrous hues?

It could be the trees, the firs and tall pines
All in various shades and different kinds.

It's that this is God's country and looks at us from above
To fill us with his peace, hope and love

P/C Bill Klein, AP

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Gloria L. Butler, P
Kathryn Dombrowski
Claire Foote
Patrick M. Kernaghan
George Martin Kobernus
Dixie Lee Lockwood, S
Barbara Lyon, AP
William Rottman, AP
Dennis K. Stockemer, P
David Scott Sutton, P
John W. Weih, P

