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## Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2017 Activities Calendar

Jan 5	Tom and Barb Lyon-1800	Elks Club
Jan 12	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
Jan 16	Engine Maintenance Class starts-1800	NMC
Jan 17	Cruise Planning starts-1800	NMC
Jan 18	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Café
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
Mar 2	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
Mar 9	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
Mar 15	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Café

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### 5 JANUARY 2017

Come hear our own members  
**Tom and Barb Lyon** talk  
about their trip to Alaska this  
past summer.



**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, Dec 27 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email [daisy.d1569@gmail.com](mailto:daisy.d1569@gmail.com) by Monday, Dec 28  
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jerry Williams, AP

This fall has been a very sad time for GTBay. Three of our members have passed away in the last few weeks.

November 20<sup>th</sup> P/C Gordon Besaw, AP

Gordon was the GTBay Commander in 1961 and 1962. He worked in the GTBay for 60 years and earned 31 Merit Marks.

December 14<sup>th</sup> P/C Bill Crossman, SN

Bill was the GTBay Commander in 1979. He worked in the GTBay for 43 years and earned 26 Merit Marks.

December 17<sup>th</sup> Bruce Trudgen, AP

Bruce started his USPS work in Lansing and transferred to GTBay, He was a USPS member for 59 years and earned 50 Merit Marks.

All of these members worked hard for USPS and will be remembered for their support of safe boating.

As I mentioned at Change of Watch, I would like to work this year on increasing the membership for GTBay. Some of you have sent me ideas and the ExCom committee reviewed them at the December meeting, and we will continue our discussion at the next meeting January 18, 2017. If you have any suggestions, please send me an e-mail so all of your ideas can be considered and put to use during this year.

Thank You and remember *"It is one day closer to spring"*



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



## EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Dave Terrell, AP

The Education Department wishes all of you a happy holiday season.

Our report is as follows

All students passed the Seamanship Class

The following is a list of the classes we are offering this coming semester in association with Northwestern Michigan College's Extended Education Division. Come join a class and you're your brain stimulated. The books for these courses have been ordered.

### **Engine Maintenance** – January 16<sup>th</sup> to February 13<sup>th</sup>

Learn to diagnose modern marine engine systems and understand the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught emphasizing the common aspects of how engines work. While modern engines are complex and often can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics with ordinary tools, learn the repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, discover how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. We'll also cover basic mechanical systems and solutions to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility. Includes text. A USPS course.

**Registration Code** = CRN 4330

**Meeting dates** = Jan. 16 to Feb. 13

**Meeting days** = Monday

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

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

**Instructor** = Jerry Williams

**Cost** = \$135

**Call (231) 995-1700 to register**

### **Cruise Planning** – January 17<sup>th</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup>

There is something special about the thrill of piloting your boat in new waters and the sense of accomplishment upon completing an extended cruise. To go beyond a weekend overnight or even a week or so of marina hopping requires boaters to leave their normal cruising areas and comfort zones. Learn the essentials of planning and preparation necessary for safe, enjoyable extended cruises on both inland and coastal waters. Topics include: cruise preparation, the boat, equipment, anchors and anchoring, security, cruising outside the U.S., crew and provisions, weather, navigation, and more. Cost includes the United States Power Squadron text, Cruising and Cruise Planning.

**Registration Code** = CRN 4331

**Meeting dates** = Jan. 17 to Feb. 28

**Meeting days** = Tuesday

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

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

**Instructor** = Bill Bailey

**Cost** = \$159

**Call (231) 995-1700 to register**

Education Dept. continued—

**Piloting-** February 20<sup>th</sup> to April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**

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## 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](mailto:jensene@msu.edu)  
Note: specify size, color, quantity

Bonus: This also eliminates your shipping charges.



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**  
**Lt/C Janet Ward, P**

As 2016 comes to an end, I want to thank all of the GTBSPS Administrative Department committee members who dedicated their time and efforts to providing enjoyable boating activities that build lasting friendships and provide great memories. Special thanks to the Calling Committee members who encourage us to come out each month to our dinner meetings and the Programs Committee for providing us with stimulating presenters. The Membership Committees face the challenge of increasing our membership and their involvement in squadron activities. Arnie Taddia looks after our name tags. Harvey Norris is our Port Captain who provides fuel information and perhaps after Bill Klein's suggestion Harvey will offer wine information as well! Ward Kuhn, is always at the ready to provide Operations Training. Nearly all of these members have confirmed their commitment to continue to work on our behalf in 2017 and we are very grateful. Now that the days are getting longer we can look forward to another great boating season. I welcome suggestions or comments for future activities. Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**Lt/C Bill Smethells, S**

Man, cleaning out your own house is a trip! We haven't even tried to send out Christmas cards. Both boys families will be here sometime during the holidays; so, we have much to enjoy. Hope all is well. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

When I was employed as a teacher, and when it was the end of first semester, my final words were usually something Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Super Solstice, or whatever is appropriate. For Nicole and me, it is Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2017 promises to be interesting.

The clean-out of the house in Eau Claire, WI, and preparing it for sale continues. We hope to have it on the market by early May. We'll then be living in Traverse City full time and are looking forward to increasing involvement in the Squadron. Meanwhile, all the best, now and always.



# SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

## Survival in the Cold

Now that winter is officially here, COLD is the first word that comes to mind (my mind, at least). Coincidentally, there was an article in Practical Sailor’s Waypoints e-letter titled “The Chilling Facts About Cold Water Survival”. With the popularity of our region’s year-round water-centered sports activities, frequent reminders of the dangers of hypothermia seem appropriate. This important information is too lengthy to recount in this article, so please access these links to read and view these excellent resources:

- [http://www.practical-sailor.com/blog/The-Chilling-Facts-About-Cold-Water-Survival-11038-1.html?ET=practicalsailor:e33719:2249598a:&st=email&s=p\\_waypoints122116](http://www.practical-sailor.com/blog/The-Chilling-Facts-About-Cold-Water-Survival-11038-1.html?ET=practicalsailor:e33719:2249598a:&st=email&s=p_waypoints122116)
- [http://gcaptain.com/cold\\_water/](http://gcaptain.com/cold_water/)
- <http://www.coldwaterbootcamp.com/pages/>
- <http://www.beyondcoldwaterbootcamp.com/>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cold\\_shock\\_response](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cold_shock_response)

With this valuable knowledge in mind, let’s happily and safely enjoy our wonderful outdoors this new year!

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### HARD WATER FEST—

Tom and Barb Lyon are again planning the Hard Water Fest. The date they have chosen is February 28, 2017. 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.



# DECEMBER CHANGE OF WATCH—



Donna Daciuk, AP  
Paul Gonzalez  
Nancy Gonzalez



P/C Lee Nowak, SN  
Claudia Nowak, AP



Barb Lyon, AP  
P/C Tom Stone, P



Pat Rottman  
Mary Norris



P/C Jerry Stephan, AP  
Kate Stephan



Ken Musson, SN  
Pat Musson, JN



Lt/C Janet Ward, P  
Arnie Taddia, AP



Pat Rottman  
P/C Joel, Lockwood, AP



Tom Lyon, AP  
Bill Rottman, AP  
Barb Lyon, AP  
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP





Lt Sue Brown, P  
D/L Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S



New Cdr Jerry Williams, AP  
being congratulated by  
D/Lt/Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, P



D/L/Cdr Jan Hartesvelt, S  
swearing in the new bridge  
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP  
Lt/C Janet Ward, P  
Lt/C Cathy Holcolmbe, P



P/C Tom Stone, P passing the  
gavel to Cdr Jerry Williams, AP



New first lady Madonna Williams, P  
receiving the tiara from outgoing first  
lady Janet Stone, P



Past Commanders in attendance—  
P/C Lee Nowak, SN  
P/C Joel Lockwood, AP  
P/C Bill Bailey, JN  
P/C Jerry Stephan, AP  
P/C Dave Terrell, AP  
P/C Tom Stone, P  
P/C Bill Klein, AP  
P/C Jan Hartesvelt, S

## DECEMBER INVOCATION

The land is still showing lots of green  
Yet December is already on the scene

Surely this cannot be  
It is winter time in the North don't you see

When will Mother Nature drop her other show  
So we can find out how our new plow will do

Our new Squadron leaders have been chosen  
Other years they would have arrived here half frozen

We thank you Lord for a wonderful fall  
And to God and Country we pledge to do our all

P/C Bill Klein, AP

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jean M. Brooks, AP  
Harold R. Dombrowski  
Alexander Eagleton, P  
Carol L. Geiger, AP  
Donald J. Gorski, AP  
Catherine Holcombe, P  
John D. Holcombe, AP  
Andrea L. McClure, AP  
Brian McClure  
Kenneth H. Musson, SN  
Clark D. Phelps, AP  
Bobbie Schott, AP

