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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2017 Activities Calendar

June 1	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
June 7	Mastering the Rules of the Road Seminar-1900	NMC
June 8	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
June 16	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Café
June 14	Anchoring Seminar-1900	NMC
June 16-18	Shakedown Cruise	Elk Rapids
June 17	Fresh Water Festival-Upper Harbor	Elk Rapids
June 21	Crew Overboard-1900	NMC
June 28	Emergencies on Board-1900	NMC
July 21-21	eQuality Cruise	TC Bay
August 18-19	Lobster Bake	Northport

1 JUNE 2017

DAVE WYCKOFF THE HISTORY OF RUM



**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, May 28 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, May 29
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jerry Williams, AP

All of the GTBay committees are working hard to prepare this year's summer activities. If any of them ask for help, or if you would like to help with one of our summer events, please give me or Janet Ward, P, the Administrated Officer, a call. (More helpers = Less work)

P/C Jan Hartesvelt, P is setting up the 2nd annual **Fresh Water Festival** in Elk Rapids, MI on June 17, 2017, and needs some set-up and take down help. A sign-up sheet will be by the name tags at the June Dinner Meeting. (Again More helpers = Less Work)

The June Dinner Meeting's program will be very interesting

"The History of Rum".

Steve Wyckoff will be the presenter and **you will be able to sample the subject of his presentation !!!**



GTBay has added 6 new members this year, so if you notice someone that you have not met, stop and introduce yourself.

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The 45th Parallel is not published during the summer (BOATING SEASON) so check the web page www.gtbayboating.org and your eMail accounts for GTBay information.



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Ward, P

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will enjoy some warmer temperatures that are more inviting for launching the boating season. Our summer Boating Activities committees have not been deterred by the cool weather. The Shakedown Cruise will be June 16-18 at Elk Rapids Marina. It will coincide with the second annual Fresh Water Festival on June 17 that Past Commander Jan Hartesvelt has been organizing. One of the boats that will be on display at the Festival is a steam powered boat owned by Preston Claytor. Preston will speak at the September dinner meeting about his unique vessel, the Pocohontas so check her out in Elk Rapids.

The July Picnic will be held in conjunction with the eQuality Cruise this year. It will be held on Saturday July 22 at 3pm in the park near the Inland Seas dock on the south side of the Suttons Bay Marina. Bring a dish to pass and a beverage of choice and a lawn chair. Register with Dave Terrell and submit the very reasonable fee of \$10 for one person and \$5 for the second participant. This change in venue is for this year only and we will return to Power Island next year.

Nine boats have registered for the eQuality Cruise so far. It will start in Northport on Friday July 20 and continue on to Suttons Bay July 21, Clinch Marina July 22, and Elk Rapids on July 23. Don't miss out on the fun. Registration forms can be found on the webpage.

Planning is underway for the Lobster Bake in Northport August 18-20. Mark your calendars and reserve your slips for all the summer boating events. And remember that all of the events are open to non-members so invite your fellow boaters to join in the fun and get to know the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squad



EDUCATION OFFICER
LT/C Dave Terrell, AP

1. Fourteen students have enrolled in Sail. Up to 3 additional students may sit in on the class.
2. All students passed Riloting. The lowest score was 95%
3. Enrollment in the seminars remains problematic due to problems with NMC—their problem, not ours. NMC has been very apologetic for the problem. P O E'j cu'ugpv'qww'c
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Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends'



Save the Date!!

D/9 Lobster Bake
August 18 – 19



Our annual Lobster Bake weekend in Northport's Haserot Park will begin on Friday, August 18, with a very casual happy hour, supper, and possibly a bon fire. We will resume the party with breakfast the next morning and then the infamous Dr. Dan's Lobster Bake. If you have never seen the boys build the fire and put the lobster and veggies in the big pan, DON'T MISS IT! More details and the registration flyer will be on the website shortly. If you'd like to help on the committee, our first meeting will be just prior to our membership meeting, June 1st at 5:00.

Donna Nelson



SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

Test Your Mustang Life Jacket Stf/C Allan. B. Furtado, SN - National Safety Committee

We are always told as a Vessel Examiner to wear our life jackets to project the idea of safety to the boating public. I am sure that most VEs have done so over the past 8 years that we have had them.

Now as we head into the boating season and all of the associated activities, I would suggest that the first thing a VE should do is examine and test his/her Mustang Inflatable life jacket. It is suggested that this operation be performed every 2 to 3 months. I bet you have not even done it once in the 8 years you have had the jackets. I am suggesting this exercise because we have found a few jackets that won't hold air. If one of these is found I suggest that it be destroyed and disposed of because the total life expectancy is only 10 years.

So how do we test our jacket? Open it up along the Velcro seams as shown in Figure 1 until it looks like figure 2. Then remove the cap on the oral inflation tube (shown in figure 2) and inflate the Life Jacket orally.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Then keep the jacket inflated over night. If it fails to hold air all night it is defective. If it holds air ok, then reverse the oral inflation cap and compress the jacket to remove all of the air. Once deflated, replace the cap to its original position and fold the sides back and press the Velcro seams to hold the jacket together.

Now if you happen to really need the jacket while doing a VSC (Heaven forbid you fall into the water) the life jacket would be known to be useable.

MAY MEETING—



New members—
Pam Petajan
Stan Brossard



Brian Nelson, AP
Lt/C Janet Ward, P
Donna Nelson, AP



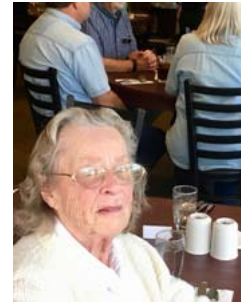
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P/C Joel Lockwood, AP



P/C Doug Scott, AP
Pat Rottman



Gloria McClay



Lt/C John Weih, P
Mary Norris
Lt Sue Brown, P



Tom Lyon, AP
P/C Tom Stone, P
P/C Bill Bailey, JN



Adam Reister, Tow Boat US, speaker
Danny Hansen of West Marine
Bonnie Hansen
Pat Beckman, Tow Boat US, speaker



Barb Klein, AP
Bobbie Schott, AP
Ken Musson, SN
P/C Joe Schott, SN



Barb Lyon, AP
P/C Harvey Norris, AP
Madonna Williams
Janet Stone, P



Paul Gonzalez
Nancy Gonzalez
Carol Currin, P
P/C Eric Curren, AP
Don Gorski, AP

WINNERS—



Stan Brossard



P/C Joe Schott, SN



Madonna Williams

2017 Shakedown Cruise
Grace Memorial Harbor, Elk Rapids, MI
June 16, 17, & 18 2017

Even if you can't come by boat,
PLEASE ATTEND and HAVE FUN!

Friday Welcome to Elk Rapids

- Barb and Tom Lyon have offered their home for a deck party
- 8362 N Bay Shore, Elk Rapids, MI
- MENU** - pizza, salad and a light desert **BYOB**
- Cost for Friday night is \$15.00 per attendee
- 1700 to ??

Saturday

- Coffee & Doughnuts at Day Room – sponsored by ERYC (donation please)
- VSC from 1000 to 1300
- FRESH WATER FESTIVAL** – Upper Harbor Park – 1100 to 1700

Saturday Dinner - Jack Blesma Pavilion

- Join the Commander and Crew for Happy Hour – 1700 to 1800
- Dinner Choices** – 1800 to 1930 - \$30.00 per attendee
- NY Strip
- Ginger Salmon
- Salad, Asparagus, Red Skins, Dinner rolls, Desert (brownies & ice cream)
- BYOB**

Sunday Morning

The past few years coffee and doughnuts has turned into a full pancake breakfast so bring you appetite and join us for breakfast. (Donations please) Please indicate if you plan to attend on the registration sheet for our planning.

MAKE SLIP RESERVATIONS WITH Eric Crissman ELK RAPIDS HARBORMASTER
AT 231-264-8174

As always more information along with the registration form can be found on our website
www.gtbayboating.org

eQuality Cruise 2017 Cruise the Bay July 21-24

We are always trying to make squadron events available to as many members as possible, so we are trying something new for the eQuality Cruise this year. Instead of a long 10 day or two week cruise, we are planning a shorter, four day weekend cruise of Grand Traverse Bay. Hopefully, this will allow members who are working, or have a busy weekday schedule, to take only a couple of days off and enjoy boating and camaraderie with other squadron members.

Here's the plan

Friday, July 21 boat to Northport. F l p p g t " c v ' q p g " q h ' P q t v j r q t v u ' t g u t c w t c p w u .

Saturday, July 22 sail to Suttons Bay. R l e p l e ' l p ' v j g ' r c t m ' c v ' 3 7 2 2 .

Sunday, July 23 continue south to Traverse City Clinch Marina. Perhaps see a movie at the Bijou.

Monday, July 24 boat to Elk Rapids and a cruise ending party.

You must make your own slip reservations at each harbor.

Important! Should make your reservations for Clinch Marina as soon as possible. It fills up fast. Here's the reservation website <https://www.midnrreservations.com>

So save the dates-July 21-24.

Talk to your boss and ask for a long weekend in July. Then go to the squadron website or click [here](#) to register for the eQuality Cruise 2017,

As always you can go to our website www.gtbayboating.org for more information

MAY INVOCATION

What a winter, the Bay did not freeze over!
We could have been boating since October!

The weather is so very hard for us to figure
But God knows when and where to pull his trigger

He knows just what plants, animals and humans need
To him we should give a great deal of heed

Thank you Lord for this wonderful and beautiful land
And may we do our very best to help keep it so Grand!!

P/C Bill Klein, AP

June Birthdays

Benedict, Mark
Brooks, Brian
Brown, Susan
Dietrich, Mary
Dunbar, Ron
Gonzalez, Paul
Klein, Barbara
Lockwood, Joel
Ludwig, Karen
McClay, Gloria
McIntyre, James
Melvin, Mary
Norris Jr., Harvey
Salathiel, Lyn
Salathiel, Pat
Smethells, Bill
Stone, Janet
Walker, Garrett
Ward, Janet

July Birthdays

Butler, Leith
Holcombe, Alan
Kuhn, Ward
Nowak, Leroy
Vaught, Linda

August Birthdays

Dietrich, Charles
Haddix, Peter
Kuhn, Carol
Melvin, John
Pettersen, Mary
Sutton, Julie
Taddia, Arnold
Watson, Charles
Willman, Donald

