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

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
April 6	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
April 13	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
April 19	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Café
May 4	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
May 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
May 17	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Cafe

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### 2 MARCH 2017

**CHRIS DOYAL**

**Shipwrecks in the Bay**



**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, Feb 26 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email [daisy.d1569@gmail.com](mailto:daisy.d1569@gmail.com) by Monday, Feb 27  
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jerry Williams, AP

I would like to remind everyone to attend the HARD WATER FESTIVAL, March 1 at Boyne Mountain. If you don't ski come for the chili lunch.

The dates for the 2017 eQuality Cruise have been set. July 21 to 24 we are looking for more GTBay boaters to join us on a tour of Grand Traverse Bay. The Power Island Picnic has been moved to the first eQuality Cruise night in Northport.

I did receive some volunteers (2) for the committees (PUBLIC RELATIONS and MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENT) but we still need more members to help. If you have some spare time and wish to serve on one of these committees please give me a call.

***Remember only 75 days to launch.***





<h2 style="margin: 0;">EDUCATION OFFICER</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">LT/C Dave Terrell, AP</p>
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1. Coastal Piloting has started on February 20th with 8 students.
2. This spring GTBSPS will offer through NMC's Extended Educational Services the following course offerings;

GTBSPS class offerings at NMC Extended Educational Services  
Spring/Summer (May to August 2017)

Class	Dates	Days	Time	Location	Instructors
ABC Boating	May 8, 15,22	Monday	6-9 PM	GLMA Campus	J Williams, et al.
ABC Boating – Kid’s College	June 19, 20, 21,22	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs	9-12 AM	GLMA Campus	J Williams et al.
Sail	May 17,24,31 June 7,14,21, 28	Wednesday	6-9 pm	GLMA campus	D Terrell

### 2017 Seminars

#### Sail Trim

This seminar shows the experienced and novice sailor how tune a sail boat's mast and, in simple and clear terms, how to trim (adjust) a boat's sails for optimum performance in a wide range of weather conditions No assumptions prior knowledge of sailing are made.

This seminar is a one night two hour program

5/10/17	7-9 p.m.	<a href="#">Sail Trim &amp; Rig Tuning</a>	NMC Great Lakes Campus Room TBA	Presenter: David Terrell
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## Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio

VHF radio is the mainstay of coastal communication and essential for emergency communications.

Digital Selective Calling (DSC) is rapidly becoming a reality as the Coast Guard Rescue 21 System operations go live. Alaskan stations will come on line in 2017. DSC vastly simplifies and improves rescue and routine call signaling - making it easier to make a call while the system frees up Channel 16 for essential communications. However, you need to know how to use it. This seminar answers those needs and explains basic VHF operation.

This seminar is a one night two hour program

5/17/17	7-9 p.m.	<a href="#">Marine Radio</a> <a href="#">VHF and VHF/</a> <a href="#">DSC</a> Two Hour Seminar	NMC Great Lakes Campus Room TBA	Presenter: Harvey Norris
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# SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

## AN EARLY START FOR BOATING THIS YEAR?

Is it winter or is it spring? It seems that Mother Nature is confused about winter this year, much like the winter of five years ago. This article was written then and it seems fitting to re-publish it now. If this pattern continues, spring fever (aka boating fever) will strike early this year. That means many of us will be peeking under the covers of our boats soon, if we haven't done so already in anticipation of an early launch. With that thought comes planning for work to be done inside and under the hull before it sees water. Got that list of "things needed" from last fall for reference? No? Well then, perhaps the smartest thing to do would be to conduct a survey of your boat much the same as a professional surveyor would do; bow-to-stern, mast-to-keel. Of course, some things will have to wait until the threat of freezing has passed, however, much can be done in the absence of wetted systems. Parts that should move freely, should, and parts that should be tight, should be. A simple concept, but the secret is to be thorough. Pay particular attention to things that could cause water to enter where it shouldn't, such as hoses and clamps, engine water pump bearings that are seized or tight (indicating imminent failure), cracked fittings, manifolds or heat exchangers, and anything else that holds or conducts water or coolant. Look for tell-tale rusty streaks. Frequent freeze-thaw cycles are especially hard on marine equipment!

If you are going to do some inspection or work inside your boat, you may be using a portable heater to make it more comfortable. You may also be inclined to take a can of WD-40 with you to help loosen items that are no longer, or to treat areas showing some corrosion resulting from the yo-yo temperatures. **BE CAREFUL!** Remember, WD-40 can also be used as starting fluid. Spray mist + propellant in the presence of an ignition source can be deadly. To illustrate just how explosive this can be, check out this U-Tube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nXxO2SKNs> . Let the season begin... SAFELY!

**FEBRUARY MEETING—**



Arnie Taddia, AP  
Linda Taddia



P/C Bill Klein, AP; Barb Klein, AP  
P/C Harvey Norris, AP; Mary Norris;  
P/C Joel Lockwood, AP; Pat Rottman;  
Bill Rottman, AP



Elain Young  
P/C Bill Young, AP  
Chuck Watson, AP



Bobbie Schott, AP



Pat Musson, JN  
Paul Gonzalez,

**WINNERS—**



P/C Dave Terrell, AP



Carol Currin, AP  
P/C Eric Currin, AP  
Madonna Williams



Alan Holcombe  
Lt/C John Weih, P  
P/C Jan Hartesvelt, S  
P/C Dave Terrell, AP



Madonna Williams



Ken Musson, SN

## AWARDS NIGHT



Cdr Jerry Williams, AP presenting A Certificate of Appreciation to Barb Klein, AP. Also receiving Certificates were Donna Daciuk, AP and Gloria McClay.



Tom Lyon, AP and Barb Lyon, AP Receiving the Gordy Brown Cruising Award from Cdr Jerry Williams, AP



P/C Bill Bailey received the Marnett Award



Janet Stone, P accepting the Past Commanders Award for her husband Tom Stone, P

## 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.



## FEBRUARY INVOCATION

A howling wind and much blowing snow  
And a wind chill that drops to 40 below

Air swirling and causing drifts to form  
We are having a Northern Michigan storm

A lone squirrel harvesting some fallen seed  
Moving quickly and showing great need

The snow, wind and the increasing cold  
Make even the heartiest seem less bold

We look up at the grey sky and wonder thus  
Why has our God done this to us

God knows this change is well and good  
So let us believe in him the way we should

Look forward to the clearing sky  
Create good thoughts in our minds eye

Have faith love and lots of hope  
And with life's storms will cope  
P/C Bill Klein, AP

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS—

Bocskay, Carol  
Burdick, Frank  
Carter, Janice Faye  
Conway, Ann P.  
Daciuk, David  
Hurd, Ronald R.  
Klang, Jack  
McIntyre, Margaret  
Nolan, Robert W.  
Williams, Madonna





USPS  
District 9  
2017  
SPRING  
CONFERENCE  
**WILD  
WEST**

WESTERN HOE-DOWN

Hosted by: **24-26 March 2017**  
**MT. CLEMENS POWER SQUADRON**



**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

RANK	LIST NAME	FST NAME	GRADE	CERTIFICATE NO.	SQUADRON
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Check if you are a Conference First-Timer

POSTMARKED BY 15 MARCH 2017 AND RECEIVED BY 17 MARCH - NO EXCHANGES

BUSINESS LUNCH \_\_\_ @ \$22. ea. = \$ \_\_\_  
(California Gold Miner's Cuts Buffet)

DINNER \_\_\_ @ \$45. ea. = \$ \_\_\_ Dinner  
(Wagon Train Dinner Buffet)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_

Make check payable to:  
**Mt. Clemens Power Squadron**

Mail to:  
P/D/Lt/C Duane Carlson, SN  
5224 Howe Street  
Utica, MI. 48317-3064

**NO Meal Reservations Accepted After March 15, 2017**

*Dress Code:*

- Morning & Conference ~ Uniform F or USPS Blazer
- Banquet ~ Wild West Attire

*Hotel Information:*

ConCorde Inn  
44315 Gratiot Ave.  
Clinton Twp., MI. 48036

**For reservations call (586) 493 – 7300** To ensure USPS Special Rates use, Event Code # 0325 D/9

- CHECK-IN TIME 1500 hrs ~ CHECK-OUT TIME 1100 hrs
- Room Rate \$79.99 per night if staying two nights plus state and local taxes
- Room Rate \$99.99 if staying one night plus state and local taxes
- Hospitality Room: \$79.99 per night for one or two nights plus state and local taxes

**Note:** Reserve Hospitality rooms with the hotel. Please get a confirmation number from the hotel and email to Mike Rackuk (mike.rackuk@gmail.com). We need the information to make the hospitality room tour card. Without the info, it is hard to determine who has a hospitality room and your squadron might be missing on the card. Each room will have 2 tables, and 5 chairs provided. Beds will only be removed from rooms that do not have a separate parlor.

## Conference Seminar Schedule

### Saturday, 25 March 2017

**0800 to 8050 Officers Meeting**-A combined meeting of Squadron Commanders, Executive Officers, Treasurers, and Secretaries with the District 9 Bridge to cover recent developments in each area and review of deadlines coming up for each position.

**0800to 0950 Squadron Educational Officers Seminar** DEO Tom Smith will review recent changes and plans presented at the USPS Annual Meeting in Orlando, discussing what is new, what is changing and the timing of these changes as well as discussion regarding practical implementation.

**0900 to 0950 Are you Smarter than Robert Redford?** Mike LeButt from Tipp O' the Mitt Squadron will present this entertaining seminar in which he will show excerpts of the movie "All is Lost". He will ask attending members, "what would you have done?" and other fun questions. Mike has presented this seminar to other groups and received grand reviews. It should be fun!

**0900 to 0950 Boating Activities** P/D/C Denise Samu will Review 2016 rendezvous events (bring your stories and ideas) and build on that to start a schedule for 2017 Boating Activities, plus a special presentation on the First Annual Fresh Water Festival in Michigan by D/L/C JanHartesvelt.

**0900 to 0950 Vessel Safety Check** P/D/C Bill Stano will review the requirements of the program for Vessel Safety Checks and share any changes and updates to the program as presented at the USPS Annual Meeting in February, 2017.

**1000 to 1050 Nominating Committee** What does it take to make a good candidate for the bridge at the Squadron and District Level? If you are on the nominating committee, which characteristics should you look for in a candidate? How do you find candidates? What is the best approach to evaluating candidates? D/Lt/C Ralph Ziegler will present the program developed National USPS headquarters Leadership training program to guide members of the nominating committee.

### **1000 to 1200 NOT KEEPING WATCH: Lessons from the Costa Concordia Disaster and Navigation in the Digital Age**

Discover how navigation errors on the Costa Concordia cruise ship led to one of the worst marine disasters in the last 50 years. You will hear about the key findings of the Italian marine investigation, the breakdown of safety procedures, and the emergency response.

**1000 to 1200 Membership and Marketing** This seminar will focus of the latest efforts that were presented at the 2017Annual USPS Meeting in Orland in February to retain, and attract members. The seminar will cover practices that have been found to be effective by other squadrons. It will also focus on the Marketing that can be used to effectively attract members and promote the USPS. P/D/C Linda Lalonde, D/Lt Rose Stano and D/Lt Alannah Harvey will conduct this session.

**1100-1200 Treasurer's Seminar** Whether you are new Treasurer or have done the job for a while in USPS, there are always new developments and requirements from both the Internal Revenue Service and the National USPS organization. P/D/C John Bennett and D/Lt Laddie

Hudson will cover existing requirements for reporting and filing squadron financial activity reports and tax returns, new developments, and key deadlines.

**1100-1200 Laying –up-your boat** This course by Cdr Jerry Williams, AP of Grand Traverse Bay Squadron, can be offered in the late summer or early fall. Bring a USB Pin with you and a copy of the power point will be provided for your use. It is designed for both power and sail boaters. Topics include Gasoline and Diesel Fuel systems, open and closed cooling ,systems, engine lube oil system, AC&DC Electrical systems, Batteries, Electronics, A/C systems, shrink wrap , canvas and/or blue tarp covers, cradles or jack stands. This seminar is handy for both do-it-your self boater, and the boater who has the marina do the winter lay-up.

**1100-1200HQ 800 Seminar HQ800** is an essential USPS tool in the Educational Department. It is the database used for recording all classes, seminars, and On the Water training. This is how Squadrons and Districts get credit for their hard work. It is also how we get significant grant funding from the USCG. This is essential for SEOs, ADEOs, and suggested for Commanders. This seminar will be conducted by P/C David Kowalski.

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**Sunday March 26, 2016**

**Squadron Commanders Meeting 0830-0900 Squadron** Commanders will have an opportunity to discuss among themselves concerns and issues that they would like to discuss with the district officers.

**Squadron Commanders Meeting with the D9 Bridge 0900-1000** A discussion of issues , concerns, and matters for the good of the district between Squadron commanders and the Bridge.

Printed Schedule of Times & Locations will be Available at Conference Registration Desk”

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