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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2017 Activities Calendar

May 4	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
May 10	Sail and Trim Seminar-1900	NMC
May 11	Lunch with the Commander-1200	Cottage Café
May 17	Executive Committee-1800	Cottage Café
May 17	Marine Radio Seminar-1900	NMC
May 24	Using GPS Effectively Seminar-1900	NMC
May 31	Boat Handling under power seminar-1900	NMC
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 14	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

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**ADAM REISTER
TOW BOAT US**

**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, Apr 30 please call Donna Daciuk at 231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by Monday, May1
(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Jerry Williams, AP

It's May and the snow is gone. It's time to get the covers off the boats and start polishing. Launch day in 22 days.

The registration sheet for the eQuality Cruise (July 14 to 17) is working so check your calendars' and make your reservations. The Power Island Picnic is going to be in Northport the first day of the cruise so get you grand children up for the weekend and bring them for fun and games.

Back to boat work will see you at the May Dinner meeting.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Thanks Jerry





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Janet Ward, P

As I look out at the sparkling blue waters of West Bay I realize that many of us will be “splashing” within the next few weeks. In anticipation of our fifth boating season, my husband and I spent two hours in March with the head mechanic at Northport Bay Boat Yard getting more familiar with the systems on our Tiara. It was very worthwhile and much more meaningful to me after completing the Engine Maintenance and Marine Electrical Systems courses!

The Boating Activities Committees have been busy planning the summer events and the Executive Committee decided to open the Shakedown, Equality Cruise, and the Lobster Bake to the general public (with the exception of the Pizza Party on the opening night of the Shakedown which is graciously hosted by the Lyons on their deck). So invite your fellow boaters to share in the fun and learn about the Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron. The dates are:

Shakedown: June 16-18, Elk Rapids (with the second annual Fresh Water Festival on June 17)

Equality Cruise: July 21 Northport
 July 22 Suttons Bay
 July 23 Clinch Marina in Traverse City
 July 24 Elk Rapids

Lobster Bake: August 18-19 Northport

This winter I discovered a webpage and newsletter that I find very informative with lots of great information TheBoatGalley.com by Carolyn Shearlock who has been living aboard for more than a decade. She co-authored “The Galley Cookbook” with Jan Irons and recently released a pdf e-book “Storing Food Without Refrigeration” which is full of great food storage tips with limited or no refrigeration space. Check them out!



EDUCATION OFFICER

LT/C Dave Terrell, AP

Education is mostly on spring break - all set and ready to go for spring and summer but currently in waiting mode.. Lots of stuff happening soon - Sail class begins May 16th. We have 3 students so far. Two ABC classes are on the offing - one for adults and one for teens in the Kid's College program at NMC. There will be 12 seminars offered throughout the summer. The first one will be sail trim which will be held about a week before the Sail class begins. We have ordered handout materials from national for all the seminars. The seminars are priced around \$50.00. This price is comparable to many of the other offerings in NMC's Extended Education curriculum. So, we have reason to expect quite a lot of takers. The seminars chosen are ones that will meet the needs of boaters this summer.

All but one person passed engine maintenance. The one who did not pass had 79 A retake is expected soon.. Everyone passed Cruise Planning and Cruising. The lowest score was 95%.

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



SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

SPRING COMMISSIONING CHECKLIST

This checklist was published a few years ago in the 45th, but with so many boat launchings in May, it seems appropriate to share it again. Hope your launch goes well and you have an incident-free summer!

BEFORE YOU LAUNCH:

- Inspect and lubricate seacocks. Hoses and hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary. Replace corroded seacocks and thru-hulls.
- Replace deteriorated zincs.
- Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft – if it's loose, the cutlass bearing may need to be replaced.
- Check to make sure the rudderstock hasn't been bent.
- Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
- Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is free of corrosion and properly secured.
- Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. After the boat is launched, be sure to check these as well as through-hulls for leaks.
- Use a hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary. **OUT-**

DRIVES and OUTBOARD ENGINES:

- Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds), and replace if suspect.
- Check power steering and power trim oil levels. Replace worn-out zincs.
- Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable has to be replaced.

ENGINES AND FUEL SYSTEMS:

- Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks and make sure all lines are well supported with non-combustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
- Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Clamps should be snug and free of rust. Clean or replace fuel filters.
- Inspect cooling hoses and fittings for stiffness, rot, leaks and/or cracking. Make sure they fit snugly and are doubleclamped.
- Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifold for corrosion.
- Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Wire-brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water.
- Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks, proper support and clamping.

SAILBOAT RIGGING:

- Inspect fittings for cracks and rust. Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for "fishhooks" and rust.
- Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with synthetic grease containing Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape.
- Recaulk through-deck chainplates as necessary (generally, once a decade).

TRAILERS:

- Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air pressure. Don't forget the spare!
- Inspect bearings and repack as necessary.

APRIL MEETING—



P/C Harvey Norris, AP
Mary Norris
Pat Rottman



P/C Jan Hartesvelt, S
Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP
Marge Scott
P/C Jerry Stephan, AP



Lt/C Dave Terrell, AP
Marge Scott
P/C Doug Scott, AP
Nancy Gonzalez
Paul Gonzalez
Kate Stephan



Gloria McClay
Tom McClay



P/C Harvey Norris, AP
Linda Kolhagen, USCG Aux

WINNERS—



Paul Gonzalez



John Davies, SN



Linda Kolhagen

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

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. Picnic in the park that afternoon.

Saturday, July 22 sail to Suttons Bay. Dinner at one of Suttons Bay's restaurants.

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.midnrrreservations.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

APRIL INVOCATION

Old Man Winter doesn't want to leave
But Spring has something up her sleeve

A sudden change in the direction
And Spring has gotten her connection

She doesn't just arrive, she attacks our senses
She is merciless in taking down winters defenses

Worms come alive and swim through the soil
Buds burst forth like popcorn in hot oil

It si magic being spun right from God's hands
Oh what a time it is to live in these Northern lands

We can plant a seek, but God makes it sprout
That is what our God is all about

He is the Lord and is all knowing
We pray to you Lord, keep Earths wonders flowing
P/C Bill Klein, AP

MAY BIRTHDAYS—

- Blakeslee, John R.
- Daciuk, Kelly Lyn
- Dill, Norman L.
- Foote, Kerry D.
- Hartley, Jill M.
- Lazar, James M.
- Leslie, Guy W.
- Lyon, Thomas
- Nelson, Donna M.
- Wentzloff, Barbara E.

