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Grand Traverse Bay Sail and Power Squadron 2019-2020 Activities Calendar

January 2	General Meeting-Cancelled	
January 9	Commander's Lunch-Cancelled	
January 15	Executive Meeting-1800	Cottage Café
February 6	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
February 13	Commander's Lunch-1200	Cottage Café
February 19	Executive Meeting-1800	Cottage Café
March 5	General Meeting-1800	Elks Club
March 12	Commander's Lunch-1200	Cottage Café
March 13-15	Traverse City Boat Show	Civic Center
March 18	Executive Meeting-1800	Cottage Café
April 2	General Meetin-1800	Elks Club
April 9	Commander's Lunch-1200	Cottage Café
April 15	Executive Meeting-1800	Cottage Café

THE JANUARY MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner
Two entrees
Salads, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert
\$20.00 Per person

If your telephone caller does not reach you by Sunday, , please call Donna Daciuk at
231-223-7140 or email daisy.d1569@gmail.com by

(Please let your caller know if you will need a ride to the meeting)



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr Mary Petterson, JN

Happy New Year! As we close out a remarkable decade in which we saw lake levels dip to record lows and now at near record highs, it certainly is difficult to imagine what the 2020s will bring. Challenges, of course, but most likely some great successes as we've had in the past 10 years with the continued efforts of club members.

In addition to needing volunteers to help with the Traverse City Boat Show which is March 13 to 15, we will be co-hosting the District 9 Spring Conference at Shanty Creek with the Lansing Squadron, May 1st to 3rd. We are really proud that Jan Hartesvelt will be installed as the District 9 Commander. To launch her year with a real bang, we're going to need volunteers to help arranging, setting up, assisting and just attending the conference. Please take note, and action, when we send out details on how you might be able to help.

The dinner meeting programs for 2020 need to be flushed out but hopefully you have read or heard elsewhere, the January dinner meeting is cancelled. To start the dinner meeting programs we will have Janet Ward presenting on special tools for a lengthy adventure in salt water at the February 6th dinner meeting. We usually have the Awards Program at the February meeting but we're pushing it back to May when the snow birds have returned.

Hope to see you all in February.





EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C Bill Bailey, JN

2019 was a successful Educational Year. Five courses were offered including Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Engine Maintenance, Sail, America's Boating Course 3, and an ABC class for the College for Kids program at NMC. Three seminars were held at the Traverse City Public Library. All were locally developed seminars by P/C Jerry Williams. AP and SEO Bill Bailey, JN. Topics were GPS, Boat Pump Maintenance, and Phone and Tablet Navigation. Altogether, over 70 students were served.

2020 is off to a good start as well. This winter Seamanship (now called Boat Handling), another locally developed class, Navigation with Electronics, and ABC 3 will be offered through NMC's Extended Education Services. Check the NMC EES catalog you may have received in the mail, go to www.nmc.edu/ees, or the club website, www.gtbayboating.org to register. A Piloting class was to be held at NMC as well but due to a mixup it did not appear in the catalog or on the EES website. The class will still be held but time and location is still to be determined.





EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Jerry Williams, AP

The holidays are over and a new year is beginning. Check the GTBay web page www.gtbayboating.org to stay up-to-date on the events planned for the 2020 season.

One special event this May 1 – 3, 2020, is the D9 Spring Conference at Shanty Creek. GTBay and Lansing are co-sponsoring this conference so we will need volunteers. At this time we do not have any of the planning finalized (in the works). Later in February or March the GTBay Executive Committee will be contacting you for help. **KEEP THE FIRST WEEKEND OF MAY OPEN.**

REMINDER – NO GTBay DINNER MEETING IN JANUARY

The Dinner Meeting is too close to the New Year's Eve celebration. Just sleep in and relax!



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, JN

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In the 20th Century the years of the 20's decade became known as "Roaring." Considering how we just finished these past 10 "teen" years, I can only wonder what this 20's decade has in store for us. We're about to find out.

Last month I reported there was a delay in launching a new membership travel safety insurance benefit from DAN Boater. Since then, the required member information loading snafu was overcome and the travel benefits are now in place. Basically DAN Boater is a travel insurance program which provides emergency medical hotline information services, medical evacuation, medical repatriation to the home country and many additional travel assistance services. What's really interesting is that these benefits take effect whenever you are traveling more than 50 miles from your home. This is a member benefit that you should explore and I recommend you reading the short article in the latest ENSIGN magazine and check out the website "**danboater/ABC**" for a full description of the benefits and services available.

On to 2020.....



SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT

Lt Brian Nelson, AP

It's Boat Show Time – What's New This Year?

It seems like we just put our boats away for the winter, yet here it is January already! That means it's boat show time again. For those that are planning to go to the Chicago show, this could be a very interesting year for new technology. Will the roll-out of 5G cellular technology impact recreational boating communications? Will the technology enabling 5G trickle down to on-board safety and electronic systems? Like the impact of the space program decades ago, the answer is probably YES. It may be a bit early, but you can bet that this next digital milestone will sooner or later find its way into the recreational boating marketplace.

It will certainly be interesting to see what the manufacturers will have to show off this year at the big shows, and what we might find that we really must have to add to our boats. If you are not able to go to any of the winter shows, you can still browse the catalog and manufacturer's websites to see the latest equipment and maybe some early reviews. We still must not forget that even the very best electronic innovations are vulnerable to failure. Therefore, we must always be prepared to resort to "plan B" when something electronic doesn't work as expected. Today's "plan B" is now yesterday's "plan A", for example, old-fashioned paper charting skills and dead-reckoning navigation. By all means, seek out and embrace new technology. Just don't forget about the fundamentals that will save the day when the power goes out. Power Squadron courses in Seamanship and Piloting are still the foundation for safe and enjoyable recreational boating, with or without the latest technology. If you have not yet taken these courses, there is no time like the present to do so. If you took them a long time ago and think a refresher is in order, now is the time to consider auditing or retaking the course(s). Check the Squadron website or call the Squadron Education Officer (SEO) for the current class schedule. Even if a class has started, late enrollments can usually be accommodated. Summer is not that far away!



DECEMBER MEETING—



Brian Flickinger
Eric Seefeld



Tom Lyon, AP
Madonna Williams, P
Arnie Taddia, AP
P/C Jerry Williams, AP



Nicole Smethells
Mary Norris



Stf/C Mary Anne Jensen, SN
Guy Leslie, P



D/C Ralph Ziegler, SN
P/C Jan Hartesvelt, P



Sarah Flickinger
Pat Rottman
Cdr Mary Petterson, JN
Nancy Gonzalez



Lt/C Sue Brown, P
P/C Bill Smethells, JN
Nicole Smethells



D/C Ralph Ziegler, SN
Ken Musson, SN
Pat Musson, JN



Carol Currin, P
Janet Stone, JN
P/C Tom Stone, JN



Swearing in of Cdr Mary
Petterson, JN by D/C Ralph
Ziegler, SN



Our New Bridge for 2020

WINNERS—



Nicole Smethells



Ken Musson, SN



Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, JN

DINNER WINNERS—



Carol Currin, P



Lt/C Paul Gonzalez, JN



Ken Musson, SN

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Jean Brooks
- Donna Daciuk
- John Davies
- Carol Geiger
- Donald Gorski
- Catherine Holcombe
- John Holcombe

- Andrea McClure
- Brian McClure
- Kenneth H. Musson
- Gayle Patrick
- Clark Phelps
- Bobbie Schott
- John Snow

