



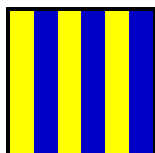
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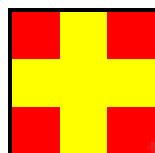
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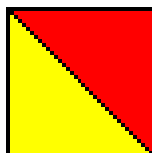
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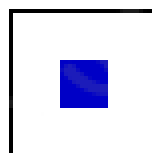
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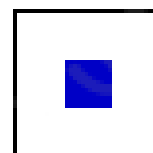
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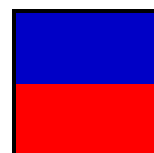
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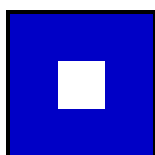
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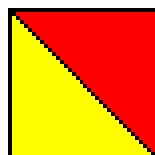
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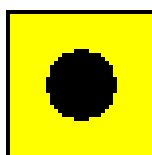
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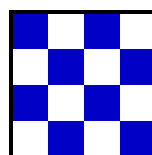
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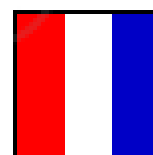
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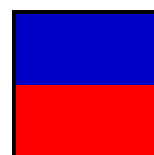
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## DID YOU KNOW?



*You can read a rainbow  
and forecast the weather.  
A rainbow in the morning  
may indicate an approaching  
storm, at mid-day may  
indicate unsettled weather  
and in the evening  
that the storm is over.*



## Commander's Message *Cdr. Joan McCarron, AP*

Greetings GPPS Members,

We are a far cry from where we were a year ago. We just attended our 2020 Commander's Ball and looking forward to a fun filled year. At this point, I hope we will have Covid behind us by mid to late 2021.

We are in the process of planning activities and will implement as Covid allows.

Please be patient and continue abiding by the Covid safe guards so we can defeat Covid as soon as possible.

Please be assured we are working for you from National to your local Squadron.

We have been using Zoom for our E-Board and General Membership Meetings.

Please plan on attending the next General Membership Zoom Meeting at 1900 Hrs., 14 April 2021.

P/C Bill Stano will send you the Zoom contact information.

It has never been more evident than now, how important is the human interaction.

Our mission includes Educational goals, Brotherhood interaction and Civic involvement. Brotherhood could not be more important, than now. We miss seeing you. Please keep in contact with each other and join us for our zoom General Membership Meetings. Now is also a good time to take a class on line.

Wishing you health and safety.

Respectfully,

CDR Joan McCarron, AP

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## Executive Department *Lt/C Rose Stano, AP*

Here we are heading into our Second Spring of lock down from the COVID Virus. We are all hoping to get the vaccine and some in the group have been able to receive the shots. Even with the vaccine, we still need to wear mask, maybe even 2, due to the new variants being easier to spread and leading to more severe infections. Continue to stay 6 feet apart and continue to isolate at home. Wash and sanitize hands when out often. Wash your masks after using daily.

Events continue to be on hold with no in person meetings or classes. The 63rd Annual Detroit Boat Show was cancelled. But remember to refer friends and family wishing to take the America's Boating Course, to look online. Seamanship is also available on line and we can only hope that classes for Piloting can come in the Spring either online or in person. If you are looking for Seminars, Birmingham has a full schedule, just look at their website or D9 website.

I have started the americasboatingclub\_grossepte Instagram account to improve our exposure on social media and have been sharing posts from the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Aux/ Foundation, Sea Tow, Tow Boat US, Safe Boating Council, Army

Corp of Engineers, NOAA, America's Boating Club and Channel. Save Lake St Clair, Michigan Maritime Museum, Waves of Hope Boating, Canadian Sail and Power Squadron, Classic Boat Show, US Sailing, Boating Live 365, Interlake Steamship Company, American Sailing Association. It is amazing the information out there. Check it out and let me know if you have any other Boating Safety groups to check out.

Vessel Safety Exam Days are scheduled at Jefferson Beach Marina on Sunday, May 16 and Saturday,

June 5th at Beacon Cove Marina. If you would like to set up a day at your Marina or get an exam, Call Bill Stano at 313-343-5602.

I hope you are all learning to reach out to family and friends through the phone and computer. I have discovered American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and GetSetUp programs on line and have been attending many seminars and playing games to keep my mind active. Check it out.

Stay Safe. Dream of Spring and the return of Boating Season.

***Stay Safe.  
Dream of Spring  
and the return of  
Boating Season.***

*Welcome Spring*





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*1st/Lt William P. Quinlan, AP*

## Look for Class Schedules



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**americaboatingclub\_grossepte**



D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP presents the  
Educator of the Year Award to Lt Dave Charvat, JN



### **WATCH OUT FOR WATER LETTUCE ON THE WATERWAYS**

It's a plant that might look pretty in a contained pond or water feature in a yard, but not spreading freely over the surface of the Clinton River.





## Administrative Department *Lt/C Debi Rowe, S*

Recognizing the efforts of our members is important. This issue of our T&T describes just some of various ways you're recognized for your accomplishments & contributions. The National Conference taught me that I've just scratched the surface on how many awards, trophies and contests that are available....More to come!

### A Merit Mark

America's Boating Club offers no monetary compensation to any officer or member. Everything is done strictly on a voluntary basis. However, substantial service is rewarded annually in the form of a Merit Mark.

A member who has earned **5 Merit Marks become a Senior Member.**



Senior Member insignia

The insignia for 7 years of recognized service. (7 Merit Marks).



7 Years of Recognized Service

A member who has earned **25 Merit Marks is recognized as a Life Member.** A Life Member is allowed to wear the appropriate insignia on their uniform. In addition, a silver permanent membership card and are exempt from paying National, District 9, and squadron annual dues.

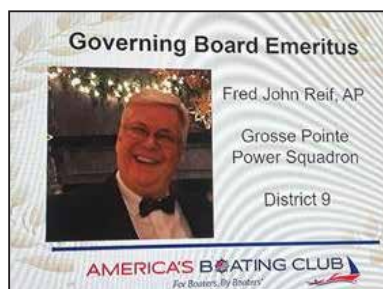


Life Member insignia

A member who has earned **50 Merit Marks also receive a title of: Governing Board Emeritus.**



P/C/C Theodore Smith, SN (50)



P/C Fred John Reif, AP (50)



## Secretary Department *P/D/C Michael Babiarz*



**Where To?**  
*Did You Know, when traveling  
along our shorelines, our Port  
Captain will share his knowledge  
of local & Canadian waterways  
as well as other navigational  
suggestions.*

***P/C Michael Pipia, AP***



**From left: P/C Ronald Utz, AP (33)  
Lt Robert F. Wiczorek, SN (20), P/D/C John Bennett, SN (38)  
Lifetime Achievement Award 2020**

**P/C Clifton P. Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award**

The recipient is selected each year by the GPPS Past Commanders for years of dedication and service to the squadron. It is presented at the Commander's Ball by a representative of the Past Commanders.



**Answer from front page.....**

**The Coriander Kitchen & Farm Restaurant**  
14601 Riverside Blvd.  
Detroit's Jefferson - Chalmers neighborhood

***Hey! Programs & Rendezvous Committee  
Let's Go!***





## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### March Birthdays

P/D/C Michael J. Babiarz, AP  
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James W. Evans, AP  
Dennis P. Gornick, P  
Lt Stephen E. Lloyd, SN

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P/C Melvin E. Riecher, AP  
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P/Lt/C Sheryl Kline Totte, JN  
Elise Rose-Trupiano  
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### April Birthdays

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James A. Bonahoom  
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P/C Henry V. Denolf, SN  
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P/C Dale R. Ellis, AP  
John D. Mertz, AP  
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## Vessel Safety Check



### Get a Vessel Safety Check

By Past District Commander Bill Stano, JN Vessel Safety Chair

A Vessel Safety Check is a 15-point inspection which takes about 15-30 minutes and ensures your boat is in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws. A Vessel Safety Check is FREE and Voluntary! If you do not pass, the vessel exam, the vessel examiner does not issue fines or contact law enforcement agencies however you can correct the deficiencies and have your boat re-examined, so it passes. Having a Vessel Safety Check, you gain the knowledge of the importance of compliance with the boating safety laws and how having the required safety equipment on board your boat saves lives. Boats that pass the examination are awarded a

VSC Decal that alerts the Coast Guard and other law-enforcement agencies that your boat was found to be in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws.

As of this writing, the U.S. Coast Guard, District 9 is allowing the Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary to perform vessel safety checks in the Great Lakes Region. We have procedures in place to keep the boat owner and vessel examiner safe.

To schedule your 2021 Vessel Safety Check, call Past District Commander Bill Stano, JN at 313-343-5602 or [wstano@comcast.net](mailto:wstano@comcast.net). Remember, no vessel is too large or too small to be safe – and in compliance. Schedule your Vessel Safety Check today!

Grosse Pointe's Vessels Examiners:

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Lt Dan Clause  
Lt Bill Kuester  
Lt Steven Lloyd, SN  
Lt Bill Quinlan, AP  
Lt Jim Simpson, AP  
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P/C Dale Ellis, AP  
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P/C Michael Pipia, AP  
P/C William Stano, JN



## ***PUT YOUR NAME ON IT!***



### ***Novice Trophy***

*Novices may be those who have been in fewer than 4 contests, or who have never participated in the Predicted Log Contest.*



*United States Power Squadron District 9  
Lafayette S. Daniel Memorial Trophy*

## ***Please Join Us for the Predicted Log Contest Saturday 19 June 2021***

### ***Join the others who won the Lafayette S. Daniel Memorial Trophy from the Grosse Pointe Squadron***

1972	P/C Fred J. Reif, AP (50)	2014	Lt. Bruce Boutin, N (14)
2005	Lt. Myron Sherer (11)	2015	P/C Michael Pipia, AP (23)
2008	P/C Robert Malicki, JN (21)	2019	Cdr. Joan McCarron, AP (16)
2013	P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP (18)	2019	Lt/C Debi Rowe, S (12)

*( ) Denotes Merit Mark count*



## **Ahoy! Skippers, Navigators, Spotters, Crew and Observers!**

### ***EASTSIDE PREDICTED LOG***



**19 June 2021, Saturday - Grosse Pointe Farms Pier  
Hosted by America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe**

- Choose the speed and test your ability to accurately predict the time to negotiate a prescribed course.
- Skipper with the lowest % of error wins the Traveling Predicted Log Trophy.

0800 Hrs Skipper and Observer Meeting - 0900 - 1045 Hrs Course open for boats  
1100 Lunch and Trophy Presentations

Timers and Observers Welcome - No experience necessary  
All you use is the compass and engine tachometer

For more information please call:  
P/C Dale Ellis, Co-Chair 248-583-8600 - Lt Dave Charvat, SN  
Lt/C Debi Rowe, Event Coordinator: [emailforrowe@aol.com](mailto:emailforrowe@aol.com) or 586-556-7765

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### ***Count Us In On The Fun!***

#### **Entry Form 2021 Predicted Log Contest**

Skipper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee (Participating Boats) \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Awards Lunch @ \$10.00 per adult  
\$5.00 per 18 yrs. & younger \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make check payable to: Grosse Pointe Power Squadron (GPPS)  
**Send completed entry form and check to: P/C Dale Ellis, 38155 Mallast St, Harrison Twp., MI 48045**



### Name Badge Order Form

Name	Fastener Type*

New Members are provided a name badge free of charge but you must return this order form

\*Fastener Type

Pin Back (PB)	\$7.25
Ribbon Bar (RB)-2 pins, 1 on each end	\$7.25
Standard Magnet (SM)	\$8.75
Power Magnet (PM)	\$10.25

Please return completed form to :

Lt/C Debi Rowe  
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St. Clair Shores, MI 48081  
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## NAUTICAL TRIVIA CONTEST

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## Spring Checklist

### The BoatU.S. Spring Commissioning Checklist

#### Before You Launch:

- ☐ Hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary. Double clamping hose connections with marine-rated stainless hose clamps, or keeping seacocks closed when you are away, are wise moves.
- ☐ Inspect cooling hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking. Make sure they fit snugly.
- ☐ Replace deteriorated sacrificial anodes.
- ☐ 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 (on inboard drive systems) 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 not cracked or bent from ice, is free of corrosion, clean, and properly secured.
- ☐ With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. A stuffing box should only leak when the prop shaft is turning, and needs to be inspected routinely.
- ☐ Inspect and lubricate seacocks.
- ☐ Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets, as necessary.
- ☐ If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.
- ☐ After the boat is launched, be sure to check all through-hulls for leaks.



**Failure to install the bilge drain plug is a leading cause of boat sinkings. Consider coating the threads with anti-seize and giving it a half turn past hand-tight with a wrench to secure it.**

#### Engines and Fuel Systems:

- ☐ 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 anodes that are more than half worn away.
- ☐ Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.
- ☐ 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. Owners of gasoline-powered boats with fiberglass fuel tanks should consult a marine professional to inspect for any ethanol-related issues.
- ☐ 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 (if applicable).
- ☐ Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks.
- ☐ Coat threads with anti-seize and insert bilge plug. Hand tighten and then give it a half turn with a wrench.
- ☐ Get a free vessel safety check from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons. Find out more at [www.SafetySeal.net](http://www.SafetySeal.net).

## Online Meeting Etiquette

SOURCE: <https://blog.gotomeeting.com/>

### ONLINE MEETING ETIQUETTE

To have meetings wherever you are does not mean there aren't basic guidelines you should follow. Here are some meeting etiquettes everyone should observe

#### JOIN EARLY



Make sure your microphone and camera are working properly.

#### DRESS APPROPRIATELY



You'll also put yourself in the right headspace to be productive.

#### BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS



Make sure your background is tidy, professional and work appropriate.

#### MUTE YOUR MICROPHONE WHEN YOU'RE NOT TALKING



Avoid noisy distractions while others are speaking.

#### STAY SEATED AND STAY PRESENT



Sit up straight, don't make big extraneous movements and always give your attention.

#### MINIMISE DISTRACTIONS



Avoid rustling papers, eating or making other distracting noises in the background.

#### GIVE GRACE



Be patient with participants and allow some grace to any miscommunications.

#### PLAN FOR AN EFFECTIVE WRAP-UP



End with a quick recap providing decisions made and actions agreed on.

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## GPPS 4-legged Mates



P/C Michael Pipia, AP & Grace Pipia



Koko and Ollie Stano



Cookie Babiarz

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**Where's Bobbers?**



## The Ensign Magazine Photo Contest



Photo by: P/C Micheal Pipia, AP (23)  
Submitted for the Spring 2021 Ensign Magazine Photo Contest





## FROM THE GALLEY

*recipes you need to try*

### Grilled Butternut Squash with Blue Cheese and Walnuts

Serves 2 crew members

#### STOCK YOUR GALLEY WITH:

- 1 large (2-3 lb) butternut squash
- 1/2 cup coconut oil, warmed and softened
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon crushed black pepper
- 1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles
- 2 tablespoons walnuts, finely chopped

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat your boat grill to a medium/high setting. Cut your butternut squash in half lengthwise, and remove the seeds with a spoon. Leaving the skin on, cut the squash into 1/2 inch slices—making a half moon shape—and set them aside.

In a mixing bowl, add the warmed and softened coconut oil, the brown sugar, and the crushed black pepper. Then, whisk together.

Next, dip those half moon slices of delicious squash into the mixture and give them a good



soak just before adding them to the hot grill. Turn them often to prevent the sugar from burning. **They will cook quickly**, so only 3-4 minutes on each side will suffice.

Once the squash is tender and you notice grill marks, remove them from the heat and pile them on a serving platter. While still hot, sprinkle the blue cheese crumbles and the finely chopped walnuts on top before serving. The crumbles will slightly melt and become creamy and the walnuts will give a satisfying little crunch to the dish. Holy "SNOW," that sounds good!

#### First Mate Facts:

Botanically speaking, butternut squash would be considered a fruit but is used in the culinary world as a vegetable!



### The Test Kitchen of Life

#### In the "Test Kitchen of Life"

A young woman was complaining to her father about how difficult her life had become. He said nothing, but took her to the kitchen and set three pans of water to boiling. To the first pan, he added carrots; to the second, eggs; and to the third, ground coffee. After all three had cooked, he put their contents into separate bowls and asked his daughter to cut into the eggs and carrots and smell the coffee. "What does this all mean?" she asked impatiently.

"Each food," he said, "teaches us something about facing adversity, as represented by the boiling water." The carrot went in hard but came out soft and weak. The eggs went in fragile but came out hardened. The coffee, however, changed the water to something better.

"Which will you be like as you face life?" he asked. Will you give up, become hard - or transform adversity into triumph? As the "chef" of your own life, what will you bring to the table?



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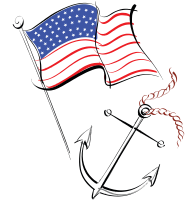


## Calendar of Upcoming Events



### MARCH

- 10 March WEDNESDAY - **General Membership Meeting**  
*Zoom*
- 14 March SUNDAY - **Blessing of the Fleet**  
*Mariner's Church - Detroit, MI*
- 27 March SATURDAY - **D-9 Virtual Council Meeting**



### APRIL

- 9-10 April FRIDAY - SATURDAY - **D-9 Virtual Spring Conference**
- 14 April WEDNESDAY - **General Membership Meeting**
- 27 March SATURDAY - **D-9 Virtual Council Meeting**

### MAY

- 12 May WEDNESDAY - **General Membership Meeting**
- 16 May SUNDAY - **Vessel Safety Exams**  
*Jefferson Beach Marina, St. Clair Shores, MI*
- 22-28 May SATURDAY - SUNDAY - **Safe Boating Week**
- 30 May SUNDAY - **Parade - St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade**

### JUNE

- 5 June SATURDAY - **Vessel Safety Exams**  
*Beacon Cove Marina, Harrison Twp., MI*
- 14 June MONDAY - **Flag Day of the United States**
- 19 June SATURDAY - **Predicted Log**  
*Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park, MI*
- 26 June SATURDAY - **Member Appreciation Picnic**

### JULY

- 24 July SATURDAY - **Bayview Yacht Club**  
*Port Huron Mackinaw Race*
- 30 July - 8 Aug FRIDAY - SUNDAY - **U.S. Coast Guard Festival**  
*Grand Haven, MI*

### AUGUST

- 24 - 26 August TUESDAY - THURSDAY - **Hydroplane Boat Races**  
*Detroit River*

### JANUARY 2022

- 15 January SATURDAY - **2022 Commander's Ball**  
*GPYC*

**Attention!**

**All dates on the Calendar are tentative.**

**\*\*See [www.d9-usps.org](http://www.d9-usps.org) for other Squadrons Activities you are invited to join.**

**Note: Refer to the GPPS web site for more details - Unless otherwise posted -**

**All GPPS General Membership Meetings are on the second Wednesday - Sept. through May**

**All GPPS Executive Committee Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday - Aug. through May**

### Port Index

**DYC** - Detroit Yacht Club   **GPFPF** - Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park   **GPYC** - Grosse Pointe Yacht Club   **JBM** - Jefferson Beach Marina





## General Membership Meeting

### Wednesdays

14 April

12 May

9 June



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