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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, 8 April 2020

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Attention!



USPS D9 2020 Spring Conference
May 1 - 3, 2020; Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI
Hosts: Grand Traverse Bay & Lansing Squadrons
Theme: Ports O'Call of the Great Lakes



D9 Spring Conference Update

The D9 Spring Conference that was scheduled for May 1-3 at Shanty Creek Resort has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Outbreak. This was done for the safety of the members and the uncertainty of the situation.

The D9 Fall Conference is scheduled for October 2-4 at Kalahari Resort in Ohio and will be a Multi-District Conference. It will be a fun time. Hope to see everyone there!



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Commander's Message

Cdr. Joan McCarron, AP

Welcome to 2020. Wow, we didn't expect the coronavirus, did we. At this time

I encourage all to remain steadfast. I hope this message finds each one of you in good health. We will get through this. Please follow the advice of the medical professionals, such as washing hands, staying at least 6ft. from each other, even out doors and stay home as much as possible. We are all a member of this family. Please check on one another.

At this time all classes, activities and meetings have been suspended until further notice.

On a brighter note, I hope you will enjoy the pictures from the Commander's Ball included in this issue. From what I hear, it was a great success. I want to thank all who attended. We had 124 in attendance, which was surprising since we had inclement weather.

The Sun Messengers entertained us royally, late into the night. I would like to thank all of the Dance Performers, as they took the challenge to get out of their comfort zone. The dancers from our own Squadron were: Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP, Lt/C Rose Stano, AP, Lt Dave Charvat, JN, Rita Charvat, Lt Dan Claus, P, Rose Claus, and CDR Joan McCarron, AP. The others were from Arthur Murray Dance Studio. They are all listed on the back of the Program. Charvat Florist provided us with outstanding flowers. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club did not fail us in providing us with a very delicious dinner and beautiful venue. Thank you to GPYC Vice Commodore Gary Marowski

and his wife Kathy for joining us. Thank you to anyone who helped to make this an exceptional evening. According to the pictures, everyone had an outstanding evening.

The Chinese New Year was celebrated by many of our members on 1 Feb at Shogun Restaurant. Again some of the members got involved: Lt/C Michael Babiarz, P/C John Sulkowski, P/C Ron Utz, all on drums, D/Lt/C Chet was a Rat (It is the Year of the Rat). I didn't know he was so agile!!! Bonny and P/C Bob Krieg jumped in with huge decorative head pieces. Thank you John Metropolis for all the preparations for this very exciting evening.

We also had fun at our General Membership Meeting, 12 February, Game Night at the GPYC. Thank you Lt/C Debora Rowe for the games. The General Membership meeting of 11 March, provided us with a new and very enjoyable experience. Bill Rapai, author of Brewed In Michigan, and native of Grosse Pointe, introduced us to his research on Michigan craft beer. Yes, we had samplings and hors d'oeuvres, provided by the Squadron. Thank you, Michael for all the preparations.

We are in the process of developing the rendezvous' for the year if you have any ideas please contact Lt/C Debora Rowe, S at emailforrowe.com or Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP at mbabz@comcast.net.

Yes, this too shall pass.

God Bless and be safe.

CDR Joan C. McCarron, AP





Executive Department Lt/C Rose Stano, AP



These are trying times. New challenges face us every day. But we must rise to meet this challenge and discover a new normal. Remember, we are all in this together.

Bill and I were lucky enough to fly south in Mid-February to attend USPS National Conference in Florida. I arrived with an earache and Bill spent the second day in bed with Kidney stone pain. My ear improved and he passed multiple stones. The meeting was lightly attended but there was good news that we are gaining new members but sadly we are losing as many as we gain. National recommends we improve communication with members to remind them of when their renewal comes due. Please look at the National Website, since it has been newly redone. They are adding new videos to America's Boating Channel.

Since our health improved and we were able to travel with 80 other Power Squadron Members on the Nieuw Statendam, Holland American line cruise ship from Ft. Lauderdale to Half Moon Cay in Bahamas, Grand Turk in Turks & Caicos, Amber Cove in Dominican Republic, and Key West, Feb 16-23. We enjoyed the warm sun, sandy beaches and blue Caribbean waters. Only once did we venture inland to visit the Coffee Cooperative up in the mountains of Dominican Republic to plant coffee beans and learn about Coffee Production. Refreshed, we returned home to find our world changing in ways never imagined. Schools closed, meetings shut down, then the closing of restaurants and all sports and entertainment. Bill was able to have his shoulder surgery before nonessential surgeries were halted and has been recovering amazingly well. I continue to work in the Hospital and am faced with new

changes there daily.

Yes, we are treating seriously ill patients

daily

and to

avoid transmission of the disease to others, we must keep visitors out and stop nonessential surgeries. We must save our resources for these critical patients because those who get sick enough to be hospitalized become critically ill for a prolonged period of time. Thank God, that the majority people who get Covid- 19 will not need to be in hospital. Stay home, rest, drink plenty of fluids and

care for our cold symptoms but call your Doctor or go to the Hospital when we have problems with breathing.

Writing this article was very hard, because I like you, am having difficulty understanding what is happening. All the plans we made in the last year for the next few months are cancelled. My trip to Poland has been rescheduled for August. We have had to cancel boating classes and can't plan for Safe Boating Week in May. Vessel Safety Exams are on hold due to Social Distancing and today they are closing Marinas in FL. I can only hope to start reaching out to members via the phone, email and text to find new ways to stay connected. So please, let me know if you prefer information via Phone call (313-343-5602), text (586-215-4758), email (rstano@comcast.net), Facebook or some other way. Because meetings and events are all cancelled, we have not sent out the Advanced T&T- but also let me know if that was helpful to you.

Stay safe, wash your hands and surfaces often, avoid others until we have meds and vaccines to stop this virus.

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Education Department
Lt/C Chet Dunbar Jr., AP

EDUCATION UPDATE

All classes are postponed until further notice due to the current COVID-19 Situation. The GPYC is closed for all activities and meetings through at least April 10th.

We have scheduled Summer ABC Classes and Seminars with the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park and that schedule is as follows. All registrations are handled through the Grosse Pointe Farms Park by calling 313-343-2405. Farms residency is not required for these classes.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLASS

1st Session - June 1-29 Mondays 6:30-8:00 5 Weeks \$45 Register by May 29th

2nd Session - July 6th -August 3rd Mondays 6:30-8:00 5 Weeks \$45 Register by July 3rd

KNOTS BENDS AND HITCHES SEMINAR

Monday May 18th 6:30 – 8:00 Free Class Register by May 15th

This seminar is a hands-on “learn how to tie knots” program geared to a wide range of audiences. Participants learn about knots and learn to tie a set of the most useful knots.

USING GPS SEMINAR

Monday May 11th 6:30 – 8:00 - \$30 Register by May 8th

This seminar explains the principles of waypoint navigation and shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts. The seminar also shows you how to operate your GPS - what the buttons do, what the screens show, and how to access the functions you need. You'll also get some tips for choosing a GPS if you don't currently own one.

PRACTICAL ON THE WATER TRAINING

Wednesday June 24th 6:30 – 8:00 FREE

Wednesday July 29th 6:30 – 8:00 FREE

Offered in conjunction with our ABC Boating Class





Administrative Department *Lt/C Debbie Rowe*



Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Administrative Officer. I was reminded recently by visiting our national website (USPS.org), what should be in my newsletter article. It instructed me to let you know what's going on in the Administrative Department and something educational. A few things the department is responsible for are Membership, Activities, The Predicted Log contest and Port Captain.

What's a Port Captain? Even I needed to know & I've come to find out that much of the responsibility has been replaced by the internet. However, in the past the Administrative Officer asks someone, like Mike Pipia, who people would call to see what there was to do in an area, at a port where you planned to dock, and for help with accommodations when boaters were traveling. Now we just jump on the web.

The administrative office is also in charge of fun and activities and as you can see by the pictures in this issue we've had a lot of it recently unfortunately our mission of safety is taking top priority and all those fun things are on hold now due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Take this time to brush up on some of you boating skills, perhaps

for the Predicted Log, Learn the Nautical Alphabet even open up some of our past editions (GPPS-D9.com). Especially

the Winter 2019 edition. There's a very interesting bio on P/D/C John Bennett, SN. Past editions will also help you answer some of the nautical trivia contest questions that you should receive shortly via snail mail..... Same with that Nautical Alphabet.

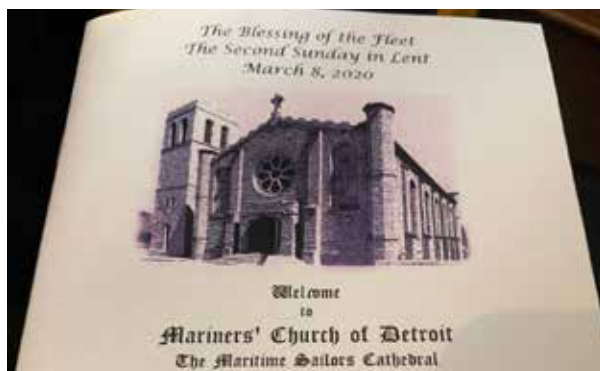
May you stay positive—it will give you strength. Please eat healthy, love one another, obey what the experts are saying, exercise which will keep you strong and take naps which will protect us all. We can

still be safe but do things we enjoy and bring us comfort. Long ago...my parents would put my sister & me in the back seat of the car to take a Sunday afternoon drive. Did any of you go on a Sunday drive? I think I'll take a drive now by the water, perhaps thru Jefferson Beach Marina. I heard they raised their docks... By a lot! Or maybe see what's up on Belle Isle.

With warm and caring thoughts of you,
Lt/C Debi Rowe, S.

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of your boating
skills, perhaps for
the Predicted Log.
Or, Learn the
Nautical Alphabet***

Blessing of the Fleet





Secretary Department P/D/C Michael Babiarz

Well I don't have to tell anyone that we are living in an interesting time right now. Small in perspective but

putting together this issues of the Tars and Tripe has been interesting as well and parallels the current world situation. What went from wanting to get dates and details nailed down for events to get them in this issue so everyone would know what's going on to "let's hold off on planning that for now till we know what's going on" soon followed by canceling the events and meetings that were already on the schedule including the D9 Spring Council and Conference.

***In the meantime,
stay healthy and
safe and know
that we'll be back
together for fun
activities soon!***

This issue is reflective of the recent good times we had at some of our great events starting with the Commander's Ball and Chinese New Year Party to our most recent March General Membership Meeting. We want to do our best to keep connected during these times. Also, until

we have dates and events that we can include the TT Advance notice will be on hold. Once things are back to some sense of "normal" and we have our Summer Rendezvous season nailed down we'll got one out.

The Events and Rendezvous Committee met to put gather ideas for club events and when we feel it's safe for those events to proceed we'll be publishing a full list of what those are. In the meantime stay healthy and safe and know that we'll be back together for fun activities soon.



**Our Rendezvous and Programs Committee
met to discuss the fun plans for the Summer.**



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



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
20831 Lakeland Court
St Clair Shores MI 48081

Checks should be payable to G.P.P.S.

March Birthdays

P/D/C Michael J. Babiarz, AP
P/D/C John C. Bennett, SN
Keoleigh Bone
P/C Richard J. Deisler, AP
Scott C. Dupuie
Lt Jane E. Ellis, AP
James W. Evans, AP
Dennis P. Gornick, P
Montez T. Johnson
Lt Stephen E. Lloyd, SN

Terrance P. Lynch
William C. Quinlan, AP
Lt William P. Quinlan, AP
Michael R. Rennell, S
P/C Melvin E. Riecher, AP
Elyse Rose-Trupiano, AP
Millicent Simon, AP
P/Lt/C Sheryl Kline Totte, JN
Michael T. Wharton

April Birthdays

Patrica A. Anderson
James A. Bonahoom
Richard P. Castle, P
P/C Henry V. Denolf, SN
Tracy Eadie
P/C Dale R. Ellis, AP
Richard K. Ellis, JN
John D. Mertz, AP
Peter E. Metropoulos, P
Lance K. Olson, AP

P/C Michael B. Pipia, AP
Debora D. Rowe, S
Folkert Schmidt, S
Thomas E. Shafer
P/Lt/C Philip Spinelli, P
Megan Stano
Lt Bonny J. Utz, P
Louis H. Vandekerckhove, P
Gregory J. VanLerberghe, AP
Janet V. Wolf, P

Attention!

Roster Update

Work will continue on our Annual GPPS Roster which comes out every year. A lot of work goes into putting this publication together and you can do your part by making sure that we have your most up to date information. If it's wrong now it will remain wrong for another year.

Please review your information in the current roster and send any changes to gpps@comcast.net



Commander Joan McCarron, AP and P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP., on behalf of the America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe, present its Annual gift to Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Vice Commodore, Gary Marowski.

30 January 2020



Attention Skippers and Navigators!

USPS District 9 EAST SIDE PREDICTED LOG CONTEST



**Saturday, June 13, 2020
Grosse Pointe Farms Pier
Hosted by the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron**

- Choose the speed you wish to cruise at
- Predict your running time beforehand on the predetermined course (apprx. 9 miles)
- Skipper with the lowest % of error wins the traveling trophy

0800 Hrs: Skipper and Observer Meeting
0900 - 1045 Hrs: Course open for boats
1100: Lunch and Awards

Timers and Observers Welcome-No experience necessary

For more information please call:

P/C Dale Ellis, Chairman 248-583-8600
Lt/C Debi Rowe, Event Coordinator: emailforrowe@aol.com or 586-556-7765

Entry Form 2020 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 each \$ _____
Total enclosed: \$ _____

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

In Case You Missed It...

Change of Watch

**On January 8th, GPPS Members and Guests gathered to welcome our Commander for 2020
Joan McCarron, AP and the 2020 Bridge
Executive Officer Lt/C Rose Stano, AP
Educational Officer Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP
Administrative Officer Lt/C Debi Rowe, S
Secretary Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP
Treasurer Lt/C John Bennett, SN**



**Cdr Joan McCarron, AP
and Brian Eickel**



**Lt/C Debi Rowe, S, Lt/C Rose Stano, AP
Lt Howard Johnson, S and Shamiran Golani**



**P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP
and P/C John Sulkowski, AP**



**P/D/C Bill Stano, JN, P/C Ron Utz, AP
Lt Bonny Utz**



P/C Natalie Dunbar, AP and D/Lt/C Alanna Harvey, P



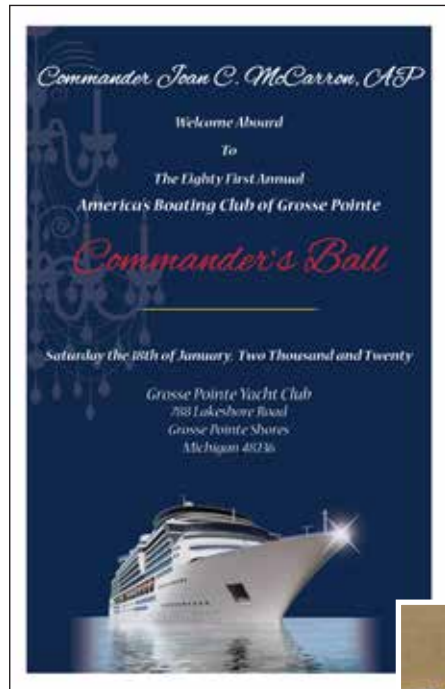
Christopher Jenkins



**D/Lt/C Chester Dunbar, AP
and
P/C Laddie Hudson, SN**

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Commander's Ball



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Lifetime Achievement Award
Lt Robert F. Wiczorek, SN



Educator of the Year Award
Lt Dave Charvat, JN



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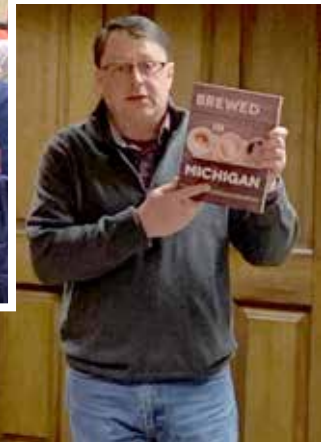
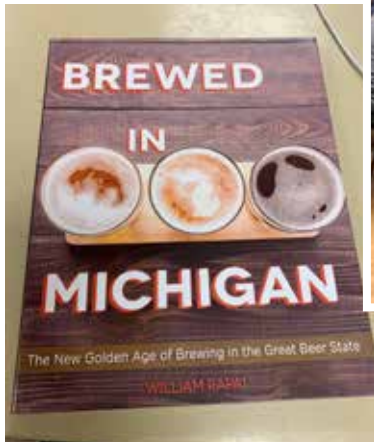
Commander's Ball



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March GPPS Meeting



Chinese New Year at Shogun



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In Case You Missed It...

Detroit Boat Show

**A few of our members participated in the Detroit Boat Show at the TCF Conference Center
which took place January 18-26**



Lt/C Rose Stano, AP



P/D/C William Stano, JN
P/C John Sulkowski, AP



P/C Michael Pipia, AP
P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP
P/C Natalie Dunbar, AP
D/L/C Chester Dunbar, AP

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John C. Bennett
GPPS Member



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Welcome Spring

MARCH

APRIL

April 8 ————— WEDNESDAY - **Membership Meeting** - *Cancelled*

MAY

May 1-3 ————— **USPS D9 2020 Spring Conference** - *Cancelled*



Annual Service Award 2019 - Lt. James A Simpson, AP
Presented by GPPS Past Commanders
for exceptional Dedication and Service to the Squadron

***See 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

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General Membership Meeting

Wednesday
5/2/20
GPYC | 1700
CANCELLED

GROSSE POINTE POWER SQUADRON
Secretary, Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP
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