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ABC of GP Picnic
Grosse Pointe Woods Park



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FROM THE GALLEY

recipes you need to try

The Frozen Coco- Banana

Makes 4
Drinks

Stock your
galley
with:

20 oz
unsweetened
coconut milk
1 banana
12 oz bag of
frozen
pineapple chunks
1 cup of your favorite rum or vodka



Instructions:

In a blender, add 20 oz coconut milk (2.5 cups), 1 peeled banana, and then the 12 oz bag of frozen pineapple chunks. Top it with 1 cup of your favorite rum or vodka. Blend it, pour it, and go enjoy those three seconds of heaven, First Mates!



Commander's Message

Cdr. Joan McCarron, AP

Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to summer. I hope most of you have your boats in the water and are looking forward to a fun filled summer. Yes we are dealing with the pandemic, but we can still participate in many activities if we follow the guidelines of wearing your mask, when appropriate, washing our hands and social distancing.

Our first event the "ABC of GP Picnic" was held on June 27, 2020, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Park. Box lunches from Lazybones were provided by our Squadron. I think that everyone welcomed the chance to get out and see other people and everyone had a good time while following proper social distancing and mask wearing.

We are looking into a tour on the Huron Lady, followed by dinner at the River Crab in July. A rendezvous to the DYC may be available in August, if they are accepting guests by then. The Frost Bite is being planned for Metro Beach in September. Most of these arrangements are tentative, as we are waiting for the green light to make reservations. Please be patient. We will notify you as soon as possible.

The Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids is now active. You may borrow jackets from Ken's Marina Service at Michigan Harbor and Duffy's Landing at Belle Maer. Please see flyer for more information.

This summer will certainly present challenges, but we will work very hard to bring us together.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,
Cdr Joan McCarron, AP





Executive Department Lt/C Rose Stano, AP

As our world starts to open up after the Stay at Home Order, I hope all of you are well and adapting. I know I have spent the last 3 months working, eating, praying, and sleeping. It seems working in a Hospital through this COVID pandemic has been very stressful and draining. We survived the first wave and hope we have learned enough to keep the further waves much smaller. Viral illness has always been cyclical throughout our lives and the years, but none have been this transmissible. 1 person spreads to 3 as opposed to 1 person spreading to 1.3. Or as deadly especially in certain populations, the elderly, with preexisting conditions or certain ethnic populations, African American, Mexican, Asian, Native American. We know that it is spread by droplets and that is why it is so important to stay 6 feet apart and wear a mask. When you have fever, cough, or sneeze, you are most likely to spread. But we also know that you can be contagious for about 5 days before symptoms, so it is also important to wash and sanitize hands frequently. It can take up to 2 weeks after exposure to come down with symptoms, so that is why exposure has required a 2-week quarantine. Plus, some people may have the virus with out having symptoms and be spreading it to others. As they continue to test people in Michigan, we will learn what percentage of the population has had it. We are currently testing everyone in the Hospital to see

our conversion rate. But I feel confident that the Personal Protective equipment we use, wearing mask at all time, washing our hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitizer. Wearing face shields and N95 mask or hoods, gloves, and gowns when we are working with infected patients, has stopped the transmission.

Therefore, it can be safe to gather as a group once again. We will plan some outdoor activities this summer so we can maintain our distance. We have ordered some masks from

***I can't Thank All of You
enough who continue
to pay dues to keep us
going.***

***Anyone with ideas or
resources who can help
would be appreciated.***



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Executive Department *Lt/C Rose Stano, AP*

Prestige Flag with our Logo and Burgee to wear or bring your own. We will have catered food so we will not be touching common utensils. NO POTLUCKS for now. We will need everyone to SIGN UP before you come so we can have enough food and utensils. Stay away if you are ill or have been exposed to some one ill in the last 2 weeks. We will have hand sanitizer to use and will need to clean up using gloves.

Certain programs will not happen this year- Safe Boating Week Activities, Vessel Safety Exams in person (virtual only online), Life Jacket Loaner Programs, In Person Classes or Seminars. Anyone with ideas and desire to help us continue On Line Meetings, contact Debbie Rowe.

Please look to americasboatingclub.org for online courses and seminars. Seminars include Weather for Boaters, Planning your Cruise, Cruising Boats and Systems, Propane Systems on your Boat, AIS Electronics for Boaters, How to use GPS, All about Marine Radio, Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes, Crew at the Helm, Hurricane Preparation. Look to americasboatingchannel for weekly online boating magazine with lots of reviews, and interesting articles as well as videos. Did you all see the 31 May Day Challenge they put out on social media?

I will not be planning a Commanders ball for January 2021 due to the risk of transmission in closed areas with Dancing in our High Risk Group- especially my Husband, Bill. If you have not already done so It's not too late to renew your membership for 2020. Please do so. I can't Thank all of you enough who continue to pay dues to keep us going. Anyone with ideas or resources who can help would be appreciated.

Rose Stano , AP
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Rose loaning life jacket to Michelle for her baby this summer as a new boater. Rose does have a full garage of life jackets to loan size infant to XXXL. Just call to use for the summer.



Education Department
Lt/C Chet Dunbar Jr., AP

EDUCATION UPDATE

All In-Person Educational Activities Remain Suspended

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation all in-person squadron education has been suspended. This is for the safety of both the students and instructors. We were not able to offer ABC Boating classes this spring or summer due to the fact that our instructors are Michigan DNR certified. The Michigan DNR is preventing us from offering classes by order of the Governor of Michigan. Lack of a location, uncertainty about whether we could finish and the suggestion of National USPS also weighed into the decision.

We look forward to getting back to teaching when it's safe for everyone and the time is right. In the meantime there are some good online resources at www.boatingcompass.org and www.boatlive365.org





Administrative Department *Lt/C Debbie Rowe*

Dear Members,

The past few months have been challenging for everyone and we want you to know that as we navigate these uncharted waters The Bridge and all of the Committees are working diligently to find ways to stay connected, informed, educated, and inspired.

Your membership matters and we ask you to please renew your membership dues. You can help us to continue our services to our community and to the fellowship America's Boating Clubs offer.

Safety is our Number 1 concern both on the water and on shore. We look forward to calmer waters, to bringing you quality programs, and we will continue to be here for you.

As always, your thoughts and feedback are welcome. Thank you for being a part of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron.

Lt/C Debi Rowe, S



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



Secretary Department *P/D/C Michael Babiarz*

First off I hope that this edition of the Tars and Tripe finds you well and surviving. The fact that the weather has been pretty nice and one of the more “Normal” things this summer and the fact that even if it’s not in a group we can get out on our boats and make the most of it and enjoy all that summer has to offer.

I’m sure that I don’t have to tell anyone that Summer 2020 is different. And that started of course with Spring 2020. We’ll see how far into 2020 and beyond it will extend but I don’t see any return to “Normal” anytime soon. As a result of all that’s going on our squadron publications schedule is a bit off too.....Thus this summer issue of the Tars and Tripe in July. It was the hope that we could

publish a list of activities, limited as it would have been, however it has been hard to plan anything this year and so we are moving forward without it just to keep our members in touch and informed. Any activities this year are going to be planned as we go and a bit last minute as opportunities arise and conditions are favorable. All activity and Rendezvous updates will come by email so be sure to watch for them. If you have a preferred email or do not receive GPPS emails please send a note to gpps@comcast.net . We want to

make sure that everyone is included.

P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP
GPPS Secretary

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out on our boats
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to offer***

ATTENTION GPPS MEMBERS !!!

**Have you been receiving our email reminders all summer?
If not, it's because we do not have your email address
~ or the one we have is wrong.
Please send us your email address to
gpps@comcast.net
and we will put you on the list.**





MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Vessel Safety Check



The Vessel Safety Check Program remains suspended for our area. Small pockets of the United States are beginning to resume vessels safety checks but not the Great Lakes area. I am receiving greater number of requests to perform vessel exams and I must explain the reason(s) why a vessel safety check cannot be performed. While our squadron's vessel examiners are eager to inspect your boat, it is critical to maintain the safety of the boat owner and the vessel examiner during the Corvid-19 Pandemic.

The USCGAux has authorized Virtual Vessel Safety Checks. Virtual VSCs do not have any paper trail nor is there any Decals issued. However, the Boater has the benefit of knowing that they have all the required safety equipment on board. After all this is the purpose of the VSC in the first place! If you want to have a virtual vessel safety check, contact P/D/C Bill Stano, JN.

As we move to into our "new normal," we must do so in a safe manner. The Coast Guard will inform us when vessel safety checks in our area can resume and how the vessel safety check will be conducted. I will inform the squadron when our vessel examiners can begin performing vessel safety checks and issuing VSC decals. In the meantime, make sure your flares are up to date, your life jackets are in good shape, make sure your navigational lights and sound producing device are working, fire extinguishers are in good shape and your bilge is free of oil, gas or waste and your battery terminals are properly covered.

Safe Boating,
P/D/C Bill Stano, JN
Squadron Vessel Safety Chair



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

June Birthdays

James A. Anderson
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Lt Dan Claus, P
Alla K. Kedzierski, P

P/C Vincent F. LoCicero, AP
Howard E. Riley Jr., AP
John Simon Jr.
P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN

July Birthdays

Doris Boutin
Peter A. Brasseur
Lawrence E. Briski, AP
Elizabeth Bruno
Natalie L. Dunbar, AP
Chester Dunbar III

Lt James C. Graham, SN
Lt William G. Kuester
Terence D. McGran, P
Ronald A. Schaupeter
Judith A. Thoma, P

August Birthdays

Dale Camphous
Bruce Douglass
Linda Douglass
Charles E. Fine, SN
John G. Flynn, P
James F. Hooper
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P/C Joan C. McCarron, AP

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Lynda D. Weiser, P



Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids!

...Offered by the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron

State Law:

Children under 6 years old must wear either a Type I or Type II life jacket while on an open deck

Between bathing suits and picnic lunches it can be easy to forget something - especially children's life jackets. Every parent wants to make sure his or her child is as safe as possible, and that goes double for parents who take their kids on the water. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety & Clean Water makes it easier for boating families to stay safe with its national life jacket loaner program. Around the country, over 575 marinas, fuel docks, BoatUS Towing Operators, Army Corp recreation sites and other waterfront businesses lend out kids' life jackets for the day or weekend to families who have a temporary need for one. 140,000 lifejackets are loaned out each year.

The Requirements for Life Jackets

There must be a properly fitting life jacket for each and every person aboard a recreational vessel. Life jackets must be Coast Guard-approved, in serviceable condition and the appropriate size for the intended user. Obviously, they are most effective when worn. On a vessel underway, children under 13 must wear an appropriate Coast Guard-approved PFD, unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin. Within the geographic boundaries of any State that has established a child PFD wear requirement, that State's requirement will be adopted. Our Life Jacket Loaner Program for kids can help you get the right life jacket for the day or weekend. To find the loaner site nearest you, [use our convenient map](#).

Each state may have additional wear requirements, such as for water skiing, personal watercraft operation, white water boating activities and during certain cool-weather months. Additionally, a boat 16' in length or greater, except canoes and kayaks, must have a throwable flotation device. [See specific state requirements for life jackets](#).



One of the program's goals is to educate boaters on the significance of wearing the appropriate size and type of life jacket while boating. Another is to make sure a day of boating isn't spoiled just because a family forgot a life jacket at home. And finally, the most important goal is to simply keep kids safe on the water! The loaner program is ideal for boaters who may be having guests on their boat and wish to avoid purchasing extra children's jackets for one-time use. Organizers say the loaner program is designed to help boaters comply with state law.

The program is funded in part by donations from more than half a million members of BoatUS. The Boat U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water advocates partnerships between volunteer organizations and boating businesses. Boat US offers suggestions for cleaning and storing of life jackets for marinas.

Here is how the program works: A boating family can go to a participating marina and borrow a life jacket for short-term use. Four different size jackets are available: infant (under 30lbs.), small child (30-50lbs.), and youth (50-90lbs) and adult. Each jacket has a Boat U.S. Foundation Logo printed on it and a plastic tag with return information.

Where can I go to borrow a life jacket?

Ken's Marine Service at Michigan Harbor

24600 Jefferson
St Clair Shores
586-775-9274

Duffy's Landing at Belle Maer

41700 Conger Bay Drive
Harrison Twp
586-468-1630

Lt. Jane Ellis, AP
Boat Safety Officer



In Case You Missed It...

Picnic at Grosse Pointe Woods Park



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John C. Bennett
GPPS Member



Update from the Rendezvous and Events Committee

Just to let everyone know the Rendezvous and events committee meets regularly and monitors the ongoing situation and is trying to balance having fun with our members and keeping everyone safe. When things opened up a bit we had a very nice picnic at the Grosse Pointe Woods Park for our members. Adjusting to the current Covid times we changed from our normal Hot Dogs and Hamburgers with "Bring a dish to pass" to an individually boxed dinner from Lazybones Smokehouse. I have to say it was a good change. Less prep and shopping on our end and the food was great. I think all that came had a great time and welcomed the chance just to get out. Of course Face masks were in use and everyone kept a comfortable distance.

We do apologize for the somewhat last minute notice on this event however none of the parks were taking reservations or allowing gatherings till the restrictions were lifted. As a group we are operating under those same restrictions no matter where we go so this is going to be the norm this year unfortunately as things change daily. Just watch your email!

Now where do we go from here? Planning events for a group is always challenging but planning anything this year is an even greater challenge. We've looked into some locations and many clubs and such are not open to outside groups. Restaurants too are working with reduced capacities and limited to the size of groups they can have. Wherever we go we want to make sure that it's outside and everyone has enough room to "Socially Distance." One of the things that comes up when planning now is should we be doing this. We are monitoring the current situation and do not wish to put anyone in a dangerous situation. Even if we have something planned if it doesn't seem right then we can and will cancel.

We are looking into a Cruise on the Huron Lady in Port Huron with a dinner at the River Crab. The DYC as planned is not going to be an option this year as they are not accepting outside guests. Depending on the water levels we could to Metro in August as it's filling up for the Frostbite weekend of September 26 and 27 as it has in recent years. If you have an idea or location We are open to your suggestions. Send them to gpps@comcast.net

The D9 Fall Conference October 2-4 at the Kalahari Resort in Ohio has been postponed till next year. We'll be looking at a Saturday in October for the Steak Roast. Meetings and other fall social events will be planned and determined as time goes on and conditions are permissible.

P/D/C Michael Babiarz

***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 -

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