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DID YOU KNOW?



Seaplanes are not required to display the usual arrangements of red, green or white lights.

Do you know about submarines, cruising cars, air-cushion boats?

They all require the normal lighting as with other vessels. Light requirements are taught in the basic boating course.



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

Greetings GPPS Members,

I sincerely hope you are all doing well during this COVID pandemic.

So far this year we have had the Commander's Ball at the beautiful Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, The Chinese New Year Celebration and the Summer Kick-Off Rendezvous and the Frostbite Steak Roast, both at the Grosse Pointe Woods Park. Thanks to all who contributed to these events.

We are tentatively planning a Cider and Donuts Rendezvous, if the place and weather cooperate. Looking a little further ahead, we are going to be participating in the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade. Look for details in this T&T.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lt Jane Ellis, AP and P/C Dale Ellis, AP for coordinating and maintaining the Life Jacket Program.

I also thank all who keep our Squadron running on the day to day basis. Through all the Departments, Chairs and volunteers, we appreciate you all!

We wish you a Happy Halloween and a blessed Thanksgiving.

Be safe and be happy,

CDR Joan McCarron, AP





Executive Department Lt/C Rose Stano, AP

Boats are coming out of the water, days are shorter and the leaves are falling. Yes, Fall is upon us. But our lives are still in flux due to COVID-19. We had a successful **Steak Roast** at the Grosse Pointe Woods Park and it was wonderful to see your familiar faces but the rest of our activities are still on hold. **Vessel Safety Exams** were restarted August 1 with Masks worn, social distancing, and hand sanitizer. But this late start and the concern for virus transmission will have our group doing fewer exams this year. Anyone still wanting an exam can contact Bill Stano at 313-343-5602.

The **Fall Governing Board** was held virtually and if any of you tried to join the Zoom meetings, sometimes you were not able due to only 100 slots per meeting. I am assured that all the meetings are now on the National Web site for us to look at as we are able. I did listen in on the Benefit presentation but there were no new benefits. Members will notice, that as their dues come due, they will be charged to continue with Dan Boater this year. Since most of us are not traveling this year, it may seem unnecessary but I am hoping that 2021 will bring us a vaccine and return to a more active life style. Our Fall D-9 joint

conference in Ohio was cancelled and it looks like any further meetings and dinners at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club will not happen this year due to the limit of 10 people. But it is better to Stay Safe. . Please remember it's time to get your **Flu Shot** now at your local Pharmacy, to prevent flu and help protect you from COVID.

I encourage you to look at the National Website and America's Boating Channel to see the new videos they have developed to promote Boating Safety.

I encourage you to look at the **National Web site** and **America's Boating Channel** to see the new videos they have developed to promote Boating Safety. Remember, that classes are on-line for those who want to continue. Encourage family and friends to look on line

for information. Safe Boating Council, Sea Tow, Tow Boat US and many others have great boating Safety messages on line as well on Facebook, YouTube, etc. There has been an increase in Boating accidents this year due to increased boat sales with decreased ability to teach classes. We hope to change that next year.

Thank you all for continuing your membership, I know it's tough but we are a great organization that needs your support to continue.





Education Department *Lt/C Chet Dunbar Jr., AP*

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions there will be no classes till after the first of the year. We will evaluate our options and look at whether we will be permitted to instruct and able to do so safely.

Until then here is a look at why it's important we carry out our mission of Safe Boating and teaching classes and proof that Boating Education helps.

In 2019, the Coast Guard counted:

- 4,168 accidents that involved 613 deaths
- 2,559 injuries
- \$55 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.

Where instruction was known, 70% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. We can only assume that many of the 312 unknowns had no instruction either. Note that the USPS Course takers had the fewest deaths. It's a testament to our great instructors.

NUMBER OF DEATHS BY TYPE OF OPERATOR BOATING INSTRUCTION 2019	
Type of Boating Instruction	Deaths
American Red Cross	0
Informal	13
Internet Course	11
State Course	50
US Power Squadrons	1
USCG Auxiliary	8
Other	6
No Education	205
Total Deaths - Known Operator Instruction	294
Total Deaths - Unknown Operator Instruction	312
Total Deaths - No Operator	7
Total Deaths - Known & Unknown Operator Instruction	613

The full 83 page report provides some interesting data analyzed many ways. It can be found at https://www.uscgboating.org/statistics/accident_statistics.php





Administrative Department Lt/C Debi Rowe, S

Dear Members & Friends,

To everyone who paid their dues, thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe. May this article find you, your family and friends safe and healthy.

With the expectations of today's challenges likely extending into the New Year I'd like to share my vision for ways we can still engage one another and stay connected. I am currently developing a mentorship program for anyone who would like to serve on the Executive Board or any of our other numerous committees. Please refer to our Roster for a list of those committees or reach out to me at 586-556-7765 or emailforrowe@aol.com to find out ways to get involved. "The more you put into something the more you'll get out of it!" We want to know what your interests are and how our squadron can help you develop and support those interests while supplying our squadron with innovative and fresh ideas.

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I will also coordinate with the Nautical Mile Clean Up Committee how we can participate in their annual clean ups to help keep our shorelines safe and clean.

Please visit our National website: americasboatingclub.org. It has several Memos of Understanding (MOU) that provide information and resources on various topics that you might find of interest.

As we continue to navigate uncharted waters please be aware of my unwavering commitment to continue to make our squadron stronger and maintain fellowship.

Again, thank you for your ongoing commitment and as always I welcome and value your input.

Sincerely,
Lt/C Debi Rowe, S.
Administrative Officer





Secretary Department *P/D/C Michael Babiarz*

Greetings Everyone,

I'm never sure where to begin or what to say in these articles and now for some reason with all that's going on I find that to be even truer. Kind of reflects life lately..... So much going on out there yet in many ways nothing going on. My one promise to you is that this publication will be Election ad free. I'm sure that we'll all be happy when the ads stop. Just in time for the Christmas ads to begin of course.

Lack of news to report is one of the reasons that we moved away from the Monthly T&T. We love and appreciate our members and still feel the need to communicate with you but with both our educational and social

activities pretty much on hold we're trying to balance our communications with what's going on.

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appreciate our
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On that note there will be a new roster this year coming soon. There are a few new members and some with address changes. It will be a scaled down version this year and may also be the last one till more changes necessitate the need for a new one.

In the meantime I hope that you appreciate hearing from us and we'll be sure to let you know what's going on. Stay safe and have a Happy Halloween and a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

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

September Birthdays

Daniel J. Aitken, P

Mark A. Baun, AP

P/C Chester Dunbar Jr., AP

P/C Scott R. Homuth, AP

Kenneth C. Kazerski

P/Lt/C Blaise A. Klenow, AP

P/C Richard L. Sandifer



October Birthdays

Michael G. Adam, P

Richard J. Bania, AP

Susan S. Bennett, AP

P/Lt/C Franz J. Forster, SN

Kristyl S. Girschner

P/Lt/C George J.A. Heitmanis, SN

Gale M. Merrill

Thomas Shafer

P/C Philip Trupiano, SN

Derek Shawn Williams, AP

Nancy A. Williams, P





MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

November Birthdays

John Bruno

Michelle E. Cochran, P

Claudia J. Dewald

Kathleen Gallagher, AP

Kevin P. Hanlon

Natalia Korobova

Anthony Kuras, S

Joseph M. Lucchese

Lt/C Rose Stano, AP

Thomas H. VanEgmond, AP



December Birthdays

Patricia A. Brasseur

Lt Marita S. Grobbel, P

Howard H. Johnson, S

John J. Loporto, P

Robert B. McQueen

Raymond E. Oset, N

Gregory J. Peters

Lt James A Simpson, AP

Mark C. Sosnowski

Walter L. Weber, P



Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade



**Once again America's Boating Club- Grosse Pointe
has signed up to be in the
Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce -
Santa Claus Parade,
on Friday November 27th, 10:00 am.**

This year's theme is a Gingerbread House Christmas.



Due to the COVID- 19 restrictions, the parade will be a Drive By.
One lane on Kercheval Ave between Lewiston and Cadieux will be shut down for
the parade line up and the other lane to drive by.

To showcase our Boating Safety message, we plan on building a Gingerbread
Lighthouse and could dress as Gingerbread Boaters with lifejackets.
We welcome each of you to join in the planning, construction of our lighthouse
or being a part of the parade.

Please call or text Debi Rowe 586-556-7765 or Rose Stano, 586-215-4758.

Come join the FUN!





Operation Good Cheersm

"Making Christmas wishes come true"

December 4,5,6th 2020



Once again P/C Michael Pipia will be heading up "Operation Good Cheer" and your help is needed. Operation Good Cheer distributes Christmas gifts to Foster Children all over the State of Michigan. The gifts are purchased by companies and individuals and then distributed in Michigan's little "North Pole operation". It's a moving and rewarding experience.

Operation Good Cheer 2020
will take place Dec. 4,5,6th this year

NOTE: There's a new location this year.

Location will be: GTM Warehouse, 34450 Industrial Rd, Livonia Mi

Hours will be:

Friday the 4th, 0900-1800

Saturday the 5th, 0700-1800

Sunday the 6th as needed to clean up but feel about 1000 – 1400

Covid has added all new issues so we will be limited to 50 volunteers in the building and we will rotate them every three hours. So if you wish to volunteer you must sign up on the website, MCFS.org, Michigan Child and family services Operation Good Cheer. We will follow all Covid PPE rules, masks, social distancing, gloves if needed, no children, only between 18-60 years old allowed.

No food or gathering will be allowed.





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October 22, 2020

Dear Friends,

For the past 44 years, we have gathered at Mariners' Church in November to pray and remember those of our brothers and sisters who have perished on our Great Lakes. This year, though we face unique challenges with the ongoing pandemic, we look forward to gathering again and continuing this tradition of prayer and remembrance.

On **Sunday, November 8**, we will be hosting the **Great Lakes Memorial Service** at **3:00 p.m.** There will be limited space for in-person attendees, and the service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page at [facebook.com/marinerschurchofdetroit](https://www.facebook.com/marinerschurchofdetroit) (Please note you do not need a Facebook account to view the service).

There are aspects of this service that will feel very familiar, and we offer it in hope that in it, many in our region will experience God as an anchor for the soul during this tumultuous time. The "what" of this service will be largely the same: it will include all of the familiar prayers and memorials, including the iconic tolling of the bell. The major difference in the "what" this year is that we will not be administering Holy Communion as part of the service, which will shorten the service by about 30 minutes. What will be significantly different this year is the "when" and the "how".

As for the "when": as already mentioned, this service will still be on the second Sunday in November, as it has been in past years, which is November 8 this year. The difference is in the time of the service, at 3:00 p.m. This allows us to separate this service from our regularly scheduled parish Holy Communion service at 11:00 a.m., that usually hosts the Great Lakes Memorial service. Having the Great Lakes Memorial service separately at 3:00 p.m. allows us a higher number of total seats across the day, and thus will give more people an opportunity to attend this service in-person. Complimentary parking, as usual, is in the Ford Underground Garage. (Info on parking and directions can be found at [visitmariners.org](https://www.visitmariners.org))

To assist with our social distancing procedures (more on this below) we ask that you arrive for this service no earlier than 2:30 p.m., and when you arrive, please enter through the east doors on the south side (Windsor Tunnel side) of the building, stop at the Welcome Table set up for registration, and proceed directly into the nave, as we will not be congregating on the office level. Also note that this year we ask attendees to depart immediately after the service, as there will be no refreshments offered as a result of the pandemic. (We look forward to resuming this next year.)

This leads into the "how". Our capacity for this service will be roughly 70 people in the nave, to ensure adequate space for social distancing. In light of this, this year the service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page, as mentioned above. Please also be aware of the following procedures:

- If you are from a maritime organization that usually attends as part of a group, we will be contacting you to arrange a specific number of attendees representing your organization. If you do not hear from us by Friday, October 30, please call the church office.
- If you plan to attend this service in person, RSVP at the following link: <https://marinerschurchofdetroit.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/6/responses/new>. You will receive a confirmation to print out and bring with you to the service to present at the Welcome Table.

- Before coming to the service, please take your temperature, and if you have a fever or any other symptoms of Covid-19, contact us to let us know you won't be able to be present at the service. If you have recently traveled outside of the Great Lakes region, we ask that you participate in the service via the livestream.
- Maintain social distance of 6 feet between you and people not in your household at all times.
- Masks are required to be worn properly (covering mouth and nose) at all times, for the duration of the service, as well as in the Ford Underground Garage per City of Detroit requirement.

While this year's service will be very different in how we gather, we believe it is very important to continue this tradition, and to make participation available to as many people as possible by offering it both in-person and online. With that said, however, we are mindful of the rising number of Covid-19 cases in Michigan. Please check our Covid-19 update page the day before the service at marinerschurchofdetroit.org/blog/covid-19 for any possible changes. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte in the church office. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Grace and Peace,



Rev. Jeffrey M. Hubbard, Rector

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From the Rendezvous and Events Committee

We hope that everyone that was able to attend our Frostbite Steak Roast had a Great Time. The weather definitely cooperated, an advantage to the last minute planning, and the wind did it's best to keep the air clear. We know that we haven't had many rendezvous this year for obvious reasons but appreciated the time that we were able to get together.

As I'm writing this article the Covid numbers are going up and the advisories from the Health Department are changing and becoming more restrictive. Just a note on that.... We are not here to make a political statement about who is right or wrong when it comes to this by doing or not doing things but instead as a club our main goal is the safety and comfort of our members so we abide by the advisories and restrictions. Our venues are also restricted and we would not ask them risk themselves for our sake either.

Weather and location permitting there may be one more outdoor event this year for Cider and Donuts but that window seems to be closing. In all likelihood there will not be a Christmas Party this year either. We are looking at the alternatives ZOOM or otherwise and any suggestions would be appreciated but the indoor group gathering or dinner most likely won't be it.

The Parade does go on though. The Grosse Pointe Christmas Parade that is and once again we will be participating. As with everything else this year it will be different and the entrants will be lined up for the Spectators to drive by. There is a flyer in this issue with all the details. Hope to see you there helping us or supporting us as you drive by.

***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

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