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*The sun sets on the 2020 Boating Season at Jefferson Beach
photo by Michael Babiarz*



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**General
Membership Meeting**

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DID YOU KNOW?



In the last issue of the Tars and Tripe it was incorrectly stated that Seaplanes do not require the red and green navigation lights that boats do. One of our members who is also a Seaplane pilot informed me that is not the case. See the info below and Thank You to Howard Riley for the information.

Please note the following FAA rules - these apply to all aircraft including seaplanes!

(c) *Visual flight rules (night).* For VFR flight at night, the following instruments and equipment are required:

- (1) Instruments and equipment specified in paragraph (b) of this section.
- (2) Approved position lights.

This means that ANY aircraft flying at night must have the same "position" lights as all of our boats!

Additionally, for general information, when seaplanes are on the water they are required to conform to all requirements of sea craft.



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

Seasons Greetings to you all.

Hopefully you are in good health and starting to enjoy the Holiday Seasons with decorating your homes and online Christmas shopping.

We have all been affected by the pandemic in some way. If your health or someone close to you has been affected, we send our heartfelt sympathy and prayers.

Our Squadron keeps moving along. We celebrated the Holiday Season at our Zoom General Membership meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Everyone bought their Holiday Cheer and hors d'oeuvres and a good time was had by all who attended.

There will be no Change of Watch in January 2021. The 2020 Bridge has agreed to continue in their current positions for 2021. Thank you to those members for your continued service.

I want to wish all our members a Happy Holiday Season!

Bless you and be safe.





Executive Department Lt/C Rose Stano, AP

Season Greetings,

Although it feels like the Grinch has stolen Christmas with us unable to safely gather and celebrate. We must remember it is important to stay safe by avoiding groups, wear a mask, wash/sanitizer hands, social distance and get a flu shot. Look for something different to do this Christmas by checking out **America's Boating Channel** on YouTube. Starting Dec 4 and every Friday after they will present a new video. Dec 4 is Visual Distress Signals- doing it right to be followed by MMSI- problems to avoid. Plus you can look at Season 4 videos done in the past. Season 4 contains Boating education, Engine cut off devices, Life Jacket Care, Behavioral consequences, Introductions to ATONs, dispelling BUI, Life Jacket labels, Electric Shock drowning, social distance boating.

Our first Zoom meeting will be a **Christmas Cocktail Party** with more virtual meetings to come next year. It's time for a simpler Christmas like when we were children. With more time spent making our own gifts, baking cookies, less traveling, more phoning.

So, what do you give in the new year of social distancing and more outdoor time? Consider an annual pass to the Metro Park System. You receive access to all 13 Huron-Clinton Metro Parks for only \$24 before Jan 1 and \$29 after if you are over the age of 62, and \$35 if you are younger. With their new and improved online system, you create an account that can be used to pay for pass, register for programs or reserve shelters. Then get outside and enjoy nature.

Check out America's Boating Channel on YouTube starting December 4 and every Friday after they will present a new video.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Rose Stano , AP





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.

In the meantime USPS is working with the Coast Guard and adding a new video every week on the America's Boating Channel page found on the National Website or <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>

Be sure to check it out!



Grill Master Chet!





Administrative Department *Lt/C Debi Rowe, S*

Greetings one & all,

Christmas is a special time-
A time for remembering,
A time to share,
A time to believe.

May this holiday season bring memories of happiness from years past and have the power to remind us of the connection between us all and to renew our wish for a more peaceful, healthy world.

May you, your family, and loved ones have a Christmas filled with rich blessings and the New Year bring good health, new achievements, dreams come true and thoughts of new inspirations.

With kind regards,

Lt/C Debi Rowe, S.

Dear Friends,

As we move into the Christmas season, we are sorry that we are unable to have a Christmas Party and collect Toys for Tots. Still wanting to give back to the community we ask for your help in providing Christmas for a community-based organization called The Second Mile Center of Detroit. "The Center" is in one of Detroit's most poverty ridden areas and only 11 minutes from Grosse Pointe. While many of their after school and educational services are on hold because of the COVID-19 virus, the founder is still very much at work delivering food to the many needy families. To help them provide a Christmas for the children will you please consider a tax-deductible donation to The Center in one of the following ways:

Online: www.secondmilecenter.org

Offline: Send a check directly to:
The Second Mile Center of Detroit
18391 Morang Dr.
Detroit MI 48205



Please include America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe in the memo section of your check, so they can record and acknowledge your generosity.

Or, if you prefer to make a purchase – the Center requests thermal long johns, white crew neck T-shirts (all sizes-adult or children) or Crayola Creativity or Inspiration Art Kits. Then just call or text Lt/C Rose Stano, AP at 586-215-4758 or Lt/C Debi Rowe, S at 586-556-7765 and they will pick up your kind donation from your front porch and deliver it to the **Second Mile Center**.

May you enjoy a Happy Holiday Season.



Secretary Department *P/D/C Michael Babiarz*

Greetings Everyone!

I just want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Joyous Holiday Season and all the best for the coming year. We haven't been able to see much of you this year but we are always thankful for you our members. Without stating the obvious it's going to be different this holiday season but instead of focusing on what we don't have and can't do focus on what and who we do have and make it both Happy and Joyous.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!





2021 Bridge Officers and Executive Committee

Covid-19 has changed how our organization, National, District and Squadron, interacts with its members and the community. America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe had to adapt to these changes and make some difficult decisions. Most of our scheduled events for 2020 had to be cancelled and our 2021 Commanders' Ball will be postponed until 2022. Our organization will not have a Change of Watch for 2021 due to the on-going pandemic. The Nominating Committee discussed with our Bridge and Executive Committee the Nominating Committee's recommendation that the 2020 Bridge and the 2020 Executive Committee continue serving in their current positions in 2021. The Nominating Committee members contacted each Bridge Member and Executive Committee member, and all agreed to service an additional year. Many of District 9 Squadrons and many community and volunteer programs have chosen this format for 2021. With the newly approved vaccines for covid-19, it is hoped people will not have to live with our current restrictions and life will return to some sort of "normal" state. It is hoped that in 2021 our organization can resume our education, social and community programs and have an election of new officers in for 2022.

Sincerely,

P/D/C Bill Stano, JN
Chair of the Nominating Committee.

2021 Bridge Officers

Commander-Joan McCarron, AP	Administrative Officer-Debi Rowe
Executive Officer-Rose Stano, AP	Secretary-Michael Babiarz, AP
Educational Officer-Chester Dunbar, Jr., AP	Treasure-John C. Bennett, SN
Assistance Educational Officer-William P. Quinlan, AP	Assistance Secretary Jay G. Kaiser, JN

Executive Committee

Members at Large

Jonathan Eadie, AP
William P. Quinlan, AP
Robert Wiczorek, SN
Howard Johnson
Maurice Kenney, P

Past Commanders

Patrick Beard, AP
William Stano, JN
John Sulkowski, AP
Ronald Utz, AP
Michael P. Pipia, AP

Immediate Past Commander-Natalie Dunbar, AP



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



In Memoriam

P/C Richard Deisler, AP
Age 92 - Dec. 8, 2020

Beloved husband of Dottie. P/C Richard Deisler, AP was Commander of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron in 1982. He achieved the rank of Advance Pilot and he was a Life member. His wife Dottie says that they enjoyed many memorable years with the GPPS and that Dick was honored to be a Past-Commander of this fine organization.

There will be a Memorial Mass in the spring of 2021.

A Full Obituary can be found at www.wujekcalcaterra.com

January Birthdays

P/C Patrick A. Beard, AP
Virginia M. Burton, N
Lt David L. Charvat, JN
Jeanne B. Flynn
Stella M. Gornick
John G. Marshall
James T. Mestdagh
Barbara A. Roddis

Jerilyn P. Sandifer
Myron G. Sherer
Michael V. Sherigan, P
Natalie Simon
P/C Conrad Sobczynski, AP
P/D/C William A. Stano, JN
Kathleen Sullivan





From the Activities Committee

Who knows what the New Year will bring but we'll try to be ready for whatever it holds. The thought and hope is that by summer we'll be back to some form of "Normal" and we'll plan with that thought in mind. The Rendezvous and Activities will be meeting to try and put together some activities for the summer. We would like your suggestions. If you have any ideas for a weekend or day trip let us know. Send suggestions to gpps@comcast.net

We held our Christmas Party and December meeting on ZOOM as many events, office parties and such have gone to this year. Yes it's not the same but it was a good chance to see people and "Socialize" a bit. Turnout could have been better and I know not everyone is a fan or able to but we do what we have to. All thing considered it turned out great. We are going to be looking into doing more of these each month until we can meet in person. There are local museums and speakers doing Virtual Tours and presentations that we ae looking into.

***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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Please watch your email for updates

Merry Christmas!

and happy New Year!



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