



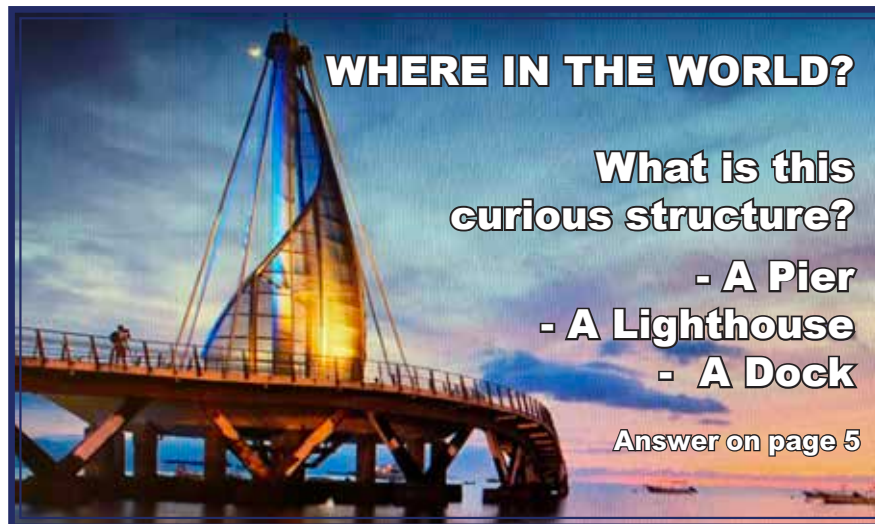
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**General Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 13 November 2019**  
**GPYC - 1900**

# Bridge

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## Commander's Message

### *Cdr. Natalie Dunbar, AP*

Happy days to you! As I write this article, summer is officially gone and the boating season is drawing to an end for Michigan boaters. I hope you had a good boating season and managed to get out on the boat and visit some interesting places.

As commander, I attended the United States Power Squadrons National Governing Board meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky, September 8-15, 2019. It was the last of the separate national governing board meetings going forward. Others from our squadron also attended and everyone had their focus and interests. There are changes to the lifejackets and the sizing scheme. There are new reflective safety stickers to go on the oars for the paddle boats. Most importantly for our membership, the national organization has signed an MOA with DAN Boaters, a diving organization and now our members have travel insurance that is in effect when they travel more than fifty miles from home. This insurance becomes effective for you mid- October, is free until your annual renewal. At or before renewal, you can opt out or pay \$25 per year to keep these benefits. The new insurance will cover the following benefits:

- 24/7 Emergency Hotline
- Medical Information Line for non-emergency travel health questions
- Worldwide Medical Evacuation Assistance (up to \$150,000)
- Worldwide Medical Repatriation Assistance (up to \$25,000)
- Search and Rescue Expense Reimbursement (up to \$25,000)
- Free Travel Health and Safety Guides
- Travel Assistance Services including prescription assistance, medical and legal referrals, the emergency return of traveling companion or dependent children, and more

As we move through the events planned for this year, please plan on attending the D9 Fall Conference scheduled for Nov 1-2 at the Dearborn Detroit Doubletree, 5801 Southfield Freeway, in Detroit, MI. The theme for the hospitality rooms is sports and GPPS has chosen bowling. As always Ron and Bonnie Utz and their committee are planning a wonderful time for all. If you can't stay or return for the Saturday council meeting, come on down on Friday to have fun with us!

As a final note, mark the date on your calendar for the Commander's Tea scheduled for November 22, 2019. Come out to the Grosse pointe Farms Pier Park and be my guest for food, fun, and good company.







## Executive Department *Lt/C Joan McCarron, AP*



Greetings everyone.

We should all be in the process of preparing to put our boats away for winter storage as the weather is really becoming inclement. Good Luck!

We are greatly saddened by the passing of Dr. Richard Mertz, AP. We send our condolences to his wife, Alyssa, children and entire family. Dr. Mertz was passionate about the Power Squadron and taught our classes for many years. Please see the Memoriam in this T&T.

For those of you who joined us at Grosse Pointe Woods Park, thank you. A good time was had by all.

We had a really good turn out for our General Membership Meeting. We had a speaker from The Riverfront Conservancy. The development going on in Detroit is amazing.

***SAVE THE DATE  
for the  
Commanders Ball  
18 January 2020***

SAVE THE DATE for the Commanders Ball, 18 January 2020 will be mailed to you soon. We have some surprises in store for you. If you would like to be included in a dance group extraordinaire, please contact Lt/C Joan McCarron 586-295-5050 ASAP. No dancing experience necessary. I'm looking forward to seeing you at my Ball. I would be honored to have you attend.

Respectfully,  
Lt/C Joan McCarron, AP







## Education Department

### *Lt/C Chet Dunbar Jr., AP*

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#### Types of Boats

#### Required Safety Equipment

#### Going Boating

\*Checking the boat

\*Fueling

\*Getting under way

#### Rules of the Road

#### Navigation Aids

#### Lights & Sounds

#### Regulations

#### Anchoring

#### Charts

#### Adverse Conditions

#### Communications Afloat

#### Water Sports Safety

#### Trailer

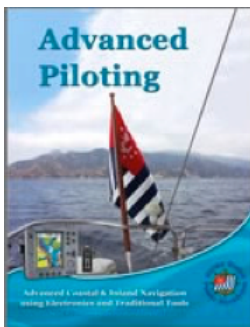
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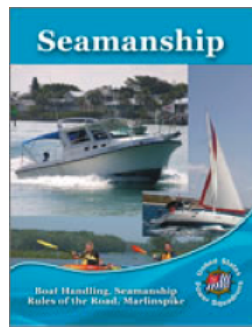
#### (and optional) Introduction to Navigation

#### Digital Charting

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*Lt David Charvat, JN*



*P/C Ronald Utz, AP*



*P/C John Sulkowski, SN*



*Lt Robert Wiczorek, SN*

## Safe Boating Council

*Lt James Simpson, AP*

Classes are held at GPN High School or Farms Pier Park



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



Going to Louisville had always been a desire of Bill and mine and this trip did not disappoint. The Galt Hotel was 2 buildings, undergoing renovation, down on the river stretched across a street. So we got our exercise walking from meetings and the Ship Store, to our rooms. But the best part was the bar in between where we could stop and talk to old friends and meet new ones. The Hotel was right down town, blocks from the Urban Bourbon Trail and multiple bars and Restaurants. So we experienced as much Bourbon as we could in our free time and learned all about how its made. New at National- this was the last Fall Governing Board Meeting due to decreasing attendance and increasing cost. There are new benefits to include Dan Boater travel insurance which we will all be enrolled in this fall, starts at 50 miles away from home. More to come. Bill is on the National Planning Committee, who has been working on simplifying the processes for Squadron, District and National and By laws. There is a new Spanish Ad Campaign & a new National Website. USPS is saying good bye to Sail Angle since they now want to charge for the service. Lastly, the Ladies always have fun at our Saturday Luncheon and I just had the buy and wear the Derby Hat cause it called to me. As Natalie

flew home from the meeting, Bonnie, Ron, John, Bill and I jumped in the Utz RV

***There are new  
benefits to include  
Dan Boater travel  
insurance.***

and headed south to a few more distilleries. Heaven Hill, Willet, and Makers Mark. Each had there own story and process as well as taste. The campground was clean and quiet and Bonnie fed us well. Its these adventures that allow you to see the country and truly get to know each other. Bill and I just had to stop at Woodford Reserve on our way home. We arrived home the day before the Clinton River Cruise and I apologize that some if the information that went

out had my last digit wrong on my phone number. We had 36 people attend with members from Port Huron, Wyandotte, Detroit and St Clair Shores joining us. The weather was perfect with lots of room to spread out and talk or go above to dance to the DJ. I'm just sorry that there were 6 people who signed up and did not attend. In the future, we will have to bill those make reservations and not attend since we have to pay for them. Thanks to all who continue to support us. Rose





## Secretary Department *Lt/C Debbie Rowe*

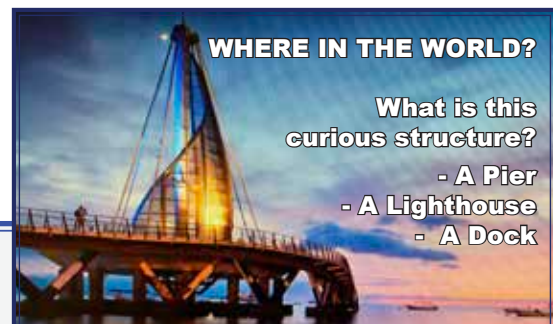
Ahoy,

As editor of your squadron newsletter I want to thank all of you who provided me with guidance and support in preparing and distributing this communication...especially a BIG shout out to Karen at Copyrite!

The next edition of the T&T will be an abbreviated version and the final one for 2019. It will include the ballot for you to vote for the upcoming Executive Bridge and an extensive 2020 calendar.

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your Secretary and hope that you will elect me as your Administrative Officer.

Sincerely,  
Lt/C Debi Rowe



### WHERE IN THE WORLD?

What is this  
curious structure?

- A Pier
- A Lighthouse
- A Dock

### Answers from front page.....

- \* Banderas Bay, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
- \* It's a pier, but began as a dock. The dock was used to transport the crew that made the Hollywood movie *Night of the Iguana*.





## Here's the scoop on our Squadron Treasurer...

**P/D/C John Bennett, SN**

Serving as Treasurer since 2016

John owned his 1st boat in the summer of 1944, at the age of 5 years. It was a 16 foot Peterborough "Campmate", a cedar-planked, oak ribbed, canoe with a transom. The motor was an Evinrude "Zepher", 4 cylinder, 5.5 H.P. outboard & as John says... it she was a blast waterskiing with her.

John joined the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron July, 1968

1993 served as our Commander (Cdr)

Michigan and Indiana District (D/9) Commander in 2001,

United States Power Squadron Stf/C in 2005

### Readers...check this out

#### **John's Nautical Artifacts Collection**

- \* 145 year old, 1,700#, 8' kedge anchor (*now that's BIG*)
- \* a 50 year old, 2,400#, 8' diameter, bronze tugboat propeller
- \* a 385 year old, 4,000#, 8# (4" bore) British naval cannon  
(*& John throws great parties where the cannon get fired into the bay!*)

John lives on a canal just off Lake St. Clair, in St. Clair Shores, with a 15 year old "toy poodle" named Loki and a 5 year old "Westie" named Jamie. John has owned & operated General Marine Service, a waterfront and design engineering corporation, since 1973. His son, Dean, lives in North Carolina with wife Robin and son Jacob. Daughter, Holly is married to Dave and she trains & rides horses near Metamora, MI.

#### *John do you have any boating trips that sticks out in your memory?*

All 12 trips to Georgian Bay and the North Channel of Lake Huron in boats ranging in length from 17' to 32'. Every trip was exciting and full of adventure.

#### *Any advice for the next Treasurer?*

Keep precise records of every penny earned and spent by GPPS and hold on tight to our Assistant Treasurer, Jay Kaiser, our I.R.S. 990 Tax Form Man!



## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**



<https://americasboatingclub.org>

[www.americasboatingcourse.com](http://www.americasboatingcourse.com)

[americasboatingchannel.com](http://americasboatingchannel.com) (YouTube & Digital Information)

<http://twitter.com/americasboating> (@AmericasBoating)

## **October Birthdays**

Richard Bania  
Rick Scott  
Susan Bennett  
Henry Torgl  
Jonathan Eadie  
John Probst

Phil Trupiano  
Kristyl Girschner  
Derek Williams  
Edvard Lazar  
Nancy Williams

## **November Birthdays**

John Bruno  
Joseph Lucchese  
Michelle Cochran  
Kathleen Gallagher

Rose Stano  
Claudia Dewald  
Thomas VanEgmond

## *In Memoriam*

### **Lt. Richard "Dick" Mertz, AP-17**

**Passed away on August 9, 2019. Dick was a long time member of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron involving himself with Education Department.**

**Dick was also the recipient of the prestigious Educator of the Year Award in 2001.**

### ***Why are most boat names female?***



Because a ship carries, protects, and eventually delivers her cargo or passengers as does a mother with her child.

And most boats, up until at least 1970, were owned by men,  
and it looks good!

#### **Sources of Information**

P/C Conrad Sobczynski, AP  
Yahoo Answers





## Highway Mariners

WEBSITE: [www.usps.org/highwaymariners](http://www.usps.org/highwaymariners)

The Highway Mariners was formed by members of the United States Power Squadrons, who prefer to travel to USPS National Meetings by Recreational Vehicles. It is an informal group. The Wagon Master attempts to locate a camping facility near the headquarters hotel for the group to camp together and share fellowship similar to that enjoyed by USPS members at a cruise and rendezvous. Many members of the Highway Mariners who travel to the meeting site by RV stay in the headquarters hotel, but enjoy traveling via recreational vehicle to and from the meeting location. The group was formed in 1993 and the first formal meeting was at the Annual Meeting at the Lowes Anatola Hotel in Dallas, TX. Floyd Quisenberry and Dan Katz served as Wagon Master and Editor of the newsletter for many years and were especially instrumental in keeping all interested members informed. All members of USPS are eligible for membership in the Highway Mariners. The dues are \$8.50 per year or 3 years for \$25.00 to cover mailing and other expenses.

Treasurer  
Secretary  
Wagon Master

Dan Flinn—D/22  
Bill Johnson—D/28  
Ron Utz---D/9



### Highway Mariner Membership Application Form

Last Name:			
Applicant, First Name:			
Spouse, First Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Home Squadron:			District:
Rank held in USPS			
Phone Numbers: (H)	Cell:		
Email Address:			
Signature:			

Mail completed application and dues payment of \$8.50 to:

Make checks payable to:

Dan Flinn

6622 Ilex Circle

Naples, FL 34109

Note in memo field for "Highway Mariners Dues"



**USPS D9**  
**2019 Fall Conference**  
**November 1-2, 2019**



Hosted by Mt. Clemens and  
Saginaw Bay Power Squadrons

**SPORTS THEME... CHOOSE YOUR SPORT!**

**Sports Fans**  
**& Good Time Land Lovers**

Friday Evening  
1 November 2019



Double Tree Hotel Detroit/Dearborn  
5801 Southfield Freeway, Detroit MI 48228

**Serious Fun...**  
**Tail gate in the Football Theme Suite,**  
**Grab some pizza at the Grosse Pointe Squadron bowling alley,**  
**or shoot some hoops and drink some shot**

**No cost to join us during the Friday evening hospitality suite hopping...**  
**Everyone is welcome!!**



Instructor Certification Seminar will  
be available during  
the D-9 Conference

Get a room  
Room Rate \$114.00  
Parking fee: valet \$8.00 / day  
\$4.00 / day for overnight self  
parking  
(waived if daily visitor)



## 2 Exciting Events

### 1 General Membership Meeting

Wednesday 13 November 2019

1900

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

**All 3 Predicted Logs Trophies will be on display**

*The Beautiful Grosse Pointe Trophy*

*The District 9 Predicted Log Trophy*

*The Novice Trophy*

*Come See the Beautiful Trophies!*



*Please join the Mystic Maidens*

*a/k/a the Ladies of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron Bridge*

***How big is that boat?***  
***Where's it from?***  
***How much can it carry?***

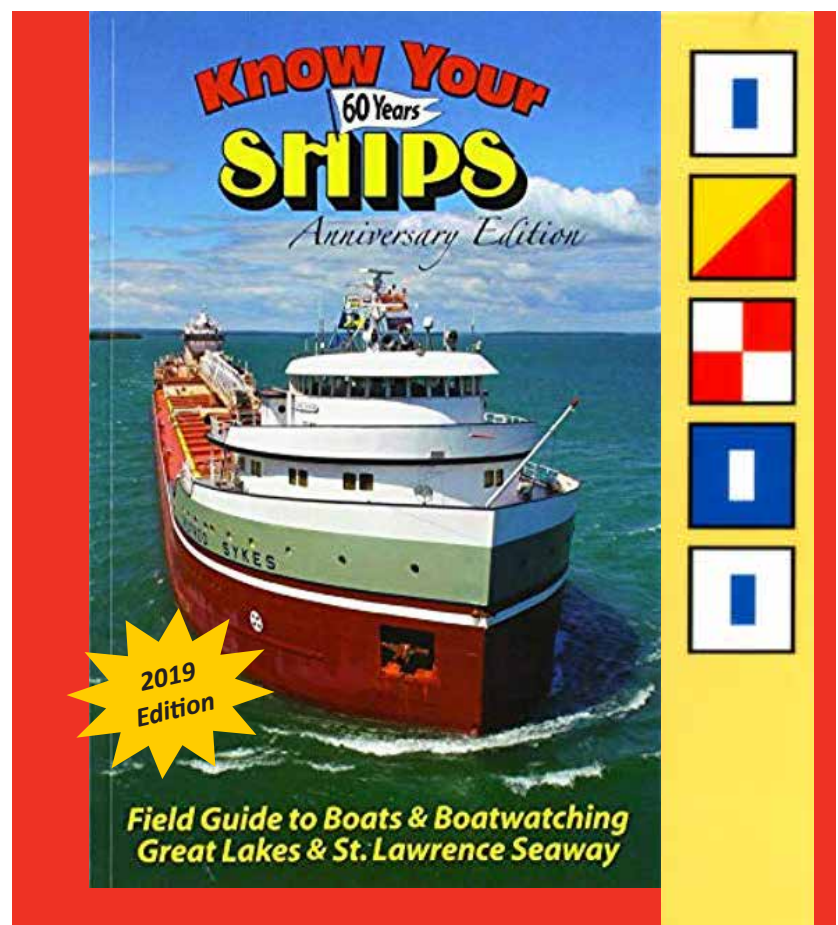
Robert LeLievre

Editor & Publisher

*Know Your Ships* since 1995

Roger grew up in Sault Ste. Marie  
& was only 14  
when his 1st boat picture was published.

Join us to hear more of Robert's story  
& Autograph session.







## Mariners' Church



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

### GREAT LAKES MEMORIAL SERVICE

**PLEASE Plan to Attend the Annual  
Great Lakes Memorial Service**  
Honoring all the Sailors who have served on the Great Lakes  
and Have Departed this Earthly Life  
and the Grateful Remembrance of All Military Personnel  
Who have sacrificed their lives  
To Gain and Maintain our Freedoms

**Sunday 10 November 2019, Eleven o'clock**  
*Everyone is Invited*



### COMMANDERS TEA

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019**  
**GROSSE POINTE FARMS PIER PARK**  
**1830**

## Operation Good Cheer<sup>sm</sup>

**Friday & Saturday, December 6 & 7, 2019**



**Oakland County International Airport  
Pentastar Hanger**

**P/C Michael Pipia AP**  
**michaelpipia@yahoo.com**





*This Thanksgiving Season ...*

**GROSSE POINTE  
SANTA CLAUS PARADE**

**FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2019**

**HOME TOWN HEROES**

*Come Out and Participate in this Local Tradition!*

*Contact: Lt/C Rose Stano, AP  
Lt/C Debi Rowe*

*Kercheval line up 0900*



JUL 24  
AUG 2  
**2020**





## *In Case You Missed It...*

### Clinton River Dinner Cruise



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## ***In Case You Missed It...***

### National Governing Board and Hospitality Meet & Greet in Louisville



**D9 and especially Grosse Pointe in attendance**



**The gang  
is all here!**



**Commander  
Natalie with Past  
Commander Gale  
from Detroit**



**Joyce  
and visitor**

**Commander  
Ralph with Leroy  
and Commander  
Wendy from  
Detroit**



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John C. Bennett  
GPPS Member



## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### OCTOBER .....

- October 5                      **SATURDAY - Frostbite Gathering**  
*Shores Club Marina, SCS, Jefferson / Detroit and Mt. Clemens Sponsoring / More to follow*
- October 9                      **WEDNESDAY - General Membership Meeting**  
*GPYC / 1900 / Presented by The Riverfront Conservancy*
- October 23                     **WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting**  
*1900 - GPYC - Anyone interested in the working of group invited to attend*

### NOVEMBER .....

- November 1-3                **FRIDAY - SUNDAY - Fall Conference - District 9**  
*Double Tree Hotel / Ford Rd / 5801 Southfield, Dearborn / Utz 586.419.4608*
- November 10                **SUNDAY - Great Lakes Memorial Service**  
*Mariners Church / 1100*
- November 13                **WEDNESDAY - General Membership Meeting**  
*GPYC / 1900 / Speaker is Roger Lelievre - Author of Know Your Ships*
- November 22                **FRIDAY - Commanders Tea**  
*GPFP / 1830*
- November 20 or 27        **WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting**  
*GPYC / 1900*
- November 29                **FRIDAY - Santa Parade**  
*Kercheval line up 9am / Home Town Hero's*

### DECEMBER .....

- December 6-7               **FRIDAY - SATURDAY - Operation Good Cheer - 48th year**  
*Oakland County International Airport, Mike Pipia 248.340.2381*
- December 11                **WEDNESDAY - General Membership Meeting Christmas Dinner**  
*Elections, Toys for Tots / GPYC / 1830 / Stano 313.343.5602*
- December 18                **WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting**  
*GPYC / 1900*

### 2020 .....

- January 8                    **WEDNESDAY - Change of Watch**  
*GPYC / 1900 / dinner before*
- January 18                   **SATURDAY - Commander Ball - Joan McCarron**  
*Save the date / GPYC / 1900 / Dinner Dance*
- February 12-16            **National United States Power Squadron Annual Meeting**  
*Sawgrass Marriott / Ponte Vedra, FL*



**\*\*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    **GPFP** - Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park    **GPYC** - Grosse Pointe Yacht Club    **JBM** - Jefferson Beach Marina





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***Guests are  
Welcome!***

**GROSSE POINTE POWER SQUADRON  
Secretary, Lt/C Debbie Rowe  
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586.556.7765**



As we turn our clocks back,  
Sunday 3 November

Please check the batteries in  
your smoke alarms,  
take a quick look at the  
gauges on each fire  
extinguisher.  
Should be at least 1 under  
the kitchen sink!

