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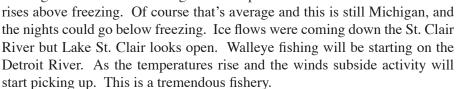
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Spring has sprung and for us mariners April 1st is the start of the season when boat insurance coverage starts and the average low temperature



If you do launch early make sure that your boat is trim and shipshape, that you have all required equipment aboard and you dress warmly. It may be 60 degrees on land but it will feel a good 10 degrees lower on the water, especially with water temperatures hovering around 40 to 45 degrees. Also there will be fewer people out there so help may be delayed. At America's Boating Club your safety is of utmost importance. Get a Vessel Safety Check before you go. Call P/D/C Bill Stano at 313 343 5602 to set up a time.

On the boat show scene, the Annual Novi Spring Boating Expo came to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, MI. Attendance was strong. District 9 had the Virtual Trainer set up and operating. This was a big hit with the show goers, especially with the kids. Testing your boating skills knowing that mishaps were virtual was comforting. Maybe too comforting since some adults had a tendency to deliberately crash the boat into breakwalls and bridge abutment to see what would happen. A big thanks goes out to Duane Carlson and Greg Gampert from Mt Clemens PS, Tom Smith and Bob Blau from Birmingham PS, and Frank Muylaert from Dearborn PS for setting up the equipment and assisting with its operation.

On the USPS National scene, we are still losing about 1400 members per year and we are down 10 squadrons. The Squadron Development and Leadership Committee, which began in 2000, has helped more than 30 new squadrons to receive their charter through the Provisional Squadron approach. They have also helped many squadrons to return to active viable status. These accomplishments have helped retain members as well as add new ones.

The work on re-branding USPS to America's Boating Club continues. National has been rolling out TV and print adds explaining our mission. We must be warm and welcoming to all outdoor groups offering courses and programs to appeal to all. Live the logo and put time in what is working, not in that which is not working. It was also suggested that squadrons which incorporate America's Boating Club in their name are seeing an increase in membership. Something to think about.

See you at our next general membership meeting 11 April 2018 at the GPYC at the new time of 1900.





Executive Department Lt/C Natalie Dunbar, P

Now that we've experienced the joys of immersion in two boat shows this year, the Detroit Boat Show and the Novi Boat Show, are you ready for boating season 2018? Maybe you're one of the lucky ones who bought one of those shiny new boats! Or one of those shiny 'newer' boats! Most likely, you're like most of us who will be pulling the boat, also known as second home out soon, and spiffing it up for the glorious boating season. If you fall into none of the previously mentioned groups, don't worry, we have

plenty of squadron members with boats you could hitch a ride on and we have boating rendezvous and outings such as the one at Metro Beach, which do not require a boat. Joan, our administrative Officer has many wonderful activities planned for this season.

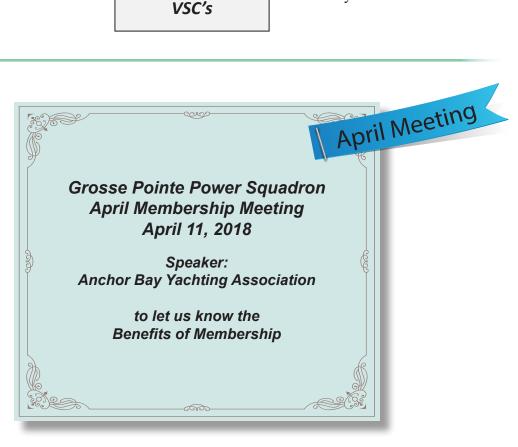
In line with getting the boat ready, the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron will holding vessel safety

checks at Jefferson Beach Marina and at Beason Cove Marina. If you have any doubts about your boat being ready for the water and a possible stop by the coast guard, come on down. The dates are May 19 at GPYC and May 20 at JBM.

Special notice: At the last General membership meeting we announced with

regret, the passing of long time member, John Fitzgerald. We have contacted his friends, but to date have no additional information to provide. He was a loyal Grosse point Power Squadron member for blank years. Our condolences go out to his family.

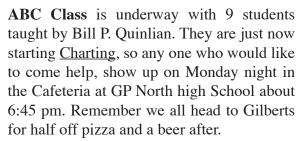
If you have any doubts about your boat being ready for the water, come out to one of the







SEO Report Lt/C Chet Dunbar Jr., AP



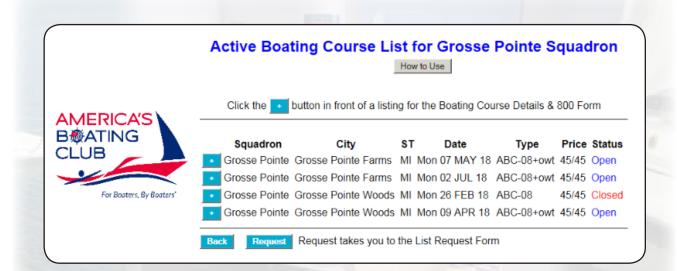
We will start a 5 week America Boating Class at North on April 9th, to be finished before we head classes over to GP Farms Pier Park for class starting May 7th, 6:30pm. July 2nd will be the following Class at Farms Pier Park. At the request of Linda Weisner, we started a Seamanship and Piloting Class on March 26, for her and 5 friends, and will get there books April 2nd. That class is being taught by Ron Utz. The Advanced Piloting **Class** is doing well w 8 students and exams have been sent for April 30th. They will have 2 weeks to complete.

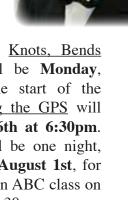
Grosse Point Farms Pier Park has requested Seminars. There



Remember, Someone is alive today cause they took a Boating Course.









Administrative Department Lt/C Joan McCarron, AP



Welcome to Spring. Well at least let's hope it arrives soon... We hope you were able to attend the March General Membership Meeting. We met at Watermark Restaurant for a great dinner and listened to a very informative presentation by Mr. Eric Diesing, an environmental scientist from the Clinton River Watershed Council. He reported on the health of our waterways.

Some of you also attended the Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners Church, followed by lunch at Sindbad's. This is always a very memorable experience. You should always attend if you are able.

We have a very exciting weekend coming up. We will be honoring our very own P/C Michael Babiarz, who will be taking over the helm for the state of Michigan. He will be the new District Commander for D/9. The events will be held at the Centerpoint Marriott, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac, Mi.. April 6-8. Friday night

should be a ball. Come and visit all the hospitality rooms for great food, specialty

drinks and most of all great commeradery. The theme this year is TV Sitcoms. Our squadron is featuring the Love Boat. If you choose to stay over night, There will presentations Saturday morning, followed by lunch and then dinner dance in the evening with Michael Babiarz being sworn in. The theme for Saturday evening is Casino.

May is really a fun filled month. Please join us on May 9th for the Spring Launch Dinner, at GPYC, 18:30; May 11 for the presentation at the Players Playhouse, 1900, (please contact me for tickets, \$35.00) and May 18-20 for the GP Yacht Club Yachtsman weekend.

Please remember to support your Squadron and fellow members. Let's see how many new members we can bring in this month.



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Please join us on May 9th

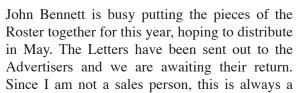
for the

Spring Launch Dinner

at GPYC, 18:30



Secretary Department Lt/C Rose Stano, AP



chore for me to do and I do not enjoy calling on the phone asking for money. Our advertisements and revenue has diminished over the years but luckily we have money to cover the cost. Someone on the Bridge has recommended we switch to a new Printer who would work on the Advertising and update our image. National has been on the band wagon to update our image. What Do You Think?

Looks like we are not going to March in the Memorial Day Parade in St. Clair Shores on Sunday, May 27th. I have to work that day and I know the Kreigs from St. Clair Shores have wanted to take a break. But the Kreigs always love a good party, so they are still

inviting people over to their home at 5:30pm and I will join you after 7pm for good cheer and

friendship. Just let Bill know if you are coming to give them a number of partiers.

I was going to recommend we all go to Lake St. Clair Metro Park on Earth Day, Saturday April 21 to help clean up but I just signed up as the 189 of 190 Volunteer so it may be full. You can always go the Clinton Metro Park web site and see if openings develop. I know this is one activity that Cheryl Monroe was always active in, so I will do it

in her memory. She gave so much for the group. Enjoy the Newsletter. Your suggestions and input are always appreciated.







Safe Boating Campaign

The Safe Boating Campaign is a worldwide effort focused on responsible boating, encouraging boaters to always wear a life jacket while on the water.

I have signed up for the co-branding logo with America Boating Club and Wear It Lake St. Clair.

The results should be fun!

See more information in upcoming issues of Tars & Tripe.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

New Pins Available
from Bill Stano.
Both for \$8.00 or
\$5.00 for ABC alone.





2018 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12 - 19, 2018
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

April Birthdays

August 12-19, 2018 Minneapolis, MN

Patrica Anderson
James Bonahoom
Richard Castle
John Colombo
Henry Denoff
Dale Ellis
Richard Ellis
Gary Kirrhamm
Thomas Marowske
Lance Olson

Michael Pipia
Debora Rowe
Folkert Schmidt
Phillip Spinelli
Megan Stano
Bonnie Utz
Louis Vandekerckhove
Gregory Vanlerberghe
Kathy Walker
Janet Wolf

GPF Boating Classes

KNOTS, BENDS, AND HITCHES

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.

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Grosse Pointe Power Squadron 1 Day, May 7th , FREE Monday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Activities Room, Community Building Register by May 7th



AMERICA'S BOATING CLASS

America's Boating Course provides you with basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat you need, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway, and how to recognize and handle hazards. Become a more competent boater, learn from the best, and enroll in America's Boating Course today.

This course is offered as a classroom course or as an interactive, online home study course for people whose schedule and obligations would make it difficult to attend a classroom course. Successful completion meets the boating education requirements for operator permits of licensure in most states.

Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete America's Boating Course. And, this course provides a sound basis for continuing your recreational boating education.

What's included?

- Types of boats and their uses
- Boating laws, both federal and state
- · Safety equipment, both required and recommended
- · Finding your way, and adverse conditions
- Communications
- Trailering, knots and lines, and water sports topics
- Optionally, introduction to electronic navigation using paper charts and chart plotters
- Knots, Bends, & Hitches (May 7th)
- Practical On The Water Training (June 20th or August 1st)

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Grosse Pointe Power Squadron 6 Weeks, May 7th – June 18th, \$45.00 Monday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Activities Room, Community Building

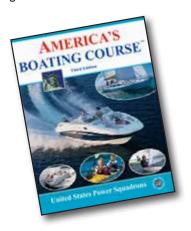
Register by May 7th

#2033

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron 5 Weeks, July 2nd – July 30th, \$45.00 Monday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Activities Room, Community Building

Register by July 2nd



PRACTICAL ON THE WATER TRAINING

Do you learn better with hands-on training and retain more of what you learn? Then our Practical on the Water Training seminar is for you! An excellent complement to our basic America's Boating Course, this eight hour seminar is the perfect combination of four hours of classroom training and four hours of hands-on on-the-water training. It provides an explanation of how your boat handles and why. Video clips let you visualize the maneuvers prior to your experiencing them on the water. Each student receives a copy of Powerboat Handling Illustrated, a DVD, a Student Manual, and a certificate acknowledging his/her training.

What's Included?

- Use of lines
- Departing the dock
- Operating in a fairway
- Pivoting
- Mooring
- · Backing
- Docking
- · Steering, including a slalom course
- Holding course on a range
- Quick stop

#2033

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron 1 Day, June 20th , Free Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Activities Room, Community Building Register by June 18th



#2034
Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
1 DAY, August 1st , Free
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Activities Room, Community Building
Register by July 30th





USPS DISTRICT 9 2018 ~ SPRING CONFERENCE 6-8 APRIL 2018



FRIDAY NIGHT THEME



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SATURDAY NIGHT:
CASINO NIGHT
007 BOND STYLE



HOSTED BY:



GROSSE POINTE POWER SQUADRON



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Join us for a fun filled weekend with the D/9 Change of Watch for our very own D/Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP, as he becomes District 9 Commander.

Where: Marriott Centerpoint 360 Centerpoint Parkway Pontiac, Michigan

When: Friday 6 April - Sunday 8 April 2018

Events:

Friday Evening: Hospitality Rooms with Assorted Food and Drinks

Saturday Morning: Officers Meetings and Exciting Seminars
Saturday Afternoon: Conference Meeting and D/9 Change of Watch
Saturday Night---Dinner, and Casino Entertainment provided by:
Lorio-Ross Sterling Entertainment.

Attire:

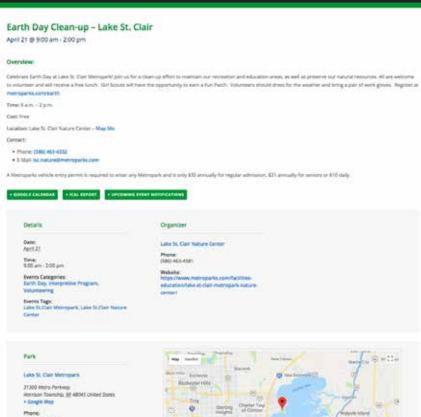
Uniform A w/Bow Tie or White Dress Jacket w/Bow Tie (007 James Bond Style)
Cocktail Dress or Semi-Formal Attire





Earth Day Clean-up - Lake St. Clair
April 21, 2018







Join the Social Media Campaign to Promote America's Boating Channel

YOU and YOUR BOAT Can Be Featured in a Starring Role!

Spring Launch Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

You are cordially invited to attend the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron's General Membership Meeting and Spring Launch Dinner at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Cocktails begin at 1830 with Buffet Dinner at 1900 with Cash Bar Dinner is \$30.00 per adult.

Proposed Buffet Dinner Menu:

House and Caesar Salad w/Dressing
Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Grilled Salmon w/Lemon Capers and Beef Stroganoff over Egg Noodles
Grilled Asparagus and Maple Glazed Carrots
Fresh Baked Cookies and Brownies
Coffee and Tea

Unless the Chef has a creative desire to do something new.

FRIDAY, MAY 11



GROSSE POINTE POWER SQUADRON'S PLAYERS THEATER NIGHT

at The Historic Players Playhouse referred to as "The Players" 3321 E. Jefferson • Detroit, MI 48207

The Play is To Be Determined

Dress Code: Black Tie or Dark Suit Women in Dressy Chic to Formal NO JEANS - you will not be allowed in.

Cost is \$35.00

R.S.V.P to Joan McCarron

Safe Boating Campaign



Safe Boating Campaign

The Safe Boating Campaign is a worldwide effort focused on responsible boating, encouraging boaters to always wear a life jacket while on the water.

Safe Boating Campaign Logo Sneak Peak:

In the next two months, new branded resources for the Safe Boating Campaign will roll out: logo, website, infographics, banners and more!

Here's a sneak peak at the new logo.

Upcoming Events

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day May 18, 2018

National Safe Boating Week May 19-25, 2018

Ready, Set, Wear It Events May 19, 2018 June 9, 2018 July 7, 2018 August 11, 2018

Ready, Set, Wear It Events

Join boating safety advocates around the world for family-fun events to heighten awareness of boating safety issues and go for a world record along the way!

Participate in one of four Ready, Set, Wear It events hosted by the Safe Boating Campaign to raise awareness about the importance of wearing a life jacket. Event registration will open in March.

2018 Ready, Set, Wear It Events

May 19, 2018 June 9, 2018 July 7, 2018 August 11, 2018

Boaters gather to inflate their own inflatable life jacket or to wear an inherently buoyant life jacket, helping to heighten awareness of boating safety issues. Event participants will be tallied after each event, and events with the most participants will receive prizes!



Recommended Flag Sizes

Recommended Yacht Flag Sizes

POWERBOAT						
Length of Boat	Size of Private Signal & Club signal	Size of Yacht Ensign				
Under 20 feet	8" x 12"	12" x 18"				
20 feet	10" x 15"	12" x 18"				
25 feet	10" x 15"	16" x 24"				
30 feet	12" x 18"	16" x 24"				
35 feet	12" x 18"	24" x 36"				
40 feet	14" x 21"	24" x 36"				
45 feet	14" x 21"	24" x 36"				
50 feet	16" x 24"	2-1/2' x 4'				
55 feet	16" x 24"	2-1/2' x 4'				
60 feet	20" x 30"	2-1/2' x 4'				
70 feet	20" x 30"	3' x 5'				
80 feet	24" x 36"	3' x 5'				
90 feet	24" x 36"	4' x 6'				
100 feet	30" x 48"	4' x 6'				

SAILBOAT						
Length of Boat	Size of Private Signal & Club signal	Size of Yacht Ensign				
20 feet	10" x 15"	16" x 24"				
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Ratio of Flagpole Height to Flag Size					
15'	3' x 5'				
20'	3' x 5'				
25'	4' x 6'				
30'	5' x 8'				
35'	5' x 8'				
40'	6' x 10'				
45'	6' x 10'				
50'	8' x 12'				
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65'	10' x 15'				
70'	12' x 18'				
80'	12' x 18'				
90'	15' x 25'				
100'	15' x 25'				





The Detroit Power Squadron will be hosting a Flare Demo Day at the Detroit Yacht Club.

This is a free event, and will provide hands on experience for those who are interested.

For those who are qualifying for Boat Operator Certification, completion of flare / pyrotechnics training is a requirement at the CN level. This is a great opportunity to complete this requirement.

The training will be presented by D/Lt Doug Rocho, who has 28 years experience as a fire fighter, and has been a member of USPS for 46 years.



RSVPs are requested. This event will be held:

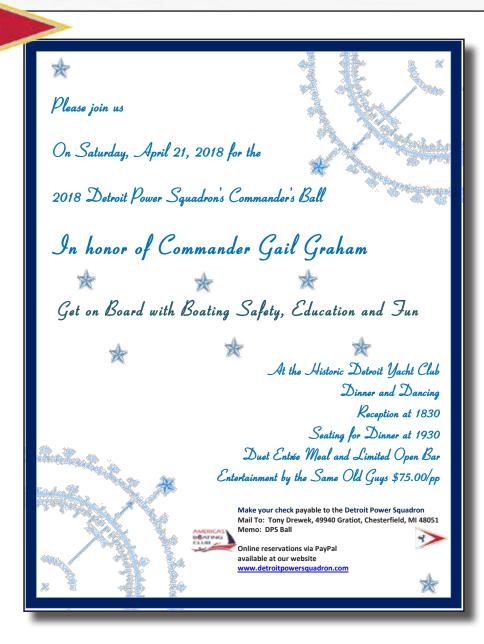
Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9:30 AM

We'll meet in the grille bar for a safety briefing, followed by hands on training at 10:00 AM at the west end.

Bring your expired flares, and some work gloves.

RSVP to dyc.com, or D/Lt Doug Rocho, P, at 586.306.1836
BOC candidates RSVP to D/Lt/C Tom Smith, N-CN, at tommyboy1202@gmail.com





GPPS - Commanders Ball



Larry Lee and Back in the Day Band

Commander John Sulkowski and Family



Lt Dan Claus, Rose Claus and Dan's Father



Fabulous Dinner setting



Past District Commander Tony Lewandowski



Past Commander Ron Utz and Bonny Utz

GPPS - Commanders Ball

D/C Jan Klumpp, AP as District Rep



Past Chief Commander
Ted Smith received the
2017 Annual Service Award.

Past Commander Bill Stano received the 2017 Past Commander Clifton P. Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award.



GPPS - Blessing of the Fleet - Mariner's Church



Pat Beard and Ray Oset from Grosse Pointe Power Squadron also Shipmasters



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Mike Nall from Port Huron
Past Commander.
And Pat Beard also
Past Commander Grosse Pointe

GPPS - Chinese New Year - Year of the Dog













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<u>.</u> .	4		11	Players Theatre Detroit, MI	18 Friday May 18	thru Sunday May 20, Grosse Pointe Yachts Booth w/Virtual Trainer and VSE	25			
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Wed	2		6	Spring Launch Dinner - GPYC 1830 - Cocktails 19:00 - Dinner	16		23	E-Board Meeting GPYC - 7:00 pm	30	
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Sun		X X X X	9		13 Happy &	Nathers	20 VSE-JBM		27	Memorial Day Parade



Calendar of Upcoming Events



APRII

April 1 SUNDAY - Easter Sunday

April 6 - 9 FRIDAY - SUNDAY - D9 Spring Conference

Marriott Centerpoint Hotel, Pontiac MI

April 11 WEDNESDAY - Membership Meeting

GPYC - 7:00 pm

April 21 SATURDAY - Detroit Power Squadron's Commander's Ball

The Historic Detroit Yacht Club, Detroit MI

April 25 WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting

GPYC - 7:00 pm

MAY.

May 5 SATURDAY - Mt. Clemens Commander's Ball

May 9 WEDNESDAY - Spring Launch Dinner

GPYC - 18:30 Cocktails - Dinner 19:00 - Menu TBD

May 11 FRIDAY - Players Theatre

Detroit, MI

May 18-20 FRIDAY - SUNDAY - GP Yacht Club Yachtsman

Booth w/Virtual Trainer and VSE

May 19 SATURDAY - VSE

GPYC

May 20 SUNDAY - VSE

Jefferson Beach Marina

May 23 WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting

GPYC - 7:00 pm

May 27 SUNDAY - Memorial Day Parade

GPPS will not be in Parade - There is a gathering at The Kriegs after

May 28 MONDAY - Memorial Day





**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



Make plans to join us at the

GROSSE POINTE
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday 11 April, 2018

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