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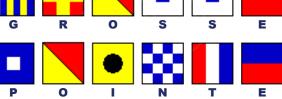
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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MARCH

1 March TUESDAY - ABC Class - 5 weeks

Zeff's Dockside Bar - St. Clair Shores, MI

9 March WEDNESDAY - Member Meeting

7pm GPYC, McKenzi Waliczek from CISMA

11-13 March FRIDAY - SUNDAY - Progressive Novi Boat Show

Suberban Showplace Collection, Novi, MI

13 March SUNDAY - Blessing of the Fleet

Mariner's Church - Detroit, MI

23 March WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting

GPYC

26 March SATURDAY - District 9 Council

11am Virtual

26 March SATURDAY - Huron Pointe Yacht Club Horse Race

Spaghetti Dinner - 1pm

27 March SUNDAY - ABYA Fiesta Fundraiser

2pm - Zef's Dockside Restaurant

APRIL

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

Class at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Monday Nights

April 4th through May 23rd at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY - Planned Membership Meeting 13 April

23 April SATURDAY - **D-9 Spring Conference**

Virtual - Info to Follow

27 April WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting

29 April FRIDAY - Commander's Ball - Rescheduled

**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







Commander's Message Cdr. Rose Stano, AP

Highlights from Feb 16, 2022 Executive Bridge meeting.

Commanders Ball - Save the Date - Friday, April 29, 2022 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. 1800 with cocktail reception, dinner at 1900 and program at 2000. Price \$60.00 with choice of prime rib or crab cake. Just email me your reservation at rstano@comcast.net

Novi Progressive Boat Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace is Friday- Sunday, March 11 – 13, 2022. The booth will be set up and they are looking for volunteers. Contact John Sulkowski, 586-778-4473, to sign up and get free admission to the show.

New ad going into the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Members Guide and will announce start of **America's Boating Course** at the <u>Grosse Pointe Yacht Club</u>, <u>Monday nights 7pm</u> for 8 weeks starting **April 4**. Taught by Chet Dunbar and Bill Stano. Call 313-744-7472 to register. Chet will contact those who started class that was suspended due to Covid, to have them join this class. We need volunteers to help proctor charting and discuss the benefits group membership. **On the Water Training** will be set up this summer for all students interested by Chet once arrangements can be made at <u>GP Farms Pier Park</u>.

District 9, Michigan Spring Council will be virtual due to Covid at 11am on Saturday, March 26, 2022. With the **Spring Conference** being Saturday, April 23, 2022. Details, Zoom link to follow. Contact Bill Stano for more information. Tour of Detroit Waterway will not be available this summer on the **Bristol Bay**, however, they are considering hosting an evening tour of the Bristol Bay at the Detroit Coast Guard Station on Wednesday, June 22. More details to follow.

Michael Babiarz, Administrative Officer is working on Speakers, Rendezvous, and Events for this year and would appreciate suggestions. Please email at mbabz@comcast.net. We start in person meetings again in March at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Wednesday, March 9 at 7pm with speaker from Lake St Clair CISMA, McKenzi Waliczek, to talk about invasive species and boating.

Bill and I will be stopping in Washington, DC on the way home from Florida for the **International Water and Boating Safety Summit** March 13-16,2022 and assist Marty and Sari Lafferty with presentation on <u>America's Boating Channel</u>. We talked to Marty last week and he is firming up video shoot dates for **Season 6** this summer. He would love to come back to Michigan, and I told him we would be available if no one else jumps at the chance at the National Meeting. The video shoot was such a boost for all who participated that we would love to do it again.

Feel free to give me any suggestions on the Newsletter or the Roster that we will work on in March and April. Stay Safe.

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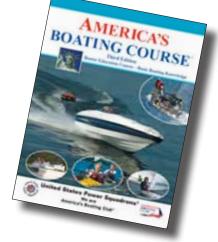


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Instructor: P/C Chet Dunbar & PDC Bill Stano Cost is \$55pp





MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

McKenzi Waliczek, Coordinator,
will be our Guest Speaker,
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Meeting begins at 1900 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The Lake St. Clair Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (LSC CISMA) is a collaborative effort to enhance ecosystem functions and enrich ecosystem services through invasive species prevention, detection, management, and outreach in Macomb and St. Clair counties of Michigan.

Invasive species compete with native plants and animals to degrade our environment. Boaters can unknowingly spread these species.

2 Education





Vessel Safety Check



We are contacting the Grosse Pointe Parks to set up Vessel Safety Check Days at their marinas.

- Please contact your marina to see if they would like to set up a Vessel Safety Check Day.
- Contact P/D/C Bill Stano 313-343-5602

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We are Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Members

To increase our visibility, enhance marketing, develop relationships for new opportunities locally.

ABC GP- is on their business listing, with our logo, description, and link to our website. We advertise in the <u>Insider Guide Magazine</u> yearly and sometimes seasonally. We are invited to their meetings before and after work networking. Check out their website.

March 10-Annual Dinner and Awards Night at the Lochmoor Club 5:30pm-9:pm, \$75.00. They have Strategies for Social Media. E blasts, Social Media Posts. Scholarships.

Member to Member Savings programs. See list in March Tars and Tripe and ask for your discount.

They have a **Marketplace** where you can shop local and have it delivered to your door. We can list our classes / volunteer opportunities on their **Calendar of Events**, plus Free Notary Service.



Nautical Garage is a place we can buy and sell as advertisers in the Lake St. Clair Guide. Plus the Little Blue Book and The Lake St. Clair Guide have included Boat Live 365 information sheet in their 2022 editions at our request to include boating safety information for free.



4 Member Benefits

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Member to Member Benefits - 2022

AAA Michigan: Call Zach Roberts at 313-343-5244 for discounts on your auto insurance.

Allemon's: 10% off

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Applied Imaging: Analysis of current print expenditure plus 1st 20,000 copies free.

And 20% of Shred Division for new Customers.

At Med Spa: \$20.00 off your 1st service.

Belding Cleaners: 25% off for Chamber members **Bottles Nation: 10%** Discount on all services

Boutique Concierge & Senior Services: 20% off first service.

Club Pilates: Zero Enrollment feel and 10% off Your Lifetime Membership

City Cleaners: 15% off for Chamber members

College Hunks Hauling Junk: 10% off any move or junk job for any member.

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Faircourt Dental Smile Studio: 25% off first visit services; new patients only

Falcon Dental Group: 20% off Dental cleanings, x-rays and exam (Non-insurance only please)

First State Bank: 50% off any size Safe Deposit Box rental for one year; must be a member of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce to receive discount; good at any First State Bank location

Full Lotus Yoga: GP Chamber Members interesting in taking our online yoga, fitness, and meditation classes. It's 5 classes for \$20 and the code is "GPLOVE."

Grosse Pointe News: \$25 One Year Subscription, call Circulation Dept. at 313-343-5578. Regular rate is \$44.50.

Grosse Pointe Yoga Shelter: Unlimited monthly membership \$45 (normally \$99).

Lifetime Orthodontics: Free Exam plus \$750 off orthodontic treatment for members and their family.

Mary Kay from Karen Liederbach: 15% discount

Mimi's Bistro: 20% off any entree

Moosejaw: 15% off regular priced items or 10% off sale items

Morris Family Window: 10% off all services

Pointe Vision Care: 20% off Exam, Lenses & Frames! (Non-insurance only please)

ProActive Technology: Email Mac Nutter at mnutter@proactivemgmt.com for a free consultation to go over

your current system, pain points, and security issues.

SERVPRO of Grosse Pointe: 10% discount (up to \$250) call 313-882-5499

Shorepointe Benefits, LLC: Call Beth at 313-690-5723 for a free Medicare consultation or benefits review

Signs By Tomorrow: 15% off orders of \$100 or more or 10% off on orders under \$100

Sterling Agency: Call Joe Haney at 586-873-7803 for discounts on workers comp, business, and personal lines.

Simply Technology: Call (248)855-5515 for a Complementary Technology Audit. A \$495 VALUE!

The Great Frame Up: 20% off

The UPS Store: 15% off all print orders

Village Palm/ POSH: 20% off

Write to the Pointe: 20% off wedding invitations, monogrammed stationary, notepads, napkins, cups, and gifts.

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Do We Need Newsletters, Thoughts from a Pro

Newsletters are important as they provide an opportunity to talk with your members and can be used as a tool to recruit new volunteers. It is also an excellent record of squadron and district activities. This can include news and highlights, Bridge reports, updates on activities, interviews, and more in-depth information. Content must be of interest to members and should include items you want to put forward, as well as the must have topics required in each edition.

These days our members are bombarded with daily and almost hourly information. The squadron newsletter has to be of interest to members and not boring. Sending out the newsletter on a regular pre-announced schedule can set up a habit of expectation and members may begin looking forward to seeing it. Information must be accurate in facts, spelling and grammar. You can lose credibility over inaccuracy. If readers see errors in headlines or the body of type, they may assume a similar rate of errors may continue, and they will decide if it's worth their time to read the complete story. Make sure the newsletter has been proofed by another person before it is released.

There are typically three formats of newsletters:

Print newsletters -This is the traditional way of distributing newsletters. Some people prefer these tangible, physical formats, but distribution and production can be costly.

Online newsletters - Digital formats surpass print newsletters in ease and cost of distribution.

E-newsletters or email newsletters - Email newsletters are mainly used for shorter bulletins or announcements, or to promote an interactive newsletter and other online content.

The cliché "a picture is worth a thou[1]sand words" is true. You need many words to do the job of one picture or image. The two working together is needed and used judicially, pictures can improve the overall appearance of a newsletter.

The best newsletters are published regularly and contain accurate information. Keep your headlines clear about the content of the article it accompanies. Newsletters can become a historical record of your squadron or district.

A newsletter's value will rise if the information is clear, complete, fact-based and contains member achievement and human-interest articles. So, in conclusion, even in times dominated by social media, newsletters are still a very effective communication and marketing tool.

Stf/C Barbara Pearson, AP Assistant Chairman National Communications Committee



💽 Marıners' Church



The Blessing of the Fleet is at Mariners Church Sunday, March 13 at 3pm Live or online at YouTube/marinerschurchofdetroit.







Administrative Officer Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP

Well 2022 is starting off with much of the same. Planning activities is usually challenging and add Covid into the mix and it complicates things further. We're never going to please everyone nor is everyone going to feel comfortable but our goal is to keep the members safe and if we go through the trouble of planning an event we want to make sure that enough people want to come. This put a hold on

things through February including the Commander's Ball.

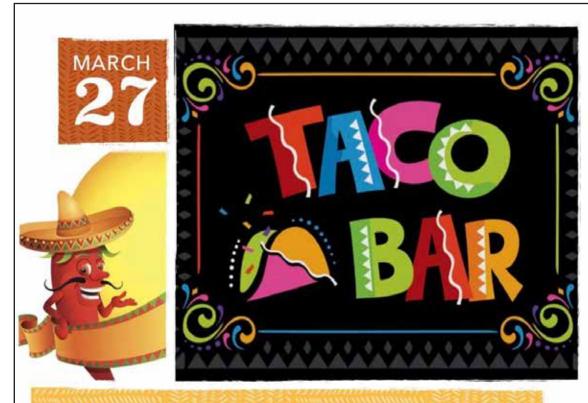
Rest assured though we are working on a full schedule of activities and rendezvous for the spring and summer taking all these factors into account. The Rendezvous and Events Committee will be meeting soon to get things planned. We ask 3 things of you. One... if you have any ideas for activities, Rendezvous locations and Meeting Speakers let us know. Contact P/D/C Michael Babiarz with those ideas. Two.... Participate. A lot of work goes into planning each activity and it's only worth the effort if people show up and have fun. Finally Three.... plan to attend early. Many of the Rendezvous locations, like Metro, book up early. It's better to make that reservation and have to cancel than wanting to go but cannot because there are no slips available.

Our goal is 2 or 3 boating activities this summer and of course we try and do things so they will be open to everyone with a boat or not. We'll also plan a few activities before the boats go in too. But no matter what we do our plan is to get out and have fun so plan on joining us.



Your Committee is hard planning Summer Fun. The Charvat's, Stanos, Babiarz and Sulkowski





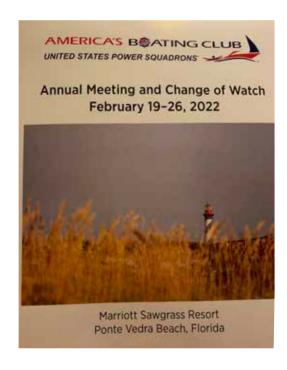
ABYA FIESTA FUNDRAISER

Zef's Dockside (Upstairs) 24026 Jefferson Ave. St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 March 27 - 2pm to 6pm

> \$20 per person - Food/Taco bar - Door prizes. Raffles - Wheel of fortune games - Music - Cash Bar Good times for good causes!

VISIT WWW.ABYAONLINE.ORG FOR MORE INFO

America's Boating Club National Meeting





Ralph Ziegler and Bill Stano at National Conference



Bill Stano at the Players Club House looking at the official money clips for each tournament.



Marty Lafferty presenting Season 6 America's Boating Channel video ideas



Commander Rose Stano at the Players Golf Course



Commander Rose Stano soaking up the sun before start of meeting



Bill Stano seeing how cold 60 degree ocean is.

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America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe at Boat Show





Bill and John at the January 2020 Boat Show



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The Commanders' Ball has been Re-scheduled

Gommander Rose C. Stano, AL and her Captain Bill

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Commander's Ball

NEW DATE: FRIDAY, 29 APRIL 2022

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Jane Ellis

James Evans

Dennis Gornick

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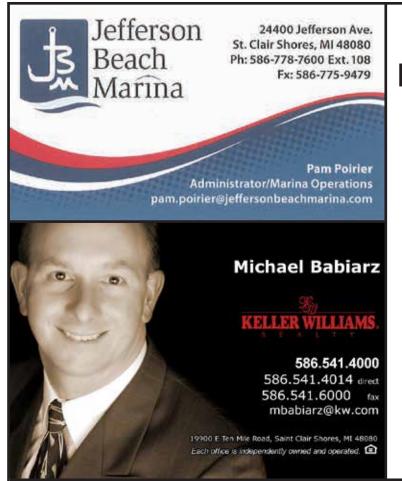
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John C. Bennett GPPS Member



Membership Meeting

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7pm GPYC, McKenzi Waliczek from CISMA

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