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# **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE Class at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Monday Nights April 4th through May 23rd at 7:00pm



#### APRIL ....

MONDAY - ABC 3 Class - 8 weeks 4 April

- restart Charting w delay class

13 April WEDNESDAY - Membership Meeting

- Detroit Com Sail C

22-23 April FRI / SAT - D-9 Virtual Conference Spring Conference Meeting

Information to follow / Zoom WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting

27 April **GPYC** 

29 April FRIDAY - Commander's Ball - Rescheduled

**GPYC** 

## MAY .....

11 May WEDNESDAY - Membership Meeting - Sea Scouts

Grey Fox vs GPYC

20 May FRIDAY - Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day

25 May **WEDNESDAY - Executive Board Meeting** 

21-27 May **Safe Boating Week** 

29 May SUNDAY - 69th St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade

Harper Avenue, St. Clair Shores

JUNE ....

SAT / SUN - Lake St. Clair Metro Marina Rendezvous 25-26 June

JULY .....

15-18 June FRI / MON - W Milliken State Park and Harbor Rendezvous

> \*\*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

The Freedom of Retirement.

Bill and I took almost a month to see out the pleasures of warmer weather and represent Grosse Pointe at the Annual Meeting of the United States Power Squadron in Ponte Vedra, FL, Sawgrass Marriott and the International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Washington DC. We were blessed with warm sunshine and dry roads. But construction and traffic did slow us down a bit. We put 3400 miles on the car and enjoyed it immensely. The National Meeting in FL was lightly attended due to concerns for COVID, but with case numbers declining, it was safe. 287 members signed into the meeting on Saturday, February 26, 2022. Many of the Standing Committees met with presentations on Safety, Coop Charting, Benefits, Membership, IT, Operations, Education, and Marketing. Safety demonstration on the use of a Fire Extinguisher allowed you to use one and get credit for BOC Inland Navigator "use of Fire Extinguisher". With the new mandates on Fire Extinguishers requiring old models to be removed from boat after 12 years, this will be a possible reuse for them in the future. Peter R. Jones, SN (Port Huron) and Joseph C. Tatum, SN (Detroit) received their Lifetime Member Awards for 25 years of service in USPS, District 9.

The MarCom, Marketing Committee presentation took on a Family Feud format with each team trying to guess the top ten requests for information. See the picture for the requests and check out the USPS web site for great answers. I will be putting together a presentation using this for our Spring D 9 Council virtual meeting April 22-23, 2022. ABC is promoting a Value Bundle combining membership with class plus seminars now through Labor Day via a National digital ad campaign. DB2000 is being replaced by new IT tool. Bill and Michael will help transition to this new format, but I know that Chris will be a big asset in using this new tool. While the Planning Committee and the Financial Committee are concerned with our current ABC status, the National Bridge sees a more positive picture with some Squadrons making solid growth. National want us each to find our own way with the tools available. Enjoy the pictures from the above events in this magazine. I hope it encourages some of you to join us in Raleigh, NC for Governing Board meeting, September 14-18, 2022. It is about an 11-hour drive and will show you all the information worked on by National and the other Squadrons. Come discover ABC-USPS.





Commander's Message





# **AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE**

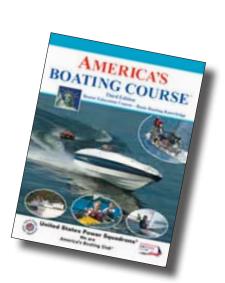
Class at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Monday Nights

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

Instructor: P/C Chet Dunbar & PDC Bill Stano

Cost is \$55pp



## America's Boating Class at Zef's, March 2022

4-week beginning boating class had 32 people register with 30 taking test on the last night. All passed with 80% or higher score, receiving their boating certificate. They should contact their boat insurer to see if they qualify for discount. 22 people or families completed a survey at the end of class and gave Dave, the instructor, 10/10 for his teaching and 8-10 for the book and question review to prepare for test. 19 surveys wanted further information on our classes and wanted to learn more about our group and activities. I believe we signed up 5 new members.

#### Positive comments received.

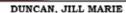
- 1. Keep doing what you are doing-extremely informative and helpful.
- 2. Great class, I learned a lot even though I have been boating for years.
- 3. I like to think I am an experienced boater, but I learned so much.
- 4. I would like hands on training on a boat- On the Water training is available.
- 5. I enjoy being able to come buy food and drink for class.



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







Jill Marie Duncan, 61, of Harrison Township, passed away suddenly of natural causes on February 15, 2022. She graduated from Wayne State University and had a life long passion for Marine Biology and The Great Lakes. Survived by siblings: David (Debbie), Connie, Gail Marino, Michael (Sarah), 11 nieces and nephews and many cousins and friends. Memorial Service at

Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt Clemens, will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory to Belle Isle Aquarium may be made.

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# The Range Lights

Lake St. Clair

# Save Our South Channel Lights

Summer 2022 Volume



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We have so much to share with you. These past two years have taken its toll on the islands of the two South Channel Range Lights. The "twin sisters" still stand strong. Our outer appearance has been neglected and affected by several things out of our control. It has always been our intent to be transparent and keep our supporters informed. It's always been our tradition to host a meeting to share that information. Friends gather and the SOSCL Board will catch you up to date on the progress of the lights. It's been a long winter, please join us.



Stacy Williams \* Harsens Island Photography

## Let The Fun Begin!

If you're ready for social gatherings, if you're ready to kick-off the 2022 boating season on Lake St. Clair, if you're ready for some fun,

JOIN US

# 2022 Annual Membership meeting Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

1:00-5:00 pm



Meet The Team Keepers Presentation Election of New Directors General Meeting Membership Drive 50/50 Raffle





# **April General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1900 hrs at The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

For our April Meeting we're happy to have Harry Jones from the Detroit Community Sailing Center and their Director, Grace Pytell to discuss their 25 year mission to bring the enjoyment of sailing to a community who might not get the opportunity for both youth and adults. Their combined mission of teaching sailing and boating safety on the water make them the perfect group to learn from. Please join us for the presentation and fellowship. Beer, Wine and Soft drinks will be provided. We will be voting on donating to this worthy program. If you cannot attend and would like to state your opinion, send email to rstano@comcast.net

### Challenge the Wind Youth Sailing Program

based at the Belle Isle Boat House
Open to the Public.



Harry Jones
President, Detroit Community Sailing Center
(248) 342-5071
<a href="https://www.SailingDetroit.org">www.SailingDetroit.org</a>
Learn More, Apply or Donate.

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#### **Rendezvous Planned for**

St Clair Metro Marina, June 25-26, 2022 Saturday-Sunday 31300 Metro Parkway, Harrison Twp, MI 48045

Wm, G. Milliken State Park and Harbor July 15-17,2022 1900 Atwater St, Detroit, MI 48207

Feel free to arrive earlier or leave later to avoid traffic www.midnrreservations.com or 1-800-447-2757
Due to rising gas prices- local events will be planned this year.
Make your reservations now since slips will fill up quickly.

Michael Babiarz - 586-215-3019



# The Commanders' Ball has been Re-scheduled

Gommander Rose G. Stano, AP

and her Captain Bill

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THE 82ND ANNUAL

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF GROSSE POINTE

Commander's Ball

NEW DATE: FRIDAY, 29 APRIL 2022

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RECEPTION AND COCKTAILS 1800 DINNER 1900 PROGRAM 2000 FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT

UNIFORM A WITH BOW TIE, SEMI FORMAL ATTIRE
GUESTS CORDIALLY INVITED, FREE VALET PARKING
ENTERTAINMENT BY MARILYN MONROE AND THE TFO ORCHESTRA





Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

DIJON AND HERB CRUSTED PRIME RIB OR

CLASSIC REMOULADE SAUCE, CRAB CAKE

Caesar Salad

ROSEMARY AND SEA SALT PEEWEE POTATOES

SEASONAL VEGETABLE MEDLEY

ASSORTED MINI BUNT CAKES

FRESH BREWED COFFEE AND TEA

CASH BAR

Entertainment by Julie Bannerton as Marilyn Monroe with the TFO Orchestra and special guests The LADEZZ

Choose Prime Rib or Crab Cake

email Rose Stano at rstano@comcast.net with choice.

Cost \$60.00 per person

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# America's Boating Club National Meeting



Your National Bridge at start of meeting.



Swearing in new CC Craig Fraser, SN/IN



Stf/C William Stano, JN receiving his flag for the Planning Committee.



District 9 Bridge - D/C Jan Hartesvelt, D/L/C Alana Harvey, P/D/C Ralph Ziegler, Cdr Dan Bondar, D/Lt/C William Stano



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Top 10 requests from the Marketing Committee, check out on website for complete info.



Tools on website

# America's Boating Club National Meeting Cruise



Meeting up with St. Thomas Squadron and receiving welcome bags.



Meeting up with Puerto Rico Squadron



Sharing Pina Coladas with Puerto Rico in old San Juan before walking tour.



America's Boating Club group photos on Holland America Rotterdam Cruise - Spring 2022 In San Juan, Puerto Rico Harbor

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# International Water and Boating Safety Summit

**BOATING AND WATER SAFETY** 

# Bill and Rose Stano attend International Water and Boating Safety Summit in Washington DC to help Marty Lafferty present America's Boating Channel Season 5.





Group picture from Marty's presentation

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# **ABC Grosse Pointe March Memberhip Meeting**



Chet Dunbar speaking to attendees of March Meeting



Speaker, Makenzi Waliczek from Lake St. Clair CISMA giving presentation on Invasive Species and Boating at the March Meeting.



Michael Babairz thanking speaker Makenzi Waliczek.





John Bennett receiving his birthday cake with Michael Babairz and Dennis Gornick

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# April Birthdays

Birthday

Patricia Anderson
Penny Boles
James Bonahoom
Richard Castle
Henry Denolf
Tracy Eadie
Dale Ellis
John Mertz

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Peter Metropoulos
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# General Membership Meeting

April 13, 2022
1900 hours, GPYC
Detroit Community
Sail Center
Presentation

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