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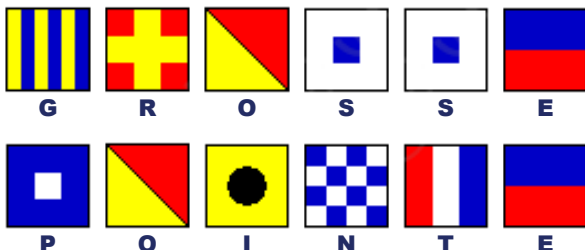


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America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe in the Grosse Pointe Santa Parade  
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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### DECEMBER

- 3 SAT - **ABYA Christmas Party**  
Zeff's Dockside Bar, St. Clair Shores / 2 - 6 pm / \$50
- 11 SUN - **Anchor Bay Christmas Party / COW**  
Algonac Lions Club / 1 - 6 pm / \$30 / Sue Fakalt 586.747.8273
- 13 TUE - **Birmingham Holiday Party / COW**  
MSU Management Center, Troy / \$42 / J. Delargy
- 14 WED - **Grosse Pointe Christmas Party and Elections**  
GPYC / 6 - 9 pm / \$30 / Michael Babiarz 586.215.3939
- 20 TUE - **Mt. Clemens Christmas Party / COW**  
Aspen Restaurant / 6 - 9 pm / \$35 / D Foley - mail check
- No Executive Board Meeting**

### JANUARY 2023

- 6 FRI - **Flint COW Dinner**  
Zenders Frankenmuth / 6 - 9 pm / \$25 /  
C. Hollenbeck 248.215.4758
- 11 WED - **Grosse Pointe Change of Watch Membership Meeting**  
GPYC / 7 pm / Rose Stano - 586.215.4758
- 25 WED - **Grosse Pointe Executive Board Meeting**  
GPYC / 7 pm / Natalie Dunbar - 313.506.6847

### FEBRUARY 2023

- 22-25 WED - SAT - **America's Boating Club National Meeting**  
Rosen Plaza, Orlando FL / see website
- 26-March 5 SUN - SUN - **Western Caribbean Cruise - Beyond**  
Fort Lauderdale / Dawns Travels - dawntraveldeals@gmail.com

### APRIL 2023

- 22 SAT - **Grosse Pointe Commanders Ball**  
GPYC / 6pm / GPYC for Natalie Dunbar - Save the Date
- 29 SAT - **District 9 Spring Conference**  
Bay City / Save the Date

\*\*See [www.gpps-d9.com](http://www.gpps-d9.com) 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

We have made it to the end of the year and flourished. Our accomplishments are many and there is so much we can build on.

Returning to in person classes has allowed us to teach a whole new group of boaters, some new to boating and some who have been at it along time but didn't know the basics. Our partnership with Anchor Bay Yachting Association has given us access to Trader Todd Marina and Huron Pointe Yacht Club for teaching Class. Re-establishing a routine schedule of Monday night classes at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club gets back in the groove.

We continued our Vessel Safety Exam Days at Jefferson Beach Marina and Beacon Cove, adding Trader Todd Marina. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club did not have their Spring Festival, but Bob Wiczorek continued the exams there for their members. There was a noticeable decrease in VSE requests and the need to educate the boating public to save lives is evident.

By being resilient and watching the Covid trends in the community, we were able to pivot the Commanders Ball from January to April 2022. There was great turn out with a laid-back evening of music and entertainment by Marilyn Monroe (Julie Bannerton) and the CJ Styles Band. Returning to in person dinners, lectures and picnics has allowed us to reconnect and heal.

Major changes are happening at USPS. Some are concerned for its survival in this changing world where groups are failing like shopping malls and office complexes.

Bylaw changes were voted on at the Fall Conference with the intent to simplify, so group could adapt to their changing needs and stay together, moving forward. ABC GP will work streamline our Squadron and District 9 Bylaws, so they reflect our needs. Your help and input is needed.

This leaves us with a dilemma. Do we form a Foundation to preserve the past mission of GPPS and honor it? These are important questions. Feel free to contact me.  
Commander Rose Stano.





**Education Officer**  
*Dt/Lt/C Chester Dunbar Jr., AP*

The last ABC 3 class at GPYC took their test Monday before Thanksgiving with 7 passing and 2 postponing test til later. P/C Ron Utz and P/C Bill Stano continue teaching Marine Navigation after class completed Boat Handling this fall. The students are struggling with chart plotting and half have dropped out. With GPS in all boats, many feel they do not need to know plotting. This is a concerning trend.

We taught 7 America' Boating Class 3 this year and reached over 80 students. Job well done Instructors.

We will hold off on further classes til February after the Detroit Boat Show.



**Administrative Officer**  
*Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP*

12 people attended the Players Playhouse with Joan McCarron on Saturday, November 5 and enjoyed this year's best play. Great beer and shared appetizer made for special evening of fellowship in such a historic venue.

November 9 General Membership Meeting was a great success with the showing of Boblo Boats, a Detroit Ferry Tale. We had 70 people in attendance coming from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Anchor Bay Yachting Association, ours, and other squadrons in the area. Aaron Sp gave us the history of the movie and answered all our questions. Please see his Thank You in the newsletter and share with others who may be interested. We will look for further events to continue to attract others in the boating community. Please send me any ideas you may have.

The Commanders Thank You Tea was shared with 40 members of the group. The smell of Chinese Food filled the Activity Center at the Farms Pier Park and tasted great. Costco did a great job on the cake with a great interpretation of our ABC logo. We are fortunate to have members in many different Grosse Pointes cities that allow us to use these nice facilities. It is nice to vary our activities from fancy to informal to provide a comfortable setting for all our members.

This week we should be able to send out Christmas Cards with the invitations for the Christmas Party. Please save the date, Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. 1800 -drinks and 1900 -dinner. Please respond with RSVP to me as soon as you receive. Family and friends are invited if you would like to share the event with them. This year we will continue with toy donations for the homeless in the area through Motor City Mitten Mission .



<https://americasboatingclub.org>

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

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

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## December Birthdays

**Maria Adams-Lawton  
Marita Grobbel  
Howard Johnson  
John Loporto**

**Raymond Oset  
Milton Osgood  
Gregory Peters  
Walter Weber**

*Merry  
Christmas*



## America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe Invites You to our Annual Holiday Celebration and Election

December 14, 2022

Cocktails and Election at 1800

Buffet Dinner at 1900

Cost is \$30 per person (Members, Associate Members, and First Mates)

\$40 per person (Guests)

Cash Bar

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

788 Lake Shore Road

Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

RSVP To PDC Michael Babiarz

586-215-3919 or [mbabz@comcast.net](mailto:mbabz@comcast.net)

### Toy Donations to Motor City Mitten Mission

### Holiday Party Menu - Dinner Buffet to Include

Chicken Chardonnay | Beef Pot Roast

Cesar Salad

Penne Marinara

Potato Au Gratin | Chef's Seasonal Vegetable Medley

Freshly Baked Rolls with Whipped Butter

Build Your Own Ice Cream Sandwiches



## Birmingham Power Squadron Holiday party & Change of Watch

*You are most cordially invited to attend Birmingham Power Squadron's Holiday Party and Change of Watch, which will be held on Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy, Michigan. Festivities will begin at 1800 with cocktails followed by dinner beginning at 1900.*

*Choice of:  
Cranberry Brie Pecan Chicken      or      Baked Whitefish*

*with tossed salad, rice, vegetable, tea, coffee, and dessert.*

*A Vegetarian or Gluten-Free selection also will be available.*

*The Change of Watch ceremony honoring our new Commander, Donald Jahncke, S, and the 2023 Bridge will begin after dinner. The remainder of the evening will be spent enjoying the companionship of our friends.*

*Cash bar; however, a complimentary champagne toast will follow the ceremony.*

*The MSU Management Education Center is located at 811 W Square Lake Rd, Troy, MI 48098.  
The entrance to the Center is off Square Lake Road, just east of Crooks Road.*

*Uniform A with Bowtie or other appropriate holiday attire.*

*Please return the RSVP below by December 03, 2022*

Please enclose your check payable to **Birmingham Power Squadron**.

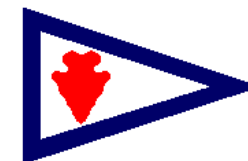
Return to: D/Lt/C Judy Delargy,  
2676 Dayton Dr., Troy, MI 48085

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Selection: \* Chicken \*   \* Whitefish \*   \* Vegetarian \*   \* Gluten-Free \*      \$42.00

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## America's Boating Club of Flint Change of Watch

Please join us for the installation of

Commander-Elect P/C Connie Hallenbeck, JN

Date: Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Time: 1800 hours

Place: Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, Garden Room

730 S. Main St.  
Frankenmuth, Michigan 48734  
1-810-863-7999

Cost: \$25.00

Please choose one entrée from the following and send check to  
Connie Hallenbeck 336 Wildflower Ln, Lapeer, MI 48446

- Traditional Family Style Chicken Dinner
- Wiener Schnitzel Franconian (Veal with a sauté of onions, mushrooms, tomatoes, and artichoke hearts)
- Char-Grilled Heritage Steak (14 oz. N.Y. Strip Steak (Cooked Medium))
- Chicken Liver Dinner

Dress Code: Uniform A or Other Appropriate After 5 Attire

RSVP by December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Connie Hallenbeck 248-860-6587



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## 2023 America's Boating Club

### Annual Meeting

Rosen Plaza, Orlando FL



2023 America's Boating Club -- **Annual Meeting**  
United States Power Squadron  
Sunday, February 19 through Sunday, February 26, 2023  
Open meetings for group begin Thursday, 23, 2023

#### **Rosen Plaza Orlando -Meeting Hotel**

9700 International Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819

**Telephone: 407-996-9700**

Rate: \$169.00/ night

You can call now to reserve rooms.

Let them know you are part of the group for discount price.

#### **Activities available**

2/20, Monday - Kennedy Space Center

2/21-24, - SeaWorld - group discount tickets

2/21, Tuesday- ICON Park Excursion during Day, Al Capone Dinner Theater at Night.

2/22, Wednesday - Miniature Golf Tournament at Pirate Cove - Day, Mardi Gras Bingo at Night.

2/23, Thursday – Keynote Breakfast with Tim Barrett, Chief Sarasota Fire & Rescue about Ian.

- Committee Meetings throughout the day Thursday and Friday.

- Historic Winter Park Day, Boat, and Walking Tour in Day

- Award Dinner and Lifetime Member Recognition at Night

2/24, Friday – Gator, Lunch & Forts at Jungle Adventure, Fort Christmas, Green Gator River ride.

2/25, Saturday - National Meeting with Members or Social Lunch at Noon

- 1920 Theme Dinner Party in evening

Use list as a guide of available activities, for further information look to National Website.

<https://www.usps.org>

They have not set up activity or meal reservations at this time.

I Trolley Ride runs up and down International Drive and can take you many places.

.25 per ride for 65+, \$2.00 for others, or 3 day pass is \$8.00



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## GPPS Players Theater Night



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## GPPS Players Theater Night



1. Stella and Dennis Gornick with PC Joan McCarron and Milton Osgood.
2. Stella and Dennis Gornick with Milton Osgood.
3. Michael Babiarz, Rose Claus, Tony Kuras and Friend.
4. Dancing friends of Joan with Rose.
5. Milton, Dennis, Michael, Dan and Tony.
6. Friend, Rose, John Bennett, Stella and Dennis Gornick.

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Commander's Thank You Tea - Chinese Dinner



- 1. Group shot
- 2. Cake from Costco - Roseville
- 3. Group shot
- 4. Group shot
- 5. Natalie Dunbar, Cdr Rose Stano and Bonnie Utz



November General Membership Meeting- Boblo Boat Film



Dear ABC Grosse Pointe,

I very much enjoyed screening my film at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club with you and being able to follow with the question-and-answer period. You are all such a fun group of people who left me energized. I am happy to do other community events for a screening fee with anyone who would be interested, Please contact me at: [bobloboatsfilm@gmail.com](mailto:bobloboatsfilm@gmail.com).

Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale is now available to stream on demand and to own on DVD. Both options include over one hour of special features not included in the original version. Streaming is through Eventive, a new platform that is fully customizable and allows for inclusion of these special features.

In addition to a Q&A with Detroit's City Historian Jamon Jordan, narrator Martha Reeves, director Aaron Schillinger and other key contributors to the film, viewers can also watch thirteen other pieces of content on both Eventive and DVD. Other highlights from the bonus content includes the true story of how the mafia nearly acquired Boblo Island, a rendition of the original 1923 Bob-Lo Song, and an animated sequence depicting the "father" of the Boblo Boats, naval architect Frank Kirby. Among the deleted scenes are updates from the main characters, additional history of Boblo Island, and more scenes with the Boblo Boats themselves.

Virtual tickets to stream the film start at \$12 and DVD's are available for \$25. Links to purchase both, as well as t-shirts and posters, are available on the film's website: <https://www.bobloboatsfilm.com/> This would make a great Christmas gift for someone.

If you would like more information on the Sarah E. Ray Project or the boat restoration teams, please visit this page of our website: <https://www.bobloboatsfilm.com/impact> Thank you!

Aaron Schillinger  
Director, Boblo Boats: A Detroit Ferry Tale.



- 1 & 2. Full House for the Movie.
- 3. Director Aaron S. with Chet Dunbar.

ABC GP in Grosse Pointe Santa Parade



- 1. Bill and Rose Stano with Toyland dingy for the Parade.
- 2. Sally Lumus from Detroit contributed toys and rode with us in the Parade.
- 3. Used Loaner Lifejackets from SeaTow to promote lifejacket use.



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ABC GP in Grosse Pointe Santa Parade



- 4. The Budweiser Clydesdales also in the parade.
- 5. The Clydesdales viewed out the back window in the parade.
- 6. Rita Charvat saw us in the parade.

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## Save The Date

*America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe  
Commander's Ball*

*Saturday  
22 April 2023*

*For Lt/C Natalie Dunbar, AP*

## SAVE THE DATE

**District 9 Spring Conference**



**Saturday  
29 April 2023**

**Bay City**

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*Christmas Party and Election*

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

at The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

see flyer inside for more information

**GROSSE POINTE POWER SQUADRON**

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