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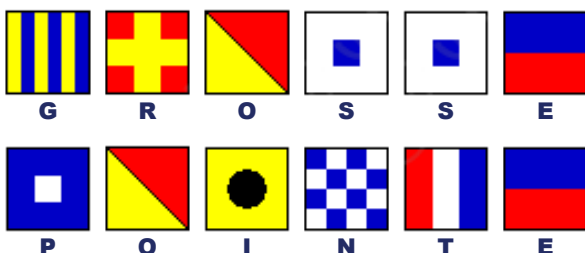
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The new Bridge for 2023 at COW. John Bennett as Treasurer, Chris Jenkins as Secretary, Michael Babiarz as Administrative Officer and Chet Dunbar as SEO by D/C Alanna Harvey

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Calendar of Upcoming Events



JANUARY

- 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

- 7 TUE - **Feather Bowling**
Cadieux Cafe
- 22 WED - **Executive Board Meeting**
Cancelled
- 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

MARCH

- 8 WED - **General Membership Meeting**
Zef's Dockside
- 22 WED - **Executive Board Meeting**
GPYC

APRIL

- 12 WED - **General Membership Meeting**
GPYC
- 22 SAT - **Grosse Pointe Commanders Ball**
GPYC / 6pm / GPYC for Natalie Dunbar - Save the Date
- 26 WED - **Executive Board Meeting**
GPYC
- 29 SAT - **District 9 Spring Conference**
Bay City / Save the Date



**See 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. Natalie Dunbar, AP

I sincerely believe that the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron is a worthy organization that saves lives and provides much needed boating education and safety resources to the community. I joined the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron in 1999 with her husband Chet and her sons Chester III, and Rahmon. While a fulltime Detroit area engineer, I advanced through the squadron's boating safety and education classes to obtain the rank of

Advanced Pilot(AP). I was the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron commander in 2019. I have earned twelve merit marks and held the bridge positions leading up to and including commander and also served on the Executive Board, the Budget Committee, the Nominations Committee, and Hospitality. I look forward to successfully leading the squadron through another year of changing times and shifting organizational policies and priorities.

Fun facts about me:

+ I am the author of a number of romance, romantic suspense, and paranormal romance novels.

+ I was a finalist in the Romance Slam Jam EMMA awards for 2022.

+ I can often be found manning the District 9 bar at the district conferences.

Executive Officer Report:

Detroit Boat Show at Huntington Place in Jan 2023

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron members have again stepped up to volunteer at the Detroit Boat Show held at Huntington Place from Jan 14-16 and Jan 19 -Jan 22. This year the Power Squadron Booth was located in the back, close to face painting for the children, the mermaid booth, and kiddie fishing. As usual, children were attracted to the virtual trainer and many of their parents and others stopped to talk about boating classes, vessel safety checks, and knots. I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time. Prior to our arrival at out scheduled time on Saturday, January 21, I received a letter from LTC Michael McCracken from the Birmingham Power Squadron, who extolled the virtues of Matt Chambliss, one of our youngest members who was at the Boat show volunteering along with his mother, Natasha Duvall. He was impressed with Matt's willingness to interact with boat show patrons and try to interest them in taking a boating course with the squadron. We will be recognizing Matt for his efforts with a certificate of appreciation. I would also like to recognize those of you who also volunteered your time and efforts to interest people in our courses, inform people about our resources and capabilities to perform vessel safety checks, answer questions, and help attendees who utilized the virtual trainer. Specifically, I'd like to acknowledge John Sulkowski, who is our Boat Show Chairperson, William West III, Natasha Duvall, Bill Stano, Rose Stano, Larry Hurst, Catrina Hurst, and Chet Dunbar. Your efforts were very much appreciated.





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

Boat Handling and Marine Navigation
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Presented by **The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron**

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- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow Speed Maneuvering
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- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

Marine Navigation is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails.

Topics covered include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course.

Classes held at: The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
788 Lake Shore Rd.
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

Class begins March 6 and continues 10 consecutive weeks
Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

\$150 per Person includes Books
To Register call 313-744-7472 or email gpps@comcast.net
www.gpps-d9.com



Administrative Officer
Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP

The Administrative Department is working hard to make sure that we have some fun. We had a meeting at the end of January to lay out some plans for the year. We have a few upcoming Land Rendezvous to get us through the winter months and some weekend plans for the summer.

Most important for the weekend rendezvous is that you get your slip reservations in early. Both Lake St Clair Metropark and Milliken Marina do fill up during the summer. Book now and if something happens you can always cancel later. Otherwise you might miss the party. Reservations are made by going to www.midnrreservations.com

Our annual NEW MEMBER / MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY will be Saturday June 24th at Lake St Clair Metropark. Come in and stay for the weekend if you want. A few of us are planning to do just that. This was a great event last year and we're looking to make it better.

What has also become an annual event and back by popular demand is our Milliken Marina / Detroit Riverwalk Rendezvous which will be July 14-16. For the Third year in a row the Detroit Riverwalk has been voted best Riverwalk in the Nation. Plenty to see and do and it gets bigger each year.

There is also an option of joining with the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club at their St Clair Rendezvous June 16-18.

As I said get your reservations in and further details will be announced later. We try to make all our Rendezvous options available to boaters and non-boaters so mark your calendars too.

Since we've found that we're pretty good at socializing and we all need opportunities go get out in the winter months our March General Membership will be an opportunity to do just that. We'll be meeting at Zef's Dockside Bar and Kitchen on Wednesday March 8th. We'll give a few squadron updates, promote our activities and have good time and good food together.

Join the America's Boating Club of Grosse Pointe
For an evening of Food, Fun and Fellowship
At our March General Membership Meeting on March 8th 2023

Zef's Dockside Bar and Kitchen
24026 Jefferson Ave
St Clair Shores, MI 48080

Starting at 1830 with dinner at 1900
RSVP TO P/D/C Michael Babiarz, AP mbabz@comcast.net or 586-215-3919
(Dinner and Drinks will be on your own off the Menu)



January Birthdays

Scott Bade
Virginia Burton
David Charvat
Lavonia Criner
Jeanne Flynn
Larry Hurst
Eric Kinney
John Marshall
Marissa Leal

Michael Sheridan
Natalie Simon
Conrad Sobczynski
William Stano
Kathleen Sullivan
James Mestdagh
Barbara Roddis
Jerilyn Sandifer
Myron Sherer

February Birthdays

Caprice Baun
Michael Dixon
Kurt Hansen
Jeffery Judson
Jay Kaiser
Maurice Kenney

Robert Malicki
Joseph Nagel
Paul Simon
Tymon Totte
William West III

March Birthdays

Michael Babiarz
John Bennett
Jane Ellis
James Evans
Dennis Gornick
Stephen Lloyd
William C. Quinlan

William P. Quinlan
Melin Riecher
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Millicent Simon
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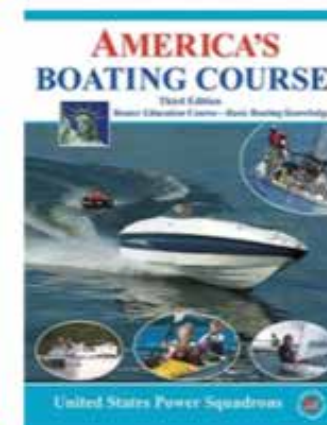
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Classes held at: Zef's Dockside Bar and Kitchen

24026 Jefferson Ave.
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Class begins March 13 and continues 5 consecutive weeks
(This is a 5 week Class)

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

\$55 per Person includes Book

To Register call 313-744-7472 or email gpps@comcast.net

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Challenge the Wind

Youth Sailing Program Ages 10 to 17



Announcing Our 2023 Youth Learn to Sail Dates

Session 1: June 19th – 30th
Session 2: July 10th – 21st
NEW Session 3: July 24th – August 4th

\$100 a Session - Monday through Friday 9 AM to 12 PM

Sessions include Beginning and Intermediate instruction.

Classes held at:
Belle Isle Boat House
E Picnic Way, Belle Isle, Detroit, 48207



Registration Opens March 5th

To register, fill out the form and pay online on our website.
Details can be found here.



Participant Information

We teach youths, ages 10-17 to sail. By the end of a session participants will be able to safely sail without the assistance of the instructors.

Taught by US Sailing Organization Certified instructors and other experienced staff.

Participants will also get exposure to and learn the value of our rich Detroit marine environment.

Beginning and Intermediate Sailing:

Both sessions include Beginning and Intermediate instruction, depending on the participant's experience level.

Times and Location: Daily Monday through Friday **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**

Held at:

Belle Isle Boat House
E. Picnic Way, Belle Isle
Detroit, MI, 48207



Included:

- Use of sailboats
- Use of lifejacket
(U.S. Coast Guard approved
Personal Flotation Device)
- US Sailing Organization Certified Instructor
- Red Cross First Responder/ CPR Certified Staff

Knowing how to swim is preferred but not mandatory.

Fees: Credit card, PayPal, checks accepted. Participants can sign up for more than one session:

One Session (2 weeks) - \$100
Two Sessions (4 weeks) - \$200
Three Sessions (6 weeks) - \$300

Other Programs:

Planning is in progress for STEM in Sailing and a swim program.
Stay tuned for future updates of these and other programs!

Questions? Contact us:
info@sailingdetroit.org
(313) 473-7793

We're looking forward to a great summer!

Grace Pytell
Director, Detroit Community Sailing Center
grace@sailingdetroit.org



ABC Grosse Pointe and Flint



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ABC Grosse Pointe and Flint



1. D/C Alanna Harvey, P swears In Natalie Dunbar, AP as our new 2023 Commander .
2. Thankfully, Rose Stano was allowed into the Past Commander Club. Voted in by Chet, Bill, Ron, Michael, Natalie, John, Joan and John.
3. The new Bridge for 2023 at COW. John Bennett as Treasurer, Chris Jenkins as Secretary, Michael Babiarz as Administrative Officer and Chet Dunbar as SEO by D/C Alanna Harvey
4. New Member Kim Boch, S receives Boat Handling Certificate at COW from SEO Chet Dunbar with her friend Lisa.
5. More happy faces at COW. Joan McCarron , Milton Osgood, Stella and Dennis Gornick, Bonny and Ron Utz.
6. New Members Roman Bier with daughter Melissa and Wife, Dolores with Kim Boch.
7. D/Lt/C Chet Dunbar gives 25 year Life Membership in USPS at Flint COW with S/C Ralph Zeigler.
8. New Members at Large on our Executive Committee, Natasha Duvall and Roman Bier.

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Mt. Clemens Change of Watch



- 1. D/Lt/C Chet Dunbar swearing in Commander Greg Gamber for Mt Clemens.
- 2. Past Commanders supporting Change of Watch, Natalie Dunbar, Bill Stano and John Bennett.



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Detroit Spring Boat Show



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BOAT SHOW



- 1. Bill Stano with Chet and Natalie at Detroit Spring Boat Show.
- 2. New members Larry and Catrina Hurst at Boat Show helping with booth.

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USPS D9 2023 Spring Conference

Hosted by Saginaw Bay Sail and Power Squadron
DoubleTree Hotel Riverfront by Hilton - Bay City



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

United States Power Squadrons - District 9 - Spring Conference 28 - 30 April 2023

Rank Last Name First Name Grade

Squadron Phone () E-Mail Address

Check if a First Timer at a district conference

No Meals; Friday and/or Saturday registration only

Delta College Planetarium show 3:30 Friday "Mysteries of the Great Lakes" \$5 per ticket (across from hotel)

Saturday Luncheon Buffet \$25.00 each Entrees: Grilled Salmon and Braised Beef w/ Heirloom carrots, and Cheese Tortellini Primavera **Sides:** Yukon potatoes, seasonal mixed vegetables, mixed greens salad, Kale & Napa slaw, and assorted petite desserts

Special Meal Dietary Requests Specify :

Meal Reservations must be received by 20 April 2023 Please register even if you do not want any meal tickets.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$

Questions? Contact SBSPS Cdr Guy Greve, P ggreve@sbcglobal.net H: 989-894-2191 C: 989-225-2448

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Notes !

- **Uniform Saturday:** Daytime: Uniform F (White long sleeve shirt, tie, black slacks, no jacket)

- The only meal tickets available after the cut-off date (20 April) will be unclaimed tickets or tickets turned in for resale.

Hospitality Room Wrist Band: Wrist bands will be distributed at the registration table for security reasons. Hospitality room open both Friday and Saturday evening.

Rooms Reservations: Reserve with hotel on or before 6 April, 2023 Call 989-891-6000
Be sure to reference the group rate: District 9 US Power Squadrons

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Commander's Ball*

*Saturday
22 April 2023*

For Lt/C Natalie Dunbar, AP

**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB GROSSE POINTE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Zef's Dockside

GROSSE POINTE POWER SQUADRON

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