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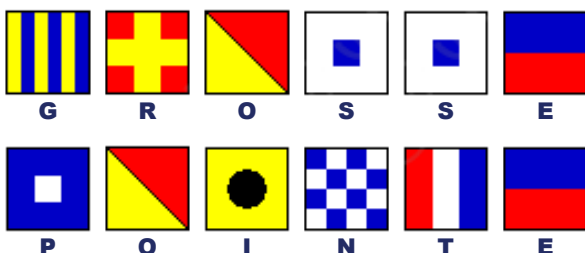
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Dress Denim. Dresses or Skirts
for women, if preferred.
Collared shirts.
No Tee Shirts, Baseball Caps or
distressed clothes.

Calendar of Upcoming Events



JULY

- | | |
|-------|---|
| 14-16 | FRI - SUN - 2nd Summer Rendezvous - W.G. Milliken State Park & Marina
<i>Detroit / midnrrservations.com</i>
<i>Michael Babiarz - mbabz@comcast.net or 586.215.3919</i> |
| 17 | MON - America's Boating Course 3
<i>GPYC / Venetian Room / \$55 / Register 6:30pm / 4 weeks</i> |
| 20 | THURS - Dinner Evening at the Windsor Yacht Club
<i>Windsor Yacht Club / RSVP to P/D/C Michael Babiarz</i>
<i>mbabz@comcast.net or 586.215.3919 by July 17th</i> |

AUGUST

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 30 - Sept. 3 | Fall Governing Board
<i>America's Boating Club USPS</i>
<i>Marriott Kansas City Downtown, Missouri.</i>
<i>Come see how other Clubs & National</i>
<i>Contact Rose Stano - rstano@comcast.net</i> |
| 23 | WED - Executive Board Meeting
<i>GPYC / 7:00pm / Contact Chris Jenkins if unable to attend</i> |

SEPTEMBER

- | | |
|----|---|
| 13 | WED - General Membership Meeting
<i>TBD / 7:00pm</i> |
| 23 | WED - Exeutive Board Meeting
<i>GPYC / 7:00pm / Contact Chris Jenkins if unable to attend</i> |



**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 hope that 2023 is bringing you good things and great times! Our squadron, AKA our boating club has been expanding with new members. If you haven't already, try to attend some of our exciting and entertaining events. It's great to see old friends and meet new ones.

If you missed the 2023, 84th Commander's Ball, you missed an exceptionally good time. The ballroom was exquisitely decorated with our flags, and purple and white flowers from Charvat the Florist, and matching table decorations. We had more than one hundred twenty-five guests from district, several District 9 squadrons, our students, friends, family, and associated groups like Black Women on the Water, and Trader Todd's, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for our brief program and a delicious meal of filet mignon and jumbo shrimp. Larry Lee and the Back-in-the-Day-Band performed an amazing selection of songs that kept the dancefloor full until our event ended. The Educator of the Year award went to Stf/C William Stano. The Annual Service Award went to P/C Joan McCarron. The Cliff Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award went to P/C John Sulkowski.

May and June were fertile times for fleet blessings. Chet and I represented the squadron at the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club(GPYC) on the very hot Memorial Day. Featuring dress whites and uniforms, it was led by their fleet chaplain who blessed all the boats in the harbor for a safe summer. Festivities included remarks from a seasoned veteran, raising of the flags, and the playing of taps. Because GPPS has a long history with the yacht club, we recognized several attendees. Past USPS National Commander Ted Smith and his wife, Susie were in attendance and available. They witnessed our presentation to Commodore Brian Fish of our housing donation for 2023. There was champagne and water for everyone.

The second Blessing of the Fleet was held at Trader Todd's Marina. This ceremony featured a blessing and commemorative words by D-It Chet Dunbar. Following Chet was the ringing of the bell for every year since the Edmund Fitzgerald went down, a beautiful rendition of the associated song, sung by a live band, a traditional sailor's flower wreath ceremony which included flowers in the water to represent each family present. The event concluded with a man in a kilt playing the bagpipes. There were mimosas, coffee, water, and pastries for all.

Here's to your wonderful boating summer!

Commander Natalie Dunbar





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

America's Boating Course 3 -

We have had 3 classes so far this year, teaching 25 students.
We will finish our 4th class on July 10 and give out the test to the 8 students.
Our final class of the summer starts July 17 at 6:30 pm registration and 7pm class.
at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. \$55.00 for 5 week class.

Boat Handling (Seamanship) & Marine Navigation (Piloting) class

We taught one class this summer- currently waiting for exams to be graded.
Thanks to all of our teachers and helpers
Michael Babiarz, Dave Charvat, Bill Quinlan, Bill Stano, John Sulkowski, and Ron Utz.

Job well done,
Chet Dunbar

Trader Todd Blessing of the Fleet



Chaplain Chet Dunbar with Commander Natalie Dunbar.
Music by Leslie Leitch and



Administrative Officer *Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP*

America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe

Invites you to a

Dinner Evening at the Windsor Yacht Club

Thursday July 20th at 1900 hrs

Thanks to our Good Friend Joe Gatfield who is both Past Chief Commander of the Canadian Power Squadron and last year was the Commodore of the Windsor Yacht Club we have the opportunity to enjoy a Dinner Evening at the Windsor Yacht Club. You may arrive by Car or Boat but must RSVP with P/D/C Michael Babiarz however you are going to get there. There are a limited number of boat slips available so RSVP ASAP with Your Name, Boat Name, Length and Beam. You may arrive early for Cocktails. Dinner will be off the Menu and charges will be each individual's responsibility.

RSVP to P/D/C Michael Babiarz

mbabz@comcast.net or 586-215-3919 by Monday July 17th

WYC Dress Code: Dressy Casual (Dress shorts are OK as are dress Jeans)
No ripped jeans, T-Shirts or hats

All RSVP's for Boats and Dinner must go through Michael as the contact with the WYC.



Windsor Yacht Club
9000 Riverside Drive East
Windsor, Ontario, Canada N8S 1H1





June Birthdays

**James Anderson
A. Thomas Cappas
Virginia Carstarphen
Dan Claus**

**Vincent LoCicero
Howard Riley Jr.
John Simon Jr
Theodore Smith**

July Birthdays

**Doris Boutin
Lawrence Briski
Harold Deason
Natalie Dunbar
Natasha Duvall
Chester Dunbar III**

**Todd Hyatt
William Kuester
Ronald Schaupeter
Judith Toma
Reanna Washington**



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

I would like to welcome our new members

Lisa Nieves
The Washington Family - Rueben, Cassandra and Reanna
The Giliberto Family - Gaylynne and Jamie
Marsha Paulsen
Jose and Danielle Dorsey

*Thank you for taking our course and wanting to help us promote the mission of Boating Safety.
Special thanks to Lisa Nieves for jumping right in and participating in our America's Boating Channel Border Crossing video.*

We are in the News!

ABC GP is in the Grosse Pointe Magazine both the May/June & July/August issue 2023.
After meeting with the Magazine Staff at a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce meet & greet, I was contacted by Margaret Carroll this spring.

The Magazine requested information about Safe Boating Week for May issue.
So I sent 300 words on Boating Safety which was placed in the May/June issue next to information on the Great Lakes Boating Festival.
I was also interviewed in my home by Margaret who wrote a lovely article for the July/August issue.
Plus Lauren McGregor came out to take pictures at our video shoot at Lambrecht Marina for the article. I hope you saw the articles and shared with family, friends, and co workers.





Vessel Safety Check

A Vessel Safety Check is a 15-point inspection which takes about 15-30 minutes and ensures your boat, PWC or Paddle Craft is in full compliance with all Federal and State of Michigan boating safety laws. A Vessel Safety Check is FREE and Voluntary! Items reviewed during the VSC include number, type, and condition of life jackets and fire extinguishers, emergency distress signals, navigation lights, ventilation, and registration and numbering. While not mandatory, a marine VHF-FM radio, dewatering device(s), anchor, and a first aid kit are also recommended.

If you do not pass the vessel exam, the vessel examiner does not issue fines or contact law enforcement agencies, however, you can correct the deficiencies and have your boat re-examined, so it passes. When you have a Vessel Safety Check, you gain the knowledge of the importance of compliance with the boating safety laws and how having the required safety equipment on board your boat saves lives. Boats that pass the examination are awarded a VSC Decal that alerts the Coast Guard and other law-enforcement agencies that your boat was found to be in full compliance with all Federal and State boating safety laws.

So far this summer our squadron's vessels examiners have performed vessel safety checks at Safe Harbor Jefferson Beach, Trader Todd's Marina and Beacon Cove Marina as well as various other marinas throughout the area. As of 02 July 2023, our Squadron's Vessel Examiners have performed 122 vessel safety exams and passed 101 vessels. **Good Job Everyone!**



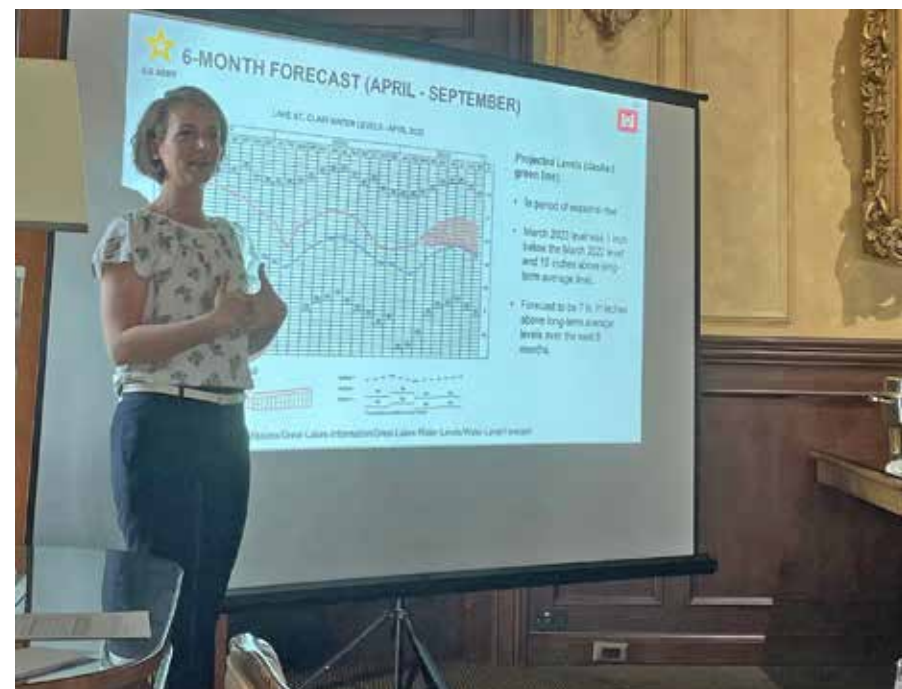
To schedule YOUR Vessel Safety Check, contact our squadron's Vessel Safety Chair, Stf/C Bill Stano, JN at 586-495-9735 or send an email to: vscgpps@gmail.com

1. Dan Claus on the dock doing VSE at Beacon Cove Marina.
2. Booth at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for Great Lakes Boating Festival with Bob, Bill and Rose.
3. Beacon Cove Marina.
4. Trader Todd's Marina.
5. Out at Jefferson Beach Marina.
6. Crew at Trader Todd's for Blessing of the Fleet and VSC - Chet, Dan, Bill Q., Bill S. and Natalie.

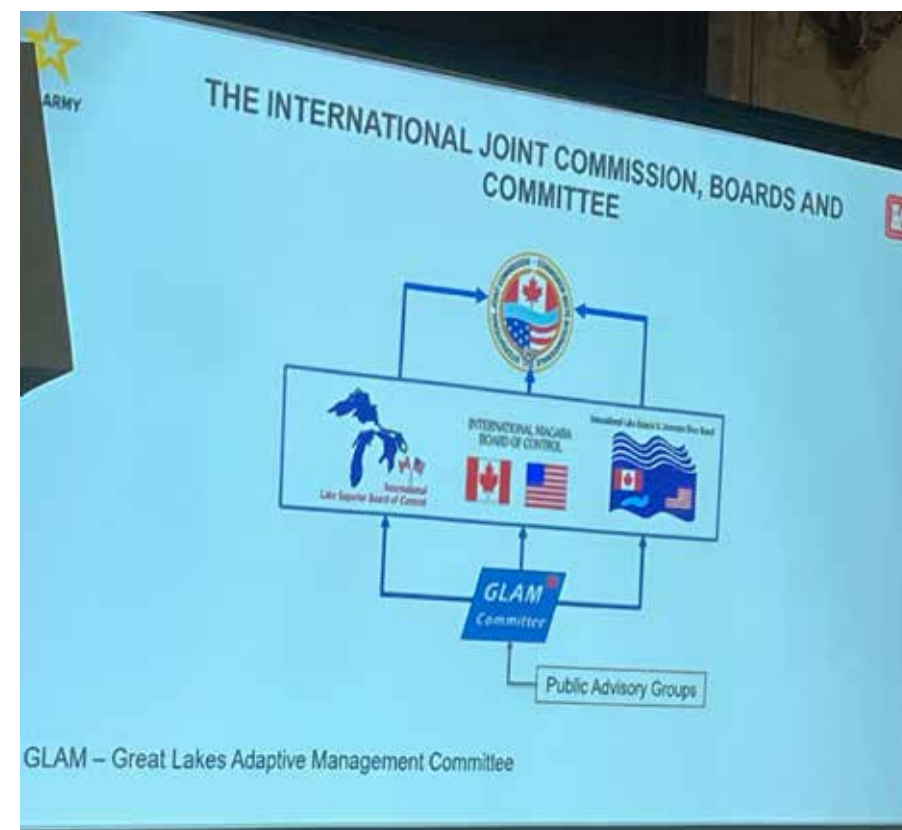




April Membership Meeting



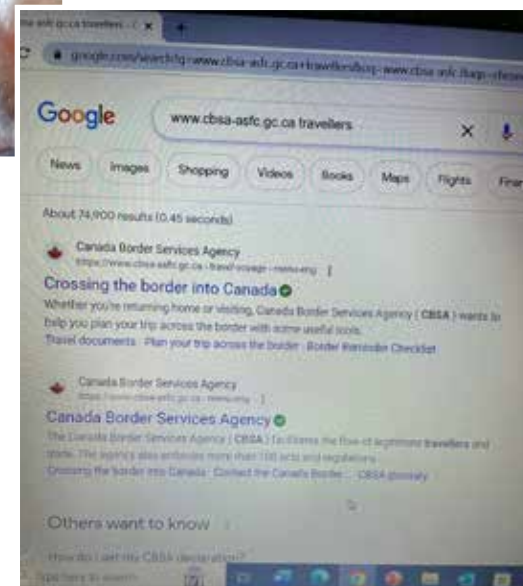
Melissa from the Army Corp of Engineers talking on water levels in Lake St. Clair.



May Membership Meeting



Michelle Hart and Sean McNeil - Canadian Border Service Authority
Supervisor Hussien Elhady and Marus Williams - US Custom and Border Patrol
Sargent James Bagos and Officer Bill Tondreau - Macomb County Sheriff
Marine Division



May meeting on Border Crossing
with US Border Patrol,
Canadian Border Patrol
and Macomb County Sheriff Marine
Division





America's Boating Channel Shoot - Border Crossing

When an opportunity presents itself, you take it. Marty and Sari Lafferty had a great time shooting Season 5 here in Michigan and wanted to come back. They asked for suggestions, and we offered Border Crossing. The Coast Guard loved the idea, and the script was written. Attempts to get the U.S. and Canadian Custom and Border Patrol involved failed so we adapted. We had so many wonderful members jump on board and Marty loved the opportunity. Joan McCarron with Milton on her 32' Christ Craft in Harrison Twp. Dave Charvat on his 31' Trawler with a group excursion to Windsor. William West, Marsh, and Derreck at Kam Marina on the Detroit River. Kalimah Johnson 26' Motorboat was the organized diva. Stephanie Johnson and Lisa Nieves were shopping fashionistas on her 37' Sea Ray at Safe Harbor Detroit River Marina. Michael Babiarz showcased the interior design on his 24' Motorboat working his computer skills at Safer Harbor Jefferson Beach. Plus, help from St. Clair Shores, Mt Clemens, Detroit, and Birmingham Squadrons allowed us to complete the project. Through the 12 video shoots in 4 days with rain, clouds, cool temperatures, and fewer fish flies, Marty triumphed, and we all had fun. The pouring rain couldn't stop our pre- and post-production parties because as boaters, we aren't afraid of water. The hard work of Marty and Sari Lafferty and American's Boating Channel once again showcased the best of the United States Power Squadron. Thanks for all the help and encouragement. Big Thanks to Bonnie and Bob Kreig for hosting the Lafferty's in there home. Rose Stano



1. Dave Charvat Crew on his Trawler, Mike, Marty, Sari, Joan, Kim and Dave. GPF Pier Park.
2. Stephanie, William, Natasha, and Lisa enjoying the rain at GPW Lakefront Park.
3. Preproduction Party at Trader Todd Marina Storage - Art Gallery in SCS.
4. Michael captaining his motorboat with Bill, Marty and Sari in Lake St. Clair.
5. Marty and Sari with Dereck, William and Marsha at Kam Marina on Detroit River.
6. Post Production Crew Picnic at GPW Lakefront Park.



Commander's Ball 2023



Commander Natalie Dunbar, AP



P/C Rose Stano, AP



Senior Educational Officer
Chet Dunbar, AP



Administrative Officer
Michael Babiarz, AP



Secretary
Chris Jenkins



Treasurer
John Bennett, SN



P/C Joan McCarron, AP
Annual Service Award



P/C John Sulkowski, AP
Lifetime Achievement Award



P/D/C William Stano, JN
Educator of the Year Award

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Commander's Ball 2023



D/C Al and Peggy Schwaller, Commander Delphine Cooley and
P/C Vince Cooley, P/Cs Bob and Bonnie Krieg,
P/D/C Alanna Harvey, Commander Dale Lashbrooke
and P/C Tina



Black Women Boaters Group
Tracie Smith, Antoinette Weaver, Lamender Davis,
Natalie Dunbar, Stephanie Johnson, Shelia Mac,
Victoria King and Kalimah Johnson



Todd Hyatt and Virginia Carstarphen with Family



Bob and Gloria Wiczorek with Commander and Chet



P/D/C Alanna Harvey



GPYC Commodore
Brian Fish and Lady, Nancy



Rose and Dan Claus



P/C Rose and
P/D/C William Stano

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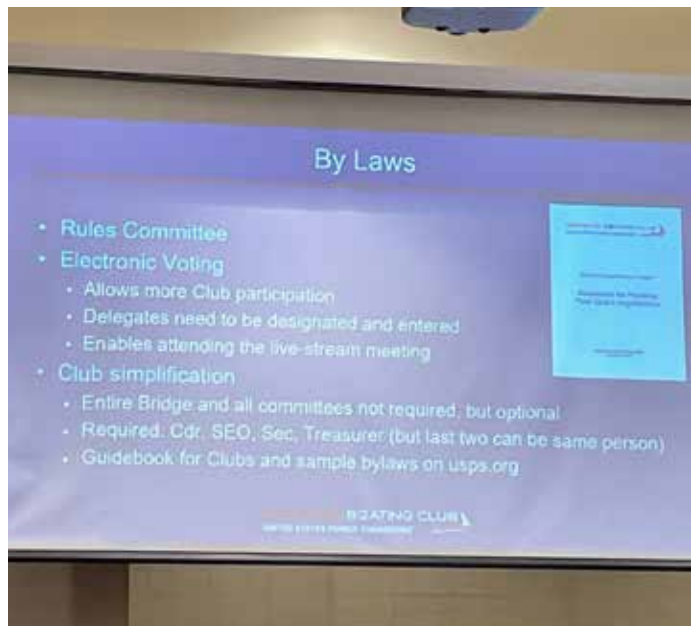
Commander's Ball
ABC Grosse Pointe
April 22, 2023
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club





1. Allana Harvey steps down as District Commander and Al Schwaller is sworn in.
2. The start of meeting.
3. Commander Natalie Dunbar accepts award for our Newsletter - Tars & Tripe and Website from Chief Commander Craig Frazer and District Commander Allana Harvey.
4. 2022 Distinctive Communicator Award recipients.

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Craigs goals as Chief Commander

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- 1. Greetings from Flint.
- 2. Joe Gatfield and the Canadian Group. Look forward to attending the conference in Windsor in October.
- 3. Joyce and Leroy Strey from Detroit.
- 4. Jan from Traverse City with Joe from Windsor.
- 5. Candy Dewit from Anchor Bay.
- 6. Ice Cream Sundaes from Birmingham.
- 7. Rose with Bob Kreig from St. Clair Shores.



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- 8. Our Grosse Pointe Crew - John, Bill, Rose, Chet, Michael, Ramon, Bonny, Natalie and Ron.
- 9. Bonnie and Bob with Bill, Chet, Vince and Delphine.
- 10. Time for a serving break for Ron and Michael.
- 11. Cam Factor played for us.
- 12. Connie and Michael dancing to the music with John and Sally Lemus nearby.



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New Member Welcome Party



- 1. Lake St. Clair Metropark Marina - plus fish flies.
- 2. Grill Master Chet.



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America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe
received the 2022 Distinctive Communicator Award for both
the Tars & Tripe Newsletter and the Website.



Thank you to Rose Stano, Chris Jenkins and
Bill Stano for a job well done!



National Social Media



New Program under ABC
Look under National Web page, resources,
to find Policy and Guidelines.
Like and Share information.



DAN BOATER

February 2023
Dan Boater will now be managed by Dan Boater and not USPS.

Dan Boater will send out email to your registered email with information on renewal when needed.
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