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distressed clothes.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 4 SAT - **CPR Class**
GPYC / 9am - 1pm / sign up per Flyer - Michael Babiarz
- 8 WED - **ABC GP Membership Meeting - Cancelled**
Cancelled
- 9 THUR - **Parade Company Tour, ABC GP**
6:00 pm / Dinner at Polish Village after
- 12 SUN - **Great Lakes Memorial Service**
Mariner's Church - 170 E Jefferson Ave., Detroit
- 15 WED - **Executive Board Meeting**
GPYC / 7:00 pm / 1 week early for the holiday
- 17 FRI - **Commander's Tea**
GP Farms Pier Park / 6:00 pm / Potluck / See flyer
- 23 THUR - **Thanksgiving**
- 28 TUES - **Mt. Clemens Holiday Party - COW**
O'Hallorans / 6:00pm / \$15 / See flyer

DECEMBER

- 9 SAT - **ABYA Christmas Party**
Lakeland Manor / 1-6 pm / \$65 / See flyer
- 12 TUES - **Birmingham Holiday Party**
MSU Manag Ed Center / 6:00 pm / \$45 / See flyer
- 13 WED - **Christmas Party / Elections, ABC Grosse Pointe**
GPYC / 6:00 pm / See flyer
- 14 THUR - **Detroit Christmas Party**
Polonia Restaurant, Hamtramck / 6:30 pm / \$30 / See flyer
- 17 SUN - **Anchor Bay Christmas Party**
Algonac Lions Hall / 1-6 pm / \$45 / See flyer
- 27 WED - **Executive Board Meeting - Possible**

JANUARY 2024

- 10 WED - **Change of Watch, ABC GP**
GPYC / 7:00 pm / Beer, Wine and Munchies
- 24 WED - **Executive Board Meeting with New Bridge in place**
GPYC / 7:00 pm

DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

- APRIL 6 SAT - **Commanders Ball Grosse Pointe**
Cdr Michael Babiarz, AP
- APRIL 27 SAT - **Spring Conference District 9**
Installation Cdr Chet Dunbar, AP



**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 you had a wonderful Halloween. Hopefully, our frigid weather didn't scare you to death! The year is progressing fast, and we all seem to be running to do the things we planned. Our last squadron event was the trip on the Diamond Jack. We had quite a turnout and enjoyed the boat on a glorious night with delicious food. We're going to have to do that again!

If you missed the fall conference held in Port Huron on September 30, the weather cooperated, and the meeting was held at the Great Lakes Maritime which is situated at the junction of the Black River and the St. Clair River. Grosse pointe received a number of awards. LtC. Ronald Utz received the Sailor of the Year Award for promoting sailboat education and activities, and outstanding individual achievement in sail boating during the calendar year. His trophy was presented to him at the September General Membership Meeting. In addition, we were awarded the James C. Ryan, SN Award, 1st place, for Advanced grades, for having the highest percent of Advanced Grades earned in the educational year. We will make the impressive trophy available for viewing at the Commander's Tea. Other awards garnered by our squadron include 3rd place in the P/R/C George Richardson, SN Educational Performance Awards for the highest percent of total number of advanced grades earned and elective courses completed to the number of members eligible to take the courses in the educational year, and 3rd place for the Member Acquisition Award, with 4% total membership increase. We were also recognized for distinctive Performance for Publications for our Tars and Tripe Newsletter, our website. Special thanks to PC Rose Stano, our newsletter editor, PC Bill Stano, our website guru, and PC Chet Dunbar, who heads our education department. Many thanks to all who made these awards possible through their hard work. Your efforts are appreciated.

As the end of the year approaches, make sure to mark your calendars for the Commander's Tea, which will be held at Farms Pier Park on Nov 15, from 4 PM to 8 PM. I will be bringing the main course. Further details will be provided in a flyer that will be sent out shortly.

I hope to see you there!

Commander Natalie L Dunbar
Grosse Pointe Power Squadron
America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe





Education Officer

Dt/Lt/C Chester Dunbar Jr., AP

Dave Charvat is currently teaching 6 students Advanced Piloting - **Advanced Marine Navigation** Course over 12 + weeks. He requests more members join as proctors on Monday nights at 7-9pm to help with chart plotting. Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Next classes will begin in February 2024 after the Boat Show.


America's Boating Course (ABC 3- basic boating course with certificate after completion of test). 5 week course - 2 hours each Monday night,

Boat Handling - replaces Seamanship course - covering rules of the road, docking, anchoring, common emergencies on board, knots and lines. 5 week course.

Marine Navigation - replaces Piloting - teaching how to chart and follow course on water. 9 week course.

Date to be determined and will be posted on website.

Contact Chet at d-lt@chetdunbar.com or 313-744-7472 with questions.



Anchor Bay Yachting Association
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P.O. BOX 46426 MT. CLEMENS, MICHIGAN 48046-6426

2023 ABYA 50 / 30 / 15 / 5 Raffle
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ABYA Raffle ticket.

**John Sulkowski has raffle tickets for sale
at meetings before December 9 deadline
or email at jsulkowski.net.**



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Michael Babiarz, AP

Greetings GPPS Members

Just a few updates

**November General Membership Meeting at The Parade Company
Thursday November 9th at 1800 hrs**

For our November General Membership Meeting we decided that we covered our business last month and should go the Activity route. It's also time to get into the Holiday spirit and what better time to go on a tour of The Parade Company. The people that put on America's Thanksgiving Parade.

To accommodate their schedule we had to move one day later to Thursday November 9th. The Tour begins at 1800 Hrs and last about an hour. After that we're putting together a dinner at Polish Village Cafe which is about 8 minutes away. Please RSVP ASAP so that we can plan dinner accordingly and no later than Sunday November 5th. ***The sooner the better!***

You must RSVP to P/D/C Michael Babiarz mbabz@comcast.net 586-215-3919

Since it is a general Membership meeting the squadron will cover the cost for Members, First Mates and Associate Members for the tour.

For additional people it's \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$8 for children. Dinner will be the responsibility of each individual and I'll have a cost on that when I know how many to plan for but it will be around \$20 a person.

During your tour we would like you to be aware of the following things:

- Your walking guided tour will last approximately one hour.
- We are wheelchair and walker friendly.
- It will Include a guided tour, visit to The Parade Company gift shop, and a special surprise.
- Photos are highly encouraged!

Before you arrive for your tour, please remember that...

- **Our facility is a BIG working Studio. If its cold outside it will be cold inside so dress accordingly.**
- We ask you to arrive a few minutes prior to your scheduled tour time.
- Our location can be found on most GPS apps just put **The Parade Company** into your app,(Google Maps is best) **Our entrance is around the back**, with our driveway off Huber Street.
- We have plenty of free parking on site

The Parade Company
9500 Mt Elliott Studio A
Detroit, MI 48211

There will NOT be a meeting on Wednesday November 8th!



November Birthdays

Michelle Cochran
Claudia Dewald
Kevin Hanlon
Natalia Korobova

Joseph Lucchese
Rose Stano
Thomas VanEgmond

December Birthdays

Maria Adams-Lawton
Jay Claus
Danielle Dorsey
Gaylynne Giliberto
Marta Grobbel
John Loporto

Raymond Oset
Milton Osgood
Gregory Peters
Walter Weber

Happy Holidays



Commanders Tea



Commanders Tea - Friday, November 17, 2023 - 6pm

Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Activity Building

350 Lake Shore Road, GPF

We have beer, wine, soft drinks, and water-

Natalie will bring the main dish.

Bring appetizers, salads, or dessert to share.

& liquor you prefer.

R&VP- ndunbar@gpps-d9.org or 313-864-8217

Always a popular event and a chance to say Thank You for a great year.

Grosse Point Power Squadron's Christmas Party and Elections

Christmas Party and Elections

Wednesday, December 13th
6pm Cocktails, 7pm Dinner
Buffet \$30pp members & associates
\$40pp guests
Cash Bar
Attire: Uniform A with a
Holiday Tie or
Holiday Semi Formal
Valet Parking Available

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
788 Lake Shore Rd.
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI

Please R.S.V.P by Dec 6.
Michael Babiarz
mbabz @comcast.net
586-215-3919



Donations of Toys & Gloves to the 12th Street Missionary Baptist Church

2024 OFFICIAL BALLOT Grosse Pointe Power Squadron Annual Election of Officers and Committees ~ 13 December 2023

Important Notice to Voters
Please be sure to vote for not more than the number of candidates indicated for each office and committee.
Voting for more than the number indicated will invalidate your ballot. -Election Committee

Vote for One for Each Office , one year term	
Commander	<input type="radio"/> Michael Babiarz, AP- 20
Secretary	<input type="radio"/> Lisa Nieves, P
Treasurer	<input type="radio"/> John C. Bennett, SN-40
Assistant Treasurer	<input type="radio"/> Jay G. Kaiser, JN-30
Apprentice Treasurer	<input type="radio"/> David Brace
Executive Officer	<input type="radio"/> Roman Bier, P
Administrative Officer	<input type="radio"/> Cassandra Washington
Educational Officer	<input type="radio"/> Chester Dunbar Jr., AP-22
Assistant Educational Officer	<input type="radio"/> William Quinlan, AP-14

Executive Committee	
Members at Large – Vote for 6 , one year term	Past Commanders – Vote for 5 , one year term
<input type="radio"/> Jonathon Eadie, AP-5	<input type="radio"/> P/C John J. Sulkowski, AP-37
<input type="radio"/> Natasha Duvall	<input type="radio"/> P/C Patrick A. Beard, AP-42
<input type="radio"/> Dave Charvat, JN-38	<input type="radio"/> P/C Ronald W. Utz, AP-35
<input type="radio"/> Lavonia Criner, -10	<input type="radio"/> P/C Rose Stano, AP-20
<input type="radio"/> Chris Jenkins, -3	<input type="radio"/> P/C Joan C. McCarron, AP-18
<input type="radio"/> Immediate Past Commander Natalie Dunbar, AP - 12	

Nominating Committee – Vote for Three , Chairman John J. Sulkowski, AP-37	
<input type="radio"/> P/C Joan C. McCarron, AP-18 - 1 year term	
<input type="radio"/> P/C Rose Stano, AP-20 2 year term	
<input type="radio"/> P/C Natalie Dunbar -12 3 year term	

Rules Committee-Vote for three	<input type="radio"/> Lt David Charvat, JN-38 3 year term
<input type="radio"/> P/C Patrick A. Beard, AP-42 2 year term	
<input type="radio"/> P/C Michael Pipia, AP-25 1 year term	

Auditing Committee-Vote for Three	<input type="radio"/> _____ 3 year term
<input type="radio"/> P/C Robert Malicki, JN-23 2 year term	
<input type="radio"/> Lt Daniel Claus, P-8 1 year term	

Election of the officers in this uncontested election may be effected by a supporting motion, a ballot cast and recorded by the secretary.
This vote will be taken at the General Membership/Christmas Dinner on 13 December 2023.
If you have any questions, you can email me at jsulkowski@att.net

P/C John Sulkowski, AP Chair, Nominating Committee



Please join us for the

Mt. Clemens Power Squadron

Change of Watch



and

Holiday Party

Commander Greg Gampert, P and the 2024 Bridge

Tuesday November 28, 2023

O'Halloran's Public House
112 Macomb Place
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

1800 Reception/Cocktails
1830 Invocation/Dinner
1930 Change of Watch Ceremony

Buffet dinner includes Chicken Marsala, Sliced Beef Tenderloin with Au Jus, Vegetable Blend, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Pasta with Marinara, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soft Drinks.

Cost: \$15 per person Cash Bar

RSVP by November 17: Cdr Greg Gampert, P
(586) 260-6782

Greg336@yahoo.com

Send checks to: Cdr Greg Gampert, P
20749 Lantz
Clinton Twp., MI 48035

Attire: Uniform A or other appropriate evening attire



Anchor Bay Yachting Association Presents:
The 2023 Christmas Gala

Saturday December 9, 2023

Lakeland Manor
26211 Harper Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
1 pm to 6 pm



Established 1967



Dress: PC's Winter formal uniform - Ladies: cocktail/semi formal

----- PLEASE RESERVE WITH THIS FORM -----

Name _____ Phone _____ Total Attending _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

\$65 Per Person. Total Enclosed \$ _____ Club Affiliation (optional) _____

Please make check payable to Anchor Bay Yachting Association (ABYA).

Mail payment to William Bailey 39641 Arbor St. Harrison Twp, MI 48045. Or deliver in person. Cash accepted.

Call William 586-553-4385 or email william_bailey@icloud.com with any questions.



You are most cordially invited to join
Birmingham Power Squadron
for its annual



Holiday Party & Change of Watch

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Festivities will begin at 1800 with cocktails, followed by dinner at 1900.

Choice of:

Garlic Herb Chicken Breast

Blackened Tilapia

with mixed green salad, roasted potatoes, broccoli, and dessert.

Vegetarian option also available. All meals are Gluten-Free.

A brief Change of Watch ceremony honoring our new **Commander Julian Fiander, SN** and the 2024 Bridge will take place after dinner. The remainder of the evening will be spent enjoying the company of our friends.

Cash bar, with a complimentary champagne toast following the ceremony.

MSU Management Education Center

811 W Square Lake Rd - Troy, MI 48098

just east of Crooks Road, on the south side

Uniform A with Bow Tie, or cocktail / festive attire



Please respond by **1 December 2023** on our website at: abcBirmingham.org/e/cow-2023

or enclose a check payable to **Birmingham Power Squadron**.

Return to: P/R/C Julian Fiander, SN
30891 Crest Forest
Farmington Hills MI 48331



Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron
Meal Selection:	Chicken	Fish	Vegetarian
			\$45

Rank	Name	Grade	Squadron
Meal Selection:	Chicken	Fish	Vegetarian
			\$45



Christmas Party

THURSDAY,
DECEMBER

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STARTING
AT 1830

FOOD & FUN LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Polonia Restaurant, 2934 Yemans St
Hamtramck, MI 48212
(Parking in the adjacent lot is free **after** 6PM)

MENU
Dill Pickle Soup, Stuffed Cabbage, City
Chicken, Cheese Pierogis, Red Beets
Cash Bar

Please RSVP by November 28

RSVP by Check
Make checks payable to: Detroit Power Squadron
Mail checks to: America's Boating Club of Detroit
49553 Keycove, New Baltimore MI 48047

RSVP Online
SCAN QR CODE


Please bring a wrapped gift to swap - value approx. \$15
(You may bring 1 gift per person or 1 gift per couple)



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB® of ANCHOR BAY POWER SQUADRON
Christmas Party and Change of Watch (COW)

PLACE: Algonac Lions Hall, 1905 Mill St, Algonac, MI

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023

TIME: 1-6 pm

MENU: The food will be served Buffet Style and includes: Mixed Gourmet Greens Salad with two dressings, Boneless Chicken Breast, Italian Meat Balls in marinara sauce, Penne Pasta with marinara sauce, oven roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee or tea w/sugar & cream, and soda. Cash bar.

BAND: Eastown Connection

DRESS: Semi-Formal; no uniforms required

BRING: Dollar bills for drink tips, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Raffle, and/or for a Boat for Vets donation

LIMITED SEATING: We're limiting the number of persons who attend.
Please make your reservations early.

Please contact Lisa Kost at lisakost@hotmail.com or call 248-853-3224 (leave a message) if you have questions.

Reservations required by Nov. 15, 2023. Make checks payable to
Anchor Bay Power Squadron and send with the completed form below to:

Lisa Kost
3780 Orchardview
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

America's Boating Club® of Anchor Bay Christmas Party/COW Dec. 17, 2023, 1-6 pm.
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Name: _____

Squadron or Boat Club Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____



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Canadian Power Squadron Annual General Meeting

Here are pictures from the Canadian Power Squadron Annual General meeting in Windsor, October 18-22, 2023. United States Power Squadron was represented by Commander Craig Fraser, SN with Liana, with P/C/C Mary Page Abbott, SN and V/C Ralph Bernard, AP. Multiple days of meetings allowed time to share our common goals and challenges. With social gatherings at the Windsor Yacht Club, dinners at Caesars Casino, and tours on the river for fun, as well. P/C Rose Stano was able to attend to represent Grosse Pointe as well as Ralph Zeigler and MaryAnn Jensen from District 9.



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- 1. D9 Conference.
- 2. P/D/C Micheal Babiaz with Cdr Natalie Dunbar and P/D/C John Bennett representing Grosse Pointe.
- 3. Cdr Natalie accepting award for Grosse Pointe.



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Photos by Lisa Nieves and Rose Stano



- 4. D/Lt/C Chet Dunbar giving invocation.
- 5. Lisa Nieves with Cdr Natalie Dunbar at D9 Conference.
- 6. District 9 Cdr Al Schwaler and Awards Chairman Cdr Delphine Cooley from Detroit.



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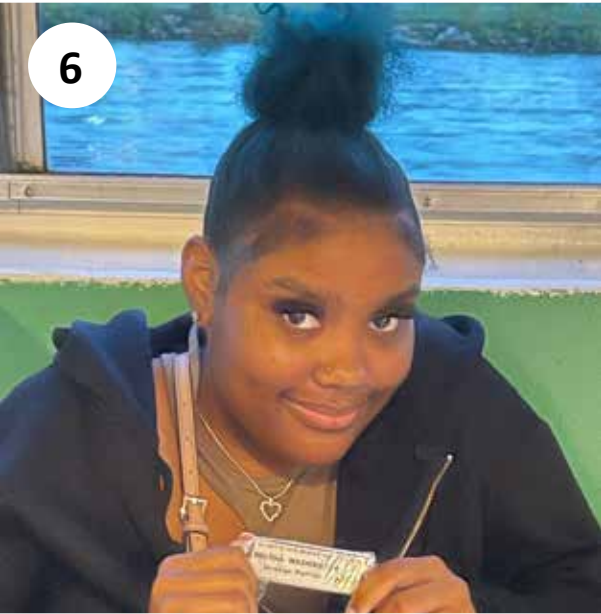
Diamond Jack Dinner Cruise



- 1. Whole Gang.
- 2. Dinner line with Delphine, Vince, Joyce, Bill, Dennis and John. Yum!
- 3. Joe and Judy Chenevert from the CGAUX.
- 4. 2 Bills enjoying the back of the boat.

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Diamond Jack Dinner Cruise



- 5 & 6. New members, Cassandra Washington with daughters Brea and Reanna, her husband Reuben was unable to attend.
- 7. Cdr Natalier with Florence, Delphine and Dawn.
- 8. Lisa, Natasha and Cassandra.
- 9. P/C Ron & Bonny Utz

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Diamond Jack Dinner Cruise



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10. Chet and Cdr Natalie Dunbar with Lisa and Rose.



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11. Guests from Detroit, Anchor Bay, Mt. Clemens and Birmingham.



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12. Group pic.

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February 6 - 11, 2024
Orlando, Florida

www.usps.org
for details

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