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

Calendar of Upcoming Events



FEBRUARY

- 7 10 WED National Meeting United States Power Squadron
 Orlando, FL, Rosen Plaza
- 11-18 SUN Celebrity Cruise, Ascent Southern Caribbean, Fort Lauderdale, FL
 - 28 WED **Feather Bowling**Cadieux Cafe / 6:00 pm
- 28 WED Executive Board Meeting GPYC / 7:00 pm

MARCH

Mar 4-April 8 MONDAYS - **America's Boating Class**Zeff Dockside, 24026 Jefferson Ave., SCS, 6:30 pm Reg.

Mar 4-April 8 MONDAYS - Operations Training

GPYC Venetian Room, 7:00 pm

- 10 SUN Blessing of the Fleet
- Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson Ave., 11 am

 WED General Membership Meeting
- GPYC / 7:00 pm
- 27 WED Executive Board Meeting GPYC / 7:00 pm

APRIL

- 6 SAT Commander Ball Michael Babiarz, AP Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 6:00 pm
- 10 WED **General Membership Meeting** *GPYC / 7:00 pm*
- 12-14 FRI **District 9 Spring Conference**Sheraton Hilton, Novi, MI, Host Grosse Pointe
- 20 SAT **CPR Class** *GPYC / 9am to 1pm*
- 24 WED Executive Board Meeting GPYC / 7:00 pm



**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. Michael Babiarz, AP

Greetings for the New Year!

I'm very Excited and Honored to be the Commander of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron / America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe for 2024. Thank You for your Trust.

We began the year with the same challenge that we ended it with and that was the illness and ultimate passing of our long time Treasurer John Bennett. Fortunately for us the Nominating Committee had in place an Apprentice Treasure David Brace. David has agreed to become the Treasurer and was sworn in at our Change of Watch on January 10th. It's been challenging to step in the way he did and with the help of Assistant Treasurer Jay Kaiser now has all the proper authorities and is working to close out last year and begin the new one.

David isn't the only new one on the Bridge. We are fortunate in our squadron that we have a bridge of newer members. Roman Bier-Executive Officer, Cassandra Washington-Administrative Officer and Lisa Nieves-Secretary have all stepped up and looking forward to a good year.

We'll be getting together soon to lay out some plans for the coming year. Your suggestions are welcome and participation in activities highly encouraged.

Grosse Pointe joined other members of D9 at the Boat Show at Huntington Place. There will be further collaborations between squadrons going forward as we all face the same challenges with fewer members.

Since the Lions did not make the Super Bowl this year I'll be traveling to Orlando to represent the squadron February 7-11.

Finally there are 2 big Squadron events to put on your Calendars.

The 2024 Commander's Ball is April 6th. Always a great evening and I encourage all to attend.

We will be hosting the D9 Conference to Honor incoming D9 Commander our own Chester Dunbar. This event will take place April 12-14 at the Sheraton in Novi

2024 Commander Michael Babiarz, AP showing his Lions Spirit!



Commander's Message



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

America's Boating Course

starts Monday, March 4, 2024 at Zef's Dockside Bar & Kitchen, 24026 Jefferson Ave. St Clair Shores, MI 48080 6:30pm to register, Class starts at 7pm til 9pm for 6 weeks. Cost \$55.00

Operation Training

starts March 18, GPYC, 5 weeks Class will review operation of p and is required for anyone wishing to hold office. No fee for this course. GPS, elective course, will start after about April 15, for 4 weeks.



Treasurer Officer David Brace

David was born and raised in British Colombia, Canada. He obtained his Mechanical Engineering Degree from General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) in Flint, MI. He started his career with General Motors of Canada in Oshawa, and Windsor Ontario. David was recruited by GM and became part of the Inland Fisher Guide division. His career covered the U.S, Europe, and Asia Pacific.

David became a member of the Power Squadron in 2004. He had the pleasure of sailing on Lake St. Clair, in his sailboat "Good Grief", as well as crewing on the sailboat "Gallivant." On Gallivant he had the good fortune of participating in five Mackinac races. He also crewed multiple times on the "Patricia IV" which included voyages from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to Naples, Florida and back again.

David appreciates the opportunity to become the Treasurer of Americas Boating Club, Grosse Pointe.



Administrative Officer Lt/C Cassandra Washington

Ahoy, landlubbers! I'm Cassandra Washington, the dynamic Chief Operating Officer for University Prep Schools (U Prep), where I steer the ship through the tumultuous seas of education [a free-charter school network comprised of three unique districts: U Prep Academy, Science & Math, and Art & Design, employing more than 600 teachers and professionals, and serving nearly 5,000 students on ten state-of-the-art

campuses, all located in the heart of Detroit]. But when the ink dries on my strategic plans and the textbooks are shelved, you'll find me navigating the serene waters of life with my husband, our two daughters, family and friends on our Bentley 240 Swingback tri-toon.

I believe joining the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron was divine intervention. Last year, my unsuspecting husband and I ventured into the abyss of our first boat show at Huntington Place. We dove into the deep waters as curious first-timers and emerged as proud owners of our dream vessel! Owning a boat has always been a dream of mine. I call it a manifestation; he might call it a nautical surprise. After his initial shock wore off, we scoured the sea of booths to find someone to teach us how to become seasoned sailors. We met and enlisted the help of the legendary Chet, and as the saying goes "the rest is history."

Now, I proudly wave the flag as the Lieutenant Commander and Administrative Officer of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron. Because let's face it, after managing Finance, Human Resources, IT, Marketing, Facilities and Athletics crews along with serving as the chair for the Finance and Facilities committees at U Prep, handling a boat club is practically a vacation! Seriously, I am honored to have this opportunity as a member of the Squadron bridge and hope to bring more laughter and camaraderie, great experiences, build long-lasting authentic relationships, and inspire others to join our crew for the occasional splash of water. My journey navigated me through uncharted water to a great crew. We are not just a boating club; we're a floating family of fun-seekers. After all, the only thing more buoyant than our boats is our collective spirit!

Fair winds and smooth sailing, Commander Cassandra



Ruebenstein Washington, Marty Wiles, **Greg Gampert,** Cassandra Washington. **Micheal Babiarz** and nephew Carson.

Education Administrative 5





Secretary Officer Lt/C Lisa Nieves, P

Lt/C Lisa Nieves, alias Captainess

Dedicated Dental Professor,
Oral Health Consultant and
Certified Base Life Support and CPR Trainer.

Lisa has been teaching College and University level Dental courses, both Hybrid and in-person for many years. She has developed and managed many Dental programs in underserved communities to decrease Oral Health disparities and inequality.

Education is very important to her.

As a new boat owner, Lisa wanted to learn as much as she could about boating. After attending the Detroit Boat Show last year, she started taking boaters classes from the America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe, one after another. She just completed Advanced Piloting Class and awaits exam results.

In her first year as a member, she is always the first to volunteer to help. Taking over as GPPS Photographer, many of our events are showcased in her pictures.

Wanting to do more with the organization, she started attending Executive Board Meetings as a guest in the Fall. Afterwards she gratefully accepted a position on the Bridge as Secretary, to help the dedicated members who have been running this organization together for years. Her goal is to attend all meetings, provide minutes, engage with the community, and play a pivotal role in advocating boater safety and Basic Life Support education.

Together We save Lives..

LT/C Lisa Nieves





In Memoriam

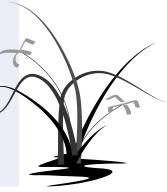


P/D/C John Bennett, SN

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of P/D/C John Bennett, SN.

A member since 1968, obtaining 41 Merit Marks for his years of service. He was Commander of Grosse Pointe in 1993 and District 9 Commander in 2001. He held many jobs on the District and National level through the years. Most recent as Treasurer of Grosse Pointe since 2014.







P/C Henry Denolf, SN

It is with great sadness that we inform our squadron members of the passing of Past Commander Henry Denolf, SN. Henry "Hank" Denolf joined the Power Squadron on January 30, 1967, and was a member for 58 years. Hank became a senior member in 1972 and a Life Member in 1992. He was involved with our squadron's educational programs.

P/C Denolf earned 42 merit marks.

Past Commander Denolf was laid to rest on Saturday, January 24, 2024.

https://www.verheyden.org/obituaries/ Henry-Denolf?obId=30428849

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January Birthdays

Virginia M. Burton
David L. Charvat
Lavonia Criner
Jeanne Flynn
Larry Hurst
Marissa Leal
John G. Marshal
James T. Mestdagh

Barbara A. Roddis
Jerilyn P. Sandifer
Myron G. Sherer
Michael V. Sherigan
Natalie Simon
Conrad Sobczynski
William A. Stano
Kathleen Sullivan
Ruebenstein Washington

February Birthdays

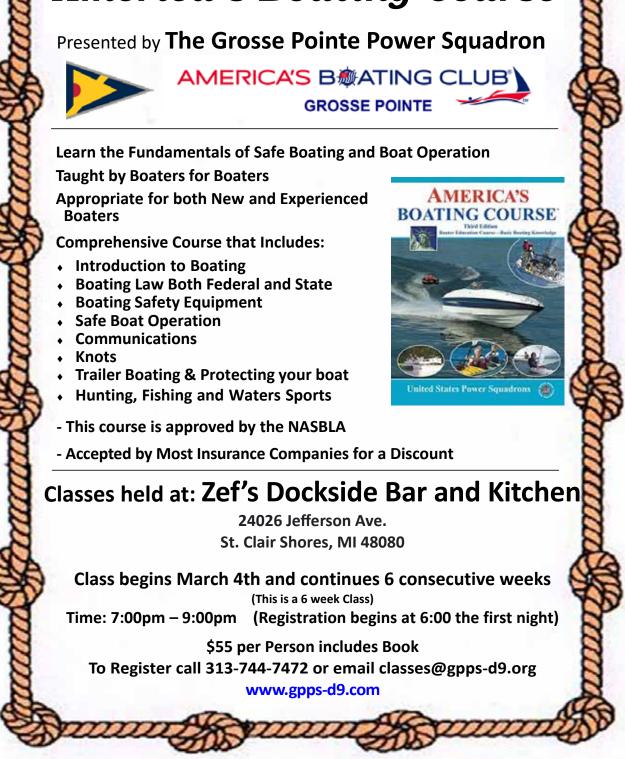
Caprice W. Baun Jeffery A. Judson Jay G. Kaiser Maurice A. Kenney Robert A. Malicki

Joseph A. Nagel Paul Simon Tymon C. Totte William West III

March Birthdays

Michael J. Babiarz Jane E. Ellis Dennis P. Gornick Steven E. Lloyd William C. Quinlan William P. Quinlan Melvin E. Reicher
Elyse Rose-Trupiano
Millicent Simon
Sheryl Kline Totte
Michael T. Wharton

America's Boating Course



Member News



Feather Bowling at the Cadieux Café



Wednesday February 21, 2024

4300 Cadieux Road Detroit, MI 48224 313-882-8560

Feather Bowling: 6pm – 7pm Dinner after bowling

This time of year we really just need to get out so we're getting together for Feather Bowling and Dinner at Cadieux Cafe.

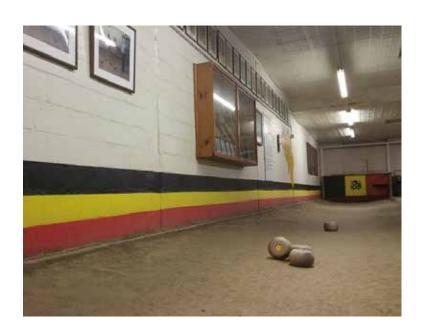
Feather Bowling is an old Belgium game, sort of a cross between horseshoes and bocci-ball.

The lanes are compacted dirt and are shaped to be a shallow trough.

The balls (called "cheeses") are thick disks made of wood, about 5 inches thick.

Each team has 6 cheeses. The target is a feather placed in the dirt at each end of each lane.

The full rules are posted at the side of the lanes along with a scoreboard for each lane. Ten points is game. For additional information on Feather Bowling and the Cadieux Café, click on the link below:



http://cadieuxcafe.com/

Feather Bowling will be coverd by the squadron. The dinner and drinks will be paid for individually. This table-top rendezvous is in lieu of February's General Membership Meeting.

Questions: Call Cdr Michael Babiarz, AP at 586-215-3919 or email mbabz@comcast.net



The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron is happy to present the newly released documentary "The Hidden History of Lake St. Clair"

Please join us to watch the film on the lost village of Belvidere and the Church of St. Felicity, located under the waters of Lake St. Clair.

Wednesday March 13, meeting starts at 7:00pm

About the documentary

Much of the history of the earliest settlements in southeast Michigan lies in the shallow waters of Lake St. Clair just off the coast of Harrison Township.

In 2023, the Macomb County Planning and Economic Development (MCPED) partnered with the Noble Odyssey Foundation to survey and document two historic settlements and bring to light a portion of Macomb County history that has been unknown to all but the most ardent local historians.

The lost village of Belvidere, and the former Church of St. Felicity at L'Anse Creuse are featured in documentary work helmed by former Ford Motor Co. corporate historian Robert Kreipke. His work includes episodes of "The Curse of Oak Island" series as well as nationally recognized films and award-winning programs shown on PBS.

Kreipke, MCPED, and Noble Odyssey Foundation spent much of 2023 gathering historical data, facts, photos and underwater dive filming to help craft the documentary.

The project was funded by a \$79,000 grant provided by the Michigan Coastal Management Program, Water Resources Division, EGLE, with funding through the National Coastal Zone Management Program



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District 9 Spring Conference

SHERATON DETROIT NOVI HOTEL 21111 HAGGERTY RD, NOVI, MI 48375



The Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel is offering District 9 members a group rate of \$119.00 USD per night plus, state, and local taxes.

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Directions to the hotel are on the reservation web site.

Make your room reservation NO LATER than March 22, 2024.



2024 DISTRICT NINE SPRING CONFERENCE AND CHANGE OF WATCH 12-14 April 2024 CONFERENCE THEME IS NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL WORLD

FRIDAY NIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES SPONSORED BY DISTRICT 9 SQUADRONS AND A CASH BAR SATURDAY NIGHT THEME IS COUNTRY WESTERN



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STAGES OF COLD WATER IMMERSION



1. COLD SHOCK

- Gasp Reflex
- Panic
- Hyperventilation
- Increased Heart Rate



- Loss of muscle coordination
- Difficulty swimming, if you're able to swim at all



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3. HYPOTHERMIA

- Body temperature drops to dangerous levels
- 75% of victims don't survive to this point









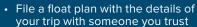
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PREPARE FOR COLD **WATER BOATING**



BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE DOCK

- Dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature
- Bring an extra set of clothes in case you get wet



· Make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket

DON'T PANIC IF YOU FALL INTO COLD WATER

- An unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp reflex – quickly regain control of your breathing
- Keep afloat with the help of your life jacket, keep your head above water, and stay with the boat if possible
- Get into the HELP position (Heat Escape Lessening Posture) by crossing your arms across your chest and pull your knees up to your chest, as if hugging vourself
- If you are with other people, you can lessen heat escape if you huddle together

FACTS

- It takes less than ½ cup of water in your lungs to drown
- Even experienced swimmers can experience shock within one minute in the frigid water and may lose muscle control within 10 minutes





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The Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers (HCP) Course is a video based Instructor led course that teaches both single rescuer and team basic life support. This course trains participants to promptly recognize several life threatening emergencies, give high quality chest compressions, deliver appropriate ventilations and provide early use of an AED.

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- Critical concepts of high-quality CPR
- The American Heart Association Chain of Survival 1-2 Rescuer CPR and AED for adult, child and infant
- · Bag mask technique and Rescue Breathing for adult, child and infant
- Relief of choking for adult, child and infant
- CPR with an advanced airway /Opioid abuse discussion and Narcan use

Contact Fo'c'sle

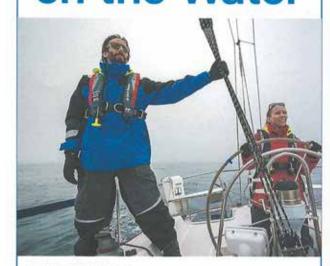
America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe, United States Power Squadron Will be having a class- Saturday, April 20, from 9am to 1pm. Cost \$75.00/ person. Grosse Pointe Yacht Club - Fo'c'sle Room Free e-book available to students on registering or purchase book for \$15.00. Certificate provided on completion of course. Sign up with Michael Babiarz, (586) 215-3919 mbabz@comcast.net

: American Heart Association - Authorized Trainer - Lisa Nieves (313) 399-4900 healtheducators4cpr@gmail.com

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ABC Grosse Pointe Christmas Party

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West Marine







- 1. Ballroom at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for Christmas Party.
- 2. Buffet line with Ruebenstein Washington, Jon and Tracy Eadie.
- 3. Claus Family.

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Safety Photo Album













- 4. Delphine Cooley with Chris and Tana Jenkins.
- 5. Roman Bier, Bill Stano and Delphine Cooley from Detroit.
- 6. Lisa Nieves and Natasha Duvall.
- 7. Auxillary members Laddie and Chrron Hudson, Greg Gambert, Wendy and Michael Orevic, all from Mt. Clemens.
- 8. Milton Osgood, Stella and Dennis Gornick and Joan McCarron.
- 9. Joan McCarron, Lavonia Criner, Michael Babiarz and Sally Lemus.
- 10. Tracy Eadie with Ruebestien and Cassandra Washington.
- 11. Susan Guzdial, Gloria Wiczorek and Natalia Korobova.
- 12. Michael Orevic, Al (D9 Commander) and Peggy Schwaller and Pam Horner.





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ABC Grosse Pointe Change of Watch



- 1. Past Commanders: Chet Dunbar, AP Micheal Babiarz, AP Ron Utz, AP Joan McCarron, AP presenting Natalie Dunbar with her Past Commander Flag.
- 2. D/Lt/C Judy Delarge swearing in Michael Babiarz as new Commander 2024.
- 3. Swearing in of Bridge for 2024.
 Lisa Nieves, P as Secretary,
 Chet Dunbar, AP as SEO,
 Cassandra Washington as
 Administrative Officer,
 Roman Bier, P as Executive Officer.

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- 4. Smiling new bridge with their flags.
- 5. Past Commander Natalie Dunbar with Ron and Bonny Utz.
- 6. Lisa Nieves with William West III.
- 9. Attendies.







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Lt/Commander Roman Bier and his Lady Dolores representing America's Boating Club Grosse Pointe at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Commodores Ball in December 2023.



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

For Cdr. Michael Babiarz, AP

Saturday, April 6, 2024 Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 6:00 pm

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SECRETARY Lisa Nieves, P



