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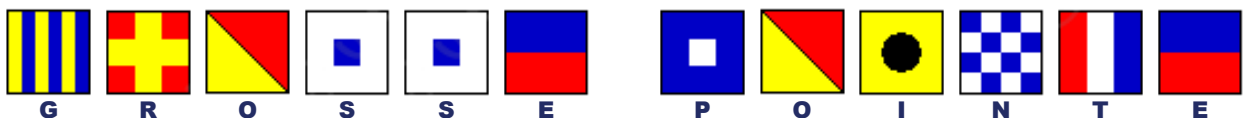
We pledge - Head table at Commander Ball, 2024

Left to right - Lt/C Cassandra Washington and Reubin, GPYC Commadore William Dillon and his Lady Jennifer. Commander Michael Babiarz, AP, Commander Al Schwaller, JN-IN, P/C Peggy Schwaller, AP, Lt/C Chet Dunbar, AP, P/C Natalie Dunbar, AP, Lt/ C Roman Bier, P and Dolores Bier, P

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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



JUNE

- 1 SAT - **Vessel Safety Checks**
Beacon Cove Marina, Harrison Twp., 10 - 3 pm
- 3 MON - **America's Boating Course**
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 6:30 pm registration till 7/1
- 9 SUN - **Blessing of the Fleet | Vessel Safety Checks**
Trader Todd Marina, SCS
- 12 WED - **New Member Picnic**
GP Farms Pier Park, SCS, 6-9pm, dish to share
- 21-23 FRI - SUN - **Great Lakes Yacht Club Rendezvous**
with D9, St. Clair Shores
*See Flyer, Reserve on-line:
abcBirmingham.org/e/glyc-2024-boat-slip*

JULY

- 8 MON - **America's Boating Course**
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 6:30 pm registration till 8/5
- 17 WED - **Dinner at Windsor Yacht Club**
Details Pending
- 20 SAT - **Picnic Fair Haven**
*Terry Marina, 8155 Water Works Dr., Fair Haven MI
3pm - Dish to pass - Call Roman Bier if you want a well to come by boat.*

AUGUST

- 28 WED - **Executive Board Meeting**
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 7:00 pm



Check Website for updates to Calendar
www.gpps-d9.com

Check District-9 Michigan website for other events
www.d9-usps.org



****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 Members! Summer 2024 is upon us and everything seems to be running a few weeks earlier than normal, including the Fish Flies. It is also reported that the Lake St Clair Water Temp is 68 degrees in most areas of the lake. I'm sure we could all agree that we need things to slow down a bit.

We've been a busy group the past couple months which doesn't help to slow things down any either. I want to THANK everyone who helped with and attended the Commander's Ball. It was a Fantastic evening. The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club atmosphere, with excellent food, an entertaining band and of course the great company of everyone in attendance, made it a wonderful evening. The following week, Grosse Pointe hosted the D9 conference in Novi which was reported on in the past issue. Another Success!

For our May meeting we continued with the idea of offering different experiences, other than Board Reports and Speakers, with a trip to "Painting with a Twist." Again a very fun and enjoyable evening for all that attended. We hosted a booth at the Annual Yachtsman's Weekend at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, spreading our message of Safe Boating. Anyone looking for a new boat saw plenty of good options. Plus, my nephew, Carson and I had great fun checking out the boats and biking boating around the pool. It was an honor to represent ABC GP at the Memorial Day Blessing of the Fleet at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and then a couple weeks later share an enjoyable dinner with Commodore William Dillon and P/C/C Ted Smith to present him with ABC GP Annual Gift.

Finally at our New Member / Member Appreciation Picnic, we welcomed new members and celebrated those that have been part of our great club for a while now. Since the beginning of the year, we are fortunate to have gained 6 new members and hope to welcome more after our June ABC class, which has 20 students. Our Educational Department is doing a great job fulfilling our core mission of promoting Boating Safety. Great Job and Thanks to Chet and all our instructors. We still have 1 more ABC class to begin July 8th, plus an ongoing Boat Handling and Marine Navigation class with both members and students from our recent classes.

It's worth mentioning that the 2023 Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics recently came out showing that what we do, Boating Education, matters. Of fatal boating accidents, 75% of those involved had no boating education, with 15% having some boating education and the remainder unknown. Not Wearing Life Jackets and Boating Under the Influence are the other leading causes of drowning and deaths.

Be sure to check the schedule in the T&T for further summer events and join us for some fun.





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

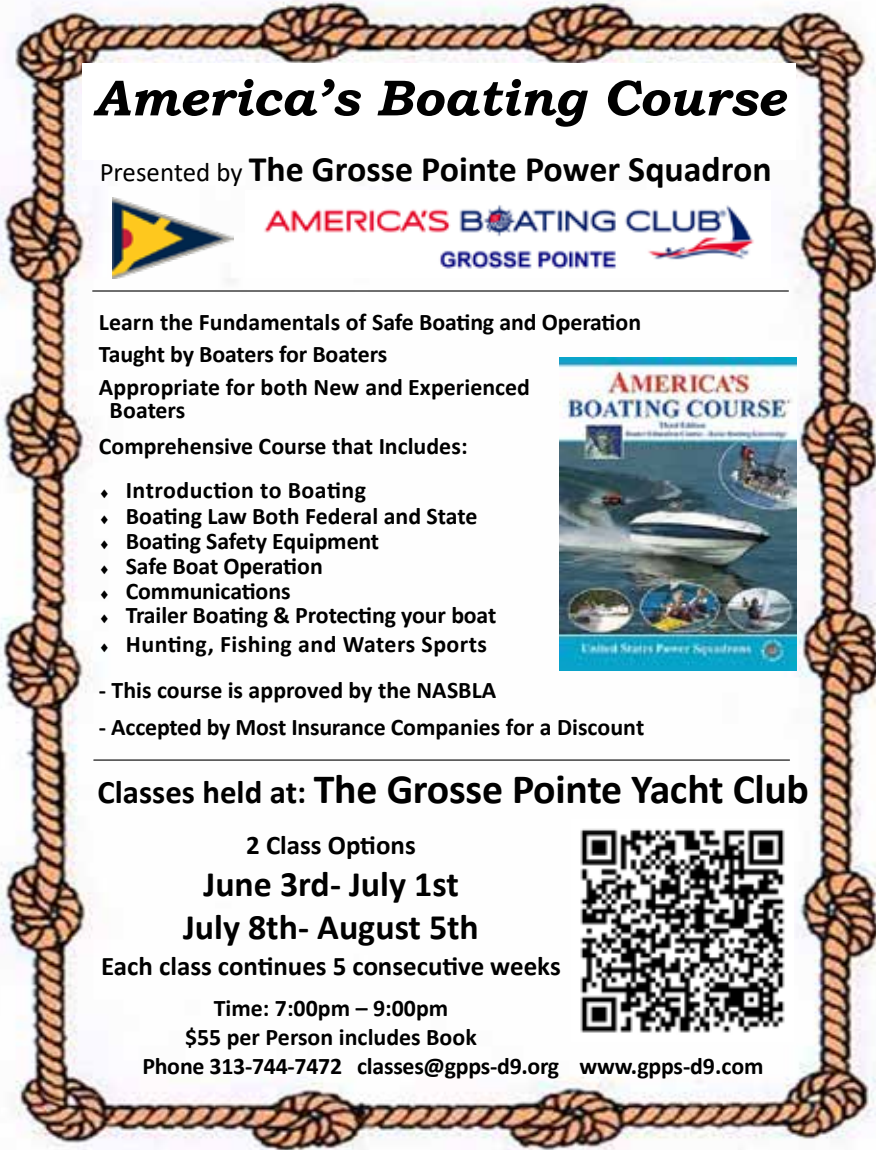
The ABC class started April 15 and ended with all 3 students taking and passing the exam. 2 of them joined our group. John Neeson and David Derong. Welcome

The next America's Boating Class starts June 3 for 5 weeks and the last

class of the summer will start July 8. Always Monday night at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. 6:30pm to register and runs till 9pm.


The Boat Handling Class (Seamanship) has taken the exam and will start Marine Navigation (Piloting) on June 3. Anyone who wants to refresh your plotting skills can come help out. Monday nights 7-9pm at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Ron Utz is teaching the class.

Dave Charvat will be planning the On The Water Training Class this summer. He will fit the boat outings in between his trips on the Pride of Michigan with the US Naval Sea Cadets. More information to follow.




America's Boating Course

Presented by **The Grosse Pointe Power Squadron**



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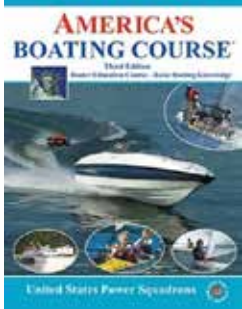


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Classes held at: The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

2 Class Options


June 3rd- July 1st

July 8th- August 5th

Each class continues 5 consecutive weeks

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm
\$55 per Person includes Book

Phone 313-744-7472 classes@gpps-d9.org www.gpps-d9.com





Administrative Officer
Lt/C Cassandra Washington



New Member Appreciation Picnic

Welcome to America's Boating Club!



 **Date:** Wednesday, June 12, 2024

 **Time:** 6:30 PM- 9:00 PM

 **Location:** Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park
350 Lakeshore Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 (At Moross RD)

Join us for an evening of Fun, Food, and Friendship!

- ✓ Mingle with old Friends and meet New Members.
- ✓ Enjoy Delicious Food: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Vegan Burgers, Water, Domestic Beer, and Wine will be provided.
- ✓ Care to Share: Please bring a dish to pass.

RSVP: By June 11, 2024

Please let us know how many people will attend, their names, and if anyone prefers a vegetarian option.

Contact: Cassandra Washington, Administrative Officer
 Email: sebrentis@yahoo.com



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
 **GROSSE POINTE**

Summer Fun Rendezvous

Saturday, June 20th 2024. 3 pm till you want to go home.

\$10.00 /person for TexMex meat dish. Will have wine and domestic beer.

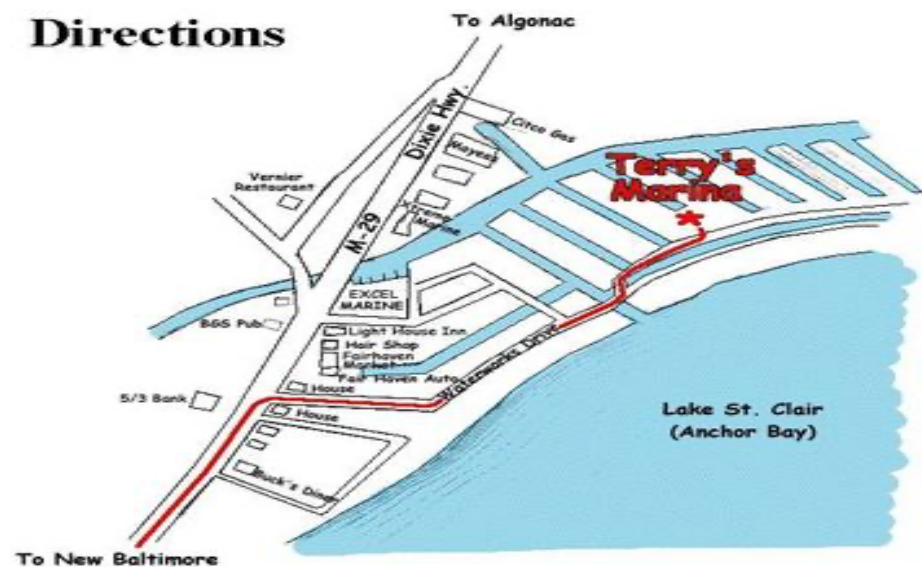
Bring a dish to pass and BYOB if you want something special.

Bring a chair and any lawn toys you want to share. Kites, corn hole, ect.

Contact Roman Bier if you want a well to come by Boat. RSVP 313-719-0361

Terry's Marina 8155 Water Works Dr. Fair Haven, MI 48023

Directions



Summer Fun Rendezvous & Upcoming Events

<i>Beginning Monday, June 3</i>	America's Boating Course – Taught by Experienced Boaters for Boaters! Come learn the fundamentals of safe boating and operation. NASBLA-approved course. Registration at 6:30 PM on the first night of class. Two Sessions: Mondays, June 3 - July 1 & July 8 - August 5 at GPYC, 788 Lake Shore RE, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
<i>Sunday, June 9</i>	Blessing of the Fleet and Vessel Safety Checks at Trader Todd Marina
<i>Wednesday, June 12</i>	New Member Appreciation Picnic at GP Farms Pier Park, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
<i>Friday-Sunday, June 21-23</i>	Great Lakes Yacht Club Rendezvous with D9, St. Clair Shores: Reserve online @abcBirmingham.org/e/glyc-2024-boat-slip
<i>Wednesday, July 17</i>	Dinner at Windsor Yacht Club. Stay tuned for more details.
<i>Saturday, July 20</i>	Picnic at Fair Haven, Terry Marina, 8155 Water Works Dr., Fair Haven, 3:00 pm. Bring a Dish to pass. Contact Roman Bier, Executive Officer, if you want a well to come by boat.

Take advantage of our Exciting Events!

For more details, visit our website at www.gpps-d9.com



We look forward to seeing YOU at the picnic!



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
District 9

Come join us for a weekend with friends at the
Great Lakes Yacht Club

Saturday June 22nd

We'll gather at 1400 for nautical trivia, lawn activities, raffle, and snacks throughout the afternoon.

A catered dinner will be served at 1800.
Please bring a dessert to pass, and BYOB.

Everyone is also welcome to join us for Sunday breakfast at 0930 at the GLYC Galley.

*Please register by **Friday 14 June 2024***

To reserve a boat slip, please register at:
abcBirmingham.org/e/glyc-2024-boat-slip

To register **WITHOUT** a boat slip, please register at:
abcBirmingham.org/e/glyc-2024-no-slip

Registration:
\$25 p.p.

Well Reservations:
\$35

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Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080

Enter off Jefferson Ave, then go straight through gate.
If gate is closed, **press button at gate.**

June Birthdays

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

**Howard Riley
John Simon Jr.
Ted Smith**

July Birthdays

**Doris Boutin
Lawrence Briski
Herold Deason
Natalie Dunbar
Chester Dunbar**

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

August Birthdays

**Henry Bowman
Dale Camphous
Jose Dorsey
Charles Fine
John Flynn
Christopher Jenkins
Joan McCarron**

**Thomas McInnes
John Metropoulos
Lisa Nieves
Elyse Rose Trupiano
Eric Stano
John Sulkowski
Ron Utz**



National Safe Boating Week May 18 - 24, 2024

Welcome to the 2024 North American Safe Boating Campaign!

Summer 2024 will be here before we know it, and the National Safe Boating Council is gearing up for another very busy boating season.

- *Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day is coming!* We encourage all boaters to participate in Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day on May 17, 2024, the day before National Safe Boating Week. No matter where boaters are safely working, they can join in the fun by wearing their life jacket.
- *The Safe Boating Campaign* kicks off the weekend before Memorial Day with National Safe Boating Week and continues throughout the year with various events and activities.

As boating season approaches, it is our mission to spread the message of safe and responsible boating and continue to educate the boating community about life jacket wear and the options that are available when it comes to comfortable and lightweight life jackets. Remember, any time you're boating, set an example for others and always wear a life jacket and boat responsibly.



Four principles of safe boating:

1. Wearing a life jacket saves lives.
2. Boater education saves lives.
3. Safe boats save lives.
4. Sober boating saves lives.

You can enjoy unmatched recreational fun on the water, and see hundreds of different plants and animals along the shorelines of Michigan's four Great Lakes and 11,500 inland lakes and rivers. Michigan also has over 7,000 miles of streams to canoe, 13,000 miles of trout waters, and over 700 access sites, many of which are maintained by local governments or organizations in partnership with the DNR.

Anyway you look at it, there's a lot to enjoy!

Lt. Jane Ellis, AP, Boating Safety Officer



What is a Vessel Safety Check?

A vessel safety check is a **FREE** courtesy examination of your boat to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. A Vessel Safety Check is "prevention through education," helping recreational boaters gain a respect for the boating environment.

Some of the items we check include:

- Proper Display of Numbers
- Registration/Documentation
- Personal Flotation Devices
- Visual Distress Signals
- Fire Extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire Flame Control
- Sound Producing Devices
- Navigation Lights
- State and Local Requirements
- Overall, Vessel Condition and More

Contact Stf/C Bill Stano, 495-9735, or vscgpps@gmail.com

to request your Free Vessel Safety Check

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)
To be completed by a U.S. Coast Guard approved Vessel examiner. See the back of this form for a brief explanation of required items. A Federal Requirements pamphlet is also available.

Date of VSC: _____
Decal Awarded: Yes No

Owner/Operator Name: _____
Registration or Documentation Number: _____
VIN: _____
Length: <16 16-25 26-39 40-65
Powered by: Gas Diesel Sail Other
Area of Operations: Inland Coastal
Type: PWC Open Cabin Other

Owner/Operator has attended Safe Boating Class: Yes No
Location of VSC - County: _____ State: _____
Replaced decal was: Last Year Outdated First Time

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS			
Item	Yes	No	N/A
1. Display of Numbers			
2. Registration/Documentation			
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)			
4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)			
5. Fire Extinguishers			
6. Ventilation			
7. Backfire Flame Control			
8. Sound Producing Devices			
9. Navigation Lights			
10. Pollution Placard			
11. MARPOL Trash Placard			
12. Marine Sanitation Devices			
13. Navigation Rules			
14. State and/or Local Requirements			
15. Overall Vessel Condition, as applies to:			
a. Deck Free of Hazards / Clean Bilge			
b. Electrical Systems			
c. Fuel Systems			
d. Galley / Heating Systems			

RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (While encouraged, items below are not VSC requirements)			
Item	Yes	No	
I. Marine Radio			
II. Dewatering Device & Backup			
III. Mounted Fire Extinguishers			
IV. Anchor & Line for Area			
V. First Aid and PFD Kits (**over)			
VI. Inland Visual Distress Signals			
VII. Capacity/Certificates of Compliance			
VIII. Discussion Items, as applies to:			
a. Accident Reporting-Owner Responsibility			
b. Offshore Operations			
c. Carbon Monoxide-Dangers and Prevention			
d. Nautical Charts/Navigation Aids			
e. Fuel/Fuel management			
f. Float Plan/Weather & Sea Conditions			
g. Boating Check List			
h. Survival Tips & First Aid			
i. Safe Boating Classes			

Remarks: _____

I certify that I have personally examined this vessel and find it to be in compliance with the VSC requirements. I am a qualified Vessel Examiner of the: CGAUX , USCG

Printed Name of the Examiner: _____
Examiner Signature: _____

Additional Comments: This is not an official boating law enforcement procedure. It is furnished for your information. There is no assumption of liability of any kind for advice given. The Vessel Safety Check decal, you are pledging to maintain your boat and equipment in compliance with the VSC requirements. I am a consenting to this Vessel Safety Check of my watercraft with full knowledge that it is not a warranty, and I understand and agree that my receipt of a Vessel Safety Check shall not constitute a warranty, or knowledge, or skills, of the operator; the seaworthiness of the vessel; or the serviceability or condition of the vessel.

Owner/Operator Signature: _____

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Commander's Ball



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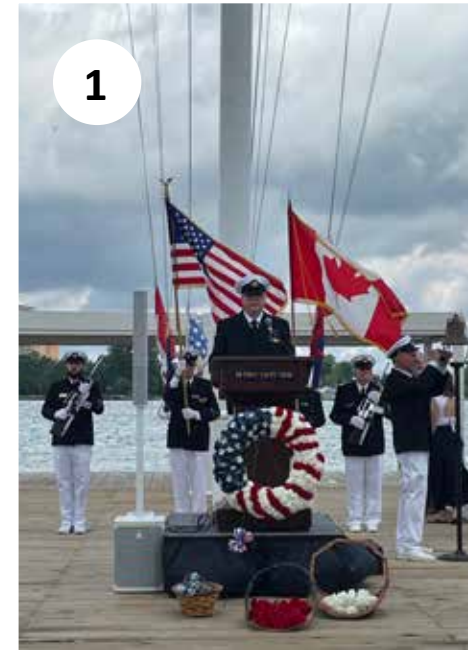


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Memorial Day Celebration at Detroit Yacht Club



1. Color Guard from America's Boating Club, Cdr Julian Fiander, P/C Joseph Tatum, Doug Rocho.
3. Detroit, Birmingham and Grosse Pointe joined the festivities.
4. Gun Salute.

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Cassandra with all her 2 minute portraits.



Our talented artists.



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Great Lakes Boating Festival



1. Joan and Milt managing booth.
2. John Sulkowski.
3. Rose and Bill.
4. Coast Guard Aus and Customs Border Patrol next to us at Great Lakes Boating Festival.
5. Commander Michael with nephew Carson playing in pool.

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Vessel Safety Checks at Safe Harbor Jefferson Beach Marina



Cdr Michael with Bill at Jefferson Beach Marina.



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1. Dan Claus and Bill Stano ready to do Vessel Safety Exams - Our Life Jacket Loaner Stand.
2. Owner, Todd Hyatt with Bagpiper.
3. CDR Chet Dunbar with Crystal Gershner.
4. Leslie Leach, Harbor Master and entertainer.
5. Cdr Chet Dunbar with P/C Natalie Dunbar.



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PITTSBURGH, PA, SEPT. 22-30



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