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## Calendar of Upcoming Events




### OCTOBER 2026

14 WED - **General Membership Meeting**
*GPYC*

23 FRI - **Commander's Tea**
*Pier Park*

28 WED - **Executive Board Meeting**
*GPYC*

30-31 FRI-SAT - **D9 Fall Conference**
*Ann Arbor*

### NOVEMBER 2026

11 WED - **General Membership Meeting**
*GPYC*

18 WED - **Executive Board Meeting**
*GPYC*

### DECEMBER 2026

16 WED - **Holiday Party**
*GPYC*



***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. Cassandra Washington, P*

There is something different about October on the water. The air is cooler, the days are shorter, and the marinas begin to quiet down. Summer's energy gives way to crisp mornings, changing leaves, and that unmistakable feeling that the boating season is shifting.

As the boating season winds down, GPPS still has plenty ahead.

One of September's memorable experiences was our **Tall Ships Science & Sail event on September 22** aboard the schooner *Inland Seas*. Stepping aboard gave us a unique hands-on experience to learn, explore, ask questions, and appreciate the history and science connected to sailing and the Great Lakes. We helped raise the sails, experienced the teamwork behind traditional sailing, learned about plankton and the Great Lakes food web, while taking in the beautiful views of the Detroit River and Canadian waters. There was something special about standing on deck, feeling the wind, watching the sails rise, and seeing the river from that perspective - deepening our appreciation for the work behind the experience. It was our pleasure to acknowledge **Executive Director Fred Sitkins and his crew** and to support the Inland Seas Education Association, whose mission is to inspire Great Lakes curiosity, stewardship, and passion through hands-on science and sailing experiences. The organization has provided experiential Great Lakes education to more than 190,000 participants since 1989.

This month, we will come together for our **2026 Commander's Tailgate Tea Party on Friday, October 23, from 6:00–9:00 PM at the Pier Park Community Building**. This year, we are adding a little game-day spirit to the tradition. Rep your favorite team, wear your colors, and bring your A-game for food, fellowship, sports trivia, prizes, and friendly competition. And since it is October, there may even be a few tricks mixed in with the treats.

We will close out the month with the **District 9 Fall Conference, October 30–31 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Ann Arbor North**. Friday evening brings back the district's popular **Squadron Crawl**, this year with a **Halloween Fun** theme. Squadrons will create themed hospitality stations with food and treats, giving members from across District 9 a chance to gather, reconnect, and have a little fun before Saturday's conference activities. GPPS will join the fun with a hospitality station of our own. I have a feeling there will be a little friendly competition over who brings the most creative food, treats, decorations, and Halloween spirit. Costumes are encouraged, so let's anticipate seeing a few interesting characters roaming the hospitality room.
Experiences like these are a reminder of how extraordinary our boating community and waters truly are. The Great Lakes account for about 21% of the world's surface freshwater and provide drinking water to more than 30 million people. NOAA Coastal Management. Even plankton, the tiny organisms we learned about aboard *Inland Seas*, help tell the story of the health of these waters. Sea Grant Michigan. Every opportunity we have to learn about, enjoy, and share the Great Lakes is also an opportunity to help protect them.

May your October bring good company, smooth haul-outs, and memorable treats.

One more sail, One more cruise,

CDR Cassandra Washington, P





## Education Officer

*Lt/C Chester Dunbar Jr., AP*










## Executive Officer

*Lt/C Lisa Nieves, AP*





# Administrative Officer

*Lt/C Ken Owens, P*

## Predicted Log Contest 2026

Our squadron held its 2026 Predicted Log Contest on Friday morning, September 11. Only two boats entered: one captained by Dave Charvat and the other by Dale Ellis. Dale's crew included his wife, Jane, while Dave's included me and his marina-mate, Brian. It was my first predicted log contest, and I learned a great deal.

At 8:30 a.m., we left Pier Park Marina and headed for the Lake St. Clair channel light. Along the way, Dave explained our roles: Brian would keep time, and I would serve as lookout and call the marks. At the channel light, Dave circled it several times to demonstrate how to call a mark. After the lesson, we headed to Green Channel marker #27 to meet Dale and Jane and begin the competition.



Brian and I had easier roles; the captain's job is far more demanding. Beforehand, the captain must chart the course and estimate the time needed to complete each leg. This requires a thorough knowledge of the boat and practical use of everything taught in the "Piloting" Marine Navigation course. As lookout, I was surprised by how difficult it was to spot some of the smaller buoys while wearing polarized sunglasses. Next time, I'll come prepared with binoculars.

After both boats completed the course, we met for lunch on the Clinton River. Once the times and error percentages were calculated, Dave Charvat was declared this year's winner. I was impressed by how a Predicted Log Contest puts into practice everything taught in ABC class, Boat Handling, and Marine Navigation.



Two days later, on Sunday, September 13, Dave Charvat hosted *on-the-water* training on his boat. The session gave new members an opportunity to learn key aspects of boat operation in preparation for our squadron's 2027 Predicted Log Contest. Attendees included Greg Gampert, David DeRonge, Gerry Galka, Lisa Nieves, Angela Hearn, and me. Dave gave everyone hands-on practice translating RPMs into known speeds, determining turn rates, and steering by compass alone. Everyone left determined to better understand their own boats and spend next spring preparing for the 2027 contest.

Each captain needs two crew members to compete: a lookout and a timekeeper. Even if you don't own a boat, you can still join a crew. This winter, I'll ask Dave and Dale to offer a refresher course for anyone who missed the on-the-water training. We'll also review the charting and navigation requirements captains need to calculate their pre-course estimates.

I hope this inspires everyone to join us for a fun, engaging, and educational 2027 Predicted Log Contest early next summer!







# Secretary Officer

*Lt/C Gaylynne Giliberto, AP*

## Wrapping Up the Season, Gearing Up for the Next

Are you feeling the way I am? Sorry to see the boating season wind down, yet delighted by the beauty of autumn on the water? Don't kick back and hibernate just yet. There's plenty ahead on this journey.

**Maintenance and Upgrades**

- Start with winterization: fuel stabilizer, engine and water system drain, and battery care. Then tackle the projects you put off all summer, such as bottom paint, brightwork, rewiring, electronics upgrades, and new canvas.
- Inspect your safety gear. Replace expired flares, service fire extinguishers, and check the certification dates on your PFDs and life raft.

**Learning**

- Sign up for a Power Squadron course in boating safety, navigation, marine electronics, or engine maintenance. Watch for our winter and spring schedule.
- Study for your captain's license (OUPV, or "six-pack") if you're considering charter or fishing work.
- Sharpen your skills at home with celestial navigation, knot tying, or chart work.
Community
- Visit a boat show. They run through winter and early spring and are great for gear shopping and comparing models.
- Join yacht club and marina events, seminars, and fundraisers to keep the social side of boating going.
- Stay active with the Power Squadron by volunteering for upcoming events.

**Staying on the Water**

- On the Great Lakes, late fall fishing for salmon, trout, and walleye continues well into November for the hardy.
- Some boaters turn to ice fishing, ice boating, or paddling and sailing in the shoulder season, with proper cold-water gear.
- A winter escape to warmer waters, whether in Florida or the Caribbean, is good for the soul.
Planning Ahead
- Map out next season's cruises, book your slip and haul-out times early, and review your insurance policy.

## Hello Grosse Pointe Friends,

Yesterday we attended another one of your wonderful events, Sailing on the Tall Ship, Alliance out of Suttons Bay, MI. A once in a lifetime thrill. It was beautiful, so peaceful. The Captain and crew were the best. We even learned how to and put up the 100 ft. sails. Now that's work! You have to pull so fast and hard. The Canadian and Detroit skylines were beautiful and looked so different from that view. And here's the thing. Had I not been an associate member of Grosse Pointe Power Squadron, I may have missed having such a beautiful evening with friends.

You see, I am a member of Mt. Clemens Power Squadron but became an associate member of Grosse Pointe. Because I am I get invited to everything that Grosse Pointe does and at the same time as a regular member!! I am writing this because I want other people to think about becoming a member of another squadron in your area!! Doing that gives you so much more opportunity to be involved in some great events and with some great people and the cost is minimal. Usually around $15/pp. The other great thing is that you can be an associate member of as many squadrons as you would like! All our squadrons are getting smaller and there are less events. This keeps you enjoying our great organization. So, contact the treasurer or another member of the bridge in the squadron you want to join and get in!!

D/Lt/C Debbie Foley, SN

## October Birthdays

**Derek Shawn Williams**
**James J. Giliberto**
**Kalimah Johnson**
**Gary W. Owens**
**Lori Ann Peltier**
**Kristyl S. Girschner**
**Franz J. Forster**

**Richard J. Bania**
**Philip Trupiano**
**Rose Claus**
**Susan Lynn Bireescu**
**George J. A. Heitmanis**
**Jonathan B. Eadie**

## November Birthdays

**Kevin P. Hanlon**
**Rose Stano**
**Michelle E. Cochran**

**Joseph M. Lucchese**
**Claudia J. Dewald**





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The Basic Life Support (BLS) 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 ventilation, and provide early use of an AED. All courses teach skills using the American Heart Association's proven Practice While Watching technique, which allows Instructors to observe students, provide feedback and guide students' acquisition of skills.

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**Course Covers**

- Key changes in basic life support, reflecting the new science for the American Heart Association's Guidelines on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care
- Critical concepts of high-quality CPR
- The American Heart Association Chain of Survival
- 1-2 Rescuer CPR and AED for adults, children, and infants
- AED Use
- Bag - mask technique, and Rescue Breathing for adults, children, and infants
- Relief of choking for adults, children, and infants
- Opioid abuse discussion and Narcan use

**Class Information: Location Gross Pointe Yatch Club 788 Lake Shore Rd Grosse Pointe Shores, 48236**
**Dates/Time: February 28, April 25, November 7, 2026. Registration 8:30am, Class time: 9-1PM**

- Ages 12 years of age and older
- Cost **$75.00**/ person due day of class, cash or check only: Payable to GPPS
- Two-year certification provided on completion of course.

**Registration Mandatory: Class Date, Name, Age, Email, and Telephone number needed for all participants. Deadline -One week prior to class**
American Heart Association - Authorized Trainer - **Lisa Nieves**
**(313) 399-4900 * Lnieves801@gmail.com**

# USPS DISTRICT 9 FALL CONFERENCE

**Save the Date – October 30 and October 31, 2026**



**Double Tree by Hilton Ann Arbor North**
**3600 Plymouth Rd, Ann Arbor MI**

**Join fellow members for the Fall District Conference. We have many fun activities for the weekend along with educational training, interesting speakers, fellowship and a business meeting too!!**

**Start the weekend on Friday, October 30 7pm – 11pm with our popular "Squadron Crawl". Squadrons will have the opportunity to bring food into the ballroom where they will have their own station for members to mingle and wander to the various squadron tables. A cash bar will be available for your favorite beverage. Ghouls and Goblins may be wandering around and costumes are encouraged!!!**

**Saturday morning, October 31, is a morning of training for SEOs and other educational staff members to help them with learning technical tools to help with running classes. SEOs are requested to bring a laptop with them for this hands-on training from 8:30am – 10:30am.**
**Meanwhile, a human interest speaker will be in a different room for those who would like to learn more about the Ann Arbor area from 9:30am – 10:30am. More information on this speaker to come.**

**Our business meeting starts at 11am with a buffet lunch at 12:15pm. If there are additional items to cover we will reconvene after lunch to be done by 3pm. This allows all to get home in time to hang out with their local trick-or-treaters!**

**Room rates are $144/night plus sales tax. A block of rooms have been reserved for the conference. Deadline to reserve a room at the special rate is October 9, 2026. To reserve a room:**
**Please contact the hotel direct at 734-769-9800 or use the following link to reserve online https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/united-states-sail-and-power-mi-district/**

**Registration forms for the conference will be sent out in the next few weeks. Deadline for registration is October 21, 2026.**
**Looking forward to seeing everyone there!**

*2026 D9 Fall Conference Registration Form on page 11*



# 2026 D/9 FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

## 30 – 31 October 2026





**Attention: All registration requests must be received, on this form, by 21 October 2026.**
**Hospitality theme is Halloween. Bring your tasty treats and spooky attire.**
**Attire for the Day: Seminars & Business Lunch: USPS Casual Polo**

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| | Rank | Last Name | First Name | Grade | Certificate # | Squadron | First Time Attendee? Yes | No |
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**Friday Hospitality**
**Number attending:** _____ Wristbands are required for Hospitality event. Join your fellow members for a taste of Halloween. Cash Bar.

**Lunch** _____ **@$40.00 = $**_____
**Country Deli buffet includes desserts, coffee, iced tea and lemonade. Cash bar.**

**Special Meal/Dietary Requests:** _____

**Total Amount Enclosed:** _____ **Check #** _____
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**Mail checks and this form to:** P/C Al Lord, SN, 8069 Balfour, Allen Park, MI 48101-2205

**Hotel reservations,** DoubleTree Ann Arbor, 3600 Plymouth Rd, A$^2$, 734-769-9800, Rate is $144 + tax and parking Group ID – United States Sail and Power MI District. Deadline is Friday 09 October 2026. Reserve online: *www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/united-states-sail-and-power-mi-district/*

About Ann Arbor: Many museums and sites. Here are a few links to plan your Saturday afternoon/evening, or stay the weekend and explore!

Depot Town Ypsi, *ypsilantidda.org/depot-town* Wiards Orchards & country Fair, *wiards.com*
Matthaei Botanical Gardens, *mbgna.umich.edu* Kerrytown, *kerrytowndistrict.org*
Zingerman's Deli, *zingermansdeli.com* Main Street, *mainstreetannarbor.org*
Ann Arbor Parks, *a2gov.org/parks-and-recreation*
Things to do in Ann Arbor, *annarbor.org*
Washtenaw County Historical Museum, *washtenawhistory.org* (Museum on Main St)
**There will be a presentation from the Histroical Society on Saturday morning.**



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***Where can I go to borrow a life jacket?***



**Duffy's Landing at Belle Maer Harbor**
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Harrison Twp, MI 48045
586-468-1630

**Ken's Marine at Michigan Harbor**
24600 Jefferson, St Clair Shores MI 48080
586-775-9274

Lt. Jane Ellis, AP, Boat Safety Officer







## Diamond Queen Dinner Cruise











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Tall Ship Science and Sail










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