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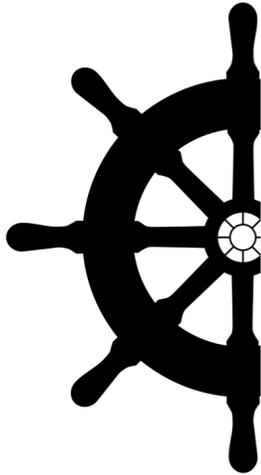


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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Jack L Draper Sr.
Commander



Bridge News

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope 2018 will be a year of health and happiness for all of us. One thing that makes a lot of us happy, is time spent on our boats with friends and family. There have been many changes with national as they are changing from USPS to America's Boating Club. The new name America's Boating Club is highlighting the fun times we spend on the water with the ability to be trained on water safety for every type of watercraft.

This year is going to be a year that brings many new changes and that begins with new names changes and concepts. This will be a process during 2018 and difficult for many members. These changes will be good for us. National will do a nationwide campaign promoting their new name and slogan, For Boaters, By Boaters. With these changes, we hope to see more activities for our existing members while adding new members.

How can you help? Volunteering your time to make phone calls, help Marcia Thompson with our social media, help at the boat show, help Eddie Kleinfeld with the monthly dinner meetings, help Kim as a backup treasure, help teaching classes, help by asking friends to join, or help by coming to our dinner meetings.

There is a reason you joined our group; but please don't forget we are a nonprofit fraternity and we depend on our membership involvement. I hope you see we need and want help.

I look forward to this year and where it leads us. I hope to see you at our next dinner meeting on January 11th.

Jack

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VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Lt/C John Colley

Education Officer



Education Department News

Hi All,

Currently it is 9 degrees outside and honestly; sitting on the boat right now is the furthest thing from my mind. That being said, I still love being around the water... and I don't mind venturing out on it once in a while this time of year if I know it is frozen. Did you know, the DNR does not recommend the standard "inch-thickness" guide used by many anglers and snowmobilers to determine ice safety?

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has a whole page dedicated to "Ice Safety Tips" which can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10364_52261_63242-160657--,00.html . They answer a whole host of questions such as what to consider before you go out, what to know about ice, what to know when venturing out on the ice, and what to do if you (heaven forbid) fall through.

Take a peak, by the looks of things you may have a little time before the boating season gets back underway in Michigan.

Looking forward, stay tuned. It will be "all hands on deck" after the Grand Rapids Boat Show and we really can use your participation while conducting ABC courses along the lakeshore and in Grand Rapids.

Upcoming dates and locations will be communicated soon!

Lt/C John Colley

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Happy Birthday

January 2018

- Carolyn Hartley ~ Jan 6th
- Brett Treis ~ Jan 8th
- Terry Grotemat ~ Jan 9th
- Marcia Hammerslag ~ Jan 11th
- Martha Walkington ~ Jan 16th
- James Hughes ~ Jan 18th
- Monica Herman ~ 20th
- LeeAnn Geiger-Stehouwer ~ 27th



Calendar Of Events

The January Dinner Meeting

Date: January 11, 2018

Location: Pietros
2780 Birchcrest Dr SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 452-3228

7:00 PM - Dinner

Speakers: Jack Draper – America's Boating Club
Gregg Health – Boat Show

Please RSVP by January 9th to Eddie Kleinfeld at ekleinfeld@me.com

Dinner Choices:
Lasagna
Fettuccini Michael
Parmesan Garlic Crusted Sirloin
Chicken Parmesan
Well-Dressed Salmon

Due to a \$75 room charge, a \$5 per person donation is asked to offset the room charge.



The Grand Rapids Boat Show is coming soon, Feb 13 - 18 to be exact. We will once again have a booth at the boat show and need your help to man our booth during the show. We have time slots beginning on February 13, when we set up, right thru February 18 when the show finishes and we tear down and return our stuff to headquarters.

You can contact Greg Heath (gdheath1@yahoo.com) to sign up for time lots that you are interested in. First come, first serve on time slots so be sure to contact Greg quickly before your favorite time slot is gone. It works best if we have at least two people per time slot, and up to four during the weekend starting Friday night.

As a perk for signing up, you will get free admission to the Boat Show for the duration of the show. Once the time slots fill up, Greg will be in touch with all volunteers so they know where and how to pickup their exhibitor badges and who is on the schedule before and after them.

Included is a sample of the time slots available.

GRSPS – 2018 Boat Show Booth Schedule

Tuesday, Feb 13	Wednesday Feb 14	Thursday Feb 15	Friday Feb 16	Saturday Feb 17	Sunday Feb 18
			<u>11:00-3:00</u>	<u>10:00-1:00</u>	<u>11:00-2:00</u>
<u>3:00-5:00</u> SETUP	<u>3:00-6:00</u>	<u>3:00-6:00</u>	<u>3:00-6:00</u>	<u>1:00-5:00</u>	<u>2:00-5:00</u>
	<u>6:00-9:00</u>	<u>6:00-9:00</u>	<u>6:00-9:00</u>	<u>5:00-9:00</u>	<u>Close Booth</u> Tear down & return to HDQ

Char Pearson – Muskegon Don Matthews - Muskegon
Lyndell R. Bleyer – Kalamazoo



<https://mynorth.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/ice-coated-boat-in-great-lakes.jpg>



Savvy Boater



Top 7 Winter Boat Projects

Get a jump on the spring boating season by tackling these projects.

By Lenny Rudow
December 26, 2016

Winter stinks—it's freezing cold outside, our boats are stuck on dry land, and it'll be months before we can enjoy zooming across the water's surface once again. Unless, of course, you live in Florida or SoCal. In that case, please shut up. We've heard it before.



You could break the cabin fever by going boating in the snow. We say your time would be way better spent on some winter boating projects.

There are those crazy enough to try snow-boating or other [cold-weather boating sports](#), but most of us will spend the bulk of our time indoors, skulking around in a chill-induced misery. But we may as well make the misery productive. There are plenty of winter boat projects you can take on, without leaving the scant warmth of heat pumps and extra blankets. Ready to get started? Good. Quit whining about the weather, and instead...

1. LEARN SOME NEW KNOTS, AND BRUSH UP ON THE OLD ONES.

We've built up a pretty good library of knot-tying how-to videos, thanks mostly to the work of Doug Logan. (Around here, we call him Captain Doug the Knot Curmudgeon). So get yourself a length of rope or three, pour another hot toddy, and watch:

- [How to Tie Bend Knots](#)
- [How to Tie Hitch Knots](#)
- [How to Tie a Trucker's Hitch](#)
- [How to Tie Stopper Knots](#)
- [How to Tie a Bowline](#)

And for the fishermen:

- [How to Tie a Palomar Knot](#)
- [How to Tie a Fisherman's Knot](#)
- [How to Tie a Spider Hitch](#)

Read more at <http://www.boats.com/how-to/top-7-winter-boat-projects/#.Wkkm01Q-ei4>

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Deadline for next issue is the 15th

Submit photos in jpg format
at the highest resolutions.
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Email: editor@grsps.org



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