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View From The Bridge

Jack L Draper, Sr.
Squadron Commander



Bridge News

Happy November,

I love November, we have our annual Commanders Ball and change of watch ceremony that takes place this year on the 10th at Thousand Oaks Country Club. I'm happy to announce that the nominating committee has filled all the slots except the XO officer. This year we are losing two Bridge Officers, Kim Wilson, our current treasurer, and Marcia Thompson our current secretary. Both of them have put in many hours and I want to thank them publicly for all their hard work. We have two new Bridge Officers to announce; LeeAnna Geiger-Stehouwer who will be our new Secretary and Greg Heath who will be our new Administrative Officer. I want to thank both of them for helping the squadron this new year. I'm also pleased to announce that Eddie Kleinfeld will be the Assistant Administration Officer to Greg Heath and Marcia Thompson will be the Assistant Secretary Officer to LeeAnna.

We have all but February's dinner meetings in place and those dates are included in our newsletter. John Colley will have all of our spring ABC classes in place before the boat show. This will allow people to see what class site would work best for them. If you can teach or help at a class, please let John know. Eddie Kleinfeld will be working to update our floor and table top display. This is to get them in line with our America's Boating Club of West MI marketing campaign.

This coming spring the District Meeting will be held here in the Grand Rapids area. District is asking us to supply volunteers to help at this event so let us know if you are willing to give a couple of hours of your time. We will be hosting a squadron hospitality room and we will need happy volunteers to help with that too. I look forward to seeing you all at the Commanders Ball and the Christmas Party at Swan Inn on December 13th. I want to wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and if you are traveling, please be safe.

Jack



View From The Bridge

Lt/C John Colley
Squadron Education Officer



Boating Courses

The education department is continuing to keep a list of names interested in American Boating Club (ABC) courses. Currently, we do not have any courses on the schedule; however, once we get 6-12 people interested, a class will schedule.

We are looking at dates to hold ABC classes after the Grand Rapids Boat Show, February 13 - 17, 2019. We will be targeting courses in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Grand Haven, and Holland. The ABC course is always available online; but the experience is much better in person! Online courses are available through the online boating safety course, boating license test, certification found at (<http://www.americasboatingcourse.com/index.cfm>).

If you know of anyone interested in ABC courses please feel free to reach out to me, we will certainly get things started in the right direction.

Member Submission

2018 Antique Boat Show – Hessel, MI

Dave Brinks attended the 2018 Antique Boat Show in Hessel, MI on August 11, 2018. Dave took the following picture of one of the boat there.



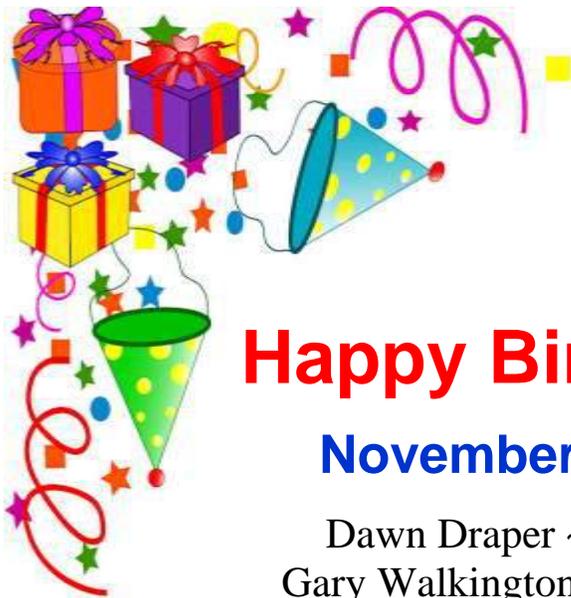
The 2018 Antique Boat Show, the 41st year, showcased antique Dodge boats. These rare antique watercrafts were produced at the Horace E. Dodge Boat Works in Detroit, MI. These boats were produced in Detroit between 1922 and 1929 and then, the Horace E. Dodge Boat & Plane Corporation in Newport News, Virginia from 1929 until 1946.

Building Dodge Boats was the dream of a young, rich playboy in the mid 1920's; whose idol was Gar Wood. His father and uncle were the famous Dodge Brothers, and his mother owned the largest steam powered pleasure boat in Michigan. In 1923, three years after both his uncle and father died, he convinced his mother to give him enough money to start the Horace E Dodge Boat Works in Detroit. The boats were called Watercars and were advertised as "the world's lowest priced fine motor boats." In 1931, manufacturing was moved to the new facility in Newport News, Virginia; said to be the world's largest motorboat plant. The family shut down the business in 1936, due to

Horace Jr.'s lifestyle (partying and multiple wives).

The facility was reopened for WW II to build boats for the US Navy. After the war it was leased to Gar Wood for motorboat building and road building equipment manufacturing.

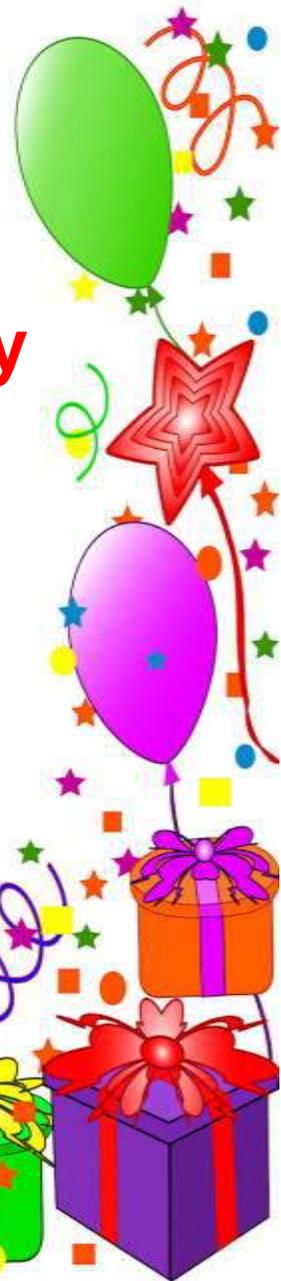
Find out more about this Antique Boat Show at <http://www.lciboatshow.com/>.



Happy Birthday

November 2018

Dawn Draper ~ Nov 8
Gary Walkington ~ Nov 10
Donald Exelby ~ Nov 12
Kimberly Wilson ~ Nov 13
David Miller ~ Nov 25



Calendar Of Events

GRSPS Events & Meetings



Commander Jack Draper
of the
America's Boating Club of West Michigan (GRSPS)
cordially invite you to attend the Commander's Ball

Saturday, November 10, 2018
Thousand Oaks Golf Club
4100 Thousand Oaks Dr
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Reception with Cocktails and Hors D'Ouevres at 1800 hours
Change of Watch Ceremony following Dinner

Uniform A with bowtie or appropriate attire
Guests are cordially invited

Please RSVP by November 1, 2018

COMMANDER'S BALL CHANGE OF WATCH

There may still be time for you to join us for the 2018
Commander's Ball • Change of Watch. Contact Eddie Kleinfeld
today at ekleinfeld@me.com for further information.

R.S.V.P

Please RSVP by November 1, 2018

Name(s): _____

Squadron: _____ Phone#: _____

Please initial your selection from the following menu options:

- ___ Barrel cut Sirloin Steak
- ___ Grill Tangerine Salmon
- ___ Chicken Marsala

\$50 per person

Make checks payable to Grand Rapids Sail and Power Squadron

Future Dinner Meetings

~ Save the Dates ~

December X'mas Party

December 13, 2018

Swan Inn • Comstock Park, MI

*(Bring white elephant gift and an
unwrapped toy for children)*

January Dinner Meeting

January 10, 2019

Fujiyama's • Grand Rapids, MI

February Dinner Meeting

February 7, 2019

Location TBD

March Dinner Meeting

March 14, 2019

Amore • Comstock Park, MI

April Dinner Meeting

April 11, 2019

Hearthstone • Muskegon, MI

Spring Fling Dinner

May 18, 2019

Muskegon Country Club

~ Other Dates ~

Safety Weekend

1st weekend of June • Muskegon

Boat Rendezvous

June 29, 2019 • Snug Harbor

For further information, contact Eddie Kleinfeld at ekleinfeld@me.com



Savvy Boater



Avoid Electric Shock Drowning

By David Rifkin

Knowing where the dangers are and how to check for leaking AC electricity in the water could be a lifesaver. Spring is the time to do it, before you put boats and people in the water.

Sadly, each year there are numerous accidents in the waters around boats and docks where AC electrical power is in use. Last year, at least six deaths and 15 near misses (where the potential victim escaped death) have been identified.

Electric-shock drowning (ESD) occurs when an AC electrical current flowing in the water passes through the body of an individual immersed in the water. This current causes muscular paralysis, impairing one's ability to swim or stay afloat, leading to drowning.

ESD is far more likely to occur in freshwater than saltwater. In freshwater, the body is a better conductor of electricity than the water itself (the opposite is true in saltwater). Be aware that many bodies of water can become brackish or fresh even though they were previously saltwater, depending on such factors as tides, wind, and rainfall.



The causes of electrical currents leaking into the water vary but are often the result of faulty wiring and equipment on boats or docks. These faults are sometimes created unknowingly when a boat owner attempts to repair or upgrade a vessel's electrical systems. There are differences between household wiring and boat wiring, and if you're not 100-percent certain of what you're doing with shore-power repairs, hire a professional.

Don't Go There

The most important message is this: Never swim near any dock or boat where AC power is in use. To reduce risk to an acceptable level, individuals (and pets) should never enter the water within 150 feet of any electrical equipment or wiring. This pretty much eliminates swimming in a marina, especially off a boat; most marinas prohibit it anyway.

In 2011, the National Electric Code introduced new requirements for ground-fault protection in shore-power applications in marinas and boatyards. The latest version for 2017 expands the area for such protection to docks at private residences. The new requirements are not retroactive, but owners and operators would be wise to upgrade their facilities to improve safety around their docks. Upgrading can be as simple as installing a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) at the dock pedestal. This device will trip if dangerous current escapes the dock. The new requirements also include warning signage on all docks (including residential ones) using electricity.

The American Boat & Yacht Council also added a requirement for whole-boat ground-fault protection to its standards several years ago, and an equipment leakage current interrupter (ELCI) is now installed on new boats.

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Owners with older boats should consider upgrading their shore-power systems. The upgrade equipment is normally installed in the boat at the power panel and can take as little as two hours for a pro to install.

Testing For Danger

While not foolproof, you can test if dangerous electrical currents are in the water around your boat. You'll need an AC clamp-type meter with a minimum resolution of 100 milliamps. With the boat connected to shore power, clamp the cord with the AC clamp meter. Because the meter is reading the difference between the current running to the boat and what's returning in an AC circuit, the reading should be zero. Anything above that is the amount of current not returning and most likely flowing into the water around the boat. More than 100 milliamps of current in freshwater and 500 milliamps in saltwater is dangerous and should be investigated immediately. But this test is valid only if everything in the boat using AC is turned off.

What You Can Do

1. Never swim around boats and docks that use electricity.
2. Post "No Swimming" signs.
3. Have a qualified marine electrician inspect your private dock annually.
4. Install ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock.
5. Ask your marina to install ground-fault protection, and have the electrical system inspected and tested annually.
6. Periodically test your boat for electrical leakage into the water.

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Lt/C John Colley

Education Officer

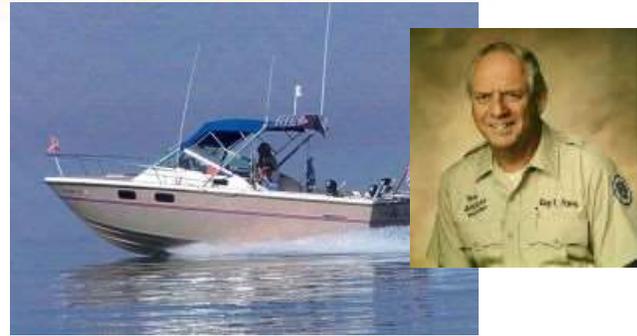
John lives in West Olive, Michigan; which, is located between Holland and Grand Haven. He started working in the construction trades in high school and have stayed in the construction industry my entire career. John taken several breaks along the way while serving in the United States Marine Corps and attending college. John ultimately earned an MBA in Finance and he is utilizing this education serving as the Director of Purchasing for Zeeland Lumber and Supply, Co. John has been employed with Zeeland Lumber and Supply for approximately 20 years. On a personal side, John has been in a long-term relationship with his girlfriend Misty. John has one son, Solomon and Misty has two children, Zachary and Abigail.



John joined the squadron for the education courses since he has always been drawn to boats and boating. His fascination started while growing up and would go fishing with his Dad. That continued to develop while he was serving on a ship with an amphibious raiding battalion in the Marine Corps. Ultimately, John thought getting involved with the squadron was a great way to pass on a little knowledge he accumulated along the way.

John's boat is currently a Trophy Pro 2052 WA. It is a walk around cuddy, one he primarily uses as a fishing boat. John never named his boat... The boat is stored on a trailer in his garage, so he can take it to fish in various locations. Port Clinton, Ohio is his favorite Walleye destination; while Port Sheldon, Michigan is his favorite launch site for Salmon fishing.

P/C David W Ristow



Dave joined the Lansing Power Squadron in 1968. There he was active in education, eventually becoming SEO, teaching many basic boating classes. The course for the public ran 12 weeks in contrast to today's offerings.

In 1981, IMB, his employer for 30 years offered the chance to move to Grand Rapids. Shortly thereafter, he joined the Grand Rapids Squadron, again teaching public boating classes. Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronic classes were his specialties over the year.

Around 1979, with the purchase of a new Tiara boat, he decided to earn his captains license, and start the Skipper Charter Service. That business ran twenty-five years out of Ludington. That venture proved much time on the water in various weather conditions.

Dave has 50 years membership in USPS and earned 48 merit marks. The picture of the Nan Sea III was taken by Curt Campbell on a summer cruise, hence no fishing poles.

Each month, the waterspout will highlight two of our members. If you would like to submit your profile, email us at editor@grsps.org for further information. We'd love to share information about our members and their boats!



Savvy Boater



Harbor Springs, MI: This Resort Town is a Real Treasure

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Harbor Springs, Michigan, touts the deepest freshwater harbor on the Great Lakes. However, the tradition and love of the town goes even deeper with those who live there, and makes this coastal town a great place to visit — with or without your boat.

Located on the shores of Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay, Harbor Springs is a charming town of about 1,200 residents. The Harbor Springs Municipal Marina welcomes guests with open arms and offers 46 well-maintained transient slips in addition to 31 seasonal slips. Day dockage is available, but you'll want to stay for more than just 24 hours! The staff at the marina is knowledgeable, helpful, and stay on top of things like making sure that the restrooms and showers are clean. Dockage is also available at Irish Boat Shop and Walstrom Marine, both noteworthy facilities with stellar reputations for taking care of their customers.



So, you've made the trip and Harbor Springs is your port of call. Now what?

Shop Around

You're virtually in the downtown when you get off your boat. You can try just window shopping, but you'll be hard pressed to leave your wallet in your purse or pocket when browsing in Harbor Springs.



Kids of all ages love Rocking Horse Toy Company where they have everything for sunshine-filled beach days. Zoll Street Beach and Zorn Park are both within walking distance of the marina. A number of clothing shops for both men and women offer beautiful resort wear and designer clothing. There are contemporary and traditional jewelry stores to sparkle up the day, and art galleries beckon guests with everything from sculptures to paintings, pottery to woodwork. At Boyer Glassworks, watch new glass pieces being blown by Harry Boyer and his protégé. Those searching for a hand-rolled cigar can find one at Julieta Y Romeo, and passionate readers share their love of good books at Between the Covers book store.

In keeping with tradition (and providing boaters with all those items that can easily be forgotten), Harbor Springs still has a pharmacy downtown, Kelbel Pharmacy. It has all the goodies you remember from the good ol' days when every town had a local drug store that carried all sorts of things you didn't know you needed — and was staffed by a pharmacist who was almost as smart as your dad.



Get Back on the Water

Just because you're off your boat, doesn't mean the fun on the water has to stop. Josh and his crew at The Outfitter can set you up with a paddleboard or kayak to skim along the Caribbean-colored waters of Little Traverse Bay. They'll even deliver! Or leave the piloting to someone else and take a tour on the Pointer Boat, which runs out of Stafford's Pier Restaurant, and get a little history of the area at the same time.

Dine In or Out

If you're just as happy enjoying lunch on your boat, check out Gurney's Bottle Shop — homemade bread lays the groundwork for individually made sandwiches with all your favorite condiments and veggies. (Except tomatoes — they don't offer them. Ever.) Beer, wine, and liquor, too, make this a busy place year 'round. Keep it simple and bring back a pie from Turkey's Cafe & Pizzeria. Or try some great takeout options from the Paper Station or Muer Kitchen; both also have indoor/outdoor dining on site.

For those times you want to step out, Harbor Springs also shines. From the traditional, upscale New York Restaurant, to Sam's Graces casual style, to the recently renovated and trendier Pier Restaurant, food lovers will not be disappointed.

Get Your History On

Once home to the Emmet County Courthouse, the Harbor Springs History Museum has changing exhibits and a wealth of information about the thriving community and former resident and entrepreneur Ephraim Shay (Shay locomotive), and his influence on the shaping of Harbor Springs. A great place to spend some time, the museum is open year-round and does a number of interesting programs and talks.



Andrew Blackbird Museum — The former home of this important figure in Harbor Springs' history, this building also served as one of the first post offices in Harbor Springs. Learn about the heritage of Indian customs, arts, and music. This building also houses the Harbor

Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center, where you can find answers to all your Harbor Springs-related questions.

Explore

Rent a car and go beyond walking range. Play a round of championship golf at Boyne Highlands' impeccable Heather or Arthur Hills courses, or at Little Traverse Bay Golf Club. Tour Petoskey or the historic Bay View Association — both are just across the bay from Harbor Springs. Or head north and be star-struck at the Headlands International Dark Sky Park in Mackinaw City

What Else?

Harbor Springs Lyric Theatre – Not your ordinary theater by any means! New in 2016, this beautifully appointed building offers three theaters of varying sizes (22 seats, 39 seats, 195 seats). A non-profit, charitable organization, the Lyric Theatre brought movies back to Main Street more than 35 years after the original Lyric closed further up the street. Real butter on the popcorn and a selection of beer and wine make the concession stand a unique place in the movie business.



Harbor Springs Farmers Market – On Wednesdays and Saturdays in the summer, and Saturdays in the fall, part of Main Street is blocked off for the Harbor Springs Farmers Market. Fresh veggies, eggs, wine, baked goods, flowers, and more are available, along with musical entertainment, special events, and a lovely setting!

When the day ends and the sun sets over Harbor Springs, listen. Just listen. This is the peace and quiet you'll appreciate after enjoying a relaxing day in one of Michigan's premier vacation towns.

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Way Back Machine





Savvy Boater



Boating Smart from the Start

Michigan is truly a boating paradise. With four of the five Great Lakes bordering its shores and more than 11,000 inland lakes, it's no surprise that Michigan is one of the top states for boat ownership and recreation. Safe, responsible, courteous boating is everyone's responsibility. Boater education is available through local sheriffs' departments, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, local boat dealers and more. For safe and enjoyable boating, it's important for all water sports enthusiasts to observe these safety guidelines:

- Wear a life jacket - 75 percent of boating fatalities involve drowning.
- Make sure your boat is properly equipped and your equipment is in good working order. In addition to all legally required equipment, such as life jackets and fire extinguishers, always carry a first-aid kit, nautical charts and an anchor. Make sure your navigation lights are working properly.
- Avoid drinking alcohol - Nearly half of all boating accidents involve alcohol. Studies show that passengers are 10 times more likely to fall overboard when they have consumed alcohol.
- File a float plan - Always let a family member or friend on shore know the who, what, when and where of your trip. Include phone numbers for the local sheriff or U.S. Coast Guard in the event you don't return when expected.
- Maintain a sharp lookout – Stay alert for other boats, swimmers, skiers and objects in the water. This is especially true when operating in crowded waterways, at night and during conditions of restricted visibility.
- Carry a marine radio or cell phone - Be prepared to call for help in case you are involved in an accident, your boat becomes disabled, or you otherwise need assistance. Make sure a cell phone is fully charged, but be aware that there are often gaps in cell phone coverage on the water.

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Valentine

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