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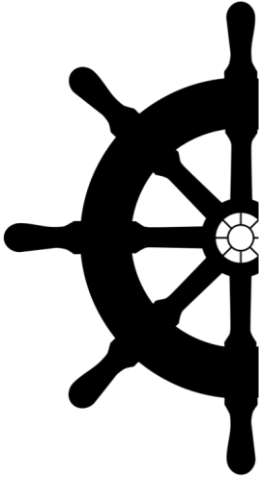


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View From The Bridge

Marcia A Thompson
Squadron Commander



News from your Commander

Happy March Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunny weather. Although it is still cold, I love those sunny days.

I first want to tell you that this Saturday's Chat with the Commander is canceled. Last week, I took a spill and hurt my hip badly. Although the x-rays do not show a fracture, it is still extremely painful and swollen. Sitting straight in a chair is still very painful. I am not excited about doing a virtual meeting slumped down on the couch or laying down!

I hope everyone got the opportunity to take advantage of the Spring conference put on by USPS. You may still be able to access some of the recordings. There was a lot of valuable information and I plan on watching a number over.

I am still working on obtaining the advance boating seminars. Hopefully, I will have access to them soon. If anyone is interesting in doing a seminar, please let me know. You don't have to be a certified instructor to conduct the seminars.

I hope everyone has continued to be safe and free of Covid-19. I am excited that I will soon be eligible to get my vaccination. However, given the painful arm with both shots and the nausea my husband has had with the second one, I am not excited about getting the shots. However, I want to be safe.

Have a wonderful March and Easter. Boating season is just around the corner. We have a trailer on a seasonal lot so we are anxiously waiting for the opportunity to enjoy camping again.

Stay safe and healthy,

Marcia





Squadron Education Department



Current Educational Opportunities

There are no local course offered at this time; however, you can access classes any time online using the links below:

Online Course <https://www.americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/americas-boating-course>

Webinars & Seminars <https://uspsonline.lmscheckout.com/Course/index>



March 2018



- Gary Harkins ~ Mar 1**
- Maxine Shepard ~ Mar 2**
- Curtis Campbell ~ Mar 14**
- Patricia Harkins ~ Mar 15**
- Jeriel Beard ~ Mar 18**
- Kenneth Bandstra ~ Mar 20**
- Kathryn Kuhn ~ Mar 24**
- Robert Stehouver ~ Mar 25**
- Robert Voyt ~ Mar 27**



Lt/C Greg Heath
Squadron Administrative Officer



Administrative News

February 2021 Virtual Membership Meeting

Greg Heath & Char Pearson are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: GRSPS Virtual Membership Meeting

Time: Mar 11, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Every month on the Second Thu, until Apr 8, 2021, 2 occurrence(s)
Mar 11, 2021 07:00 PM
Apr 8, 2021 07:00 PM

Speaker: David B. Kennedy - Manager, BoatU.S. Government Affairs

Topics:

- Topics regarding Michigan boaters the Government Affairs group is talking with Government leaders about
- Q&A

Join Zoom Meeting

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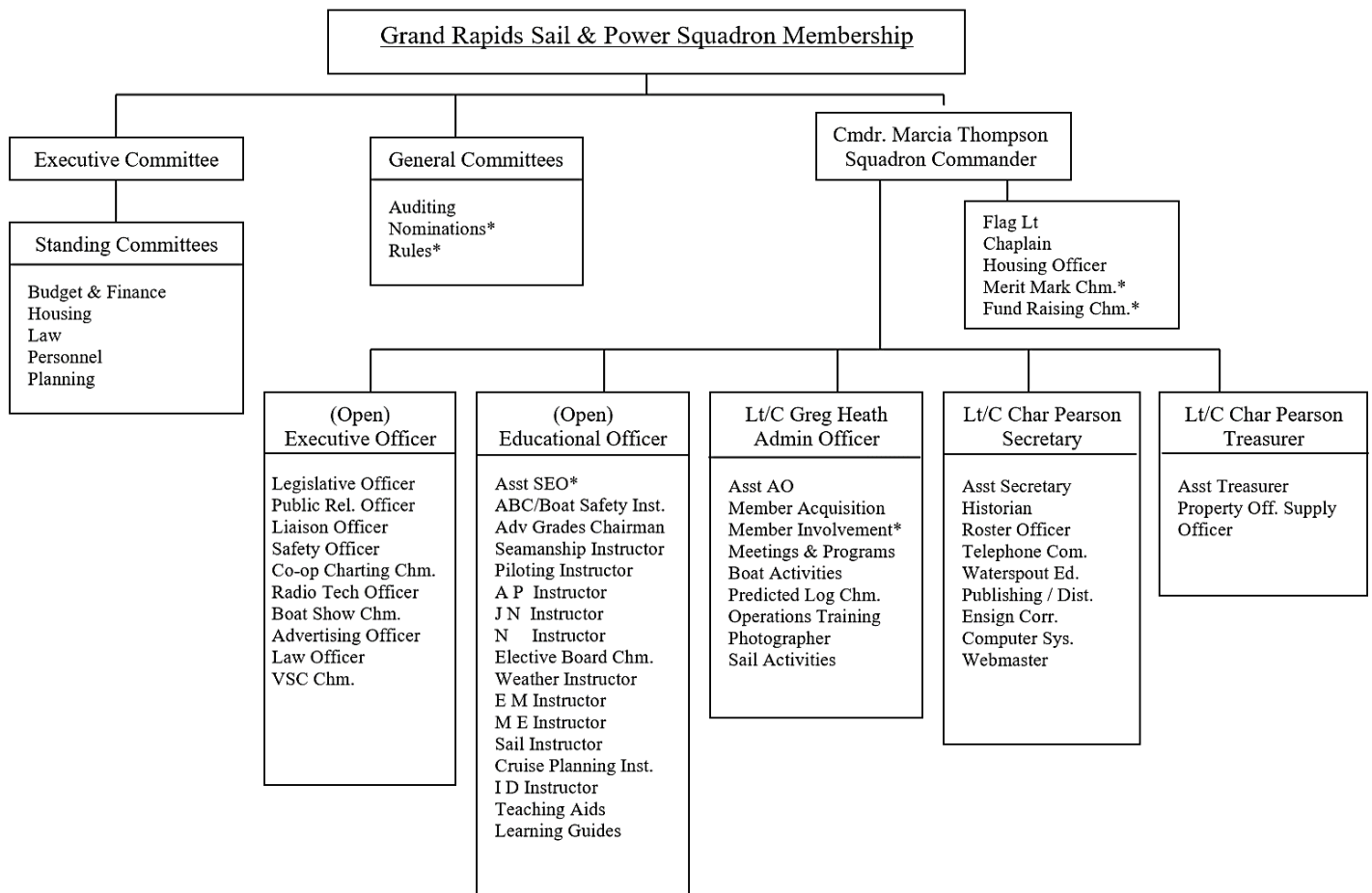
Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84408710662?pwd=SC85eXM3dW5mbWdoTXJSZUVoVlc5QT09>

Pour yourself a cocktail and come join us for our online membership meeting (formally our dinner meeting). Until it is safe to meet again in person, we will continue to hold our meetings online through Zoom.

How Can You Help?

We need your help over the next year if we are going to make this squadron a value to our communities while promoting and educating safe boating to those who live and enjoy West Michigan's many lakes, small and big. Today, squadrons are including education on all types of watercrafts, including personal watercrafts such as canoeing, kayaking, paddle boating, etc. Given this, we are looking for people who can help us in these areas as well as other boating areas.

Included here is our squadron's organizational chart. Review this chart and see if there are any areas you would like to assist with, remembering we are including all types of boating. If you find an area you are interested in, contact the bridge officer for that department. If there is not a bridge officer, please contact either Cmdr. Marcia Thompson or Lt/C Greg Heath.



*Indicate filled roles or have a committee chair.

**Commanders
Club**

The Commander's Club

An Honor Roll of Special Members
Representing a minimum gift of \$50 per year

David and Sallie Brinks
George and Carol Mandigo

If you would like to join the Commander's Club,
contact Jack Draper at Commander@grsps.org



thank you!

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

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questions or anything you would like to see in the
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