



General Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 02, 2025, 7:30PM Detroit Yacht Club

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In Attendance: **Commander Wendy Caldwell, P**; LeRoy Strey, P; Lt/C Joyce Anne Strey, S; Lt Kurt Lyons, P; P/C Delphine Cooley, S; P/Stf/C Sally Lemus, P; P/C Joe Tatham, SN; P/C Vince Cooley, JN; Ken Owens, S (Grosse Pointe); Dennis Pierce; P/C Mitch Gawrysiak, JN; P/Lt/C Nancy Nevins, S; Lt. Michael Murphree, P; Jonelle Murphree; P/C Bill Smith, AP; D/C Bill Stano, SN; P/C Rose Stano, AP; Lt Maureen Smith; P/Lt/C Karl Blomquist, P; Shane Barr; Elizabeth Barr; P/C Dan Bodnar, JN; Leslie Bodnar; P/C Doug Rocho, P; P/D/C Al Schwaller, JN; Christian Sandvig, AP; Deena Luck and Jerry Luck.

Cdr Caldwell called the meeting to order at 7:40. Pledge. Quorum was present. Motion to accept the minutes from the September GMM was made by P/C Joseph Tatham and seconded by P/C Delphine Cooley. Motion passed. Two new members were sworn in, Shane and Elizabeth Barr.

Order of business was changed for the program as Lt Mike Murphree presented an interesting and informative power point discussion of the trip accompanying Jerry and Deena Luck on the Luck's yacht, the *Mahi Mahi*. The cruise began in Little River, South Carolina and concluded at Miller Marina in St. Clair Shores. He told about the various navigational aids they used; the extensive preparation the trip entailed; the ports they visited along the way; the fellow boaters they met; the locks they travelled thru; and the unexpected delay due to hydraulic throttle problems.

Commander's Report Commander Wendy Caldwell reported

Executive Officer's Report open

Administrative Officer's Report open

Educational Officer's Report No report.

Treasurer's Report P/C Joe Tatham reported that we currently have \$85,000 in our accounts. Recent charity poker has netted us \$8300. We are on budget and financially sound.

Secretary's Report No report.

Chaplain's Report P/C Doug Rocho reported that P/C Diane Dawes is in rehab recovering from a recent stroke. She will be released soon to her home after safety alterations are completed. Doug also reported that our thoughts and prayers are for Christian Sandvig as his mother was recently put in Hospice care.

Board of Directors' Report P/C Bill Smith thanked the volunteers that helped in the Metro Boat Show. He then reported that because of a change of venue and a change of date and a lack of volunteers for the Detroit Boat Show, Detroit is recommending that participation in this show be cancelled. Final decision needs to be made by District 9 as this is a district function. D/C Bill Stano added that the decision will be made this weekend.

Committee Reports P/C Delphine Cooley reported for the Nomcom that according to Sec. 6.8 of our bylaws the slate for November 6 election is as follows:

Commander Wendy Caldwell
Executive Officer open
Administrative Officer open
Educational Officer P/C Vincent Cooley
Secretary Lt/C Joyce Strey
Assistant Secretary P/C Daniel Bodnar
Treasurer P/C Joseph Tatham
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Board of Directors Lt Kurt Lyons and Lt John Nelson 2nd year of serving: Christian Sandvig, P/Lt/C Karl Blomquist
1st year of serving; and P/C Delphine Cooley immediate past commander

Governing Board Reports D/C Bill Stano reported that National is changing the bylaws so that Associate members of a squadron may become voting officers in that squadron. If squadrons wish to enact that change, they must change their bylaws to reflect that change.

New Business Cdr Caldwell reported on the upcoming Poker dates for 2026 are June 22 – 26 and August 24 – 27. Detroit has donated \$500 to the Capuchin ministry in Detroit, \$500 to the Detroit Community Sailing and has become a sponsor for a fund raiser for the Community Housing Network. A motion was made by P/C Mitch Gawrysiak that Detroit rejoin ABYA. This motion was seconded by LeRoy Strey and passed.

Commander Caldwell reminded members that Dec. 11 is the date of the Christmas Party at Polonia. Cost is \$28 payable in cash to the restaurant that night. Reservations must be made to Mitch Gawrysiak by Dec 4. More info will be forthcoming.

Unfinished Business Election of Officers and Board Members at Nov GMM. The Fall District Conference will be held this Saturday here at DYC. Detroit is hosting this event.

Good of the Squadron The National Annual Meeting is going to be held Feb 11 – 14, 2026 at the Embassy Suites in Myrtle Beach, SC. Rooms are all suites facing the ocean. Cost is \$184 per night, parking and breakfast are included. Oct. 17, Flint PS is hosting a bowling event. Reservations to Cdr Connie Hallenbeck by Oct 10. Mt Clemens PS is holding their COW Dec 16 at Tina's Country House 50870 North Ave, Macomb

Next Meetings

GMM Nov. 06 at DYC and on Zoom
Next BOD Oct 30 on Zoom
Nov BOD will be on Nov 20 on Zoom
Meeting adjourned. 8:38

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Joyce Strey, S,
Secretary, ABC of Detroit