

**COMMODORE'S comments . . . . .****Commodore Bob Schappe III**

On March 17<sup>th</sup> of this year we went to the best St. Patrick's Party the Grosse Pointe Sail Club has ever had! The whole evening was orchestrated to keep the fun and excitement cranked to the max. Everything was just right: the corned beef and cabbage dinner (along with some special Irish soda bread), the limerick contest, the Irish dancers and of course, the singing led by our own Blarney Stones. I had forgotten just how good you guys are. Tipping our hats and saying "Thank you" to Cynthia and Pete Warner and to Les and Barb Roddis! And to those others who helped make the evening a success we wish you the luck o' the Irish.

When Glory and I were in Southwest Florida last month we stopped by the Venice Yacht Club and exchanged club burgees. They have a great clubhouse and a very active social calendar. Nice club in a delightful community.

This past Friday afternoon I spent some time overseeing the beginning of the dredging in our marina. It makes you feel very good to see it really happening. I am certain that the rich, dark soil coming off the bottom is available for your flower beds.

For you folks who plan to sail up into Lake Huron this summer, I spoke with the Port Sanilac Harbor Master's office and was informed that they will be dredging that marina this spring.

On Saturday I began the spring ritual of boat preparation. Took off the tarp, did some sanding with the 600 grit, and begin digging out those spots that always need to be filled. On Sunday I did some work on the dock area by our slip. The finger piers have the wood pilings secured along the side which we try not to hit with the side of the boat. With the low water this year it became evident that the boat might just slip right underneath the dock. So with long planks fastened to the pilings I extended the lower limits of those pilings by two feet. Anybody else facing this problem?

By the time you read this Anchorline we will have had the annual Commodores' Steak Roast. I am just glad that Mr. Volstead's Act was repealed. From the details I have heard this party is special.

Happy sailing.

## Just for You – Rendezvous

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It's hard to believe that summer is close at hand, but now is the time to plan for our summer rendezvous. The first rendezvous is scheduled for the weekend of June 24-25. We are planning a fun time with a cardboard sailboat race for adults.

The need for a deep water marina is currently being addressed. Specific details are not available at this time since many marinas are not yet open to assist us in our planning. However, now is the time to make a note on your summer calendar to join us and enjoy one of the fun events of the summer.

-Peter D'Angelo, Fleet Captain

## ARE YOU READY?

As of April 13, there are only 47 days left until May 30<sup>th</sup>, the first race of the spring series. Don't forget, the Fleet Blessing and Patio Party are also on this day.

## Views from the VICE . . . . .

### Vice Commodore Dave Wetzel II

As I drove up Jefferson on Saturday morning (April 1<sup>st</sup>) on my way to buy bottom paint, I saw a tug and barge with a back hoe working at the entrance to Crescent Yacht Club. The dredging had started. On the way back I drove down to Windmill Pointe to see if dredging had started there. I had read that Grosse Pointe Park was going to start dredging April 1<sup>st</sup>. There was a tug and a barge and on the barge was a crane with a clamshell bucket. Dropping a clamshell buck through several feet of water (slowing the bucket down) and pulling up more water than mud did not seem like a efficient way of removing several thousand cubic feet of mud from the harbor bottom. Also the Park reduced the price of the dredging by agreeing to dispose of the mud. To dispose of the mud, they have set aside about 1/3 of the overflow parking lot. Just another dimension to what promises to be an "interesting" summer.

I am looking forward to the racing this year because I am having UK recut 2 of my headsails. Hopefully we will notice a difference.

I mentioned in last month's column that I am responsible for GPSC's part in running the 2000 Detroit River Challenge. The race:

- Is open to Cruisers as well as Racers
- Is relatively short and fun
- Will give you an opportunity to start a race going in the "wrong direction" (down river)
- Has no entry fee
- Food and drinks will be provided for everyone at the finish at Edison Boat Club.

The Entry form and race instructions are on the GPSC web site. If you have any questions, contact me at 313 823 1133.

The Tuesday Night Races will start soon after on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Frank Michell (313 343 9854) would appreciate a call telling him that you will lend a hand to help make these races happen. Your commitment can be for 1 night or the season. There is a notice/ad in another part of the Anchorline on this.

Kelee Teodecki (Dock & Supply) has been looking into some "new stuff" and said that she will have some examples at the Commodores Steak Roast. If you do not make it to the Commodore's Steak Roast, watch the next Anchorline for news on "new stuff".

I am sure that there will be mention made of the St. Patrick's Party elsewhere in this Anchorline. Nonstop entertainment. Congratulations to Peter & Cynthia Warner and Les & Barb Roddis. Needless to say that it was a great party and as word gets out you can expect the Tompkins Center to be filled to capacity again next year.

## Grosse Pointe Sail Club 2000 Activity Calendar

DATE                      ACTIVITY

### MAY

1 BOARD MEETING  
21 RIVER CHALLENGE  
30 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE-SPRING SERIES; FLEET BLESSING; PARTY

### JUNE

6 2<sup>ND</sup> RACE-SPRING SERIES  
**11 FAMILY BRUNCH**  
13 3<sup>RD</sup> RACE-SPRING SERIES  
20 4<sup>TH</sup> RACE-SPRING SERIES  
24-25 RENDEZVOUS  
27 5<sup>TH</sup> RACE-SPRING SERIES

### JULY

**8 GPSC REGATTA**  
11 6<sup>TH</sup> RACE-SPRING SERIES  
**15 BYC-MACKINAC RACE**  
25 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE-SUMMER SERIES

### AUGUST

1 2<sup>ND</sup> RACE-SUMMER SERIES  
8 3<sup>RD</sup> RACE-SUMMER SERIES  
15 4<sup>TH</sup> RACE-SUMMER SERIES  
**18 LADIES RACE; PARTY**  
22 5<sup>TH</sup> RACE-SUMMER SERIES  
29 6<sup>TH</sup> RACE -SUMMER SERIES; PARTY  
2-3 FALL RENDEZVOUS

### SEPTEMBER

11 BOARD MEETING  
17 FALL SERIES, RACES 1 AND 2  
24 FALL SERIES, RACES 3 AND 4  
**29 NEW MEMBER'S PARTY**

### OCTOBER

2 BOARD MEETING  
8 FROSTBITE RACE; PARTY  
**14 LOBSTER ROAST**

### NOVEMBER

6 BOARD MEETING  
**10 GPSC AWARDS PARTY**  
**18 DRY DOCK**

### DECEMBER

1 ANNUAL MEETING  
**3 CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY**

### Help Wanted

Reliable GPSC members (or new prospects) to help with the first GPSC Regatta of the 21st Century  
All categories are in need of your special talents  
Please contact 2000 Regatta Chair Andrew Morlan  
(313) 822-8251 abmorlan@ameritech.net

## Brought up by the REAR . . .

### Rear Commodore Gordon Morlan I

Suddenly it was over. New Zealand had taken Italy apart so quickly! I had mixed feelings. Where was the USA? On one hand I regret we did not have a presence in the America's Cup. On the other hand I was glad it was not the USA who got whipped, 5-0.

Then I began to think about the next cup, in 2002? 2003. What should the actions of the USA be to improve our position? What should the actions of the GPSC be? If you believe this is something we should be involved with on a club level, then we should give some thought to how we might best develop support.

As you form these ideas, give me a call. If there is a desire on the part of the GPSC members to move toward Cup Recovery, then we should begin to make plans soon.

Although we supported America True as a True Ally, we entered the fray too late and? truth be known? we were courteously accepted in the final stages.

The GPSC is in a unique position. Very few clubs can boast of an American's Cup CEO in its membership. Is this not something we should support in a strong and positive manner? Whatever we do should be done in a timely manner, with forethought and focus clearly developed.

How soon is too soon to begin?

## NAUTICAL CLEAN UP SLATED FOR SUNDAY MAY 21, 2000

Each spring the communities and individuals who love Lake St. Clair gather to clean up the shoreline. You may remember last year some of our GPSC members volunteered their boats to help retrieve trash that had accumulated over the years both along the shore and underwater. Divers volunteered their expertise to scavenge numerous oddities from the murky bottom. At Windmill Park alone, a large trash bin was filled.

We will be joining with most of the communities who touch Lake St. Clair from Detroit up to New Baltimore. Many helpers on shore can help unload boats and pick up trash. If you can spare a few hours to support a very 'close to home' cause, please call me and I will put you in touch with the registration person. There will be many sites to choose from. There will be a flyer out soon, but thought that you might want some advance notice. "See you on the lake!"

Judy Morlan (313) 822-8251

## Dock and Supply

We have an excellent selection of nautical wearing apparel available in our Dock and Supply inventory. Each of the items listed below sport our GPSC Burgee logo.

Framed Burgees.....\$  
65.00

Lined Lightweight Jackets.....\$  
55.00

(navy)  
Sweaters.....\$  
42.00

(navy and cream)  
Polo (Golf) Shirts.....\$  
28.50

(navy and white)  
Baseball  
Caps.....\$  
10.00

Sweatshirts.....\$  
25.00

Coffee Mugs.....\$  
3.00

License  
Plates.....\$ 5.00

We will have a display of apparel as well as other items available for sale at many of the social functions. In addition, for quick home purchases, call Kelee or John Teodecki at (313) 331-6512 if you need something between club social events.

## [www.gpsc.org](http://www.gpsc.org)

Just a reminder, our website features a bulletin board, also known as a discussion group. This area can be used to post or respond to messages on topics related to sailing or club business. For instance, if you have a question on a racing rule and want to get others' opinions, you can post your question on this page. Or, if

you want to post a dry dock reminder to club members, this is the forum in which to do it. The page is password-protected and is for GPSC members only. To reach it, click on Club Information on the left-hand side of the page. A window will pop up asking you for a name and password. The name is "port" and the password is "tack," both in lowercase letters. Once logged in, you will be in the members-only section of the website where you can click on Discussion Group.

## 2000 ROSTER UPDATE

### Spousal Members:

Kelee Teodecki

If you move, change your telephone or fax number or e-mail address, please let us know so we can reach you!

## Racing Rules Quiz #3 - Answer and Analysis

### Question

Thirty seconds before the starting signal, W was nearly wayless, her sails flapping. At least three hull lengths prior to establishing an overlap to leeward, L hailed 'Leeward boat'. W took no evasive action. Immediately after her overlap was established, L had to bear away to avoid contact with W; meanwhile, W began to trim sails and head up. L protested. The protest committee found that W, having been given adequate warning of the impending situation, failed to keep clear of a leeward boat, thereby breaking rule 11. W appealed asking: 'Does W, under rules 11 and 15, have an obligation to anticipate becoming overlapped to leeward to the extent of having to gather sufficient way to be able to respond once the overlap has been established?'

How would you rule if you were on the appeals committee?

### Answer & Analysis

Allowing adequate time for response, when rights and obligations change between two boats, is implied in rule 15 (Acquiring Right of Way) by its requirement to allow a newly obligated boat 'room to keep clear'. This rule does not require a boat clear ahead to anticipate her requirement to keep clear as a windward boat before the boat clear astern establishes an overlap to leeward.

If L had not borne away immediately, she would have broken rule 15. Since W at once trimmed sails, headed up, and thereafter kept clear, she fulfilled her obligations under rule 11 (On the Same Tack, Overlapped.)

Appeal upheld; neither boat broke any rule. ISAF Case 53 (formerly Case 116).

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## "We're Invited"

The following clubs have extended Grosse Pointe Sail Club members the privileges of their Clubhouse for the 2000 season.

### Ford Yacht Club

29500 South Pointe Rd., Grosse Ile

Club Office (734) 676-8422

Dining Room Hours

Wed. - Fri. – 5 – 9 PM

Sat. and Sun. – 9 AM – 9 PM

Lounge Hours

Wed., and Thur. – 5 – 10 PM

Fri. – 5 PM – 1 AM

Sat. Noon – 2 AM

Sun. – Noon – 10 PM

*GPSC Members pay Cash or Charge to their Member Account.*

### Sarnia Yacht Club

1220 Fort, Port Edward, ONT

Club Office (519) 337 7175

### Maumee River Yacht Club

2735 Broadway St., Toledo, OH

Club Office (419) 382 3625

### Port Huron Yacht Club

212 Quay Street, Port Huron, MI

Club Office (810) 985 942

### Grosse Ile Yacht Club

29677 East River Road, Grosse Ile, MI

Club Office 734-676-0211

### Presque Isle Yacht Club

120 W. Front St., Erie, PA

Club Office 814-455-7655

**Jolly Roger Sailing Club**, Toledo, Ohio

**North Cape Yacht Club**

## Living With the Lakes

Peter D'Angelo has obtained several copies of a publication produced by the U.S Army Corps of Engineers and the Great Lakes Commission titled "Living with the Lakes". Topics include the following:

- How the lakes were formed

- Natural factors
- Human influence on the system
- Controlling water levels
- Effect of lake level fluctuations

- Living along the shoreline
- Much, much more

If you are interested in a copy of Living with the Lakes, call Peter at 313.823.2671

**T h e R a c e C o m m i t t e e s o f :**

**Bayview Yacht Club  
Detroit Yacht Club  
Edison Boat Club  
Grosse Pointe Sail Club  
Windsor Yacht Club**

**I n v i t e y o u t o p a r t i c i p a t e i n :**

**THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
*DETROIT RIVER  
CHALLENGE***

**Sunday - May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000**

**Jib and Main Race  
Open to all Sailboats (Racers and Cruisers)  
No entry fee**

**Start in front of Windmill Pointe Park Marina  
Warning Signal at 2:00 PM**

**Picnic and Awards immediately following at Edison Boat Club**

**Sailing Instructions and Entry Form available at the  
GPSC Web Site: [www.gpsc.org](http://www.gpsc.org)  
or from the Club Representative below:**

<b>BYC:</b>	<b>Jane M. Sherry</b>	<b>Home: 248 545 7862</b> <b>Office: 810 415 5402</b>
<b>DYC:</b>	<b>Bill Lynch</b>	<b>Home: 313 822 7778</b> <b>Office: 313 983 4753</b>
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## ***GROSSE POINTE SAIL CLUB***

# **SUNDOWN RACE SERIES**

**Open to all seaworthy monohull sailing yachts, the annual Tuesday Night Sundown Series will be in two parts of six races each:**

### **SPRING SERIES**

**May 30**

**June 6**

**June 13**

**June 20**

**June 27**

**July 11**

### **SUMMER SERIES**

**July 25**

**August 1**

**August 8**

**August 15**

**August 22**

**August 29**

**And,**

### **THE GPSC FALL SERIES**

**Four races to be held on consecutive Sundays:  
September 17<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**For Registration and Sailing Instructions, contact our Website at [www.gpsc.org](http://www.gpsc.org). Or call Barbara Olsen, (313) 824-2827.**