

## COMMODORE'S comments . . . . .

### Commodore Bob Schappe III

Last weekend the dehumidifier was running full blast and this weekend the furnace is. Not a good sign but it has been another wonderful summer. And the Sail Club has been busy.

Our first Tuesday Night Race began with the Fleet Blessing arranged by Chaplain Linda Rumon and was followed by a great party at the Tompkins Center arranged by the Warners and the Roddises, our Entertainment Chairs. Under the able leadership of Jerry Partridge and Norm Samra and the many volunteers from the Club, both the Spring Series and the Summer Series were again a great success for the Club. And once again participants and observers exclaimed about the excitement and the professional conduct of the Races. Because Bill Harbert stepped in and videotaped the races, many people went to Marge's after each race and watched some tapes while they had a late evening meal.

In July we held our Regatta with Andrew Morlan chairing and Nancy and David MacDonald, assisting in the effort. We used an Olympic course this year and the wind gods smiled. It was well attended in spite of the Mackinac Race scheduled for the next weekend. A couple of post race glitches in the schedule of events were dispatched with ease by David, Nancy and Andrew. The evening was a great deal of fun with revelers having to be shoosed from the Tompkins Center at closing.

On Labor Day weekend, Peter D'Angelo had the Club Rendezvous at the Thames River. That is a delightful place to visit and a nice distance for a sail. While most boats arrived on Saturday and returned on Monday, some folks motored over for the cocktail party on Saturday and then returned that evening. Boats with motors can do things like that. We played Boccie ball, held a cardboard sailboat race, watched a boat parade of lights put on by the Thames River Yacht Club, swam, ate some great Canadian food, perspired and then enjoyed a breakfast on Monday morning before departure. A steady 25-knot north wind made for a lumpy wet ride home. Lost my Yukon cap. I would really like to encourage club members to put this event on their calendar and to give it a try because it is really a lot of fun.

With winds from 15-25 knots last Sunday, those people who paid to sail in the Fall Series received their money's worth after just two of the scheduled races. The Race Committee reported that 21 boats started the first race and only 12 started the second with most of the nine withdrawing boats reporting breakage and gear failure. But I will bet that racers still prefer a blow to a drifter. Remember the Frostbite on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> and the Chili Party that follows. This race is just for Sail Club members and is reputed to be a mellow event.

Instead of a Lobster Roast this October, our Entertainment Chairs are organizing a Hoe-Down and Square Dance Party. A lot of work goes into this and we hope this change in activity brings out a good crowd of folks who would like to live out some rural fantasies.

One last reminder: If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, talk with them about it. If you have any questions about how to go about this, or about dues, initiation fees, and such questions, contact our Membership Chairman, Ron Morketter or me. We will be happy to help out.

### GPSC Commodores' Council Summer Meeting

The "Bay Week" summer meeting of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club Commodores' Council (Past GPSC Commodores) was held the last weekend in July at Harbor Springs. Commodore Bob Lenhard and Terry and Commodore Bernie Van Antwerp and Deanna were the gracious hosts.

The 11 couples attending checked in at the Lenhard farm on Friday and then went to the Irish Marina Party in the late afternoon. It was great to enjoy the hospitality of the Irish Boatyard and to get reacquainted with the several Grosse Pointe and Detroit sailors and friends who were there for the Bay Week Races. In the evening we returned to the farm for a quick meeting led by President Patty Gough, a hayride and then a singalong around the bonfire. Several Irish songs were sung with the accompaniment of Cormac O'Byrne and his magic guitar.

Following a continental breakfast Saturday morning at the farm again, couples set out in several directions. Some went into town shopping, many golfed, Howard and Sharon Riley and Glory and I took a leisurely drive along the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan. Later in the day after searching out the best ice cream shop, all of us piled onto the lovely wooden cruiser, Pointer, for a scenic ride around the harbor. We returned then to the Van Antwerp's home for an absolutely wonderful steak dinner.

Late Sunday morning we gathered again at the Lenhard farm for brunch and the opportunity to share more stories. Most left after lunch with memories of a fabulous weekend and promises to do it again next year. A big "Thank you" to Bob and Terry and to Bernie and Deanna for hosting.

## Views from the VICE . . . . .

### Vice Commodore Dave Wetzel II

Woosh. Was that Summer that went bye. Another great Summer it was: The Detroit River Challenge, the Fleet Blessing, the Tuesday Night Races, the GPSC Regatta, the Mackinac Race, the Ladies Race, and the Rendezvous.

Thanks to Jerry Partridge and an army of people that helped, the Tuesday Night races went smoothly and were an outstanding success.

I don't know how many people are aware that Jerry put in considerable amount of time and effort into the unexpected task of replacing the 2 cannons that have served the club for many, many years. Just before the season began, Jerry was notified by the gunsmith, who was to refurbish the old cannons, that they really needed to be replaced. To make a long story short, Jerry located and purchased 2 new 10 gage signal cannons designed by Winchester. He then put in the considerable extra effort of designing and building a new mounting system for the new cannons. This was a first class job that will serve the Club for many years to come. I believe the new cannons went into service at the start of the Summer Series. Also, Jerry found that the Club's old VHF handheld radio needed to be replaced. Many Race Committees for years to come will benefit from Jerry's efforts.

The Fall Series started today (9/17). Can you imagine how aggravating it is to be leading Perf B in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race and have a rudder fitting break! Luckily it happened at the end of the third leg in front of Windmill Pointe and we just took the sails down and went in. Tranquilizer is 23 feet with a tiller and a real handful in heavy air, which we had. After sailing 8 legs of the triangle, the rudder fitting breaking probably save permanent damage to my body.

I was looking at the last column I wrote for the Anchorline, which was in May. In that column I invited sailors to participate in the 2000 Detroit River Challenge that was to be held Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. It is sponsored by Grosse Pointe Sail Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club, Edison Boat Club, and Windsor Yacht Club. One of the duties of the Vice Commodore is to represent GPSC on the committee that plans the event. This year GPSC was responsible for the starting the race from Windmill Pointe. Edison Boat Club was responsible for the finish. Thirty-three yachts participated and enjoyed a great day with good winds. Food and drinks were provided for everyone at the finish by Edison Boat Club. Next year the race will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> and I believe Windsor Yacht Club is responsible for the start of the race, which will be up-lake from Peche Island near the Canadian shore. There is no entry fee and it is just a fun race.

As if we didn't have enough to do, this Summer my wife, Mary, and I purchased a small pop-up camper and so far have spent a weekend at Rondeau Provincial Park on the North shore of Lake Erie and Labor Day weekend at Algonac State Park. In October we are planning an outing to the Pinery Provincial Park.

Having started a new job at the end of June, I have a new work number and e-mail address: Work phone: (248) 583 4760 Work e-mail: [dwetzel@epcom.com](mailto:dwetzel@epcom.com).

## Grosse Pointe Sail Club 2000 Activity Calendar

DATE                      ACTIVITY

### 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 PIG ROAST

### NOVEMBER

6 BOARD MEETING  
10 GPSC AWARDS PARTY  
18 DRY DOCK

### DECEMBER

1 ANNUAL MEETING  
3 CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

### Party at your house?

This January, the 13<sup>th</sup> to be exact, Com. Dave Wetzel is putting on the Commodore's Ball at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Com. Dave Wetzel lives in a small bungalow in the 1000 block of Somerset. The Afterglow will not fit in his house. Here is an opportunity to host an important function attended by dignitaries in formal wear. Contact Com. Dave Wetzel.

### Help Wanted:

As we enter the Fall, plans are being made for 2001. While there are more than the following 3 positions to be filled, Commodore Dave Wetzel, would like to hear from anyone interested in:

- Anchorline
- Webmaster
- Entertainment

### Sportsman

Our club is proud to acknowledge a member who has achieved a major milestone in athletic participation. The surprise is in the what and where.

Typically when we think of Past Commodore C. Jay Deeds, we remember his many, many years of setting marks for DRYA races, our Tuesday Night Sundown series, or perhaps the Thursday Night One Design races. After all, he is the first recipient of our USYRU Trophy for these timeless efforts on behalf of the sailboat racers.

But now we are talking about collegiate sports; specifically University of Michigan Football. As of the September 16th away game played in the Rose Bowl against UCLA, Jay will have attended 400 Consecutive UofM Football games at home, away and all bowl games! GO BLUE!

# Brought up by the REAR . . .

## **Rear Commodore Gordon Morlan I** **“The Endless Summer”**

It seems that our GPSC Regatta was just last week, though the Mac Race and many Saturday and week night races have also been sailed since then. Our own efforts at sponsoring one of the DRYA races was well received, but not without a few surprises.

Just two days before the big event one of the committee boats indicated that their assigned vessel was not going to accommodate all their personnel. Up stepped Com. Howard Riley. He and Sharon had planned to race Tresor. But they knew that their Jouet 1280 Ketch would answer this need, and so they took over this job. This kind of spirit is what makes the GPSC worthwhile.

Surprise number two came the day of the regatta, after the racing and at the party. As sailors began gathering at the Thomkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park, we began to wonder about the promised food. Stomachs growled and sailors grumbled. No caterer appeared! Up steps Com. Bob Schappe and Nancy and David MacDonald, (Assistant Regatta Chairs). After a quick conference they ordered pizza for all! Many kinds remarks were made about this quick decision to cover the need -- the sailors especially appreciated the price!

Surprise number three. Even by 8 pm the DRYA computer could not yet spit out the needed results of the days racing. How could we award flags when the winners were not officially determined? About 9 pm the results for the “C” course were made available. By that time most of the sailors had gone home, or to where ever tired sailors go; a few stayed and did receive their awards.

But what to do? There were still many flags to distribute! Thomas Hardware stepped forward. Todd Jones was most happy to act as the distributor of our awards, and such help is certainly appreciated. Thomas served as a well known and centrally located site. Our Web Master (thanks, Greg Wheeler!) got the word out the very next day.

It takes a village, er ... committed club ...to put on a successful regatta. We did. Thanks from all of us to Andrew Morlan, Regatta Chair, and all those who supported this important effort!

So the summer is not endless. It just seemed so some times.

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## 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

### Roster Changes:

Bill Harbert new e-mail: [wharb27@aol.com](mailto:wharb27@aol.com)

### New Address:

Greg Wheeler  
1112 Beaconsfield, GPP 48230  
313.822.8329

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

### GPSC Sailors can swim too!

*(Excerpt from The Detroit Free Press, Saturday, July 15, 2000  
Peggy Walsh-Sarnecki)*

This boat night even required some heroism. Paul Van Tol of Grosse Pointe Park was carrying boat parts to Eliminator when he saw a blind woman walking dangerously close to the edge of the boardwalk. He started forward to stop her, but before he could reach her, she fell into the Black River. Van Tol dove in and the woman went under twice, taking Van Tol with her, before he and another passerby could hold her above the surface.

The woman, who was not identified, was taken home by police.

"I was just the first one to get there," Van Tol said.

### Ladies Night Race Results

At race time on Friday evening, August 18, there were four boats on the line, being steered by lady skippers. Avatar steering duties were split between Judy Morlan and Carrie Kelly; Suicide Blonde had Torry Stackpoole at the helm, Free Way was steered by Priscilla Carlson, and Barb Roddis guided Tuna II.

At the 1915 starting gun the four boats headed into the lake on a "marks to port" course that took them around the marks opposite the Little Club pier. Aided by friendly winds and good skills at the helm, Avatar crossed the finish line at 2002 with a 10-second lead on Free Way. Third to finish was Suicide Blonde at 2004 and then Tuna II crossed at 2020.

Racing under their Tuesday Night handicaps, the winner on corrected time was Suicide Blonde, followed by Avatar, Free Way and Tuna II.

Following the race was the traditional "after race party" at the Tompkins Center with large sub sandwiches, and nacho chips for the hungry plus pop and beer for the thirsty.

-Bill Harbert

### Frostbite Race and Chili Party Cook-Off

Sunday, October 8, 3:30 PM, Tompkins Center

Join the Club for the last race of the year (also, on the same day as the National Chili Cook-Off is held in Texas).

If you'd like, bring a pot of your favorite sailor's chili!  
Taste-testing and Prizes awarded.

Tickets are \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child.

### It's in the Numbers

#### 09-01-2000 through 09-04-2000.

We were 2 people alone on our 30 foot sailboat for the 1st time now that 2 kids are both off to college.

Departed Friday from Windmill Pointe at 1630.; motored at 5 knots because true wind speed was 00. Heading 113 degrees; 9.92 nautical miles from Waypoints 01 to 04 - Belle River Marina.

Arrived and tied up by 1830 and discovered 2 friends across the dock on their 34 foot Tartan, Mary Prudence. Fired up the 2 horse outboard and toured Belle River on our 10 foot inflatable; 1.5 hours of fun.

Cooked 2 burgers on our portable grill and washed them down with 2 or 3, 12 oz. beverages.

Saturday morning dawned with less than 1/4 mile visibility and 72 degrees. Summertime 4 sure!

Had a great, reasonably priced, \$9.50 CDN for 2, breakfast at the Greek restaurant at the marina.

Then, after 2 hours of scrubbing the decks, we headed out in consort with our clubmates.

Heading 085 degrees; 10.53 nautical miles. Waypoint 06 is the Thames River Light.

Variable winds finally settled in and our 2 boats arrived reaching at over 6 knots. Great sail!

Saturday afternoon at Radlin's Marina, high 80s but a 15 knot breeze along the river was cooling.

Hors d'ouvres at 1730 but it took until 1830 to get GPSC's 22 people together - including 4 just for the party.

Sunday morning was a repeat of day 2: haze burning off about 12:00 and heading into the high 80s again.

Dingied for 2 hours on 1 tank of gas, up into Jeanette's Creek to spy Herons of 3 colors and sizes.

Bought 4 more ice, 2 block and 2 cube, to keep our ice box and cooler going for the next 2 days.

Bocce Ball Tournament at 1400 beneath 4 or 5 shade trees. 4 teams of couples, 16 balls and 2 pinellas.

After the first 2 games, 2 couples played for the title. We were 1 but the Commerford's won. Congrats!

Dinner was at 2000 at the Lighthouse Inn, but we cooked 2 chicken breasts on 1 of 3 BBQ grills at the pool.

Parade of Lights at 2100. 8 boats all lit up, including 1 named "Shamrock" with 2 long hoists of lights.

Fireworks followed at 2200. Frankly we lost count of the number of boomers that lit the sky with colors.

Wind came up cold, 60 degrees, and strong, 20 plus knots. Waves built during the night to 3 or 4 footers.

Monday morning sprinkles lasted only about 30 minutes. Wind and waves were still out there.

Decision to go or not to go? 2 reefs in the main and off we went. 20 minutes later we were in 15 feet of water.

Heading 278 degrees; 19.85 nautical miles will get us from 06 back to 01 - Home.

Steered 290 to 300 to make that course good. Sliding down quartering waves, it was tough to keep on a heading. 3.5 hours to make the return trip, towing the dink 1/4 full of water, lots of fast fun with only part of the main up! Back at the dock, 2 from Spectre and 2 from Shamrock came over for 2 blended beverages and 2 sandwiches.

All in all, it was a great 4 days. Next year we hope to 2 see you there 2!

-Pat Clark

## Fall Rendezvous

Every year the Club has a wonderful fall rendezvous at what has become our tradition – Radlins Marina on the Thames River, Ontario. This year Commodore Bob Schappe and Glory reported a medium light crossing and “a nice ride”. Everyone arrived in great spirits and met at the gazebo for some light fortification. Bill and Mary Harbert and Bill and Elaine Kuester added joviality to the assemblage for having made the crossing by motor launch just for the party. It was sad that they could have no luck from the 50/50 raffle for their trouble.

Sunday, of course, meant a spirited bocce ball tournament with Pat and Dee Clark narrowly winning over Jim Krieger and Terry Bellows in a neck and neck dual to the end.

The cardboard sailboat race brought excitement and laughter to the group. Alexis D’Angelo entered “Rusty Stinks” and Rusty Rivard entered “Rusty Does Not Stink?”. It was not without some satisfaction that “Rusty Does Not Stink” took the day in a steady breeze to the finish line across the marina.

That evening the day’s events were revisited at the Lighthouse Inn, always an excellent repast. Priscilla and Ron Schaupter shared a wonderful story about their recent family reunion.

Monday morning proved to be different than we have come to expect. It didn’t rain for the Fleet Captain’s Breakfast! Many thanks to Charlie Billiu and everyone who pitched in to make the event such a happy one.

Alas, the weather Monday was less than good. The wind continued to build from the north gusting to over 25 miles per hour. Lake St. Clair was about as rough as she gets for our crossing home. With predictions that things might get worse and the fact that the fleet would be taking it on the beam, it was time to reef the main and head home.

-Peter D’Angelo

## Awards Party

The GPSC Annual Awards Banquet for this year will be held at the Tompkins Center on Friday night, November 10th. Unfortunately, this is the one club sponsored event where attendance is by invitation only. Guests for the evening are the skippers of the winning boats for the two Sundown Series, the Ladies Race, the Fall Series, and the Frostbite Race. Each invited skipper is also provided with two tickets for crewmembers. Also receiving invitations to this very special party are all of the club members who were involved in conducting the races.

Evening activities start at 1900 hours with a hors d’oeuvres and beverages, followed by the awarding of flags. This night provides us with a tremendous opportunity to show visitors what a great organization Grosse Pointe Sail Club is, and perhaps encourage some guests to join. If you have an interest in attending next year’s party, remember to sign up next spring to work at least one race.

## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

This year’s Annual Meeting will be held Friday, December 1, at the Tompkins Center. The social gathering begins at 1930 hours with the meeting starting at 2000 hours.

## “We’re Invited”

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

### Cliffside Yacht Club

Port Dover, ONT

### 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.***

### Grosse Ile Yacht Club

29677 East River Road, Grosse Ile, MI  
Club Office 734-676-0211

### Jolly Roger Sailing Club, Toledo, Ohio

### LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

2640 Front Rd. LaSalle, ONT.  
Club Office (519) 734 1363

### Maumee River Yacht Club

2735 Broadway St., Toledo, OH  
Club Office (419) 382 3625

### North Cape Yacht Club

### Port Huron Yacht Club

212 Quay Street, Port Huron, MI  
Club Office (810) 985 942

### Presque Isle Yacht Club

120 W. Front St., Erie, PA  
Club Office 814-455-7655

### Sarnia Yacht Club

1220 Fort, Port Edward, ONT  
Club Office (519) 337 7175

### Vermilion Yacht Club

5440 Anchorage Way  
Vermilion, Ohio 44089

