

**COMMODORE'S comments . . . . .****Commodore David C. Wetzel III**

On Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, we had another wonderful St. Patrick's Day Party. Because the party was the day before St. Patrick's Day, the entertainment committee was able to get Michael O'Hare to bring 15 dancers from his school, Michael O'Hare's Dance School in Birmingham. We had our own private Riverdance entertainment. Congratulations to the Entertainment Committee: Tom Caulfield, Ron & Diane Strickler, Jim & Nam Poole, and Rick & Gloria Rocco for continuing the tradition of great GPSC parties.

By the time this Anchorline is out, the Commodore's Steak Roast on April 7<sup>th</sup> will be history and we'll have a report on it in the next Anchorline.

The Pancake Breakfast will be our next event – on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a notice for the Pancake Breakfast in this Anchorline. Please note that the time is from 10:30am – 12:30pm. You can come any time between 10:30 and 12:30 for a free breakfast. If you are thinking of coming, call Jerry Partridge, (313) 331 2652, to let him know how many people you are bringing. Call him now – he is getting nervous that no one is coming.

We have a New Member Drive going and the Pancake Breakfast would be a nice event to bring a prospective member to. It was suggested at the April Board Meeting to put the membership application on the Web site. By the time you receive this Anchorline you should be able to find it in the Members Only section. Ron Morketter, the Membership Chairman, should be contacted about any new prospective member. Ron's number is (313) 824 3739.

The new 2001 Rosters were distributed in mid-March. Jerry Meach did a great job in producing them and Bob Brownell sold a record amount of ads. If you have not received a new Roster, contact Ron Morketter.

The summer is coming along with all the Grosse Pointe Sail Club's activities. As information becomes available for events, the information will be posted to the GPSC web site: gpsc.org.

The first Tuesday night race on May 29<sup>th</sup> also includes the Fleet Blessing before the race, at 6pm, and the party on the patio after the race. We would like to put a little pizzaz into the Fleet Blessing. Ship Dress would be impossible for boats heading out to race, but if possible put up a string or two of flags for show. The Blessing of the Fleet will take place at the harbor entrance starting at 6pm. We will be using the starting cannons for the Blessing. The Race Committee starts getting nervous as the race starting time approaches and their cannons are missing, so we have to wrap up the Blessing at 6:30pm.

As I write this column, I am looking at the calendar and trying to figure out when I am going to get Tranquilizer ready for another season. I have finally started working on the items I brought home for the winter. I store Tranquilizer in a RV storage

yard during the winter and then bring her home and park her on the driveway for a week or two to work on her.

Mary and I will be spending Easter in Cincinnati visiting with Mary's daughter. I hope everyone has a happy Easter. See you at the Pancake Breakfast and if you have not already done so, please fill out and return the surveys.

**COST SAVINGS  
REPORT**

On Saturday, March 24, members Ron Morketter and Ginger Barr were married at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods. The club will now save thirty-four cents for every mailing. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Morketter.

***Information Changes***

*If your personal information needs updating*

***New Members***

*To bring a new member into the Club*

Contact Membership Chairman

**Ron Morketter**

757 Westchester  
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230  
(313) 824 3739

# Views from the VICE . . . . .

**Vice Commodore Gordon E. Morlan II**

Stand By for the Nautical Coast Clean Up 2001!  
For the past several years groups of volunteers have been pulling junk off the beaches and out of the shallow waters near the shore of Lake St. Clair. Last year Judy and I pulled several truck tires, cinder blocks, rusty bits of a swing set, and other undescribables, from the waters just off Patterson Park. Now that the waters are even lower -- approaching low water datum - the opportunity to clean up our shoreline is even greater. The grand clean up this year will take place on Sunday, May 20. Consider gathering at JYC (9.5 Mile and Jefferson) about 8 am to be assigned an area and a group, provided with tools, and sent off to the task. There is a special need for those with waders. You will be finished by noon. Remember, it is your lake.

But there is still more! There is also special need for those with a small boat, and for those who are divers. There is a meeting on the evening of Thursday, May 17, to organize this class of volunteers, to pair them with divers, and better determine the best use of these people. Please call Jill Wrubel at Advanced Aquatics Diving (810-773-0404) if you plan to be a part of this group.

In a related matter, have you heard of the We Are Here Foundation, Inc.? This local area group accepts donated boats. If you have anything which floats that you wish to donate, please call Tom Clever or Joe Russo (810-778-2143) for details. The boats are then repaired as needed and sold. All profits from this project then return to the community by supporting purchase of water quality testing kits for local schools and supply computers and programs concerned with water quality to needy schools.

When you finish with the lake clean up, you may wish to dine with your fellow workers at JYC. They are offering a low cost, high taste lunch.

Or you may wish to hurry to the start of the Detroit River Challenge Race, beginning off BYC this same afternoon. Those who have not yet wrapped fish in, or lined the bird cage with, the March Anchorline, can refer to that for details. Very soon the application to race, sailing instructions, and charts of the courses will be posted on the GPSC web site. Avatar expects to be there!

**\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Save Money \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**  
GPSC members are eligible for BOAT/US's group membership rate of \$9.50 annually, a 50% discount.  
For membership and renewal call 1.800.395.2628 and give them the Group # GA816495.

## 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

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.

## PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITY

If you have an interest in Photography, particularly videotaping, the Tuesday Night Races provide an excellent opportunity to hone your skills. Each Tuesday night we videotape the eight starts and then tape each boat as it crosses the finish line. The club owns a Video Camera and a new videotape is provided for each race. What we need are 12 volunteers to donate one Tuesday night each to operate the camera.

Immediate benefits are an unobstructed view at the end of the pier, beverages of choice while working, and the fellowship of club members who have also dedicated their time to run the races. Following the last finish each night, the tape is then delivered to Marge's Bar on Mack,

where many of the race participants gather to see their boats on TV. The staff at Marge's has been very appreciative in the past and usually offers food and drink to the person who delivers the tape. The skipper and crew of Avatar have also proven to be very sociable at the race after-glow. There is a long-term benefit also associated with volunteering for one or more Tuesday nights, and that is an invitation to the fall Awards Party

If this sounds like a "fun job" to you, contact the club Video Chair, Bill Harbert. He can be reached at 313-823-5607 or e-mail at [wharb27@aol.com](mailto:wharb27@aol.com).

## Brought up by the REAR . . .

### *Rear Commodore Norman Samra I*

They say that the two most important days in boat owners' lives are the day they buy the boat, and the day they sell the boat. HOG WASH!

This is the time of the year where cabin fever has reached its peak; the cobwebs of winter are shattered, and the seduction of the wind and water beckons. Launch date, that glorious day is just around the bend.

Spring has sprung; the annual ritual of readying the boat for the summer begins. This is a labor of love that mere words alone cannot describe. Ten to 20 man hours of work stretches to 50 or more, but who's counting. The long lost souls of the sea, like bears waking up from hibernation, rush to the boat yards yearning to begin painstaking tasks. This is where one enjoys the camaraderie of the tribe and where optimistic tales of season ahead commence. The work, which includes preparing the bottom, polishing the hull, scrubbing the spar, cleaning the cabin, repairing the equipment, fighting the shrouds and cotter pins and endless ancillary chores, gets done in a manner that defies logic. This is where, even when everything can and has gone wrong (though not blaming you), tomorrow will always be a brighter day. Launch day is right around the bend.

Happy Sailing!

### The Tuesday Sundown Series:

The series begins May 29th. Also on that day we will have the fleet blessing prior to the race and the patio party after the race.

The Club needs some help with videos this season. Bill Harbert won't be able to do all the Tuesday night races. If we could have two or three volunteers, then the task could be shared. With four people, each person would only need to do three races.

Upcoming July 7<sup>th</sup> is our Regatta. I would like to thank all the volunteers that will be working to make this a wonderful event. Special thanks to Regatta Chair Dave and Nancy MacDonald and Assistant Chair Peter D'Angelo, and the Behler's who are hosting the Regatta Cocktail party for the race officials. Members, even if you are not part of the race, plan to come to the party at Windmill Pointe Park after the race.

## 2001 ROSTER UPDATE

### NEW MEMBERS:

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

## PARTY INVITATION

The Calendar of Events for the Sail Club lists the GPSC Regatta for July 7 this year. This is the race day assigned to our club by DRYA, and boats from all the DRYA member clubs are eligible to participate in our races. It is also a large social event day for both sailors and non-sailors. All post-race activities occur in the area immediately behind the Tompkins Center.

Following the end of the races, the Race Committee calculates the winning times for each of the classes and Award Flags (First, Second, and Third) are presented to the winners.

The Regatta Committee has also planned a "cook-out" dinner and will be serving Bratwurst and Sauerkraut, Italian Sausage with Grilled Peppers and Onions, Hot Dogs and Chips for the kids, plus Fresh Fruit Salad, Garden Salad, Grilled Marinated Vegetables, and Austin Baked Beans. There will also be an ample supply of soft drinks for the children and BEER for the adults. In addition, there will be music provided by a live band and you can just listen or dance on the patio.

. This is not an event held exclusively for participating crews. Both non-sailing and non-participating sailor members are encouraged to join in the festivities. Mark your calendar now for July 7<sup>th</sup> and plan to bring the family to the park between 3:00 and 4:00 pm.

There! You have been invited to another one of those fabulous parties for which the Grosse Pointe Sail Club is known. Oh yes. Bring money. Adults are \$5.00 and Children under 12 are \$3.00 – each that is.

### **FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL G.P.S.C. REGATTA**

**COMING JULY 7, 2001**

**WINDMILL POINTE PARK**

**3 - 5:30 P.M.**

**(RACING AWARDS PRESENTED AT 5:30)**

**All club members are invited, and**

**You are welcome to bring friends**

**(prospective members, perhaps).**

**There will be live music, great food**

~~(for a fee) and complimentary beer and beverages. This is one of our club's premier events, and you do not need to be a sailor to enjoy it.~~  
**Call dave & nancy macdonald (886-1610) if you Plan to attend.**

## Mark your Calendars for GPSC 2001 Events!

### APRIL

29 FAMILY BRUNCH

### MAY

7 BOARD MEETING  
 12 NSSC TUNE-UP REGATTA  
 19 GLYC REGATTA  
 20 DETROIT RIVER CHALLENGE RACE  
 26 DYC REGATTA  
 29 SPRING SERIES BEGINS  
 POST RACE PARTY  
 FLEET BLESSING

### JUNE

1-3 BYC NOOD REGATTA  
 5, 12, 19, 26 SPRING SERIES RACES  
 8 MILLS RACE  
 15 WYC OVERNIGHT REGATTA  
 23-24 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS  
 30 DBC REGATTA

### JULY

7 REGATTA AND AWARDS PARTY  
 10 LAST SPRING SERIES RACE  
 17, 31 SUMMER SERIES RACES  
 21 PORT HURON TO MACKINAC RACE

### AUGUST

4 GLYC DOWNRIVER RACE  
 5 GLYC DEEP WATER RACE  
 6-8 ILYA BAY WEEK  
 7, 14, 21, 28 SUMMER SERIES RACES  
 11-12 GPYC REGATTA  
 17 LADIES RACE AND PARTY  
 18 EBC REGATTA  
 25 CSYC REGATTA  
 28 POST TUESDAY NIGHT RACE PARTY

### SEPTEMBER

1-3 FALL RENDEZVOUS  
 8 DYC SWEEPSTAKES REGATTA  
 10 BOARD MEETING  
 15 BYC/GPYC LONG DISTANCE REGATTA  
 16 FALL SERIES RACES #1 & #2  
 22 GPYC BLUENOSE REGATTA  
 23 FALL SERIES RACES #3 & #4  
 28 NEW MEMBERS' PARTY  
 29 BYC NORTH CHANNEL RACE

### OCTOBER

1 BOARD MEETING  
 5 BYC MACKINAC AWARDS  
 7 FROSTBITE RACE AND CHILI PARTY  
 13 LOBSTER ROAST

### NOVEMBER

1 DRYA ANNUAL MEETING – BYC  
 2 DRYA AWARDS DINNER – GPYC  
 5 BOARD MEETING

9 GPSC AWARDS PARTY  
 17 DRY DOCK  
 DECEMBER  
 7 ANNUAL MEETING  
 9 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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## HELP STILL NEEDED

Race Support Chair Tom Fraser reports that the initial sign-up for Tuesday Night Race dockworkers at the St. Patrick party was very good, and he has about a third of the schedule filled. Based on needing ten workers for each race, and twelve scheduled races, that's 120 activities to fill. With a third of the schedule filled, Tom still needs about 80 volunteers, and even less if you sign up for more than one race. Tom advises that he will accept calls at all hours of the day or night, and we never had a Race Support Chair do that before. Here are his numbers:

Home: (313) 886-0604 Cell Phone: (313) 520-1939  
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 Work e-mail: [tfraser@meadegroup.com](mailto:tfraser@meadegroup.com)

Last month's Anchorline listed the various job descriptions and the benefits derived by volunteering to work the races. These benefits will not be listed again but they continue to be available to all who sign up. There are six ways to advise Tom when you can work – so not being able to reach him is not a valid excuse.

[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.

## A VOICE FROM THE PAST

Dear Commodore Wetzel,

Greetings from sunny Florida and thank you for asking what Commodore Bill and I have been doing recently! The last time our names were mentioned in the Anchorline, we had put our sailboat Tinamara on the hard in Cambridge, Maryland, and returned to Grosse Pointe where I underwent a bone marrow transplant for Chronic Myeloid Leukemia. Eighteen months later, I am back to feeling great and we are back on the boat. We returned to Tinamara in July 2000, and spent the summer cruising the Chesapeake, ending the season with a month in Washington D.C., at the Capitol Yacht Club. It was tempting to spend the winter in D.C., it is such an interesting city, but a cold snap convinced us it was time to head South and we did the 1000 mile plus trip down the ICW in just over 3 weeks. It was mostly a motor boat trip as the cold temperatures and strong winds kept us in the "Ditch" 90% of the time.

Shortly after arriving in Florida, we flew to Europe for a former exchange student's wedding, spent 10 days in England with various friends and, most importantly, spent a very productive 4 days in the Netherlands, looking at Canal boats (more to follow on that topic).

After 16 years living aboard our sailboat, we have decided it is time to move on to other things. The 8 years we spent in Europe, our crossing to Rio de Janeiro and the time we spent in the Caribbean and Bahamas hasn't quelled our desire to continue travelling but we have a very high maintenance boat and a year away from her made us realize it is time to turn her over to new owners who will hopefully have the same kind of wonderful adventures we have. Bill and I have already completed step 1 of "The Plan" we just bought a small condo here in Ft. Lauderdale, making us "dirt people" for the first time since 1984. Step 2 is to put our boat on the market: look for us in broker Rob Jordan's listing in the May issue of Cruising World. The day Tinamara sells, we will be on a plane to Amsterdam, pick up a rental r.v. across from Central Station, and start looking for our new boat. We are planning to buy a boat that we will live on 6 months of the year, cruising the canals and rivers of Europe. For the next few years, we plan to be navigating by Michelin Restaurant Stars, rather than the celestial variety!!

Bill and I will be in Detroit next month, just long enough to close out our rental apartment and head back to Florida. Although we won't be living in Detroit, our families and my

doctors will bring us back occasionally and we always try to connect with Sail Club activities when we are in town.

For those of you who may be in the Ft. Lauderdale area, our new address is 1301 River Reach Drive, no.319, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33315. Phone 954-462-5215. Love to see anyone who may be down our way.

Fair Winds,  
Commodore Bill and Laura McCourt  
28 March 2001

## 2001 REGATTA CLUB CLASS

**TO ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO DO AN EASY FUN RACE OR TO THOSE WHO ARE PERHAPS LESS EXPERIENCED OR THOSE WHO HAVE SHORT-HANDED CREWS: SIGN UP FOR THE CLUB CLASS OF OUR 2001 REGATTA!  
(TO BE HELD ON JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>.)  
THE CLASS WILL BE JIB AND MAIN.  
ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM  
GLORY SCHAPPE (313 823-0163),  
OR LOOK FOR THEM IN THE MAY  
ISSUE OF THE ANCHORLINE.**

## FLEET CAPTAIN NOTES - BILL KUESTER

In last month's Anchor Line Commodore Wetzel mentioned that there would soon be an article about "dressing ship." Look for that in the May issue. It is correct to dress your vessel for national holidays and other important events.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. SUMMER RENDEZVOUS.

I know that this is a hard time to get away. My thoughts for this event would be an afternoon sail with a raft up either off Peche Island or in the Detroit River. After the raft up party, dinner could either be at the Detroit or Windsor Yacht Club, depending upon the anchoring site or an easy sail home. This would be a great time to invite guests (potential new members) and introduce them to the GPSC!

July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>. SUMMER CRUISE.

For those not doing the Mac Race. Is there interest in a Lake Erie Cruise to Pelee Island, Put-in Bay, and Cedar Pointe? Please let me know.

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>. FALL RENDEZVOUS.

Saturday, cruise/race to Ratlins at Thames River. This would be the first annual "BURNT VALVE" race. The reverse start, with handicap based on the hull speed formula, would start at 1100 (1500 UTC) short of the Belle River and finish at the Thames River entrance buoy. If you do not

cross the finish line by 1400 (1800 UTC), fire up the “iron genny” and go for it!

Sunday. “Special K” will be available for tubing, water skiing and other water sports. Golf is possible at the local course, and the usual fun activities that have been done in the past.

Monday. Fleet Captain’s Breakfast, break camp and sail home!

Please feel to contact me with any questions, comments or suggestions.

**The Race Committees of:**

**Bayview Yacht Club**

**Detroit Yacht Club**

**Edison Boat Club**

**Grosse Pointe Sail Club**

**Windsor Yacht Club**

**Invite you to participate in:**

THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
***DETROIT RIVER  
CHALLENGE***

Sunday - May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Jib and Main Race

**Open to all Sailboats (Racers and Cruisers)**

No entry fee

Start in front of Bayview Yacht Club

Warning Signal at 2:00 PM

Finish in front of Windsor Yacht Club

Awards immediately following at the Windsor Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions and Entry Form will be available on the GPSC web site  
or contact Vice Commodore Gordon Morlan (313) 822 8251

