

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

I am starting to put things on calendars for late February and early March. It feels like I missed something. Wasn't New Year's Day just a couple weeks ago.

Looking at the GPSC calendar for the next couple months, first we have a Dry Dock coming up in about a week, on February 24th. This event at Grumpy's is being put on by George Sirdenis. Plan on joining other club members for an evening of camaraderie.

Next is the St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 16th. Reservations are required for this event. Please, please, please make your reservations as-soon-as-possible. Not only will it be greatly appreciated by the Entertainment Committee, but if you look at the flyer in this Anchorline, you will see that doing so will save you 3 bucks per person!

Three weeks later, on Saturday April 7th, is the ever popular Commodore's Steak Roast. You will find a notice about this elsewhere in this Anchorline.

On Sunday April 29th, following these popular events is the First Annual Grosse Pointe Sail Club Pancake Breakfast (originally scheduled as the Family Brunch). Mark your calendar. This event is so new no one knows what time it is going to start but since it has had the name of brunch, then breakfast, you could make an educated guess. Check next month's Anchorline for more details.

The long term well being of the Club depends on attracting new members. This year it is especially important because of the budget crunch. Next year a dues increase goes into effect which will make it easier to operate within the budget. This year, to make revenues meet expenses, we need to add a few more new members than average.

This is very important. Please give some thought to who you know that you would like to invite to join the Club. Invite them to come with you to the Club events mentioned above. Ron Morketter is the Membership Chairman. Contact Ron (313 824 3739) for membership applications and to coordinate efforts to welcome these perspective members. The initiation fee is \$150.00 and the annual dues are \$75.00 this year – next year the annual dues will go \$95.00. Many people who are members of other clubs in the area also belong to the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. There are many reasons for this - great parties, minimal cost, and great camaraderie are a few that come to mind.

This summer on July 24th the City of Detroit will mark its 300th birthday. Those in attendance at the Grosse Pointe Sail Club's Commodore's Ball heard Maud Lyon, the

Executive Director of Detroit 300, and John Jamian, chairman of the Tall Ships committee for the Detroit 300, talk about the events during 2001 to celebrate this event. One of the highlights of the celebration will be a Parade of Tall Ships up the Detroit River on July 22nd. Twelve to fifteen tall ships will be docked in Detroit and Windsor between July 18th and the 22nd. The Detroit 300 committee is looking for volunteers to help with this event. Contact me for information. Also we are looking into how as a Club we can help or be involved.

\$\$\$ 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.

On the Horizon . . .

Feb.	24 Dry Dock
March	16 St. Patrick's Day Party
April	7 Commodore's Steak Roast
	29 Family Brunch

Views from the VICE

Vice Commodore Gordon E. Morlan II

Life With / Beyond Ice and Snow

Let your mind go forward to the end of this month. Think Saturday, February 24. With winter all around it might be a good time to enjoy good friends, good drink, and good times at the GPSC Dry Dock. George Sirdenis and his committee are planning an interesting sailing evening, including the usual 50/50, a possible unusual raffle item and some exciting sailing films. But this kind of program is only successful with participation, and prospective participants need to let George know (331-6309) how many to plan for it. Why not RSVP right now, while it is on the top of your mind? This is also an excellent opportunity to introduce your friends to the GPSC for possible membership. (Ron Morketter, membership Chairman has the forms and details to share, call him at 824-3739.)

Now let your mind go forward even further, to the end of May. Think Sunday, May 20. This is the day of the River Challenge Race, possibly the first race of the season for many, so let me remind you what this event is all about. The race has been run eight times. Originally it was initiated by the DYC and raced from the Detroit River into Lake St. Clair, then back to DYC. This year the race is sponsored by the five 'river clubs,' (DYC, BYC, EBC, WYC, and GPSC). The chairman for this year's installment is Bill Linch of DYC, with your vice commodore and Andrew Morlan representing GPSC on the committee.

This year the race will begin off Bayview Yacht Club, proceed into the lake, and finish off of the Windsor Yacht Club dock. The starting club is in charge of the flags, and the finishing club puts on the party. What a party it will be! Have you seen WYC's new clubhouse? They razed the old clubhouse and began again, with a fine result. All ages are encouraged to tie up at their dock to join in this social event.

More about the race itself: This is a fun race and presents an excellent time to ask those folks who, for years, you have been saying "I'd like to have you race with me sometime" but never found the right time. This may be the right time and the right race. It is main-and-jib and it doesn't require DRYA or club membership. It is not a long race and is a friendly event. Results are available promptly and announced at the party. For an application see our web site (www.gpsc.org), where all the details will be posted in March. Each club is challenged to have at least 10 boats on the line. Today might even be the day to begin developing your crew list.

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!

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.

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Brought up by the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Norman Samra I

With the spirit of Valentine's Day, here's my list of things that I love about GPSC.

1. Members: We have a super group of people who are willing to assist when called.
2. Tuesday night races: Where else can you observe a race so close that you can offer a drink to the sailors?
3. Commodores Ball: The club puts on the glitz to begin the new season among the clubs around the lakes.
4. Regatta: A great way to celebrate the 4th of July (though it was not always on that weekend).
5. Club Parties: St. Pat's Commodore's Steak Roast, Fall Lobster Roast and Patio Parties after first and last Tuesday night races.
6. Fall Series: Strong winds, cool air and warm water.
7. Chili Roast: Culinary delights from members to "spice" up a fall day.

Remember, we have a Dry Dock schedule for February 24th @ 7:00PM at Grumpy's Pub. Hope to see you there.

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.

Mark your Calendars for GPSC 2001 Events!

FEBRUARY

24 DRY DOCK

MARCH

5 BOARD MEETING
16 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

APRIL

2 BOARD MEETING
7 COMMODORE'S STEAK ROAST
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

2001 Winter Weekend A Success!

This year's Winter Weekend turned out to be a resounding success as GPSC members, families, and friends (25 in all) gathered at Breakers on the Bay Resort, just west of Port Austin, Michigan on February 3rd & 4th.

The Resort was an excellent venue for this popular event where owners Dianne and Del Ruth were extremely accommodating. The food was delicious, the rooms were spacious, comfortable, and clean, with a wonderful view of Saginaw Bay, and everyone had a great time.

Many participants tried cross-country skiing at two nearby State Parks where the conditions were a little icy on Saturday, but fluffy and white on Sunday morning with a fresh new coat of snow.

Saturday night was filled with excitement as diners watched officers from the County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, and the U.S. Coast Guard search for victims out on the ice, after several people reported seeing a series of flares in the sky well off shore. The large picture windows in the restaurant provided a perfect view of the rescue workers, a search plane, a helicopter with night vision equipment, and ultimately an airboat (ala the Everglades), which were all pressed into service. As it turned out, the authorities determined that the flares were actually fireworks, which were set off in East Tawas, miles away on the other side of the Bay.

When the emergency personnel left, everyone turned their attention to the karaoke machine where a new singing star was soon born. Wendy Slaymaker unabashedly grabbed a microphone and brought down the house with her surprisingly powerful renditions of several popular tunes. And later that night, Ken Thelan was truly impressive as he strummed out some great

sing along hits on his guitar.

Co-Chairs of the event were Lynne and Larry Haggart who said they were delighted with the way it all turned out. They strongly recommend a return to Breakers on the Bay next year. Don't miss it!

**ATTENTION ALL YOU
COWGIRLS AND COWBOYS!**

Mark your calendars!

Grab your boots and saddles and plan to mosey on down to the Chuck Wagon and Roundup (otherwise known as the **COMMODORE'S STEAK ROAST**)

being held on Saturday, April 7, 2001 at the Tompkins Center.

**GOOD GRUB ! OPEN SALOON !
GOOD TIMES !**

(More information and reservation forms will be found in your March Anchorline.)

Dry Dock 2001

Saturday 7:00 PM , February 24, 2001

Grumpy's Pub
15016 Mack Avenue

Grosse Pointe Park
(313) 822-7141

Games, Movies, Fun, Food and Drink
Great Company - 50 – 50 Raffle - Prizes
Mystery Guest

For details, please contact
George Sirdenis at 313-331-6309



The Grosse Pointe Sail Club

Presents

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Party

FRIDAY MARCH 16, 2001

**TOMPKINS COMMUNITY CENTER
WINDMILL POINTE PARK**



Celebrate with Members and friends in the traditional Irish manner

- 6 – 7pm Beer, Wine, Pop, and table set-ups
- 7 – 8pm Dinner (Corned Beef and Cabbage)
- 8 – ??? Entertainment & FUN

Please remember to bring your own plates, utensils and any table decor you want!

Contests to include:

- 50/50 Raffle
- Best Table Limerick
- Best HAT contest – why?...why not!!
- Best Decorated Table - (*Remember to bring your decorations*)

Entertainment provided by:

- Alan Zielinski (Irish?)
- O'hare Dance Studio – Irish Dancers

All for the **WEE** price of \$19.00 per person **IN ADVANCE**
Space is limited and the **DEADLINE IS MARCH 5th** Send in your reservation today!!



**ALL RESERVATIONS POSTMARKED
AFTER MARCH 5th are \$22.00 per person !!**

Name _____

Number attending _____ @ \$19.00 = Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to The Grosse Pointe Sail Club.

Mail to:

**Rick & Gloria Rocco
899 Westchester
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230**



