

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

I have a book on Murphy's Law and related corollaries. It is missing is a section on boating. I suspect that many of us could make contributions to it. I mention this because it seems inevitable that whenever I launch Tranquilizer there is some adverse aspect of weather. This year when we put in at the St. Jean ramp in Detroit the wind was blowing downriver (I needed to go upriver) and the angle of the waves from Lake St. Clair were perfect for entering the Windmill Pointe Marina and constantly jostling the boats. It took many cuss words to get the mast stepped and the dock lines set.

The Commodore's Steak Roast and our first annual Pancake Breakfast have happened since the last Anchorline.

Bob Schappe wrangled up past and current Commodores (except yours truly) to put on another reportedly terrific GPSC party. I cannot report on it first hand because Mary and I had the tough duty of representing the Sail Club at the Bayview Commodore's Dinner. That evening was a wonderful time weather wise to attend these events down on Lake St. Clair's shoreline. It was a warm clear evening with a full moon and mother nature provided entertainment in the form of a distant storm over Canada.

The Grosse Pointe News published the Pancake Breakfast information I had sent them on the front page the Thursday before the breakfast. In addition to the many GPSC members, several people interested in joining the Sail Club came down to the Tompkins Center along with a few residents interested in a free breakfast. In all we fed 40-50 people and everyone thought it was a great success. Peter Warner and Gordon Morlan were instrumental in getting the ingredients together and making it happen. Jerry Partridge, Frank Ferry, and Bob Schappe pitched in with their expertise.

Flags have a habit of wearing out and the GPSC burgee flying over the Windmill Pointe Tompkins Center has finally earned retirement. When Gary Ertman heard about this he offered to foot the bill for a replacement. We took him up on his offer and this month Gary's new burgee starts its tour of duty. Thanks Gary.

Next on the GPSC calendar are the evening events on Tuesday, May 29th to kickoff our sailing season. Between 6:00 and 6:30pm, at the entrance to the Windmill Point harbor, we will have the Fleet Blessing. The fleet will be blessed by the Rev. Peter C. Smith, senior pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, and 20 year resident of Grosse Pointe Park. Denise Cotter is assembling a Boy Scout Honor Guard from Troop 86. Bob Brownell will assist with photography and music. Each participating yacht will receive a 10 gauge salute from GPSC's starting cannons. You do not have to racer to participate in the Fleet Blessing. At 6:50pm the first Warning Signal of the

season will announce the beginning of the Tuesday Night Races. Come on down for a ringside seat to the starting line chaos. After the race, on the Tompkins Center patio, GPSC members and the evening's racers will gather for a party. ** Bring a hors d'oeuvre **

Our Fleet Captain, Bill Kuester, is planning the Summer Rendezvous on June 23rd and 24th. Since the details have not been finalized in time for this Anchorline, you will receive information on this event by mail.

I want to thank everyone who replied to the survey that I sent out. Some people replied with the extra effort of writing a letter to me with suggestions. I very much appreciate the effort and will be sharing these and the surveys with Gordon Morlan and Tom Caufield, our Entertainment Chairman.

For the Summer, we will not be publishing an Anchorline in June and August. The next Anchorline will be in July.

Information Changes

If your personal information needs updating

New Members

To bring a new member into the Club

Contact Membership Chairman

Ron Morketter

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Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
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Views from the VICE

Vice Commodore Gordon E. Morlan II

DO YOU SAIL NOOD ?

There is a top-notch one-design regatta surfing our way very soon. The National Offshore One Design Regatta will be held June 1-3, and is held by Bayview Yacht Club. As the title of the regatta suggests, the racing is held in One-Design , or Level Classes, so there is no handicapping -- the first boat over the finish line in each class is the winner! While classes are still being completed, usually you can see racing in everything from Ultimate 20s to J 105s to the older Warhorse Class boats.

Detroit is only one site for these high energy events. Other locations holding NOOD Regattas include San Diego, Annapolis, Chicago, Marblehead, Larchmont, St. Petersburg, San Francisco, and Galveston. Last year almost 1600 boats competed in these NOOD regattas. So we are among some really high profile racing areas in this business.

If you are interesting in racing it may not be too late to find a crewing spot (see the NOOD website at www.sailingworld.com). If you enjoy watching close racing plan to be on Lake St. Clair in the late mornings of that Friday, Saturday, or Sunday the very beginning of June. Boats begin leaving the marina about 8:30 am.

After the races there will be much going on ashore. Thanks to the sponsors there is entertainment, food, and refreshments at BYC, as well as daily prizes. This is a grand event, one we are fortunate to have in our area.

Other sailing news: It is not too late to support those sailing in the Leukemia Cup Regatta. To be held on May 19, this race is locally sponsored by GLYC. This is not only a sailing event but also an important fund raising event to raise money to fight blood related cancers through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Please contact me should you wish more details about the racing or sponsorship.

Details including sailing instructions, applications, and charts of the course are available on the GPSC website for the Detroit River Challenge Race to be held the afternoon of May 20. Following a short race (JAM only) from BYC to WYC there will be a party at WYC which includes free food. I hope to see many GPSC skippers there!

Finally, the GPSC Sundown Series begins on Tuesday, May 29. This long standing summer series provides much enjoyment for up to 150 boats each week. Applications and other details are also available on our website. (www.gpsc.org)

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!

The following Yacht Clubs have sent invitations to the Grosse Pointe Sail Club asking us to visit:

Great Lakes Yacht Club
St. Clair Shores, MI 48230

Harbor Bay Yacht Club
Sandusky, Ohio

Harbor Club Yacht Club
North & South
Harrison Township, Michigan

Jolly Roger Sailing Club
Toledo, Ohio

LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club
LaSalle, Ontario

North Erie Yacht Club
Port Bruce, Ontario

Port Huron Yacht Club
Port Huron, Michigan

Presque Isle Yacht Club
Erie, Pennsylvania

Riverside Yacht Club
Ashtabula, Ohio

Sarnia Yacht Club
Sarnia, Ontario

Toledo Yacht Club
Toledo, Ohio

Western Reserve Yacht Club
Fairport, Ohio

2002 Commodore's Ball Preview

Can't wait until January 12th to hear our great band? Check out **Steve King and the Dittlies** at the War Memorial, Wednesday, July 18.

Grounds open at 6:30 p.m. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the music by the lake.

Brought up by the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Norman Samra I

As May unfolds, we scuttle our winter doldrums and embrace the young yachting season. It's ironic that Mother Nature can so twist her forces during this the month that we celebrate Mother's Day. "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature," but sometimes she likes to fool us sailors.

Mother Nature, with her temperature variance between land and sea this time of the year, gives us some of her best and bizarre breezes. Her winds can not only be boring, glorious or freighting, but they also can be all three within an hour' span.

I can recall, that in the year DRYA had switch the A-B Course from the 30-60-90 triangle to the trapezoid format, the weather for the first three races had such stark contrast between land and sea, which is typical for this time year.

During the GLYC Early Bird Regatta, we had such bizarre winds changes that our crew thought we were in a Macinaw race. During this 15-mile race we had three fronts role through. On the long leg, supposedly a run, we scurried from a run to a beat to a reach then back to run, beat, run. The fickle wind went from a gentle breeze to skid marks to calm to mild to skid mark and back to gentle in under 5 miles. Shore that day experienced not one hint of any weather changes.

The following week was the DYC Regatta that began off the GPYC with the finish line by the club. What had started as a playful reaching wind, turned into a double reefed -110 beat. Our 30' boat had popped three 1/2 inch sheet lines. Mid race, where the Detroit River starts, there were four of us within seconds of each other. With a gray overcast sky, wind howling, waves tossing us like a little dinghy, and we (port) engaged in a port – starboard near collision, the reef line abruptly snapped. Needless to say at this point, the crew felt that we were in a sea battle. As we entered the river though, Mother Nature presented us with a wind shift and a clear sky, so we could offer the spectators a gorgeous spinnaker finish.

The following week, BYC had a windward leeward course for the A-B Course. At least the weather on the water was constant. The winds were 20 to 30 knots with gusts over 40. The sky was overcast a with a intermittent rain. At the finish, I can remember that the committee boat looming some 80 feet long, was hardly bobbing, this in stark contrast to us,. And once again the weather on shore was sunny and bright.

This past week brings to mind the many different changes that can occur in May. While in this region the week began mildly as spring, turn to summer in the middle, and back to fall by week's end. I guess we can be

grateful for the fact our weather was not like that of Denver and St. John NB. They both had a least one to two feet of snow.

I only have one request for Mother Nature this season: more water for the lake.

We need assistants on the dock.

This season I have double duty the privilege of being Rear Commodore and Race Chairman. And as fate would have it, video is a part of both of my duties. The Tuesday night videos are a great success, and a post - race fun time. Bill Harbert, who does a yeoman's job, needs help. So like the Marines, we are looking for a few good members. If any one is interested please contact, Tom Fraser or me at 886-0604 and 882-8093, respectively.

Our Regatta is July 7th. We have a wonderful party planned. Hope to see you there.

Do You Know That . . .

- GPSC owns an RCA Video Camera.
- It is used to videotape the Tuesday Night races.
- Volunteers are needed to operate the camera on Tuesday Nights.

Come on sailors and non-sailors – Let's get some help for Bill Harbert, our video chairman, to tape the races. Devoting every Tuesday night for 12 weeks is a lot to ask of any member. Bill would appreciate getting some help for even half the nights. Are there six members or spouses that are willing to help out this season? Call Bill and pick your choice of race nights. The after-glow at Marge's and an invitation to the year-end awards party are benefits to taping a race. Volunteers can call Bill at 313-823-5607 and select the night you prefer.

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Mark your Calendars for GPSC 2001 Events!

MAY

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

FLEET CAPTAIN'S NOTES

FLAG ETIQUETTE AND DRESSING SHIP.

Flags have long been a part of yachting. They are flown for identification, communication and sometimes, just for fun. Using articles from Yachting, November 2000 and Chapman's Piloting, Seamanship, etc. I will attempt to provide correct guidelines for flag etiquette.

National Ensign (Flag) or Yacht Ensign. U.S. registered yachts are permitted to fly either the national flag or the yacht ensign in U.S. waters. Outside U.S. territorial waters, i.e., other side of Lake St. Claire, only the national ensign is recognized.

The flag is flown from eight am to sunset. A sailing yacht when not racing, wears the flag at the stem staff or the leach of the aftermost sail.

Courtesy Flags. Other national flags, when in a country's territorial waters, i.e., other side of Lake St. Claire, are flown from the starboard spreader hoist.

Club Burgee. This is correctly flown from the masthead of the forward mast. This location frequently interferes with antenna and wind instruments and the alternate location is the starboard spreader.

Dressing Ship. For all national holidays and other special events as regattas and reviews it is correct to dress ship by stringing signal flags from bow to masthead to stem. A suggested pattern is two flags, followed by one pennant, etc. Racing flags can be flown in the bow area.

Join me this summer in adding color and interest on the national holidays, the GPSC Regatta, the tall ship review and other festive occasions.

SUMMER RENDEZVOUS

The first GPSC Rendezvous is planned for Sunday, June 23. It will be an afternoon sail and raft up party, site to be determined, followed by dinner ashore. I am hoping that we will be able to anchor off Peache Island and plan dinner at the Windsor Yacht Club. Look for an event mailing early in June.

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.

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.

Important Telephone Number

Sometime during the summer a member of your crew, or a member of your family may wish to contact you at the Windmill Pointe Marina. If you are not carrying your cell phone, or they do not have the cell phone number, they will need to call the Harbormaster's Office to reach you. It happens – Ask Commodores Riley and Haggart.

This number is for the telephone that only rings in the Harbormaster's Office. Make a note of it.

313-822-2812

Park personnel also have two-way radios this year so that a call to the office will permit a message relay to other personnel on the grounds or the docks.

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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.

G.P.S.C. 2001 REGATTA

NOTICE OF CLUB CLASS & REGISTRATION

RACE DATE: JULY 7TH, 2001

TO ALL GROSSE POINTE SAIL CLUB MEMBERS: WE EXTEND THIS INVITATION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE G.P.S.C. CLUB CLASS FOR THE 2001 REGATTA. THIS CLASS WILL BE JIB AND MAIN, UTILIZING ONLY SAILS DESIGNED FOR WINDWARD WORK, AND IS LIMITED TO G.P.S.C. MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED FOR D.R.Y.A. REGATTAS. YOU WILL RACE ONE RACE ONLY (WINDWARD/LEEWARD) ON THE D.R.Y.A. SATURDAY "C" COURSE. THIS CLUB CLASS WILL START IN "JAM-C & OTHERS" WHICH IS THE LAST START IN THE REGULAR "C" COURSE SEQUENCE. THE CLUB CLASS WILL RECEIVE FLAG AWARDS BASED ON FINISH TIME CORRECTION BY PHRF RULES, AS COMPUTED BY D.R.Y.A..

2001 REGISTRATION FORM

YACHT NAME _____ SAIL NUMBER _____
OWNER'S NAME _____ PHRF RATING (IF KNOWN) _____
ADDRESS _____ OTHER RATING? _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____
OFFICE PHONE NUMBER _____
MAKE OF YACHT _____
SIZE INFO: LOA _____ ft. BEAM _____ ft.
MODEL OR TYPE DESIGNATION _____
RIG INFO: STANDARD _____ TALL _____ MODIFIED _____
LARGEST JIB/GENOA AS A PERCENT OF FORE TRIANGLE _____ %
ROLLER FURLING _____ FIXED 2-BLADE PROP _____ FIXED 3-BLADE PROP _____
WERE ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS USED AS CREDITS IN THE PHRF RATING YOU INDICATED AT THE TOP OF THE FORM? YES _____ NO _____ WHICH? _____

THE RACE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP A PHRF RATING FOR ANY VESSEL NOT RECOGNIZED WITHIN THE DRYA LISTING. THIS RATING IS FOR THE RACE ON JULY 7TH, 2001 ONLY.

----- AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS -----

To the Grosse Pointe Sail Club: _____ Date _____
The undersigned, as skipper and/or owner of the above described yacht, in consideration for being permitted to race, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, hereby agrees to assume the risk of participation and to hold harmless the organization and personnel which conduct said race against any and all claims or actions arising out of the participation of said yacht, whether or not said claims or actions are alleged to or in fact arise out of the claimed negligence of said organization or personnel. I understand that the decision to start or continue any race rests entirely with the skipper and crew of my yacht. I agree to maintain adequate and appropriate insurance.

SIGNATURE _____

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 22, 2001

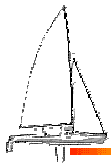
RETURN ALL SIGNED AND COMPLETED ENTRIES TO:

GLORY SCHAPPE
912 BEDFORD ROAD
GROSSE POINTE PARK, MI 48230

QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 313/823-0163

SECURE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FORMS ON OUR WEBSITE, MEMBERS ONLY

RECEIPT OF THIS SIGNED FORM IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY. THE SIGNED FORM WILL INITIATE THE DELIVERY OF YOUR REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND A COPY OF THE D.R.Y.A. RACE INSTRUCTIONS.



THE SEASON IS HERE!!!

TUESDAY MAY 29th

Please join your fellow Members and guests after the race to welcome the new season!!

BEER, WINE, SODA and HORS D'OEUVRES will be served in the Tompkins Center immediately following the Race.

**Members are asked to please bring a
Hors d'oeuvre to pass.
(Show off your culinary talent)**

Or simply bring Chips and Salsa!



The Club will provide Beer, Wine and Soda