

COMMODORE'S comments

Commodore Gordon Morlan Speaks ☆☆☆

I have been reading a bit of history of late. Especially notable to our members is a book titled *The History of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, 1948 - 1973*. In reading this I have become aware of many of our club's traditions, some long gone and some still firmly in place, and how we have had many, many deeply involved members over these years. Something has invoked loyalties among members and to the club even to this day.

All this for a "club without a clubhouse". The book states "... the world's most famous, fully-recognized and widely-esteemed yacht club without a physical home." That may be a bit much, however there is much to say for us as a "child of the spirit ... the spirit of sailing". Not that some earlier members had not wanted a more permanent physical home. Over the years there have been attempts to buy, or to engineer being given, some of the most improbable of sites. Perhaps contributing to this move was the provision by the DRYA at one time that required all member clubs to have a clubhouse. Around 1959 we pursued a strip of land immediately adjacent to Windmill Point Park (next to what was then the Marine Hospital, and where the lighthouse stands). Commodore Bill McGraw even traveled to Washington, DC to secure the rights to this land.

A piece of land at Fox Creek and Scripps Canal was considered in 1967. We offered the sum of \$120 for an option to buy. However, no clear title seemed available. Again in 1970 the club went looking for property, considering an agreement with an apartment complex at Nine Mile Road and Jefferson Avenue. Consideration was even given to asking Mrs. Ford to will her home, *Rose Terrace*, to the club ... grounds and all! We then gave consideration to the purchase of Harbor Hill Park, the nice bit of land at the foot of Harbor Hill just south of CSYC. This time the move almost worked, but all residences of the Harbor Hill Association had to agree, and they did not. As our club history states: "Searches for reasonable property were conducted with monotonous regularity and a nauseating lack of success."

I am struck, as I read this history, with the large number of committed leaders our club has had. People of industry and loyalty have given not only time but keen insight to what makes membership worthwhile. Surely one of our

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REGATTA CLUB CLASS

Saturday June 29th



To our club members who would like to do a fun race: register for the Club Class of our 50th Annual Regatta, coming up on June 29th. The class will be Jib and Main and will be run on the DRYA C Course.

Entry Forms are available from:

- Glory Schappe (313 823-0163)
- On the GPSC website
- Look for them in the May issue of the Anchorline.

(by Glory Schappe)

greatest contributions has been, and remains, the weekly races. A firm tradition since July 13, 1950, is the Sundown Series. It was first raced on Sundays with alternating starting times of 10 am and 2 pm. As recently as 1971 it was the only organized and recognized racing conducted on the Great Lakes (!) on an "open" basis. No club affiliation required. A evenings; well over 1000 boats cross the starting line each summer, for the most popular series on the lake.

Not all traditions continue. In 1948 and until 1953 the club had no less than sixteen officers, including First Vice Commodore, Second V.C., First Rear Commodore, and Second R.C. The first bylaws specified membership was open only to males. This is strange when you consider that the first Board of Governors (later to be called Directors) included a lady -- one energetic Antoinette Ebner . Thank goodness times do change!

Another tradition is our Commodore's Ball. The ball has been held in many places. The first GPSC Commodore's Ball was in 1965; it was held at the St. Clair Yacht Club. The last, on January 12 of this year, at the Greek Assumption Center, had 160 in attendance.

Those who are whimsical point out that it is a tradition of the club not to respond to party invitations until the day after they are due. Most of those who remind me of this 'tradition' are planners of the parties. It is true that the participation at many of the last few social events is down. The recent Dry dock and Jimmy Buffet party come to mind; both were excellent parties with much enjoyment for those in attendance. However, both garnered only about 75% of the normal attendance.

Our own membership is down. Seriously down? I don't know how to gauge this, for we always lose members as interests change and people move on. It is clear that we need to 'replace' about fifteen members a year to keep the total membership constant. That means that many of us need to invite friends to take part in club events, encouraging them to consider membership. Do not leave this reaching out to the board. Your friends deserve a chance to be a part of the GPSC too! I am calling for a strong commitment from each member to become an even better advocate for the GPSC.

Volunteer for committees, show up for events of all kinds, and ask your nonmember friends to come too. Do not be a member in name only! .

I-68 Canadian Border Boat Landing Program To Resume

*The following important announcement about the 2002 use of the **I 68 Program** comes from Michael Clow, the Yachtsman. Thanks goes to him for calling our attention to this timely information.*

WASHINGTON The Immigration & Naturalization Service's (INS) has announced that the Canadian Border Boat Landing Program shall be resumed with additional security enhancements.

The INS suspended the Canadian Border Boat Landing Program after the terrorist attacks of September 11. Due to enhanced security measures along our borders, both the Canadian Border Boat Landing Permits (Form I-68) and the Outlying Area Reporting Stations (OARS) programs have been modified for the 2002 boating season.

Only the current Form I-68, revised January 31, 2002, will be accepted this season. The Form I-68 will not be renewable by mail. Each applicant must appear in person for inspection, interview, and a name query against the Interagency Border Inspection System (IBIS). The names and dates of birth of children less than 14 years of age must be listed on one or both parents' Form I-68. If approved, a three-part Form I-68 will be issued to each applicant age 14 years and older. Each part of Form I-68 will bear the photograph and fingerprint of the applicant. The fees for both individuals and families will remain the same.

Under the Form I-68 program, applicants for admission into the United States by small pleasure boats are inspected and issued a single boating permit for the entire boating season. This permit enables them to enter the United States from Canada for recreational purposes without the need to report to INS for further inspection. United States citizens or lawful permanent residents and Canadian citizens or landed immigrants of Canada are eligible to apply for Form I-68. For those who are not United States Citizens (USCs) or lawful permanent residents of the United States, Form I-68 authorizes admission within the immediate shore area of the United States for no more than 72 hours at a time.

Boaters not in possession of a valid Form I-68 must either report in person for inspection at a port-of-entry or utilize one of the 33 OARS videophone stations each time they apply for admission to the United States. Under Continued on the next page...

the OARS program, videophones installed at public marinas along the Canadian border provide an automated inspection service enabling two-way visual and audio communication between the inspector and the applicant for admission. Any non-USC who does not comply with these procedures will be subject to adverse actions under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

The entire announcement can be found at:

<http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/newsrels/boatlanding.htm>

A listing of sites where the forms may be obtained can be found at:

<http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/location/ports/>

Views from the VICE

Vice Commodore Norm Samra ☆ ☆

Battling a severe cold for the last week, I'm thinking I'd rather be out in the weather, whatever it is, than "under the weather." Hopefully, the cold and flu season has been kinder to you.

We vice commodores from GPSC, Edison, Bayview, NYC, and Windsor met to finalize the racing instructions and course for the River Challenge Race. Keeping in mind the Coast Guard's concern about safety near the channel, we'll have an easy start off Windmill Pointe, race into the lake, and finish off NYC without infringing on the ships in the channel.

It was gratifying to see all the old commodores appropriately aproned, gainfully employed, and keeping a hand in it- cooking, that is, at the annual Commodores Steak Roast. They were all aged to perfection (the steaks, not the commodores.)

Looking forward, Memorial Day, May 27, promises bounty, blessings, and brunch. We'll have the Fleet Blessing and a delicious brunch. George Sirdenis has then organized the Swap Meet at the Park to trade boat items. The blessed and equipped boats can then race the following day, the first Tuesday night race of the Spring Series. Remember to bring an hors d'oeuvre for the post race patio party.

As we sail into summer, be mindful of the magic line this year- the authorities will be more vigilant in their inspections and in the enforcement of regulations. As they say in Michigan weather reports, be prepared!

No Official Club House, You Say?

By Pete Warner



The shorelines of the Great Lakes are dotted with yacht clubs, boat clubs and sail clubs. Many of these are located along the Michigan and Ohio shores and of these, a small dory full have identified guest reciprocity with members of the GPSC. Such hospitality is especially welcome during the winter months when sailing any distance becomes predictably uncomfortable. At such times, it's good to know that a warm clubhouse with lunch or dinner and a social period of "boat talk" with club members is within a short drive of home.

The concept of reciprocity has always existed between clubs, but was pepped up with an infusion of mutual correspondence under Commodore Orville Sherwood in 1983 with touchups in 1988 and 1995. The scope of benefits under "reciprocity" is of course translated somewhat differently by each club just as every captain has his own idea of "secure anchorage". Rather universally identified as extended to members of GPSC are "the privileges of club house and facilities" with occasional mention of additional guests. Consequently you can be 99% certain that those clubs with a restaurant kitchen and a bar will be happy to offer you galley stores and grog when you produce (from its watertight pouch) your GPSC membership card on behalf of you and your crew. From here on, as our members have attested, some of the area's best food, drink and lake views are within a short reach (or point) of your 4-wheeled mainsail.

Just a few points to remember from our scouts: keep an alert forward watch for kitchen opening/closing hours or even closed down periods by phoning ahead. Some especially smaller clubs close or short-staff their facilities during January or February. Make sure that the GPSC card you carry is current. While the hostess of many clubs will often recognize "reciprocity" based on your introduction as a GPSC member, always have card in hand, and it is almost a guarantee that any one who views your card will look for the date. Expired cards are like calm winds...they don't get you

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anywhere. In recent years with the onset of the "web", payment of your bill with plastic is as common as inclement weather in Michigan. Some larger clubs will still "bill through" by sending your paperwork to their treasurer who forwards it to the GPSC mailbox. You can save the 15% or more associated shipyard tariff by settling on the spot. Be also alert to the possibility that a club of your choice may have a scheduled event which they know is a sellout and will compromise their spirit of reciprocity. Call ahead to check about scheduled events and then you can choose another destination if an event is going to occur.

Enough of depth soundings and shoal warnings and on to locations and other information.

Local Sail Clubs with a record of reciprocity to GPSC members are:

Detroit Yacht Club	313-824-1200
Windsor Yacht Club	519-948-1863
Edison Boat Club	313-235-2975
Toledo Yacht Club	419-726-3485
Ford Yacht Club (Gr.IIe)	313-676-8422
Grosse Ile Yacht Club	313-676-0211

Traveling around the USA or abroad? You can bet that if your city of destination or even connecting layover is located on any significant body of water, you will find a harbor equipped with a clubhouse. Facilities will vary, but any adventure begins with a "venture", and any local tourist office will supply you with the names, locations and phone numbers you need.

In this regard, First Mate Cindy and I have found first-rate galley fare and an enthusiastic welcome at such exotic ports as the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Boqueron YC (Puerto Rico), Valencia (Spain), and recently The Royal Malta Yacht Club where the view is as memorable as the facility itself (a twelfth century Crusader Castle). Stateside we found great fare and brisk offshore racing banter at clubs in Norfolk, Tampa, Newport, and a surprise week's pass at the St Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco. Some interesting shipping viewed at some of these docks included a rig belonging to Dennis Conner and the 75-ft, catamaran built for the 1995 movie, Waterworld. These are just a few of the fun spots to visit and activate your reciprocity

Take advantage of your membership to the Grosse Pointe Sail Club and the reciprocation privileges that go along with it

Dock & 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.

Duffel Bag..... \$ 58.00

Denim Long Sleeved Shirt.....\$ 45.00

Sweaters..... \$ 55.00
(navy)

Polo (Golf) Shirts..... \$ 32.00
(navy and white)

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

Sweatshirts..... \$ 32.00
(navy and white)

Lined Wind Shirts..... \$ 47.00
(navy and beige)

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. The next event Dock & Supply will be set up is for the Spring Party on March 15th. In addition, for quick home purchases, call Nancy Trowern at 822-1550 if you need something between club social events.

www.gpsc.org

Announcing our new Website Manager:

Harold Stackpoole.

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. 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.

Bringing up the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Jerry Partridge ☆

Spring Checklist

Check This!

Now that the weather is *finally* getting warmer, the number of tasks that we need to perform to get ready for the sailing season seems to be endless. It sure is easy to miss a mental note you made to yourself last fall, like some hull work, and not remember about it until after the boat is in the water! Well, every complex project or good organization needs to start with a good plan and a checklist to be sure nothing gets forgotten. Here are some thought starters, in no particular order, to include on your checklist:

- ❑ **Renew your subscription to *Sailing*.**
- ❑ **Read you Anchorline faithfully.** Good way to keep up on club activities and upcoming events.
- ❑ **Renew relationships.** We are blessed with some terrific members and great friendships.
- ❑ **Lower your stress level.** Laugh and have fun, it will help keep your blood pressure down!
- ❑ **Participate.** Lots of stuff to be involved. Pick a committee, or tell a Commodore or Committee Chair you want to be involved. Please support our club if you are asked.
- ❑ **Clean out the clutter.** Keep the decks clean and ready for action.
- ❑ **Shop at GPSC Roster Advertisers.** Scribble the amount spent on the Roster ad each time you shop there. It will help you fill out the member survey later this year.

- ❑ **Join the GPSC Regatta Crew.** They need some help with staffing the breakfast, the awards and the cocktail party. Call Tom Caulfield at 313-801-1850.
- ❑ **Volunteer.** By the way, the Regatta Committee is looking for boats and folks. We need 2-stake boats and 1-committee boat and crew personnel for our Regatta, June 29, 2002. Call Peter D'Angelo at 313-823-2671 to lend a hand.
- ❑ **Re-establish friendships.** Did I mention that we some really great people in this club?
- ❑ **Add every GPSC event to your personal planner/calendar.** You wouldn't want to miss out on all the fun, would you? See the January Anchorline for a complete schedule of events.
- ❑ **Attend every sail club event possible.** The more folks the merrier!
- ❑ **Commit early to upcoming events.** Now that you have all the GPSC events listed on your calendar, getting your reservation in early will make event planning a lot easier.
- ❑ **Find a new member.** Like another uniformed group, we are looking for a few good people. If the like to have a good time and have an interest in sailing, they are for us!
- ❑ **Invite perspective members to GPSC events.** This is the best way to let them learn about our club and meet our members.
- ❑ **Join the Regatta Committee.** Again! (Peter and Tom put me up to it.) Did I mention this is a lot of fun?
- ❑ **Fix up the boat.** Clean the deck, polish the hull, paint the bottom...ugh!
- ❑ **Make a suggestion.** Don't be shy. The bridge and committee chairs are always looking for new and better ways to improve our Club. Share your thoughts.
- ❑ **Share the FUN!** Life is about experiences, not just accumulating things. Good times are best when shared with others.
- ❑ **Go Sailing!**

See you on the water

☆☆ Mark Your Calendar ☆☆

June 22-23, 2002
Spring Rendezvous

**Noon Start to Belle River
Reverse Start Race
Fun for the whole family**



The Sailing Rules!

All information taken off of www.sailing.org. Answer to the case appears on the following page.

THE CASE BOOK FOR 2001-2004

CASE 52

Rule 16.1 Changing Course

Rule 16.1 does not restrict the course of a keep-clear boat.

Maneuvering to drive another boat away from the starting line does not necessarily break this rule.

Summary of the Facts

Before the starting signal, the two boats reached away from the starting line. A, moving faster, passed and was clear ahead of B at position 3. At position 4, A luffed up to close-hauled, intending to tack back to the line, but she found that B also had luffed and worked into position where, had A tacked, there would have been an immediate collision. A then bore away to gybe, only to discover that B had borne away into a position where a gybe would again cause collision. Finally, B gybed and headed for the starting line, leaving A well astern. A protested B under rule 16.1, claiming that she had been interfered with while in the act of keeping clear. The protest committee disqualified B, who appealed, holding that her disputed maneuvers were legitimate means of driving a competitor away from the starting line.

THE ANNUAL NAUTICAL COAST CLEAN-UP

SUNDAY MAY 19



By Judy Morlan

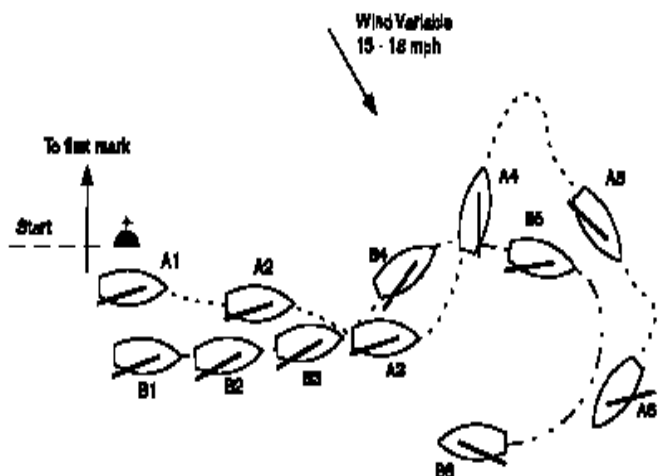
The Annual Nautical Coast Clean-up does a great deal to keep Lake St. Clair cleaner. In order for the clean-up to work, however, it needs our help (and anyone else that would like to pitch in). This is especially important to those of us who live near the water, not only because we use these waters so much and hold this lake especially dear, but also because we care about the environment.

The Nautical Coast Clean Up needs help on the day of the clean-up: for registration at 7 AM (folks who will sit at the registrations desks to hand out radios, and other equipment and register workers). More people are needed for this task this year as the event has expanded. This job would allow you to be home by about 9 or 9:30. Trash Captains are needed at the various sites for the morning; divers and small boats are needed to address the trash "in the lake" and most important - general workers to pick up trash along the shoreline. Divers are mobilized and sent to sites already designated by boaters, homeowners, and parks. Pick-up trucks are needed to haul bagged trash to dumpsters. Small boats are needed to take the divers to the various sites (not to haul trash). You can work at the park nearest where you live, in a neighborhood you are familiar with or areas a bit farther afield. When you sign up, the choices are available to you.

The major work is done between 9 AM and 12 Noon. A continental breakfast is available at the Jefferson Beach Yacht Club, located just off Jefferson Ave. between 9 and 10 Mile roads, where the majority of the registration happens. If you do not wish to drive out there you can assemble at your site at 9 AM. After the Clean-up is completed around noon, there is a huge TRASH BASH with music and lots of food as a reward for hard work done. It is a fun party where you can share stories and discuss the unusual trash you picked up with other enthusiastic participants. Then it is on to enjoying a CLEANER lake for another summer. Rest assured that this event will happen again next spring!!

I have registration forms and a quick call to 313-822-8251 will get one into your hands.

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The Sailing Rules...Results



Decision

Appeal upheld, B is reinstated. B's actions describe a classic maneuver in match and team racing, used to gain a favorable starting position ahead of another competitor. The essential point is that rule 16.1 applies only to a right-of-way boat, which B, at positions 3 and 4, was not. At position 4, B, as windward boat, had to keep clear under rule 11, but A could not tack without breaking rule 13. At position 5, B became the leeward boat with right of way under rule 11. Had A gybed onto starboard tack, A would have been subject to rule 15 and, if she changed course after she was on starboard tack, to rule 16.1. The facts show that neither boat broke any rule.

USSA 1955/63

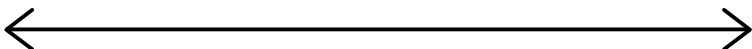
DOCK WORKERS NEEDED

Join in the fun of watching a Sail Boat Race from the dock. Each race is different and exciting, especially if there is a good deal of wind.

Members need NO prior experience to help out on the dock; there is always someone there to help show new comers the "ropes".

The races are held every Tuesday evening during the dates shown in the club calendar.

Please call Tom Fraser at:
o 313-886-0604 Home
o 586-726-7900 Office
o 586-726-7926 Fax



Grosse Pointe Sail Club

Activity Calendar for the Year 2002

TC = Tompkins Center

<u>Date</u>		<u>Activity</u>
May	7 Tuesday	Board Meeting—Tom's Oyster Bar 7pm
	19 Sunday	River Challenge (Vice to represent GPSC in planning)
	27 Monday	Fleet Blessing/ Marina Meeting Brunch/ Swap Meet—TC
	28 Tuesday	1 st Race-Spring Series/ Party-TC Patio
June	4 Tuesday	2 nd Race-Spring Series
	11 Tuesday	3 rd Race-Spring Series
	18 Tuesday	4 th Race-Spring Series
	22-23 Sat.-Sun.	Summer Rendezvous Belle River
	25 Tuesday	5 th Race-Spring Series
	29 Saturday	GPSC Regatta & Party
July	9 Tuesday	6 th Race-Spring Series
	13 Saturday	BYC-Mackinac Race
	23 Tuesday	1 st Race-Summer Series
	30 Tuesday	2 nd Race-Summer Series
Aug	6 Tuesday	3 rd Race-Summer Series
	13 Tuesday	4 th Race-Summer Series
	16 Friday	Ladies Race; Party—TC Patio
	20 Tuesday	5 th Race-Summer Series
	27 Tuesday	6 th Race -Summer Series; Party--TC
	31/1-2 Sat.-Mon.	Fall Rendezvous
Sept	10 Tuesday	Board Meeting—Tom's Oyster Bar 7pm
	15 Sunday	Fall Series, Races 1 and 2
	22 Sunday	Fall Series, Races 3 and 4
	27 Friday	New Member's & Sponsors Party
Oct	1 Tuesday	Board Meeting—Tom's Oyster Bar 7pm
	6 Sunday	Frostbite Race; Chili Party --TC
	19 Saturday	Fall Party--TC
Nov	1 Friday	GPSC Awards Party--TC
	5 Tuesday	Board Meeting—Tom's Oyster Bar 7pm
	16 Saturday	Dry Dock--TC
Dec	6 Friday	Annual Meeting--TC
	8 Sunday	Childrens' Christmas Party—TC

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Has Your Foul Weather Gear

Mysteriously **Shrunk Over the Winter**

If so ... bring it to the Grosse Pointe Sail Club and
Grosse Pointe Park Marina's 'Well Owners'

Giant SWAP Meet'



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Memorial Day

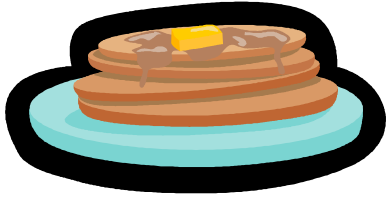
MAY 27th

9:30 a.m. to Noon

Tompkins Center

The Day of Our Sail Club's

Pancake Breakfast and Fleet Blessing!



Contact George Sirdenis

313/331-6309 for further information.

See You There Mates!

LOOK INSIDE FOR....



**Implementation of the I-68
Form**



Swap Meet



Reciprocity Privileges