

COMMODORE'S comments

Commodore Gordon Morlan Speaks ☆☆☆

I should have known better. After all, I had lived in Texas before. But having just moved from a three year stay in Pennsylvania, I had forgotten.

So there I sat on the first day of class in Wood Shop as the teacher called the roll. John Anderson? "Here, Sir." Billy Kathis? "Present, Sir." Tommy Kramer? "Here, Sir," and so on until he reached the names beginning with M.

Billy Martin? "Present, Sir." Gordon Morlan? "Yeah." Morlan, you . . . Yankee you!!

I should have known better. After all, I was born in Texas. My only excuse was that I was the new kid on the block, having just arrived. I had forgotten how to address an adult in that part of the world!

And so I am again the new kid on the block, and will no doubt make mistakes again, because I was not paying attention. But with the guidance of so many good folks, perhaps not many of these mistakes will be apparent. But I did learn from the earlier experience.

I have hopes that in this year of 2002 the Grosse Pointe Sail Club can keep some of its best traditions alive and yet not hesitate to consider changing some activities and continue to meet the needs of our members.

If my attempt to find leaders for some events is any indication, the club may be trying to do too many social gatherings. Certainly we have seen some decline in the attendance at several events over the years.

There are times when the group energy is not sufficient to allow some things to continue. The February Ski Weekend seems to fit in that area. There are other activities needing to move in another direction. Themes of some events such as the St. Patrick's Party and/or the Lobster Roast may need to be reconsidered.

If you wish to be a part of such planning , either to preserve or change, please let me know. There is room at the top!

"MOTOR NOTES, QUOTES & BOATS"

One day, not long ago, **A Boat of Contention** arose between **Auguste, Xenia, Princess Priscilla, and Audrey Too.**

In A Weak Moment, the Quest for all of them to become a world class **Riverdancer** happened.

The **Irish Mist** was well represented and some **G & T** (give and take) helped allow feelings to be vented.

The mission was set, but, worry set in...**Abort, Retry, Fail?** And just at that moment 3 more lasses were added and they became...the **Septet IV** of great fame.

...Thanks for your patience - it will be rewarded. Guess what the story is about and you will be awarded...big prizes! Leave your answer to the puzzle at 313.814.8129. Winners will be announced in the next Anchorline.

In the meantime, I'll be **On A Call** (R.I.P.)

Views from the VICE

Vice Commodore Norm Samra ☆ ☆

December and January- 'tis the season of stars and angels and new beginnings. Last month at GPSC's festive annual meeting, the stars came out, commodores' stars that is. Three stars now grace Commodore Morlan's jacket, two stars shine on mine, and our new rear commodore, Jerry Partridge, is in the lone star state. Ringing in the new, congratulations to those newly elected to the board of directors, Glory Schappe and Tom Fraser.

The "angels" of the club were also lauded that night, but fortunately not the type of angel sitting upon Joe Trowern's tree. (If you missed the meeting, have him tell you the joke.) Our angels include Commodore Morlan who won the Sportsmanship Award (which replaced the USYRU Trophy) and Denise Cotter who won the prestigious Leaker Award for the person who rendered the most dedicated service to the club during summer events. Tom Caulfield and Ron Morketter were awarded the Thunder Mug for the greatest overall contribution to the success of the club. Rounding out December's events, our littlest angels and future sailors enjoyed a pancake breakfast with that jolly old salt, Santa himself.

Speaking of Santa, here are my wishes for the coming year.

1. More water.
2. Freeze cover on the lake to keep what water we have.
3. A few new members
4. Volunteers to fill the positions
5. Peace and happiness for our GPSC family

Now- on to January, the Commodore's Ball, and a new beginning to the year's events. Here's to old acquaintances and new friends, stars, angels, and wishes fulfilled. Happy New Year!

2002 ROSTER UPDATE

Look for your copy of the GPSC 2002 Roster by the end of February. It's a lot of work and worth the wait!

Commodore's Ball

By John Carpenter

The club's 54th Commodore was installed in typically festive fashion Saturday evening, January 12th at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores.

More that 160 people were on hand to toast Commodore Gordon Morlan and his wife Judy, as well as the club's other Flag Officers for 2002. Commodores from 17 other yacht clubs as far away as Toledo and Port Huron were, as usual, in attendance, demonstrating once again that the fellowship that exists among club members extends to other clubs, all bound by a love of yachting. Ushering these visiting commodores, as well as past commodores from the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, were Gregg Anderson, John Carpenter, Pierre Jourdan, Kenneth LaCrosse and Andrew Morlan, all crew members aboard Commodore Godon Morlan's racing sailboat Avatar.

Fleet Chaplain Beth Kurta, a longtime friend of the Morlan's, offered a moving invocation. And Greg Wheeler, himself no stranger to the foredeck of Avatar, kept things moving as Master of Ceremonies. Commodore Robert Schappe and club member Frank Kurta were the event coordinators for the evening.

Vice Commodore Norm Samra offered a toast to the Prime Minister of Canada and the President of the United States, especially poignant this year in the wake of Sept. 11, and Larry Donaldson lead all in the singing of the Canadian and U.S. national anthems.

Andrew Morlan, son as well as chief tactician for the commodore, introduced his father with a tribute to Gordan's love for sailing and racing. And the new commodore then offered brief remarks before introducing the flag officers. He also singled out his wife and Beth Kurta for their tireless work in organizing the ball.

After the toasts were finished the music of Steve King and the Dittilies made for a crowded dance floor. And many club members then proceeded to the commodore's home for an "afterglow party."

Bringing up the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore *Jerry Partridge* ☆

I was extremely pleased and proud to be elected Rear Commodore at our Annual Meeting. Both Lady Fran and I thank you for your confidence, and we look forward to your support in the upcoming year. Speaking about support, there are a couple of points I need to mention.

First, let me introduce my Committee Chairs for this season. Commodore Gordon has selected an excellent group to lead the committees that I will be directly supporting. **Alice Baetz** skippers Powerboat, **Peter D'Angelo** with the able assistance of **Tom Caufield** leads Regatta, **Bill Harbert** engraves Awards, **John Jamieson** records Club History, **Frank Kurtz** shoots Video, **Glory Schappe** controls Assets, **Sue Steiger** organizes Junior Race, and **Greg Wheeler** keeps us within the Charter and By-Laws. This is a fine group of leaders who will perform flawlessly with your support. Please be sure to provide them with your able-bodied assistance when they call.

Second, your active support and participation in our club's activities is the secret to a successful sailing season. Everything is a lot more fun when we do it together. We have many exciting events planned for this year that will provide each of us with an opportunity to lend a hand and be involved. Please review the schedule of activities found elsewhere in this issue of the Anchorline. Record the key dates on your personal planning calendar for 2002. Your attendance lets you make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

We need to support our club and the committees that make it run smoothly. Join a committee and attend as many activities as possible. We have a great club with terrific members, be sure to take full advantage of it.

Most of all have FUN!

Announcing a New Member

Please welcome **Paul Roth** to our sail club. Paul is a sailor and joins us from Royal Oak. Paul sails a Beneteau 265 named "Solara"

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 Trowen at 822-1550 if you need something between club social events.

Coupon

This Coupon is good for \$4.00 off any one of the following items.

- ◆ Duffel Bags
- ◆ Denim Long Sleeve Shirt
- ◆ Sweaters
- ◆ Lined Wind Shirts
- ◆ Sweatshirts

Coupon good for above items only. Not available with any other offer. Must present coupon to receive money off.

Expires 5-31-2002

Coupon

The Sailing Rules!

The following is a new section that will be appearing in each Anchorline. The section will contain real life cases that have gone to the International Jury. All information taken off of www.sailing.org. Answer to the case appears on the following page.

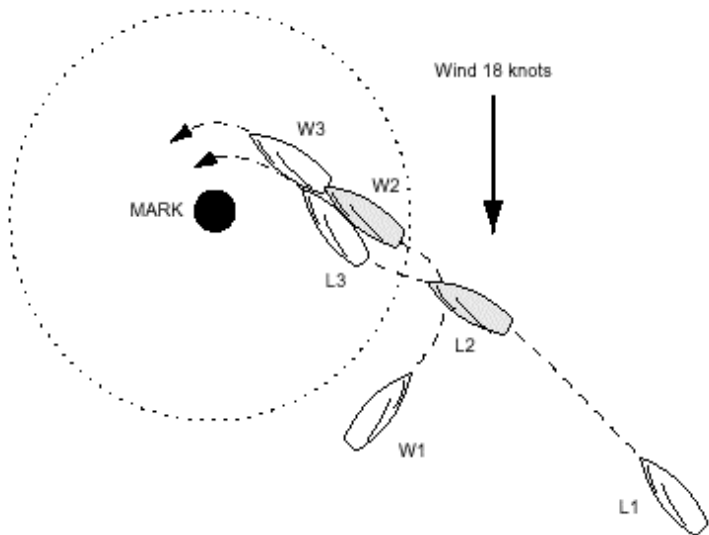
THE CASE BOOK FOR 2001-2004

CASE 93

Rule 16.1, Changing Course
Rule 18.3(b), Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions:

Tacking at a mark
Definitions Keep Clear
Definitions Room

If two boats were on opposite tacks, rule 18.3 begins to apply when one of them completes a tack within the two-length zone. When rule 18.3(b) applies, and therefore rule 15 does not, a leeward boat is nevertheless subject to rule 16.1 if she changes course.



Summary of the Facts

As they approached a windward mark, L was directly astern of W after W had completed a tack within the two-length zone and was on her new close-hauled course. W's course was far enough above the layline to allow L to pass between W and the mark. In position 2, L had borne off from a point close astern of W and was about to overlap W to leeward. When the overlap began L immediately luffed and struck W's port side. The boats then continued around the mark without further incident. L protested W but L was disqualified for breaking rule 16.1. She appealed.

Results on next page...

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 Calendar ☆☆

Friday, February 22, 2002

Dry Dock

"Surprise Guest"

Location: Tom's Oyster Bar

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GPSC By-Laws have been amended

The following change has been made to our bylaws as a result of a vote by the club at the annual meeting on December 7, 2001.

Article VII. Finances

SECTION 1. The Club will operate on a fiscal year of **December through November.**

SECTION 2. ACCOUNTS: **On a monthly basis** the Treasurer will render to members a statement of indebtedness owed to the Club. Such statements shall be paid within thirty (30) days. Members who are delinquent shall not enjoy the privileges of the Club until payment in full is received.

SECTION 3. DUES: **Not less than 30 days prior to the December Annual meeting, the chairman of the Membership Committee shall mail a statement of dues to each member. Such statement shall be paid by the Annual Meeting. The privileges of the Club shall be denied until payment in full is received.**

STRICTLY SAIL CHICAGO 2002

Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual
Strictly Sail Chicago Boat Show at Navy
Pier – Jan. 31st – Feb. 3, 2002

Gather a group of Club members
together for a winter meeting, while
viewing hundreds of new sailboats and
products on display.

Compete in the Annual Yacht Club
Challenge. Teams from area yacht clubs
will go head-to-head for a chance at the
title of Fastest Club in the Midwest.

Additional Show Features

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The Sailing Rules...Results

Decision

When W completed her tack within the two-length zone, rule 18.3 began to apply. In her appeal the appellant correctly noted that rule 15 did not apply because rule 18.3(b) made it inapplicable, and argued that W broke rule 18.3(b). That rule required W to give L room to round the mark, and rule 11 required W to keep clear. The definition Keep Clear says that a windward boat is not keeping clear if the leeward boat would immediately make contact if she changed course. In this case, although the protest committee found that L luffed immediately after overlapping W, it did not find that the contact occurred immediately after L began her luff. The diagram does not show the passage of time, but between positions 2 and 3, which show the boats shortly before the overlap began and then at the moment of contact, there is no clear evidence that at the moment L began to luff she immediately struck W. We therefore conclude that W was keeping clear until L luffed.

Although rule 15 did not apply, rule 16.1 did, because rule 18.3 states that rule 18.2(d) does not apply. L's luff quickly deprived W of room to keep clear. No seamanlike action was available to her to do so. L thus broke rule 16.1. W unavoidably broke rule 11, but she is exonerated because of L's breach of rule 16.1.

L became overlapped from clear astern within two of her hull lengths of W, and so rule 17.1 prohibited L from sailing above her proper course. The protest committee did not find as a fact that L either did or did not sail above her proper course after becoming overlapped. If she did, she broke rule 17.1. However, nothing is to be gained by seeking the facts needed to resolve this question because L would remain disqualified under rule 16.1.

The protest committee did not discuss Rule 14. W did not break rule 14, as it was not reasonably possible for her to avoid contact. In causing the contact, L broke rule 14 and would have been subject to penalty unless there had been no damage to either boat. No facts were found about damage, but this issue need not be addressed since L would remain disqualified under rule 16.1.

For the above reasons the appeal is denied.

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Grosse Pointe Sail Club

Activity Calendar for the Year 2002

TC = Tompkins Center

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Jan 8 Tuesday	Board Meeting
12 Saturday	Commodore's Ball
Feb 5 Tuesday	Board Meeting
22 Friday	Dry Dock—Tom's Oyster Bar
Mar 5 Tuesday	Board Meeting
15 Friday	Spring Party--TC
Apr 9 Tuesday	Board Meeting
13 Saturday	Commodores' Steak Roast--TC
May 7 Tuesday	Board Meeting
19 Sunday	River Challenge (Vice to represent GPSC in planning)
27 Monday	Fleet Blessing/ Marina Meeting/ Brunch—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 Saturday-Sunday	Summer Rendezvous
25 Tuesday	5 th Race-Spring Series
July 6 Saturday	GPSC Regatta & Party
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 Saturday-Monday	Fall Rendezvous
Sept 10 Tuesday	Board Meeting
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
6 Sunday	Frostbite Race; Chili Party --TC
19 Saturday	Fall Party--TC
Nov 1 Friday	GPSC Awards Party--TC
5 Tuesday	Board Meeting
16 Saturday	Dry Dock--TC
Dec 6 Friday	Annual Meeting--TC
8 Sunday	Childrens' Christmas Party--TC \

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The Sailing Rules



**Officer & Committee
Chairs Roster**



Activity Calendar