

## COMMODORE'S comments . . . . .

### Commodore Gordon Morlan Speaks

By the time you are reading this, Past Commodore C. Jay Deeds will have celebrated his 90th birthday! On the very day of Jay's birthday, Tuesday October 8, the Commodores Council of the GPSC and the GPSC hosted a party to celebrate this unique event. As we note the large number of remarkable things Jay has done for the sport of sailing -- Commodore of our club as well as being very active in both the DRYA and the Commodores Club --it is interesting to reflect on what others said of him in 1973. I quote from *The History of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club 1948-1973*. "One of the most distinguished men to head the Grosse Pointe Sail Club took the helm in 1966. A sales manager for a national printing company, C. Jay Deeds had (like Ralph Johnson and Leo Cowling) served the club in so many ways that his inevitable elevation to commodore was viewed with enthusiasm and pleasure by everyone of his acquaintance."

"Known up and down the waters around Detroit for his gentleness (sic!), his quick acceptance of work assignments from the DRYA and its member clubs, and his utter reliability, Deeds needed no introduction to anyone who raced sailboats in Detroit area waters. Widely known for his special brand of beloved Lyman power boats, all called *Septet* but also regarded as the only water born vehicle on which it is possible to risk the injury known as "whiplash", his spectacular agility -- both afoot and on any race course (he probably has carried out more rescues than any other boater on Lake St. Clair) Deeds guided the club through an orderly and successful year that saw a solid, introspective solidification of policies adopted during the terms of prior commodores."

Your club honored Jay with a large framed burgee and brass plate: Jay Deeds To Celebrate Your 42 Years of Service to the Grosse Pointe Sail Club On the Occasion of your 90th Birthday October 8, 2002. This wonderfully organized party was largely due to the committee of PC Mike Comerford and Lady Maureen, working with Prudy and Charlie Billiu, Cormac O'Byrne, and PC Bernie Van Antwerp. Our thanks to them!

Speaking of the Billius, daughter Dawn Riley has recently been seen as one of the commentators of the Louis Vuitton Cup on local channel 34, OLN. As some of you remember because you were there three years ago, this challenger series for the Americans Cup is being sailed in the Hauraki Gulf on the New Zealand coast, between the mainland and Rakino Island just north of Matutapu Island. This time there are three teams from the USA: Team Dennis Conner (modest, eh?!) sailing for the New York Yacht Club, One World (from the Seattle Yacht Club) and Oracle Racing from the Golden Gate Yacht Club. In addition there are six other teams leading to good sailing, and made even more interesting by Honorary GPSC Member Dawn's comments. Check it out most evenings from 9-11pm. Round Two begins October 22.

Speaking of Honorary and other kinds of memberships in the club, several of you are approaching the opportunity to become Life Members, having been with the club for twenty-five years. Life Members are "special status members" who are honored with this membership title. They do not pay dues, nor may they hold office. But there is another class of membership which may be even more Honorary: Contributing Life Membership. Contributing Life Members have the right to hold elective office, and pay dues at 50% of the active member rate. I urge many of the twenty-five year group to seriously consider this option. There is only one (!) Contributing Life Member at this time. [We seem to have gone full circle.] That is C. JAY DEEDS.

## Views from the VICE . . . . .

### Vice Commodore Norm Samra ...

Unlike our college age children who have weighed anchor from their home port and set sail for distant shores (leaving us parents in a bit of the doldrums), we find ourselves at October's arrival with balmy weather, high water, and in no rush to empty the marinas. Mother Nature has been kind to us, at least for a little while.

I recently sailed the Bayview Long Distance Race and once again flirted with the fickle wind shifts on Lake St. Clair. Although weather forecasters predicted northwest winds, it actually blew from Canada, and we got caught on the wrong side of the wind. We went from a port tack to a sudden jibe to capture new wind and spent twelve hours on the lake by the time we reached the finish at 10:00 PM. Coping with wind shifts are a part of racing, as we know. This sail reminded me of *America 3's* loss to *Stars and Stripes* when the air died. *America 3* surrendered its commanding lead as *Stars and Stripes* brought the air with it, passed *America 3*, and went on to represent the U. S. in the America's Cup. Ah-- the infamous wind shifts whispering, "the last shall be first and the first last", or "get out of the front row and move to the cheap seats."

Back on land, we had several parties, among them Jay Deed's historic 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Tompkins Center and the New Members Party. Ron and Ginger Morketter treated new members, prospective members, their sponsors, the sail club bridge, and board members to a friendly get acquainted gathering at their lovely home. We even met the newest prospective member, one month old Nicholas Kurta. This is an opportune time to remind members that we need to actively promote our club; new members are the lifeblood of any organization.

Additionally, I am really in need of an assistant treasurer who would be willing to take over from Ken Thelen.

Speaking of organizations, in the future we will be hearing more about the multi-community Water Quality Board. Its members include Lake St. Clair communities from Grosse Pointe Park all the way up to Algonac and Ira Township. Its purpose is to make people aware of our great natural resource, to minimize pollution and to maximize the ecology of our lake. The signs painted next to storm-drain grates in Grosse Pointe that say "drains to lake" are part of this effort. Public meetings will be announced in the future to suggesting the best methods to protect our lake.

See you at the sail club events!

Norm

## Money and Skill at the America's Cup

By Gordon Morlan

Several in the GPSC can recall the beauty of the Hauraki Gulf and Auckland, for we were there for the American's Cup 2000. The volcanic islands in that region are beautiful and Auckland is a fascinating multicultural city with more cell phones than I had ever seen. At that time most of us were cheering Dawn Riley and the American True Team.

I well remember the large luxury yachts in the Auckland Harbor that the ultra rich had brought to live on while they attended the last America's Cup. They may seem small compared to the four story monster that Larry Ellison has brought. His 'boat' (hardly seems like the right word) is the 250 foot Katana, complete with black wraparound glass balconies (how long since you have seen a yacht with balconies??), a basketball court on the afterdeck, and a huge American flag flying from the stern. The parking spot alone costs \$200,000 US per month. Amazing!

Ellison, Oracle Racing Team from the Golden Gate Yacht Club, is not the only ultra rich tycoon involved in the American's Cup this year. The NY Times for October 6 indicates that seven of the nine teams are so inflicted. Besides Ellison, there is Ernesto Bertarelli, the heir to a Swiss pharmaceutical fortune, and backer of the Alinghi team. He is the only syndicate head who refused to give interviews. His 150 foot Vava, sits in the harbor next to Katana. The Alinghi is skippered by two-time Cup winner Russell Coutts.

The Prada Team, Louis Vuitton Challenger winner last time, is sponsored by the luxury goods firm Prada. Victory Challenge is reaping the gains of Hugo Stenbeck, a Swedish median heir. The GBR Challenge Syndicate is sponsored by technology money from Peter Harrison. The group I like the sound of best, OneWorld, is backed by both Paul Allen, the Microsoft Cofounder, and Crain McCaw of cell phone fame.

The OneWorld Challenge are making an effort to be environmentally neutral. This Seattle based group washes it's boats in rainwater collected in a tub with their compound in Auckland. They have calculated that the atmospheric damage caused by their chase boat exhausts would endanger 10,000 trees. So their crew members have planted 10,000 trees on Rangitoto Island!

For more information about the America's Cup Teams, try the internet

Under [www.gotothegulf.com/cup.htm](http://www.gotothegulf.com/cup.htm). Click on the team names to visit each web site.

At this writing Oracle (Ellison) has just beaten Stars & Stripes (Dennis Conner) by 1 minute 58 seconds. Oracle is skippered by Peter Holmberg, who may be the very best match racing skipper in the world. Current scores of the three boats from the USA show close competition: Oracle 3-0, Stars & Stripes 2-2, OneWorld 3-0. Perhaps watching racing of this level will help make the Michigan winter go faster.

# Spring, Summer, and Fall Sundown Series Results

Congratulations to all the skippers and crew for their efforts on a fine season of racing off Windmill Pointe. A good time was had by all and more than a few new tails are sure to be spun from this years Sundown Series. We had great participation again as over 100 boats signed up for the races. A hearty thanks to all the help that the race committee received on the dock and on the water. Ed and Barbara Olsen once again handled the lion's share of the work in record keeping and seeing to the proper movement of the starts. Bill Kuester had his boats working overtime to help keep the fleet away from the freighters, Tom and Mary Fraser recruited plenty of volunteers for the dock, Commodores Morlan, Samra and Partridge helped to keep the Coast Guard aware of our races and our efforts. I would especially like to thank George Fuller who will be in charge of next years series. Any comments and/or helpful tips will be greatly appreciated by him. I look forward to being on the water again next year.

Following are the results for the Spring, Summer and Fall series:

Bob Brownell  
Race Chair

## Spring Series

### J-105

1. Macho Duck  
David Klassen
2. Creative  
William Cox
3. Perversion  
Dennis Dettmer

### PHFR – AB

1. Great Whisper  
Todd Jones
2. Hot Ticket  
Robert Kirkman
3. Epic  
Ray Adams

### PRFH – C

1. Das Boot  
Harold Kolter
2. Hare Racing  
Margaret Vortriede
3. Air Force  
Peter Fortune

### CRESCENT

1. Manon  
Stephen Hume
2. Utopia  
David Hume
3. Scimitar  
John Brennan

### LEVEL 126

1. Solutions  
Mark Craig
2. Regardless  
Dan Padilla
3. Avatar  
Gordon Morlan

### PRFH – D

1. Killer Leprechaun  
Bob Huff
2. Suicide Blonde  
Harold Stackpoole
3. Defiant  
Robert Lech

### JAM CAL-25

1. Holme Brew  
J. David Holme
2. Nemesis  
John Bianco
3. 5 Guys Named Moe  
Rob Boggs

### ETCHELLS

1. Big Game  
Bill Zemmin
2. Gone  
Glenn Burton
3. Life is Good  
Chris Clark

### PRFH – E

1. Windward  
James Cooley
2. Sea Wise  
Charles Weiss
3. Tranquilizer  
Dave Wetzel

### JAM – A

1. Freeway  
Doug Carlson
2. Spectre  
Bob Schappe
3. Praeceptor  
Bill Parker

### JAM – B

1. Wind Stalker  
Gregory Dunn
2. Kaizen  
Ed Belda
3. Coyote  
Dennis Cotter

### CRUISING CLASS

1. Valkyrie  
Chris Behler
2. Yankee  
Paul Krietsch
3. Audacious  
Garrett Geiger

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## Summer Results

- J-105**
1. C-Jem  
Con Ruffing
  2. Windshadow  
Jim Murphy
  3. Perversion  
Dennis Dettmer

- PRFH – AB**
1. Great Whisper  
Todd Jones
  2. Burden IV  
J. Burto Jones
  3. Screaming O  
Bill Francis

- PRFH – C**
1. Air Force  
Peter Fortune
  2. Critical Mass  
Tim Kerr
  3. Hare Racing  
Margaret Vortriede

- CRESCENT**
1. Utopia  
David Hume
  2. Scimitar  
John Brennan
  3. Goldfinger  
Kevin Cohan

- LEVEL 126**
1. Avatar  
Gordon Morlan
  2. Gandalf  
Don Ragan
  3. Contender  
Gary Graham

- PRFH – D**
1. Killer Leprechaun  
Bob Huff
  2. Suicide Blonde  
Harold Stackpoole
  3. Yeah Baby Yeah  
Peter Degalan

- JAM CAL 25**
1. Holme Brew  
J. David Holme
  2. Draco  
Brian Shensto
  3. Nemesis  
John Bianco

- ETCHELLS**
1. Gone  
Glenn Burton
  2. Big Game  
Bill Zemmin
  3. Life is Good  
Chris Clark

- PRFH – E**
1. Windward  
James Cooley
  2. Sea Wise  
Charles Weiss
  3. Bird Brain  
Richard Matthe

- JAM – A**
1. Praeceptor  
Bill Parker
  2. Freeway  
Doug Carlson
  3. Spectre  
Bob Schappe

- JAM – B**
1. Crime Scene  
Gary Shoema
  2. Wind Stalker  
Gregory Dunn
  3. Coyote  
Dennis Cotter

- CRUISING CLASS**
1. Audacious  
Garrett Geiger
  2. Yankee  
Paul Krietsch
  3. Valkyrie  
Chris Behler

## Fall Series

- JAM – A**
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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Avatar    | Gordon Morlan |
| 2. Spectre   | Bob Schappe   |
| 3. Scrimshaw | Richard Rumon |

- JAM – B**
- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Yeah Baby Yeah   | Peter Degalan |
| 2. 5 Guys Named Moe | Rob Boggs     |
| 3. Growl Tiger      | Richard Thoma |

# Bringing up the REAR . . .

*Rear Commodore Jerry Partridge*

## Calling all Volunteers

### At the Helm

Our sailing season for the Club is completed for this year. The Frostbite Race is in the record book, and a very good time was had at the following Chili Party. Although the weather is turning colder, and the water will eventually turn hard, do not despair friends. Don't be glum. There will be plenty of sailing activities during the coming months to keep you in the right frame of mind.

Now is the time of year when new Committee Chairs and Officers are selected to lead our key activities for the coming year. There are over thirty different positions to be filled, not including the members who support these committees. As you can see, there are many opportunities for you to support our club. These committees are the lifeblood of our club. They make the club operate smoothly and successfully. And it does not matter if you are comfortable on the water or more interested in the social aspects of the club, we need your help. Please contact Vice Commodore Norm Samra to volunteer for a committee.

Speaking of volunteers, I will be looking for members to support the Roster Advertising Committee which I will lead this year. It is both easy and fun, and does not require any previous experience. Please call me to volunteer at 313-331-2652. We want this roster to be as terrific as last year's.

Whether you race, cruise or powerboat, our hearts are on the water. The intensity of racing, the relaxed feeling of cruising and the adventure of power boating provide three distinctly different reasons we love being on the water. Do you notice how you smile and laugh more often when you are on the water? Or how you lower your stress level and calm your soul as you gaze out over the waves. Other troubles and concerns get put on hold when we are on a boat. Additionally, the parties and social functions of our club are where real relationships are built. New friends are made, and old friendships are fortified.

Our club provides many opportunities to meet and work with some great people – our members. Whether you are at the helm of a boat or the helm of a committee, each position requires some careful steering. Can you help?

Thanks for getting involved.

Jerry Partridge  
Rear Commodore

## ⌘ Dock & Supply ⌘

We have an excellent selection of nautical wearing apparel available in our Dock and Supply inventory.

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Lined Wind Shirts..... (navy and beige)	\$ 47.00
License Plates.....	\$ 5.00
Lapel Pins.....	\$ 4.00
Burgees (16"x24").....	\$ 27.00

We will have a display of apparel as well as other items available for sale at most of the social functions.

For quick purchases, call Nancy Trowern at 822-1550 if you need something between club events.

## The Sailing Rules!

All information taken off of [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org). Answer to the case appears on the following page.

### THE CASE BOOK FOR 2001-2004

## CASE 95

### Rule 18.1 Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions:

#### When This Rule Applies

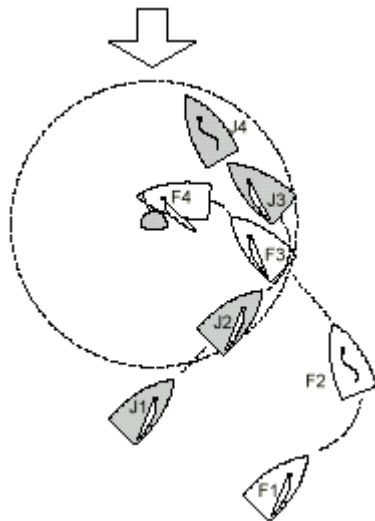
### Rule 18.3 Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions:

#### Tacking at a Mark

*Rule 18 applies when both boats are about to pass a mark or obstruction. Where the boats were on the same tack approaching a windward mark, and the outside boat tacks, rule 18 still does not apply, even if both boats are now about to pass the mark, since they are now on opposite tacks. If the other boat then tacks, she is subject to rule 18.3.*

#### Summary of the Facts

Approaching the windward mark, *Jagga* and *Freebird* were overlapped on port tack, *Freebird* being between one and two boat-lengths to leeward. *Freebird* tacked. *Jagga* then tacked. *Freebird* became overlapped to lee-ward. *Jagga* luffed so that her swinging stern required *Freebird* to change course to avoid contact, which she did, touching the mark as a result. *Freebird* protested. The protest committee disqualified *Jagga* under rule 18.3(b). *Jagga* appealed on the grounds that, as an inside overlapped boat, she was entitled to room to pass the mark.



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# Grosse Pointe Sail Club

## Frostbite Race



The Frostbite Race was held on October 7, 2002. The wind was from the East/Southeast at 25-30 Knots, making the race very interesting. There were 9 boats racing the JAM race. As it turns out the results were very close indeed. There was a one second difference in corrected time between *Scrimshaw* and *Spectre* for 1<sup>st</sup> place. There was an 11 second difference between *Rapture* and *Avatar* for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, on corrected time. Finally, there was a 9 second difference, on corrected time, between *Avatar* and *Solutions* for 4<sup>th</sup> place. The race results follow:

## Results

Place	Yacht Name	Skipper	Corrected Time
1	<i>Scrimshaw</i>	Richeard Rumon	2:30:00
2	<i>Spectre</i>	Bob Schappe	2:30:01
3	<i>Rapture</i>	Larry Hagart	2:32:15
4	<i>Avatar</i>	Gordon Morlan	2:32:26
5	<i>Solutions</i>	Mark Craig	2:32:35
6	<i>Valkyrie</i>	Chris Behler	2:33:02
7	<i>Coyote</i>	Dennis Cotter	2:33:55
8	<i>Aisling</i>	Cormac O'Byrne	2:36:00
9	<i>Tranquilizer</i>	David Wetzel	2:38:20

## The Sailing Rules...Results



### Decision

The appeal is dismissed. In position 1 rule 18 did not apply because *Freebird* was not yet about to round the mark. After she tacked rule 18 still did not apply because the boats were on opposite tacks (see rule 18.1(b)). *Jagga's* claim to room to pass the mark was therefore groundless because during the time she was an inside overlapped boat rule 18 did not apply. When *Jagga* turned past head to wind during her tack, both boats were on starboard tack and therefore rule 18 began to apply at that time. Because *Jagga* completed her tack inside the two-length zone and because *Freebird* was fetching the mark at that time, 18.3 applied and it also made all of rule 18.2 inapplicable. When *Freebird* became overlapped on the inside, *Jagga* was immediately required to keep clear under rule 11. She also had no protection from rule 15 because rule 18.3(b) made it inapplicable. Rule 11 and the definition Keep Clear required *Jagga* to sail so that *Freebird* could 'sail her course with no need to take avoiding action'. The fact that *Freebird* had to change course to avoid contact was evidence that *Jagga* did not keep clear and did not give *Freebird* room as required by rule 18.3(b). The protest committee correctly disqualified *Jagga* under rule 18.3(b) but she is also disqualified under rule 11. Although *Freebird* broke rule 31.1 in touching the mark, she is exonerated under rule 64.1(b).

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Vice-Commodore Norm Samra  
Rear Commodore Jerry Partridge

# Grosse Pointe Sail Club

## Activity Calendar for the Year 2002

TC = Tompkins Center

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Oct 19	Saturday Lobster Roast--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

[www.gpsc.org](http://www.gpsc.org)

### The Website Manager: Harold Stackpoole.

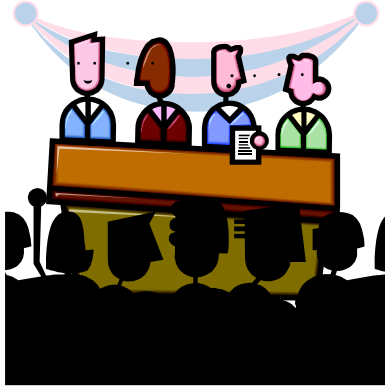
Just a reminder, our website features a bulletin board, also known as a discussion group. This area can be used to post or respond to messages on topics related to sailing or club business. The page is password-protected and is for GPSC members only. To reach it, click on Club Information on the left-hand 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.

## DRYA Fall Debriefing

The DRYA Fall Debriefing meeting will be held at Bayview Yacht Club on October 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m. the Agenda includes the usual Overview of the seasons racing, 2002 Race Statistics, Handicapping issues, a Summary from each of the courses, Changes in race plans, and other issues (such as scoring). Sailors are also reminded of the Annual DRYA Meeting, also at BYC, on Thursday, November 7th at 7:30, and the Awards Banquet at the GPYC on Friday, November 15th.

# Report from the GPCS 2003

## Candidate Selection Committee:



The following members have agreed to run for elective office for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. This is an early notice of the candidates to the membership and complete club activities of each candidate will appear in the November Anchorline. Elections will be held at our annual meeting in December.

<b>For Commodore:</b>	<b>Com. Norman Samra</b>
<b>For Vice Commodore:</b>	<b>Com. Gerald Partridge</b>
<b>For Rear Commodore:</b>	<b>Thomas Fraser Glory Schappe</b>
<b>For Directorship:</b>	<b>Peter D'Angelo William Harbert David MacDonald Linda Rumon</b>

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank the members above for volunteering their service to the Club.

Com. Robert H. Schappe, Selection Committee Chair

# Coast Guard Station Tour



**Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 p.m.**

**WE'VE BEEN INVITED!!**

**Come and tour the  
Belle Isle U.S. Coast Guard Station**

**Weather permitting, we will go for a ride on  
the 41-Footer**

**We will learn about the important role played by the U.S.C.G. and have  
a tour of their facilities.**

**GPSC contact person: George Sirdenis (313) 331-6309**

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**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.

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