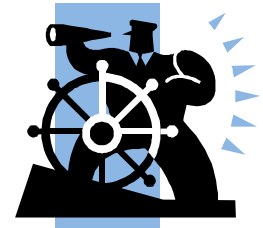


COMMODORE'S comments**Commodore Norm Samra Speaks**

With each passing February day, a few more drips of daylight (not necessarily sunlight, but we'll take what we can get) are wrung from the dark side of winter. Even into February, I'm still basking in the glow from our Commodore's Ball, a feeling renewed each new Commodore's Ball Barb and I attend. We're still receiving compliments from other clubs. We are most fortunate to represent the sail club, meeting all the wonderful commodores from other DRYA clubs. And speaking of fortunate, soon my MSU daughter will make her midwinter port of call at home, a most welcome visit to say the least.

To survive the February doldrums, club members have several upcoming events to distract them from the weather outside. Plan to enjoy the upcoming Dry Dock, February 22, at the newly refurbished and quite impressive Windsor Yacht Club on the Detroit River. In March, the Parrot Heads will again prevail at the Jimmy Buffet style party at the Tompkins Center. Can summer be far behind? To further lift your sagging sailing spirits, try watching the America's Cup races. If the cup goes to Europe, maybe more U.S. challengers will consider the much shorter hop across the pond next year instead of an arduous and exceedingly expensive trek to New Zealand.

Happy Valentine's Day to all the GPSC family, and let's continue to enjoy our days living near that great little heart of a lake- St. Clair. This was just report by e-mail that the Catalina 22 Fleet is hosting a technical seminar on March 29 from 0900 to 1500. Contact Mike Bracket at bracketm@compuserve.com 586-263-1769 for details.

**GPSC Bullets****New Dock and Supply Ad**

**Windsor Dry Dock
February 22**

Regatta News

**Beach Party Sign Up
March 15**

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Views from the VICE

Vice Commodore Jerry Partridge † † †



Energy Levels are Visible

Our (America's) Cup runneth over

Lady Fran and I were at a small art show yesterday and we spotted a terrific impressionist print of a sailing scene. It was an image that depicted a sailboat on a downwind run, in brisk air and riding high following swells, with its spinnaker in fully glory. The colors were amazing, and the depth and energy revealed in the brush strokes were compelling. This print reminded me of the work of that artist, you know, with the handlebar mustache, Leroy something-or-other, who could masterfully capture and communicate passion with a brush. Like most couples, it is pretty unusual for both of us to be simultaneously moved by a piece of art. The good news is that we were. The bad news is that the only copy of this print was in the hands of the person who walked into the exhibit immediately ahead of us and saw the piece first! And they bought it in a heartbeat. Gone was my beautiful picture. But, as in most things in life, timing is everything. More later.

Speaking of timing, it is time to watch sailing's most coveted competition, the America's Cup. The Yanks for the second time are not competing against the gang from New Zealand, but the boat from Switzerland, Alinghi, with her multi-national crew (and defected New Zealanders), seems up to the task. In the Louis Vuitton challenger elimination series, the competition was fierce. It is widely held that this selection process not only determined the rival, it also helped improve the performance of the ultimate contestant. In any event, TV coverage begins the second week of February, with the first race being broadcast on ESPN 2 at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 14th. In this best 5 of 9 race series, the schedule calls for a 6th race, or more, if *our cup runneth over*. This

should be a great series. To get the complete schedule, please see the TV Guide or click on the Jobson Sailing website at <http://www.jobsonsailing.com/tvsched.html>. The Zeke's are rumored to have few surprises up their sleeve, so the competition should be great.

Reporting on committee activities, our Race Committee has been very busy planning for this year's race schedule. Due to the new construction at GPPP, Race is searching for a new location to store our dock box. Our Commodore's Ball Committee is actively reviewing locations for the next year's ball, and it promises to be an excellent event. Details to follow as they become firm. Dock and Supply is running a February/March Special on GPSC logo stuff (which you will find elsewhere in this *Anchorline*). Show your club pride, wear and give GPSC logo merchandise. Don't forget our Dry Dock at the Windsor Yacht Club, on Saturday, February 22nd, at 7:00pm.

Getting back to energy, our club needs your energy to keep it operating successfully. Find and sponsor a new member this year. Be an active sponsor, and invite your new member to club events. Physically pick them up on the way to the event, if possible. Introduce them to other members so they will feel welcome and comfortable. Personally invite them to join a committee and take an active role in club events. Be sure each new member has recorded our GPSC events on their personal or family calendar. With the tight schedules we all have, early member planning is key to strong club event participation. We are all active members of the club Membership Committee.

Finally, say a prayer for our brave Columbia Astronauts and their loved ones.

Jerry Partridge
Vice Commodore

Anchorline Update

Please submit article and flyers no later than a week after our monthly board meeting. Keep me posted if you need more time.

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Bringing up the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Glory Schappe † †

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Coping with our January deep-freeze weather has been a challenge for most of us this winter, and February so far is no great shakes, either. I walk my dog, Sammy, every day and usually head to the lakeshore. As I contemplate our icy, frosty-looking Lake St.



Clair I am struck by the contrast our changing seasons present to us. Most (all?) of us long for warmer weather and, in the midst of that longing, those of us who enjoy being out on the water can almost feel the slant of the deck beneath our feet and the breeze and sun on our faces.

As proof that we will once again enjoy summertime, I offer the club Regatta and Race meetings I have been attending where dozens of our members are busy preparing for our annual Regatta (June 28) and our Tuesday night Sundown Series (beginning May 27). These two events (along with the Commodore's Ball) are the showcases of our club. The GPSC's reputation on the lakes shines because of them, and their continued excellence is assured with this year's Regatta Committee and Race Committee. So many people work so diligently to make it all happen. Speaking of that work, I want to extend a welcome and a thank you to Andrea and Walt Solak who have agreed to apply their considerable talents to the office of Assistant Regatta Chair in preparation for taking charge next year.

Ah, the Commodore's Ball! Com. Samra and Lady Barbara gave us a wonderful evening full of great cuisine, beautiful décor (which was added to by the gowns of the ladies present and their oh-so-handsomely dressed escorts), terrific dance music and the conviviality that our members always achieve when there is a party. The wind-down Afterglow at our commodore's home was just right, too. Com. Bob and I had a great time!

More good things that will help to ease the pain of winter are in store for us this month. Linda and Rick Rumon have put together a fun Winter Weekend at the Breakers in Port Austin (on Valentine's weekend). I used to avoid this event because I don't ski, I don't skate, I plain don't like winter. But several years ago I discovered what a nice time is had by all, even by those of us who are more the curl-up-around-the-fireplace types. Newcomers who attend finish the weekend with a sense of comradeship and belonging; it's a nice opportunity to knit friendships. We can also look forward to the Dry Dock on February 22nd; it will consist of dinner at the beautiful Windsor Yacht Club. And for those interested, on February 20th the GPSC will be hosting a DRYA Race (Regatta) Seminar and a Hot Stove Meeting at the Tompkins Center.

Thus we wile away the winter months, and as I think about it, they don't sound so badafter all.

Postscript. This column was written before we received the news of the Columbia tragedy. While it is necessary and appropriate that our own lives (including our club business) go on as before, it feels right for me to acknowledge here the sacrifice of those seven extraordinary human beings.

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

BASIC PRINCIPLE

Sportsmanship and the Rules

CASE 31

When a correct visual recall signal is not accompanied by the required sound signal, a boat that is unaware that she started incorrectly may be given redress.

CASE 65

When a boat knows that she has broken the Black Flag rule, she is obliged to retire promptly. When she does not do so and then deliberately hinders another boat in the race, she commits a gross breach of sportsmanship and, therefore, of rule 2.

PART 1 – FUNDAMENTAL RULES

Rule 1.1 Safety: Helping Those in Danger

CASE 20

When it is possible that a boat is in danger, another boat that gives help is entitled to redress, even if her help was not asked for or if it is later found that there was no danger.

Rule 2 Fair Sailing

CASE 27

A boat is not required to anticipate that another boat will break a rule. When a boat acquires right of way as a result of her own actions, the other boat is entitled to room to keep clear.

CASE 31

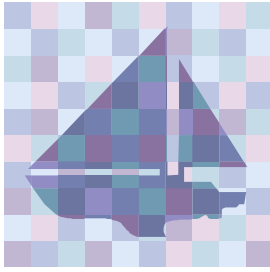
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CASE 34

Hindering another boat may be a breach of rule 2 and the basis for action under rule 69.1.



Sailing Rules Cont.



CASE 47

A boat that deliberately hails ‘starboard’ when she knows she is on port tack has not acted fairly, and is liable to disqualification under rule 2.

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CASE 73

When, by deliberate action, L’s crew touches W, which action could have no other intention than to cause W to break rule 11, then L breaks rule 2.

CASE 74

There is no rule that dictates how the helmsman or crew of a leeward boat must sit; contact with a windward boat does not break rule 2 unless the helmsman’s,

or crew’s, position is deliberately misused.

www.gpsc.org

Announcement from our 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. 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.

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Come one, come all

Grosse Pointe Sail Club –2003

Regatta Party-June 28, 2003

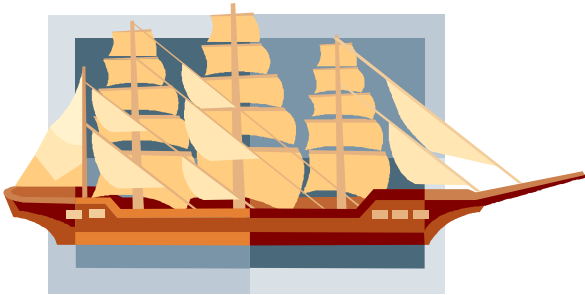
Commodore Norm Samra extends an invitation to all Sail club members to attend the Regatta Party at Three Mile Park following the Sail Club's Regatta.

Come join the sailors in the festivities including a buffet meal, open bar, dancing to a jazz combo and the awards ceremonies.

4-8 pm.

Meal and bar (beer and wine) \$7.00.

Regatta Party 2003



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Please RSVP by March 8th

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Any questions please call Bob or
Debbie Brownell 313-822-5206

Grosse Pointe Sail Club

Activity Calendar for the Year 2003

Board meetings are held at Tom's Oyster Bar

January	6	Monday	Board Meeting 7:00pm
	11	Saturday	Commodore's Ball
February	3	Monday	Board Meeting 7:00pm
	15-16	Saturday-Sunday	Winter Weekend (<i>tentative</i>)
	22	Saturday	Dry Dock
March	3	Monday	Board Meeting 7:00pm
	15	Saturday	St. Patrick Party
April	7	Monday	Board Meeting 7:00pm
	25	Friday	Commodore's Steak Roast
May	5	Monday	Board Meeting 7:00pm
	26	Monday	Fleet Blessing – Pancake Breakfast
	27	Tuesday	Spring Series Race # 1 & Patio Party
June	3	Tuesday	Spring Series Race # 2
	10	Tuesday	Spring Series Race # 3
	17	Tuesday	Spring Series Race # 4
	21-22	Saturday – Sunday	Summer Rendezvous
	24	Tuesday	Spring Series Race # 5
	28	Saturday	GPSC Regatta & Party
July	1	Tuesday	Spring Series Race # 6
	8	Tuesday	Summer Series Race # 1
	29	Tuesday	Summer Series Race # 2
August	5	Tuesday	Summer Series Race # 3
	12	Tuesday	Summer Series Race # 4
	15	Friday	Ladies Race & Party
	19	Tuesday	Summer Series Race # 5
	26	Tuesday	Summer Series Race # 6 – & Party
	30 – Sept 1	Saturday – Monday	Fall Rendezvous
September	8	Monday	Board Meeting 7:00pm
	14	Sunday	Fall Series Race # 1 & # 2
	21	Sunday	Fall Series Race # 3 & # 4
	26	Friday	New Member's Party
October	5	Sunday	Frost Bite Race & Chile Party
	6	Monday	Board Meeting 7:00pm
	18	Saturday	Lobster Roast
November	3	Monday	Board Meeting 7:00pm
	7	Friday	GPSC Awards Party
	22	Saturday	Dry Dock
December	5	Friday	Annual Meeting
	7	Sunday	Christmas Party

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Windsor Dry Dock-Feb. 22



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