

## COMMODORE'S comments . . . . .



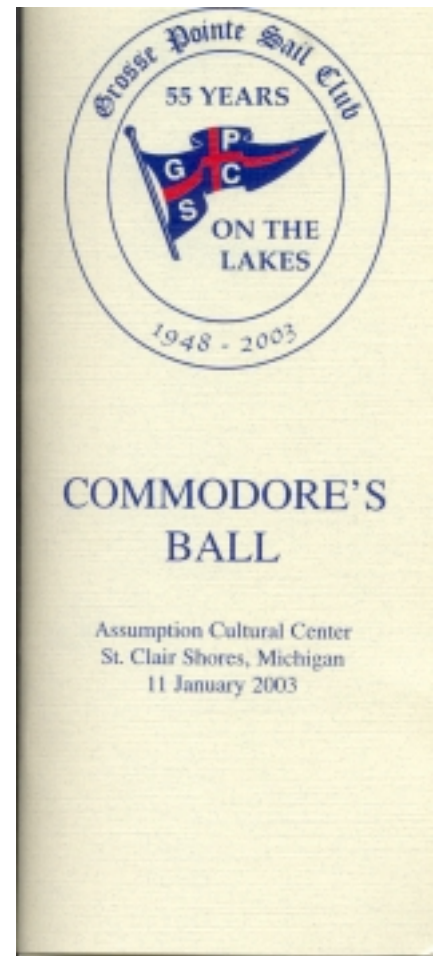
### Commodore Norm Samra Speaks

Following a festive holiday season, how fine it was to enjoy yet another gala event, the 55<sup>th</sup> Grosse Pointe Sail Club Commodore's Ball. About 145 friends, family, visiting commodores, and members of GPSC celebrated our common love of boating on our lakes, both great and small, and on our rivers, Detroit and St. Clair. Dinner was superb, and Commodore Soltesz was quite entertaining as he roasted yours truly, exposing the old barnacles on my hull. Following the speeches, Steve King and the band had everyone jamming the dance floor for the rest of the evening.

I'd like to once again extend a heartfelt thanks to all the generous people who helped make the ball such a memorable occasion for Barb and me.

I'd like to mention a few events on the club's horizon, the winter get-away weekend planned by Linda Rumon for February 15-16 at The Breakers in the thumb area, and the Dry Dock February 20 at the impressive Windsor Yacht Club arranged by George Sirdenis.

And it's never too early to think summer. Mary Fraser is looking for volunteers to help run the races, and Commodore Glory Schappe would appreciate a hand or ten for regatta. I am looking forward to an exciting season of sailing and social events, and to a hopefully tranquil Tuesday Night Sundown Series, free of freighters, Coast Guard vessels, and any other assorted misadventures!



## Views from the VICE . . . . .

Vice Commodore Jerry Partridge ☆ ☆

*Most Popular Boat Name*

Shoveling Partly Cloudy



Get this picture. As I was pushing our snow blower down the white driveway trying to scrape off 5 inches of forecasted “partly cloudy”, I was wondering just how I was going to get this mountain of snow out into the lake (to hopefully raise the lake levels this spring!). It is amazing the kinds of thoughts that go through your head when you push a noisy (I mean rock concert loud) machine through snowdrifts trying to avoid hooking the bottom of the blower on the uneven cement slabs and falling on your stern quarter. Our club is fortunate to have some excellent people leading my group of committees for this year.

**Mary Fraser** will direct Race Support, enlisting members to work on our dock during the Tuesday Night Races. Without the help of you, our volunteer members, we would not be able to host races. Leading our Race Committee for another fine season of races is **George Fuller**, with the able assistance of **Dave MacDonald**. George and Dave will have many new challenges this year to overcome, and they will need the help of all of us if we are to have another successful year of racing.

**Mark Minor**, a new member, is at the helm of EDP who will be closely involved with Membership, headed again for another year, by **Ron Morketter**.

**Barb Olsen** will again handle Race Records, and **Com. Ed Olsen** will be our Senior Race Officer. Our Tuesday night Sundown Series have long been recognized as a premier sailing event on the lake. The leadership of Barb and Ed has contributed significantly to our reputation of a professionally held racing series. They have certainly enhanced the image of our club. Handling Protest this year, again, in addition to acting as a DRYA

Representative, is **John Sampson**. John is looking forward to another almost “flawless year”. **George Sirdenis** will again host Dry Dock gatherings, and promises to be just as informative and entertaining

as last year. He is going to have a tough time doing that. Our Website Manger is, for a second year, **Harold Stackpoole**. Hal needs our help to keep our site fresh, timely and vibrant. Be sure to get and submissions to the website as soon as possible. Finally, **Nancy Trowern** has agreed to manage Dock and Supply for another year. Be sure to support our club by proudly wearing or displaying GPSC logo'd clothing and collateral items. They make great gifts for your friends and relatives.

This will be an interesting and challenging year for our Club. As with all new years, we will have to establish new goals and objectives to meet the challenges we will meet. Just like the question of what is the most popular boat name? Answer: Obsession. We will have to be a little obsessed to accomplish our goals. We will need the help of all of our members. Call one of the Committee Chairs and offer your support. They will be very happy to hear from you. None of the duties either on the dock or supporting our social events requires any special skills. We will teach you how to do whatever it takes. Besides, you get to meet new friends and have fun doing it.

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## Anchorline Update

### Calling all Commodores, Directors and Committee Chairs

Please submit articles, flyers, news and notes by the end of the day Thursday of our Board Meeting week. Your timely and prompt submission of material will go a long way in allowing me to get the Anchorline to the printer on time. Please send in Microsoft Word. Thanks.

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## Bringing up the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Glory Schappe ☆

Information, along with some rumination, some pondering and, probably, some occasional rumbling is what this column bring to you as we proceed along new year. I am honored and so pleased to have been elected as your Rear Commodore; I will do my very best to deserve your vote of confidence.



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I think we are a terrific club, one full of friendly and helpful folks, and I encourage all of you to be as connected and involved as you can be. We run on volunteer engine power and there is no such thing as too much help! And being active is the best way to really get to know all those neat people out there.

I would like to introduce the committee heads that fall under the umbrella of the Rear Commodore. Com. Samra has been hard at work and has selected the following very able people: **Elaine Kuester** will take over as Assets Manager; **Bill Harbert** will continue with Awards; **Greg Wheeler** will keep Charter and By Laws up to date; **John Jamieson** will continue work on the Club History; **Bill Kuester** will step in as Powerboat chair and **Peter D'Angelo** will repeat as Regatta Chair. Still to be filled are the slots of Video, Junior Race and Regatta Assistant Chair. So if you enjoy filming sailboat races, or are interested in powerboat activities, or if you would like to keep up to date on the area clubs' junior sailing programs or wish to become involved with our many-faceted June Regatta (which involves race details and planning, a breakfast, course boat procurement and provisioning, a cocktail party, an after-the-race party), please give Com. Samra or myself a call.

As this is being written we are anticipating the annual Commodore's Ball on January 11<sup>th</sup> and the Winter Weekend on February 15 and 16. Both are good-times happenings and I hope to see many of you then. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



 Dock & Supply 

We have an excellent selection of nautical apparel available in our Dock and Supply inventory. Each of the items listed below sport our GPSC Burgee logo.

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Sweaters..... \$  
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(navy)

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(navy and white)

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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 club apparel and gifts make great birthday presents in the offseason. In addition, for quick home purchases, call Nancy Trowen at 822-1550 if you need something between club social events.

## GPSC Gear

Support your club and look good at the same time. Consider buying our great merchandise!

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

## GPSC Picture Frames too

Grosse Pointe Sail Club

## 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 14

**Rule 11 On the Same Tack,  
Overlapped**

**Rule 14 Avoiding Contact**

**Rule 17.1 On the Same Tack; Proper  
Course**

**Definitions Proper Course**

*When, owing to a difference of opinion  
about a leeward*

*boat's proper course, two boats on the  
same tack converge,*

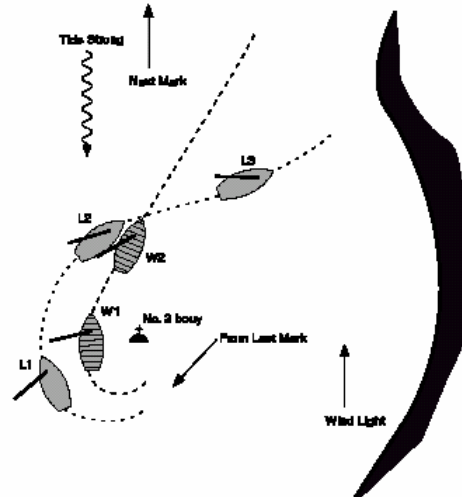
*the windward boat must keep clear.*

*There can be more than  
one proper course.*

**Summary of the Facts**

After rounding the windward mark in light wind, the fleet divided, some boats sailing inshore out of the tide and others remaining offshore in the hope of a better wind. W chose to stay offshore while L decided to go in. L established a leeward overlap on W from clear astern and overtook W. When the boats were level, L laid a course to get inshore, luffing slowly and informing W of her intention. W replied: 'You have no right to luff, you cannot come in.' L hailed W that she was sailing a proper course and that W should keep clear. The discussion took

some time. L changed course very gradually, and at no time did W suggest that she was unable to keep clear. When the boats touched, both protested. The protest committee disqualified L under rule 17.1 for sailing above her proper course, and she appealed.



Results on next page...

[www.gpsc.org](http://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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## The Sailing Rules...Results



### Decision

When, owing to a difference of opinion on the proper course to be sailed, two boats on the same tack converge, W is bound by rule 11 to keep clear and by rule 14 to avoid contact.

The case illustrates the fact that there can be more than one proper course. The basis for W's protest was that L, having established a leeward overlap from clear astern within two of her hull lengths of W, sailed above her proper course. L's defense and counter-protest were that the course she was sailing was, for her, a proper course and that W had broken rule 11. Which of two different courses is the faster one to the next mark can not be determined in advance and is not necessarily proven by one boat or the other reaching the next mark ahead. L could have avoided contact with W. By not doing so, she broke rule 14, but is not penalized because the contact caused no damage. The appeal is upheld, and W is disqualified under rules 11 and 14. L is reinstated.

RYA 1966/3

## Mark your Calendars...

### GPSC's "Winter Week-End for Love-Boaters"

**February 15 - 16, 2003**

Join us for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club's "Winter Week-End", scheduled for Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16, at the Breakers on the Bay Resort just west of Port Austin, Michigan. (Yes folks, this is the same, wonderful place we gathered in 2000 – We had such a great time that a repeat is in the works!)

The cost of the week-end (to be determined depending on the number of participants) includes: Saturday lunch buffet, cocktail party, Saturday dinner and Sunday brunch buffet. Participants may choose from several activities on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning including: cross country skiing and snow shoeing (weather permitting), hiking, shopping, reading, game and card playing, socializing with other GPSC members and anything else that's legal in the State of Michigan.

In order to reserve our place at the "Breakers", we **MUST** hear from you by Wednesday, January 22nd. If you are interested, please call Linda Rumon at (313) 331-2795. Don't wait – pick up your phone and call **now**.

# 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

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED FOREIGN TRAVEL?  
IF SO ...**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> WILL BE**

**THE GROSSE POINTE SAIL CLUB'S  
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**7:00 P.M.**



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Contact/Questions: George Sirdenis: (313) 331-6309

## **LOOK INSIDE FOR....**



**Winter Weekend Sign Up**



**Windsor Dry Dock**



**Commodore's Ball Photos**