

COMMODORE'S comments

Commodore Norm Samra
Speaks



Now begins that most gratifying rite of spring, getting the boat ready for the season. Sailors converge on the boat yards to begin that never ending battle to render their boats' bottoms as smooth as a baby's. Always willing to lend a hand or to kibitz with a neighboring worker, it's amazing to see all the support that fellow boaters give to one another in this preparatory work prior to launch.

My heartfelt thanks to Commodore Ed Olsen for organizing a well attended racing seminar at Bayview. Many members who attended this informative event wisely took advantage of the fine dining facilities offered them. I'd also like to thank Vice Commodore Jerry Partridge, Rear Commodore Glory Schappe (with her arm in a sling), Commodore Gordan Morlan, Barb Olsen, and Marie Mainwaring for their assistance.

Plan to enjoy the Pancake Breakfast GPSC is hosting Memorial Day at the Tompkins Center from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Started by Commodore Dave Wetzel, this event has been a great success in promoting the club. Following the breakfast, the Fleet Blessing will begin at 12:30 P.M. Even if you can't make the Fleet Blessing, come down for the food. It's priced right; it's FREE!

In that we are one of the five clubs huddled around the mouth of the river, another free event to which we are invited is the River Challenge Race on Sunday, May 18. The race starts at the park and finishes at Edison where food and beverages will be available to purchase. Last year there were 17 boats entered, 15 of whom received flags and hats. It is, therefore, a strong possibility that you will win a prize should you decide to race.

Our club begins the Tuesday Sundown series on May 27. A patio party is planned after the race. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre; the club provides liquid refreshments. Our Tuesday Night Series has been most successful over the years and

helping out is a great way to become involved with the club.

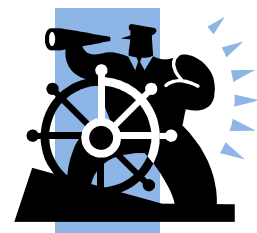
Come on down to the end of the dock to watch and to possibly assist should the need arise.

Since this is the last *Anchorline* before Regatta, I want to remind everyone that the date is June 28. The regatta has a JAM GPSC start, so even if you are not a series racer but want to have some fun on the water, join us on the "C" course.

(This is the closest course to Windmill Point Park.) After the race, we have a party planned at Patterson Park with food and music for your enjoyment. This party is for all club members and their friends, not just for the racers.

At the launch of summer, I look forward to seeing you at our planned events!

GPSC Bullets



**Tuesday Night Racing
Series – May 27
Be There**

**Regatta Party June 28
Patterson Park
Don't Miss Out**

**Pancake Breakfast
Marina Meeting
Blessing of the Fleet
May 26
Monday**

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WWW.GPSC.ORG**



Views from the VICE

Firing the Silent Cannon

Port Wine is Red



Sailing season is upon us. Just look at the marina. The water has turned soft, and even some boats are starting the fill the slips. The temperatures are moderating, and you even see an occasional short sleeved shirt being worn. Work at the boat yards has become frantic lately. Numerous heavenly pleas for dry warm days to finish the hull work have not gone unnoticed.

While many sailors let the cool and wet spring weather delay their boat launch plans, our club has been busy preparing for the season. Our seminar last Friday, May 2nd, on How to Run a Race, was a complete success. It was standing room only. Com. Ed Olsen, our Senior Race Officer, with assistance on numerous members, held a terrific seminar designed to remove the mystery of all the dock committee assignments. Each committee position was explained in detail, and questions from the attendees were frequent and very forthcoming. Perhaps the best part of the seminar was the starting sequence demonstration to fully explain the operation of the timer, gunner, and halyards. By going through the actual timed sequence for a start, those attending were able to hear the timers' commands alerting the movement of the flags, the sounds of the cannons, and all of it in real time. Further, the topic of a postponement and restarting was discussed in detail. Many questions were fielded; it proved to be a very lively session indeed. Thanks to Com. Ed and Barb for creating an excellent session and to Bayview Yacht Club for graciously allowing us to rent their meeting room. Thanks to all members who attended and assisted. A good time was had by all.

In conjunction with our dock committee training session, Mary Fraser was busily signing up volunteers for the open positions on this season's race schedule. Mary tells me that a few positions are still available for our Tuesday night series. Please contact her to fill any of the remaining spots. Remember, experienced people will help anyone new to the dock committee. You do not need

previous knowledge. It is a great way to watch sailboat races, and enjoy the company of other members.

The River Challenge this year is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2003. This race is co-sponsored by the GPSC, along with the Bayview, Detroit, Edison, and Windsor Yacht Clubs. The Grosse Pointe Sail Club will be responsible for setting the marks and the start of the race right off our traditional Windmill Pointe dock. The warning signal for the first start at 1300 hours (1:00pm). The finish, and party after, will be at the Edison Boat Club. Rumor has it that winning boats will be awarded hats with the new River Challenge 2003 logo. Mary Fraser is looking for mark set boats and some folks to staff the dock committee. This is a great tune up race for the season, and best of all there is no entry fee! There is no good reason to miss this race if your sailboat is in the water by then. Hope to see you there.

Correction: To set the record straight, the Commodore's Ball for next year will be on **January 17, 2004**. We will have a new venue next year, so be sure to keep this date open on your calendar. More details to follow.

Now for a little sailor talk. Determining the direction of boats at night can be often difficult. To help sailors tell the direction of an oncoming vessel, colored lights were used on assist recognition. Red was used on the port side of the ship, and green was used on starboard. Remembering which color defined either port or starboard could help avoid a collision with an approaching vessel at night. As a result, catchy phrases were created to assist the sailors. Take port for example. Since port is a four letter word – and so is left, hence the expression came about *Port Wine is Red*. Another useful saying is *Red Right Returning*. A boat that is approaching your direction will display a red position light on your right, which is the port side of their boat. Keep these catchy phrases in mind when you are out on the water at night.

Be safe, and have fun this summer.

Jerry Partridge
Vice Commodore

Bringing up the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Glory Schappe ☆

We have had our last GPSC Board Meeting before the summer break, so it is certain that warmer weather and the sailing season are upon us. The world is looking so freshly beautiful with the myriad shades of green and the blossoming trees and flowers. Everything seems so full of promise this time of year.



This is most likely the last Anchorline before September, so I would like to remind you of the summer activities coming up. Monday, May 26th is a busy day for the club with the **Family Pancake Breakfast** in the morning, followed by an all-marina meeting hosted by Terry Solomon of Windmill Pointe Park. Then the group will move outdoors for the annual **Fleet Blessing**, and all boats are invited to join the parade past the main dock. On Tuesday, May 27th the racing sailors and the Race Committee will take their positions for the **first race** of the **2003 Sundown Series**. Following that race, all those participating are invited to attend the **First Race Party** on the Tompkins Patio--please be sure to bring a hearty hors d'oeuvre along to that party. A weekend away on your boat is the aim of the **Summer Rendezvous** to be held June 21-22; our Fleet Captain, Tom Fraser, has more details on that. Coming up on June 28th is a very big event on the club's summer calendar, the fifty-first **GPSC Regatta**. All club members are invited to the late afternoon **Regatta Party** at Patterson Park following the day's sailing activities. There will be really great catered food, a live jazz combo, libations and good company guaranteed. (I have had sailor's wives from other clubs tell me that ours is one of the Regatta parties to which they most enjoy bringing their children.) The **Ladies Race/Patio Party** is scheduled for August 15th, and the **last Sundown Race/Patio Party** (again, bring an hors d'oeuvre if you are participating) will be August 26th. The following weekend, August 30-Sept. 1, the **Fall Rendezvous** participants will be lazing around on their boats telling tall tales and enjoying good food and company. Before fall arrives in earnest is the September 12th (a revised date) **New Member's Party**. The guest list for this party consists of new members who have joined during the past year and potential members, escorted by a club member. I encourage all of you to begin thinking over the summer about family members, neighbors, friends or acquaintances whom you might like to encourage to join the GPSC, and then bring them to this party, introduce them and show them what we are all about. Membership Chair Ron Morketter and his wife, Ginger, will host this event, and it is a very nice party. So plan to bring a prospective member and enjoy the evening. To pretty much wrap up the summer season, we will have the **Fall Series Races**; they will be held on September 14th and 21st.

Thus do we pass the summer. We all know that, come fall, it will seem as though the warm-weather season passed by as quickly as an eye blink. But one thing about us Michiganders; we know how to get the most out of each beautiful day that Nature hands us. So, go enjoy.

Commodores Steak Roast 2003

Delicious!



Thanks to our great cooks and P.C. Gordon Morlan for a great dinner and a fun night.



Ken Thelen provided the music and entertainment

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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 47

Rule 2 Fair Sailing

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.

Question

An experienced helmsman of a port-tack boat hails 'Starboard!' to a beginner who, although on starboard tack, not being sure of himself and probably being scared of having his boat holed, tacks to port to avoid a collision. No protest is lodged.

One school of thought argues that it is fair game, because if a helmsman does not know the rules, that is his own hard luck. The other school rejects this argument, on the grounds that it is quite contrary to the spirit of the rules to deceive a competitor in that way. It is known that such a trick is often played, particularly where novices are involved, and therefore guidance is sought on whether a protest committee should or should not take action under rule 2.



Grosse Pointe Sail Club
Wishes a speedy recovery and best of health
To members Ron Morketter and Mary
Harbert



We hope to see you on the end of the dock
real soon!

Dock & Supply

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also available!

www.gpsc.org

Website Manager: Harold Stackpole.

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.

Sailing Rules Cont.



Decision

Answer

A boat that deliberately hails 'Starboard' when she knows she is on port tack has not acted fairly and has broken rule 2. The protest committee might also consider taking action under rule 69.



Mark Your Calendars!

May 18	Sunday River Challenge
May 26	Pancake Breakfast Marina Meeting Blessing of Fleet
May 27	Sundown Series Begins
June 28	Regatta Party Patterson Park 4-8:30

Regatta Party 2003

What are you doing for Summer Fun??

Tom Fraser

Board of Directors

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club is one of the best-kept Secrets on the Great Lakes. For the next several months Tuesday evenings will be filled with the sounds of sailors yelling for rights at the starting line and the sounds of cannons being fired as the world of Sailboat Racing once again fills the air, our ears, our hearts and our minds. Don't be a stranger at the dock. Please come and watch all the fun of the starts, the close calls and the cheers at the finish.

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club will be hosting a Patio Party for ALL members and all the sailors and crews after the first race of the season, May 27th directly following the conclusion of race. We ask all members to bring some sort of goodie to pass. The Club will supply the liquid refreshments. This year we are trying something new after the first and last race of the year, "Dollar Dogs". That's right, \$1.00 hot dogs fresh off the grill from your Master Chef Mr. David MacDonald, and his able assistant Nancy MacDonald. I also hear that Bob Brownell will be donating some chili to go along with our "Dollar Dogs" to make for a great Coney Island treat. Please come and bring your friends and family, it's a lot of fun!

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club's Board of Directors will also host a wonderful pancake breakfast. This year the Pancake breakfast fun will start at 9:00 am May 26th and conclude around 11:00 A.M. After the pancake breakfast we invite all sailors and power boaters to join us for the annually Fleet Blessing at approximately 12:30 pm. Shortly after the Fleet Blessing all boaters are invited to a fun afternoon on the Detroit River, just west of the Detroit Yacht Club. Several members are planning an impromptu Rendezvous where we will raft together for a great afternoon of eating, drinking, swimming, playing and getting ready for the summer racing season. All this on May 26th, and all for FREE! That's right, FREE. The Pancake Breakfast, the Fleet Blessing and the Rendezvous, all FREE. So Please come and join us, this will be the best summer ever.

Regatta Party 2003 - July 28



**Patterson Park (Three Mile & Essex Road)
4 – 8:30 PM**



Commodore Norm Samra extends an invitation to all GPSC members to attend the Regatta Party at Patterson/Three Mile Park following the Sail Club's Regatta. Let's have a strong club showing!

Come join the sailors and workers in the festivities including a catered dinner by "For Seasons" and live music by the **Al Marco Trio with vocals by Judie Cotchel.**

Admission: Adults - \$8.00

Children – \$4.00

Memorial Day

May 26, 2003

9 – 11 A.M.

Pancake Breakfast

Bring your appetite and your smile

Thompkins Center

Windmill Pointe Park

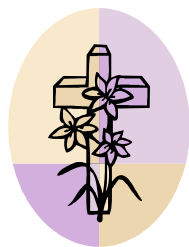


Windmill Pointe Park Marina Meeting

11 A.M. with

Marina Supervisor Terry Solomon

Following the breakfast



Fleet Blessing

The **Blessing of the Fleet** will be on Monday May 26th at 12:30 PM. Everyone is invited. We will be station at the entrance to the Windmill Point Park Marina. The normal course is to travel upstream past the entrance where we shall salute you and offer our blessing.

Commodore Norm Samra

Attention all Junior sailors age 9 - 18 and/or parents of Junior sailors.
Now is the time to sign up for a summer session of instruction and competition. Some local clubs that sponsor Junior sailing programs graciously enroll children of non-members as space permits. The programs generally run mid-June through mid-August with a week off for the Mackinac Race. The rosters fill up quickly so call for an application today.

Details for most of these programs are still to be finalized but classes will be filled on a first come/first served basis.

Crescent Sail Yacht Club - Wendy Pfeffer (248) 349-1743

Bayview Yacht Club - Bob DeClerq (313) 823-3182

Great Lakes Yacht Club - Patti Kommel (248) 399-3094

North Star Sail Club - Reid Pouliot (810) 954-1966

Commodores Steak Roast 2003

Great steaks (and some chicken) and great sides along with wonderful company made for a pleasant evening at the Thompkins Center. Ken Thelen provided the entertainment and a lucky raffle winner!



NOTICE OF CLUB CLASS & REGISTRATION

RACE DATE: JUNE 28, 2003

TO ALL GROSSE POINTE SAIL CLUB MEMBERS: WE EXTEND THIS INVITATION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE G.P.S.C. CLUB CLASS FOR THE 2003 REGATTA. THIS CLASS WILL BE JIB AND MAIN, UTILIZING ONLY SAILS DESIGNED FOR WINDWARD WORK. YOU WILL RACE ONE RACE ONLY (WINDWARD/LEEWARD) ON THE DRYA SATURDAY "C" (LONG) COURSE. THE CLUB CLASS WILL HAVE ITS OWN START WHICH WILL BE THE LAST START IN THE "C" COURSE SEQUENCE. THE CLUB CLASS WILL RECEIVE FLAG AWARDS BASED ON FINISH TIME CORRECTION BY PHRF RULES, AS COMPUTED BY DRYA.

2003 REGISTRATION FORM

YACHT NAME _____ SAIL NUMBER _____
OWNER'S NAME _____ DRYA PHRF RATING (IF KNOWN) _____
(incl. DRYA RFG Credits per 15.12.12(a))
ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE NUMBER _____ WORK PHONE _____

-----YACHT DATA-----

MAKE/TYPE OF YACHT _____ REGISTRATION: MC _____
LOA _____ ft.: LWL _____ ft.; BEAM _____ ft.; DRAFT _____ ft.; TALL MAST? _____

(CIRCLE) KEEL: FINKEEL CENTERBOARD SHOAL DRAFT DEEP KEEL; ENGINE: IB or OB

GENOA LARGER THAN 155% OF J WILL BE CARRIED, AND 3 SEC. PENALTY IN ABOVE RATING. (Y/ N) _____

LIST ANY MODIFICATIONS TO YOUR BOAT FROM STANDARD: _____

CREDITS - FIXED BLADE PROPELLER: 2 BLADE +12 SEC. _____, 3 BLADE + 24 SEC. _____
ROLLER FURLING GENOA: ABOVE DECK DRUM +9 SEC., _____ BELOW DECK DRUM/DRUM IN WELL +6 SEC. _____
SAIL MUST BE IN THE FOIL AND ATTACHED TO THE R.F. HEAD SWIVEL AND DRUM UNIT. NO BATTENS.
DRYA PHRF RATING: _____ TOTAL CREDITS: _____ ADJUSTED RATING: _____

THE RACE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP A PHRF RATING FOR ANY VESSEL NOT RECOGNIZED WITHIN THE DRYA LISTING. THIS RATING IS FOR THE RACE ON JUNE 28, 2003 ONLY.

----- AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS -----

To the Grosse Pointe Sail Club:

Date _____

The undersigned, as skipper and/or owner of the above described yacht, in consideration for being permitted to race, and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, hereby agrees to assume the risk of participation and to hold harmless the organization and personnel which conduct said race against any and all claims or actions arising out of the participation of said yacht, whether or not said claims or actions are alleged to or in fact arise out of the claimed negligence of said organization or personnel. I understand that the decision to start or continue any race rests entirely with the skipper and crew of my yacht. I agree to maintain adequate and appropriate insurance.

SIGNATURE _____

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 22, 2003

RETURN ALL SIGNED AND COMPLETED ENTRIES TO:

R. C. GLORY SCHAPPE
912 BEDFORD ROAD
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SECURE ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FORMS ON OUR WEBSITE, MEMBERS ONLY

RECEIPT OF THIS SIGNED FORM IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY. THE SIGNED FORM WILL INITIATE THE DELIVERY OF YOUR REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND A COPY OF THE DRYA RACE INSTRUCTIONS.

THE ANCHORLINE

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LOOK INSIDE FOR....



Regatta Party June 28



Tues. Night Series May 27



Pancake Breakfast May 26

