

COMMODORE'S comments

Commodore Norm Samra Speaks



Two years of practice preceded the start and then the anticipation was over; the race finally had begun. The skipper hoped for a good start, help from the crew, and for favorable weather without storms on the horizon. For me, serving as commodore of GPSC has been like manning the helm during a race. For another year, GPSC has successfully rounded the marks in calm seas and has ridden out a few relatively minor storms.

I have enjoyed a mostly tranquil year thanks to wonderful support from Lady Barbara (I couldn't have done it without her), from the bridge and board members, from the committee chairs, and from many dedicated GPSC members. Among the highlights for me, I'm happy to note that we have a new dock box, that we had a very successful Tuesday night Sundown Series (GPSC received a congratulatory letter from the Coast Guard commending our vigilant, proactive patrolling of the course), and the "buck a dog" barbeque after the first and last races was a hit. Another moment which I will fondly remember is the Chatham waitress's comment after 31 GPSC members disembarked from *Misselaineous* and entered the restaurant, "You're all from one boat?" My only anxious moments occurred when freighters passed during the Tuesday night series and when Jim Soltesz delivered his scorching roast at the Commodore's Ball.

Commodore Cormac O'Byrne once remarked to me that there are really three major issues with the club, the Commodore's Ball, Regatta, and the Tuesday night races. Thanks to great chairs, we had no problems. My thank you list is lengthy, but not as deep as my gratitude to those who served GPSC this year. Thank you to Commodore Jim Soltesz and his wife Ridene who served as treasurer and secretary this year, to George and Marge Fuller and Dave and Nancy MacDonald who handled Race, which included extra duties with the new storage shed and the relocation of sign board, to Peter D'Angelo, Walt and Andrea Solak, and Rear

Commodore Glory Schappe (always calm in a crisis) for a successful Regatta, and to Mike McDevitt and John Carpenter for supplying us all with the Anchorline.

I'd also like to thank Denise Cotter for her help with the Commodore's Ball and her support during the year, and Pete and Cynthia Warner for all their help with the Commodore's Ball and the Christmas party, and our Fleet Captain Tom Fraser and his lovely assistant Mary Fraser for being Fleet Captain and planning the great rendezvous. Commodores Comerford and Riley, and Bill Kuester faithfully patrolled the Tuesday night races, Commodore Ed Olsen and Barb Olsen ensured successful races from the dock (Ed makes it look effortless and, of course, Barb is the quiet voice in the background keeping it all together), and the Commodores' Club supplied uniformed officers for the races. Thank you all!

Vice Commodore Gerry Partridge kept me on my toes and did a fine job with all his committees. Bill Harbert made sure our awards and flags were always ready, Harold Stackpole handled our website, and our Assets Manager, Elaine Kuester, managed to actually clean out and organize our assorted accumulated possessions. I'd like to thank Ron Morketter for his diligent tracking of membership plus the wonderful new members party. This is always a concern and we need to actively recruit people and promote our club. Rounding out my thank you list, I am grateful to the following members for their support: Harry Capps for his inspirational words as Fleet Chaplain, Sheila Behler, Commodore Gordan Morlan, John Sampson, Linda Rumon, Commodore Larry Haggart, Chris Behler, Beth Kurta, Commodore Dave Wetzel, Commodore Dennis Cotter, Andrew Morlan, Mark Minor, Greg Wheeler, John Jamieson, and Sue Steiger. I also owe a debt of gratitude to Bob Brownell for most capably handling Entertainment this year; we have all enjoyed the festive parties. And many thanks to Nancy and Joe Trowern for promoting GPSC dock and Supply items.

As I head for the finish line, I will humbly and gratefully disembark and turn the helm over to Vice Commodore Gerry Partridge, confident that he will experience the same support and dedication that you've shown Barb and me over the past year. Thank you all for a lifetime of fond memories and treasured experiences. See you at the Annual Meeting December 5th!

Views from the VICE

Highlights Shine Bright

Being Appreciated



Our club sure had a memorable year. Take for instance the heroic lifesaving efforts of the skipper and crew of *C.F. Pickle* (Tom Fraser, Mike Dodge, and Matt Mormon) before the scheduled Detroit River Challenge. Or consider the challenges our Race Committee faced with construction of the new community center at the park. The original storage shed for our dock box was eliminated and it had to be replaced. The club gained the necessary approvals to purchase and install a larger modular shed at the foot of the sea wall. Both the increased size and closer location of the new storage shed proved invaluable during this race season. Additionally, the race results display case was also displaced when the chain link fence it was secured onto was replaced. You will now find our newly renovated display case securely mounted in the north parking lot looking all so bright and shiny. Another memory was the excursion up the Thames River on board *Misselaineous* at the last Rendezvous attend by a full complement of passengers and crew... And the list of memories could go on and on.

One common ingredient all successful organizations have is great people. And we are fortunate indeed to have members who have been willing to help roll up their sleeves. **Nancy Trowern** served as our Dock and Supply Chairperson encouraging our members to proudly wear our logo merchandise. Thanks, Nancy. **George Sirdenis** organized some terrific Dry Dock social events, even if you may have needed snowshoes to attend last February! Good work, George. **Mark Minor**, a new member, undertook the EDP position and has proved to be an invaluable resource for our club. Excellent job, Mark.

Ron Morketter again headed up our Membership Committee providing his traditional yeoman service to our club. I appreciate it, Ron. Leading our Race Committee, **George Fuller** flattened out the waves and made the way for smooth sailing no matter what the challenge. **Dave MacDonald**, our Assistant Race Chair, provided the able bodied support to help make our race program successful. Thanks George and Dave. Our race program would not receive the accolades it garners but for the efforts our Senior Race Officer, **Com. Ed Olsen** and our Race Records Chair, **Barb Olsen**. Thank

you, Ed and Barb. **Mary Fraser**, as our Race Support Chair, called, cajoled and convinced members to fill the much needed dock committee assignments. Thanks, Mary. **John Sampson** again acted as our Protest Chair orchestrating filed grievances by racing sailors. Good work, John. **Harold Stackpoole** keep our Web Site running at peak efficiency providing all with the latest key information about our club. Thanks, Harold. Again, thanks to all for your effort to keep our club strong and vibrant.

We have some significant club events on our calendar that you do not want to miss:

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 5th, and all members should attend. Don't forget to complete your dues renewal form and return it, with your check, to Ron Morketter before the meeting so you are eligible to vote. Also, please be sure to complete the personal information section, especially your current email address. This has become an extremely useful tool to communicate to our members. Further, be sure to update the Interest Survey to indicate how you would like to support your club.

The Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7th, is a wonderful event you should not miss even if you do not have young children. I have it on good authority that Santa Claus is scheduled for *another* encore appearance to answer the hopes and dreams of the young at heart everywhere, no matter their age. I really did not understand how much fun this event was until Peter Warner talked me into *ho-ho-ho'ing* last year.

2004 GPSC Commodore's Ball will take place on January 17, 2004 at the Roostertail. This is a new venue for the club, and they have promised us a wonderful evening. And back by popular demand, Steve King and the Dittilies will perform with their renowned music for dancing and toe tapping. The Ball Committee has been working hard to make our first event of 2004 a real success. Please be sure to mark your calendar, and do plan to attend. Lady Fran and I look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks to all for making this year a success. We look forward to an exciting time next year. Have a terrific holiday season. See you at the Ball.

Bringing up the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Glory Schappe ☆

With Halloween behind us (did you notice, as we did, fewer trick-or-treaters this year?) and the Thanksgiving turkey not quite on the table, the signals are clear that the year 2003 is drawing to a close. And that means a turnover in the Sail Club's calendar and a changing of the Guard. The Annual Meeting is open to all club members and is much less serious and dull than it may sound. There is a social hour (everyone who attends brings an hors d'oeuvre to share), beverages are provided, trophies and awards are given out and there is much joviality connected with celebrating both the ending of one club year and the beginning of the next. The election of Club Officers is the serious business of the evening and I urge all of you to come and cast your vote (your dues must be paid in order to exercise this right). And to all the candidates, I want to say good luck and thank you for volunteering!



Thank you, too, to all the Chairpersons of the Rear Commodore's committees; you have been a pleasure to work with and deserve kudos. **Peter D'Angelo** and **Andrea** and **Wally Solak**, along with a host of helpers, put on a wonderful **Regatta**. This is one of our premier club events, and you did us proud, guys. Peter deserves our gratitude for taking on this chairmanship two years in a row. **Bill Harbert** has been **Awards Chair** for three years and he has down pat the timely ordering of the award flags and the rounding up and engraving of all the trophies in time for the Regatta, the Awards Party and the Annual Meeting. Thanks, too, Bill for the work you do facilitating our club's communications via e-mail. **Greg Wheeler**, in his domain of **Charter and By-Laws**, has kept a watchful eye to ensure that we all adhere to the correct procedures. **John Jamieson** has continued to organize the **Club History** and to solicit responses from recent Past Commodores to add to that history. **Elaine Kuester** has been managing our **Assets** and attempting to create order out of the semi-chaos that is our cramped club office. A daunting task, Elaine! **Sue Steiger** made sure that the information on the **Junior Sailing Programs** was organized and available to our club members. Last, but certainly not least, **Bill Kuester** did a great job as **Powerboat Chair** and went above and beyond that job with his invaluable assistance as Mark Set/Patrol Boat for so many of our sailboat races.

Thanks, too, to Commodore Norm and Vice Commodore Jerry for your efforts through the year. I have listened and learned and enjoyed being part of the team.

Next up we have the Dry Dock at Crescent Sail Yacht Club (a nice venue for a pleasant dinner!), the Annual Meeting (come, vote and be merry) and the

Children's Christmas Party (a boon for those with children and grandchildren of a certain age). Then, on January 17th, our classiest event of the year--the 2004 Commodore's Ball. Don't miss it!

One last nagging bit--**Committee Chairs**, please complete your **Turnover Notes** in time to hand them in at the Annual Meeting on December 5th.

Turkey time and we are happy people because our son, Steve, his wife Julie and three of our grandsons, Michael, David and John, will be here from Pennsylvania for a week. Can't wait.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. I hope to see you at the upcoming events.



Pat Dailey Information

I received a note from friend Pat Dailey, advising me of his scheduled performance at the Roostertail this winter. The show date is Friday, January 23rd. This is his annual appearance for PAL (Police Athletic League), which benefits the inner-city kids for many activities. You will recall that Pat's appearance was first started by J.P. McCarthy as a PAL fundraiser about 15 years ago.

The program this year is the traditional Buffet Dinner and Show or the Show only. Reservations can be made by phone – 313-822-1234. Doors open at 7:00pm for the dinner and early seating. The show starts at 9:00pm.

I expect he will sing many of the songs that he does at the Beer Barrel Saloon at Put-In-Bay during the summer.

Bill Harbert

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CONTRIBUTING COLUMNISTS

Commodore Norm Samra
Vice Commodore Jerry Partridge
Rear Commodore Glory Schappe



Winter Dry Dock

Saturday November 22

7-10:30 PM

Crescent Sail Club
(Located at Lakeshore Drive just south of Moross)

A catered dinner will offer two entrees
Poached Salmon
Herb Chicken
And all the trimmings
Cost: \$14.00

The club does not serve alcohol but feel free to
B.Y.O.B

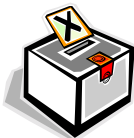
The outside gate will be open
Please do not park on the grass

Come enjoy a pleasant evening on Lake St. Clair

For more info: George Sirdenis - 313-331-6309



Grosse Pointe Sail Club Annual Meeting & Club Elections



Tompkins Center
December 5, 2003
Please plan on attending

Dock & Supply

Holiday Gifts Available



Nancy Trowern wants to help you shop
for your loved ones

Please call her at 822-1550

Sweatshirts cost \$28

Sweatshirts are available in

Red, White and Blue colors

767 Berkshire Grosse Pointe Park



Ties, hats and Wind Breakers
also available!

www.gpsc.org

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.



High Desert Chili

(Medium Heat)

Chris Behler's Award Winning Recipe

1 lb ground buffalo
1 lb ground sirloin
½ lb sweet Italian sausage
5 strips bacon
6 pickled, deseeded Hungarian banana peppers, diced
1 orange bell pepper, diced
3 medium white onions, diced
56 oz. Diced tomatoes
15 oz tomato sauce
12 oz tomato paste
15 oz drained, washed Pinto Beans
4 tbsp maple syrup
3 cups water
2 tbsp chili powder
1 tbsp liquid smoke
2 crushed garlic cloves
1 tsp cumin
½ tsp dried oregano
1 tsp salt

In large pot, cook bacon until crisp; drain and crumble. Discard drippings and set bacon aside. Brown the sausage in same pot. Drain sausage, dice and set aside.

In the same pot, brown the ground buffalo and sirloin together with the onions, orange pepper and garlic. Stir to break up the ground meats as they cook.

Stir in the bacon, sausage, banana peppers, chili powder, cumin, oregano and salt. Stir in water, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, maple syrup, liquid smoke and tomato paste. Cover and bring to boil, simmer on low heat for 3 hours stirring occasionally. Extra chili powder can be added to suit your taste.

Stir in beans, cover and simmer for another ½ hour, stirring occasionally... easy enough to not break up the beans. Serve.

Enjoy!

Sailor Speak

There are many nautical terms that are seldom used, and even less that are understood by the novice sailor. I thought it would be fun if we publish five terms each month from now to May and you can then try out your new vocabulary next summer.

Bill Harbert

Barber Hauler – A line attached to a jib or jib sheet, used to adjust the angle of sheeting by pulling the sheet toward the centerline of the boat.

Privileged Vessel – The ship with the right of way.

Starcut – A type of spinnaker whose cloth panels are cut in a distinctive star shape. It is used by racing boats when reaching or when running in heavy air.

Sloop – A sailboat with a single mast that is stepped not more than one third of the way aft from the bow. A sloop usually carries only one headsail.

Cutter - A sailboat with one mast stepped more than one third of the way aft, capable of carrying two or more sails ahead of the mast; also a Coasy Guard boat.



Mark Your Calendars!

Nov. 22	Winter Dry Dock Crescent Sail Club
Dec. 5	Annual Meeting Tompkins Center
Dec. 7	Christmas Party
Jan. 17	GPSC Ball Roostertail

Lobster Roast & Awards Party

(Go to the Anchorline archives on our website for color photos)



The lobsters were plentiful and the pumpkin carving was fun!



Special thanks to Brian Shenstone and his crew from Draco for these Awards Party photos!

Also shown is Dale Johnson and crew from Windswept.



Old Goat Year Commodore Robert Schappe



The Society of Old Goats is an organization started by Bayview Yacht Club to recognize sailors who have completed 25 Port Huron to Mackinac Island Races. I sailed my first race in 1977 and sailed my 25th this summer. I was a crew member for my first two races and then skipper for the next 23. I now join Bill Francis and Honorary Member Commodore Jay Deeds as GPSC Old Goats.

I remember the exhilaration of my first race so vividly. I had heard so much about the “Mackinac Race” and now I was in it! I felt like I was participating in the World Series! Over the 25 years there are many things that happen that make great bar stories in the winter: jibing at night in heavy weather, coping with a converging freighter at night, crossing tacks in dense fog, seeing flares from boats in distress, blowing chutes, losing the hydraulics, changing sails endlessly and turning doughnuts and swatting flies.

Some of the events do not make great stories but they do make great memories. Some of these are dawn and sunrises, the magical northern lights, the first fragrance of pines up north, sailing under a full moon, sailing by a star, and the feel of the boat reaching along at hull speed.

I am always surprised at how cold the water is in the northern lake. I am always amazed the way flies show up on the boat in the middle of the lake and I am fascinated by the bats that hitch an occasional ride with us.

The toughest two races were 1981 and 1985. The first of these was my first Mac as Skipper with our Pearson 30, *Mystique*. It blew hard on the nose for about 12 hours and was the first time I had to look up to see the tops of waves. My 15-year old son, Steve, who was doing his first Race, asked me if this was normal. I assured him it was. More people remember 1985 because that was the year *Tomahawk* sank and nearly 100 boats dropped out of the race. It blew hard for nearly 24 hours and again was right on the nose. I recall it was about 40 degrees at night. But we hung on and finished both races.

The weirdest and fastest race was about 1993. Frank Ferry had said he would buy dinner for everyone if we finished before noon on Monday. The crew whined and begged him to extend it to 1:00 PM because no boat our size ever finished by noon. That year most of the fleet, including us, came roaring in on a quartering run from Cove Island and finished at 5:00 AM Monday. We tied up and rafted at the Arnold dock because the harbor was still full of powerboats. The dinner bill at the Iroquois was so big we all chipped in pay it.

The slowest races were 1988 and 1989, the first two years we had our current boat, *Spectre*, a Frers 36 and were two of the years that Commodore Glory sailed with us. These were real drifters with boats finishing Tuesday morning. I remember waking up seagulls in the water off Bois Blanc. Crewmembers were very grumpy at the end of these races.

Probably the best year was 1994 when we won 2nd in our class and 2nd overall in the IMS Division. I think we have taken a 4th on six occasions.

The composition of the crew changes over the years but some of the members have been around since my first race. These include, Frank Ferry and our two sons, Scott and Steve. Scott also became an Old Goat this year while Frank and Steve each has 21 races behind them. Jerry Meach on our crew also has 21 races.

A few things keep you coming back. Arriving at the Island after a challenging race is very fulfilling. The physical sensations and feelings produced by a moving boat are pleasant. Another is having experiences that are so totally different from your everyday life. When else do you have the opportunity to crawl along a wet, pitching deck at 3:00 AM so you can replace a light bulb? When else do you get to sit in the rain for three-four hours at a stretch? You learn to make do with what you have or you see a crewmember come up with an ingenious solution to a vexing problem. You learn to be patient and to endure. But probably the camaraderie is one of most rewarding aspects of the race. Working with good friends and doing your best to make your boat go fast keeps me coming back.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Date December 5, 2003

Place: Tompkins Center
Windmill Point Park

Social Gathering 1930 Hours
Meeting 2000 Hours

Please bring an Hors D'oeuvre Beer and Wine will be provided

BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| A. Roll Call of Members | F. Old and New Business |
| B. Reading of the minutes of last meeting | G. Election of Officers and Directors |
| C. Report of the Treasurer | H. Awarding of Special Trophies |
| D. Report of the Commodore | I. Report of Election Judges |
| E. Committee Reports | J. Installation of Officers |

Respectfully submitted,
Ridene Soltész
GPSC Secretary

Notice to Members

The Nominating Committee presents to following candidates for office to be voted upon at the Annual Membership Meeting on December 5, 2003:

For Commodore	Gerald Partridge
For Vice Commodore	Glory Schappe
For Rear Commodore (elect one)	Thomas Fraser Ken Suddick

For Director (Two Year Term elect two)	
Chris Behler	Beth Kurta
George Fuller	David MacDonald

Respectfully Submitted,
PC David Wetzel
Chairman, Nominating Committee

We thank the members indicated above for having volunteered their service to our club.

Respectfully submitted,

Commodore David Wetzel
Nominating Committee Chairman

Resumes of the Candidates' GPSC Activities

Office of Rear Commodore

(Candidates listed alphabetically)

Thomas Fraser

Member since 1996

1997 Regatta Committee
1998 Regatta Assistant Chairman
1999 Regatta Chairman; Perpetual Trophy
2000 Roster
2001 Race Support Chairman
2002 Director; Race Support Chairman
2003 Director; Fleet Captain

Ken Suddick

Member since 1988

1990 Dry Dock
1991 Entertainment; Thunder Mug Award
1992 Secretary
1993 Director; Membership Chairman
1994 Director
1995 Fleet Captain
1996 Video
1997 Director; Charter & By-Laws
1998 Director; Video
1999 Video

Office of Board of Directors

(Candidates listed Alphabetically)

Chris Behler

Member since 1990

1991 Fleet Measurer
1992 Office Manager
1993 Treasurer
2000 ILYA Representative
2001 ILYA Representative
2002 ILYA Representative
2003 ILYA Representative

George Fuller

Member since 2001

2002 Assistant Race Chairman
2003 Race Chairman

Beth Kurta

Member since 1994

1999 Assistant Anchorline
2000 Anchorline Chairman
2001 Publicity Chairman
2002 Fleet Chaplain; Assistant Membership
2003 Publicity Chairman

Dave MacDonald

Member since 1996

1996 Regatta Committee
1997 Regatta Committee
1998 Entertainment Chairman; Regatta Committee; Leaker Award
2000 Assistant Regatta Chairman; Video
2001 Regatta Chairman
2003 Assistant Race Chairman

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October 15, 2003 Grosse Pointe Yacht Club February 11, 2004 Detroit Yacht Club

Basic Sailing I

October 29, 2003 Detroit Yacht Club February 18, 2004 Bayview Yacht Club

Basic Sailing II

November 5, 2003 Edison Boat Club February 25, 2004 Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

Sailing First Aid

November 12, 2003 Grosse Pointe Yacht Club March 3, 2004 Detroit Yacht Club

The World of Sails

November 19, 2003 Bayview Yacht Club March 10, 2004 Edison Boat Club

Sailing Safety

November 26, 2003 Detroit Yacht Club March 17, 2004 Bayview Yacht Club

Navigation

December 3, 2003 North Star Sail Club March 24, 2004 North Star Sail Club

I Want to Race My Boat -- Now What?

January 7, 2004 Edison Boat Club March 31, 2004 Edison Boat Club

Basic Racing Rules

January 14, 2004 Bayview Yacht Club April 7, 2004 Detroit Yacht Club

Sailing the Race

January 21, 2004 Grosse Pointe Yacht Club April 14, 2004 Edison Boat Club

Performance Sailing

January 28, 2004 Detroit Yacht Club April 21, 2004 Bayview Yacht Club

US & Canadian Regulations

February 4, 2004 Edison Boat Club April 28, 2004 Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

On the Water Demonstrations

(Advance reservations are required for this seminar only)

June 20, 2004 Lake St. Clair June 6, 2004 Cass Lake

**Grosse Pointe Sail Club
Presents the Annual
Children's Christmas brunch**



Sunday, December 7th, 2003

11:00am to 2:00pm

**Tompkins Community Center
Windmill Pointe Park**

For Children related to GPSC Members

COME JOIN THE FUN AND MEET SANTA

Please bring a wrapped gift labeled with your child's name and leave it by the door

Magic Show and Face painting to start around 11:45

RSVP by DECEMBER 3RD

Detach and send in form below

Mail to: Norman Samra

724 Washington

Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

Please make checks payable to GPSC

Name: _____

Children: _____ @\$4.00

Adults: _____ @\$7.00




Total: \$ _____

THE ANCHORLINE

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LOOK INSIDE FOR....

-  **Christmas Party – Dec. 7**
-  **Dry Dock Party – Nov. 22**
-  **Annual Meeting – Dec. 5**

