

COMMODORE Jerry Partridge Comments

New Member Campaign: Participation Equals Fun and Smiles



Greetings and Happy New Year! This is the start of our club's 56th year and it will prove to be exciting, fun, and challenging. Our time-honored club has

experienced many successful years and we will use this success as the foundation for this year's activity. Our Bridge has established some lofty goals that are certainly within our reach. Our primary objective this year is to launch a new member drive, improve member participation, and have some fun!

One thing all long-term organizations go through is the emergence of an increasingly senior membership. It's a testament to the success of the group that so many remain so committed. But it also means the club must renew itself with active, involved new members. We've created a New Member committee chair and a special project committee that will focus on recruiting new members. Please give them your support. I know I will, and I'm challenging each member to seek out and sponsor a new member. It's not hard when you think about it. Find someone with an interest in sailing, boating, or our social activities, and bring them to some club events with you. (If it makes you feel better, I'm asking Board Members and Committee Chairs to sponsor two new members!)

Another goal is boosting member participation in club activities. Inside this issue of the *Anchorline* you will find our club calendar, offering many

opportunities to renew and enhance club friendships. Post the club calendar on your refrigerator and add all club events to your 2004 family calendar. We're all busy and it's easy to say "no thanks." But it's just as easy to say "yes." You know you won't regret it. One thing this club knows how to do is have fun!

Speaking of participation, how about congratulations to all the award winners at our annual meeting last December. Your achievements in either sailing activities or club involvement are certainly commendable. Our club appreciates your extra efforts.

Leadership is a key ingredient of successful organizations and we are blessed with some terrific people to head our numerous committees this year. Allow me to thank all those who have accepted an appointment to a committee chair this year. Serving on the Commodore's Committees this year begins with Gregg Anderson and John Carpenter as editors for our *Anchorline*. By now you have seen the new *Anchorline* format. We hope you like it. Com. Norm Samra will direct Budget and Finance activities, and Com. Larry Haggart and John Sampson will continue to represent our club at DRYA. Chris Behler will perform an encore performance as our ILYA representative keeping us well informed. Our Entertainment Chair is Ken Suddick and he has already tapped several members to host many exciting upcoming events for this year. John Hughes will perform the Publicity function keeping our

activities and our presence well known to all. Com. Gordon Morlan will make the Board "look lively" as the Planning Chair with a constant stream of ideas. Com. Dennis Cotter will undertake our Risk Chair insuring we are well covered. Andrew Morlan will again publish our outstanding roster and yours truly will perform the advertising function (until I can cajole someone else into doing it!). Thanks to all for taking time from your busy personal schedules to help lead our club.

Thanks also to our Flag Officers and Directors for the time and energy necessary to keep us humming. Beth Kurta as Secretary, Bill Kuester as Treasurer, Peter D'Angelo as Assistant Treasurer, Pat Clark our Fleet Captain, Sheila Behler as our Fleet Surgeon, and finally Harry Capps as our Fleet Chaplain. Our Directors this year are Peter D'Angelo, Bill Harbert, Beth Kurta, and Dave Mac Donald. This year our Directors will also assist various committee chairs as an additional resource. Thank you for your dedication to the success of our club.

This is going to be one great year. We have some wonderful leaders, terrific events planned and an outstanding membership to support our activities. This is your club and it will only flourish with your active participation and support. We have a long proud tradition on the Lakes. Be proud of our club. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events

Views From the Vice....

Vice Commodore Glory Schappe



Here we are with a brand New Year for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. Com. Partridge and I remain on deck (each of us wearing an additional star on our sleeve), and Directors Peter D'Angelo and Bill Harbert are still on watch. But we also have newcomers aboard! My personal congratulations to Rear Com. Thomas Fraser upon his election and to new Directors Beth Kurta and David MacDonald. This team of ours will give its best efforts toward the well being of this special club of ours.

Com. Partridge has selected a great group of club members to head up the Vice Commodore's Committees this year and I look forward to working with each one of them. **Dry Dock** will be the responsibility of **Jennifer Day** and I hear tell that if things work out there just may be some tasty wine in store for us in February. **Lady Fran Partridge** and **Elaine Kuester** are in charge of **Dock & Supply**; this pair has lots of ideas for our "general store" of goodies. Look for them and their club merchandise at our club gatherings. **Mark Minor** is repeating as our **EDP** man of efficiency and know-how, and he will again be working closely with our experienced **Membership Chair, Ron Morketter**. **Bill Harbert** is in charge of **Assistant Membership** and **Joe Lucido** will take the reins of **New Membership**. The **GPSC Website** is once again in the capable hands of **Harold Stackpoole**; if you have ideas or items of interest for the Website, do contact Harold.

At the helm of our **Race Committee** is **David MacDonald**. His **Assistant Race Chair** is **Denise Cotter** and their goal is to ensure another smooth-running season of sailboat racing. They will have the very able assistance of **Primary Race Officer, Com. Ed Olsen** and **Race Records' Barbara Olsen**. **Bob Brownell** will be functioning as **Race Coordinator** and **John Sampson** will again handle **Protests**. **Frank Michell** will be the first to work with **Quikscore**, an additional method of scoring races. And last, but definitely not least, **Mike McDevitt** will direct **Race Support**. Mike's job is to enlist members to work both the dock and the support boats for the 18 races we run each year. We need a lot of personnel for these race-committee tasks--experience is not needed; we teach--so please sign up or say yes if asked.

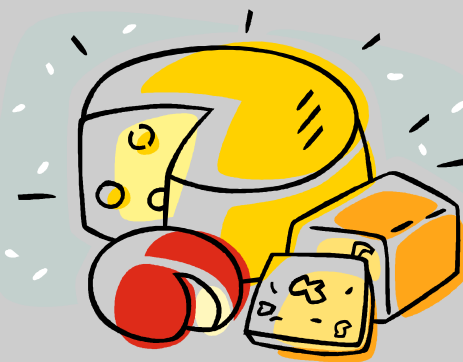
A huge thank you goes to all of the above-mentioned club volunteers. Where would we be without you?

As I write this column, the temperature outside is 15 degrees and I am sort of hoping that it warms up just a tad so that my nose doesn't freeze during our upcoming (Jan. 23-24-25) Grand Bend, Ontario **Winter Weekend**. **Ken Suddick**, our new **Membership Chair**, has a fun-filled weekend full of cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, swimming, saunas, dog-sledding (!), cocktailing, brunching and goodness knows what else in store for us. The reservation deadline is past but you just may be able to get a room at this last minute. Call Ken at (248) 608-9954 to inquire.

With the New Year comes the Commodore's Ball, my favorite party of the year. I hope you have made plans to join us. It promises to be quite a party!

WISHING ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wine Tasting Party



Winter Dry Dock

Saturday February 21st

If you are in town and not seeing the warm sun or steep slopes, plan on attending the Annual February Dry Dock.

Bring your own bottle for under \$15 for everyone to sample and rate.

Prizes for the top wines as selected by you fellow sailors. We'll have heavy Hors'dourves and a variety of cheeses and breads to sample with your wine.

Cost \$10 per person

East side location to be announced.

Reservations are required before February 19th. For more info contact Jennifer Day at 313-909-3160.

RECIPIES FROM FRAN'S GALLEY

By Fran Partridge

As you all know I am a World Class Sailor on the Great Lakes (RIGHT!?!?!?) But I am Commodore Jerry's First Mate, Chief Cook and Bottle Washer. So each month I'll have a question to ask and a recipe to share.

Question: How many teaspoons in a tablespoon???

Recipe

SARA'S BEEF

(Named after the person who gave me this recipe)

- 3 lbs. of Lean Stew Beef (remove all fat)
- 2 cans of cream of mushroom soup
- 1 lb. fresh mushroom slices
- 3/4 C Sherry (I use inexpensive sherry instead of cooking sherry)
- 1/2 package dry onion soup mix

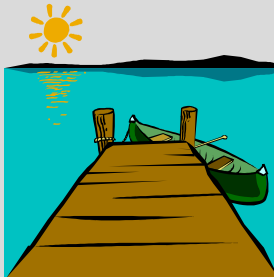
MIX ALL ingredients in large casserole or roaster pan, sprayed with a non stick spray. Bake @300 For 4 Hours (If gravy mixture too thick, add more sherry)

Serve over wild rice or wide noodles(My family prefers wide noodles)

This is Great for company or two. Smells good while cooking and people will think you slaved for hours.

Let me know if you liked this recipe, HAPPY EATING!

Dock Workers Unite!



The spring and summer 2004 Sundown Series is slated to begin June 1, 2004. The sail club is excited about hosting another successful and safe season of racing.

Mike McDevitt is looking for your help with Race Support this season. He offers a special thank you to all the loyal dock workers from last season that hopefully will be joined by many new faces this year.

Please check your calendars and look for the Big Board at club events to sign up or contact him directly.

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Bringing up the REAR . . .

Rear Commodore Tom Fraser



I would like to wish all of our membership a happy and healthy 2004. I can hardly believe that it's 2004. What happened to 2003, 2002, 2001 and the 90's? Time sure seems to fly by. Seems like just yesterday I was considering joining the Grosse Pointe Sail Club to save a few bucks racing the Tuesday Night Sundown Series on our beloved C.F. Pickle. Since that time, back in 1996, we have met lots of great new friends and have been involved with one of the finest organizations on the Lake. Speaking of "Fine Organizations" and time, there are a few people I feel compelled to mention in my first article as your Rear Commodore.

I want to thank all my new committee chairs for their "Time" and the energy that I know it takes to make our Club tick. My bride, Mary Fraser, is our new Assets Manager and comes into the office in really good shape thanks to our past Assets Manager, Elaine Kuester. Bill Harbert has volunteered to take care of Awards once again, and I don't know how Bill finds the time to do all he does for our Club, Bill will also take on Electronic Communications again this year. THANKS Bill. We have a new position this year of Video and Photography and I welcome George Fuller to that position. George was our Race Chairman last year and did a super job making sure all was prepared for on the Dock every Tuesday evening as well as some Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. I'm sure we'll all enjoy George's work this year as well, Good Luck George and I'm sure we'll see both you and Marge on the Dock filming this summer's races. Greg Wheeler is taking on the position of Charter and By-laws chair and John Jamieson will help out with Club History, and do we have some History!! Judy Morlan will be heading up Jr. Race and I encourage anyone one with younger kids to get involved. There are Jr. Race programs at either Crescent Sail Club or Bayview Yacht Club. They both have outstanding programs and we are invited to join their kids to learn sail boat racing. Paul Schapp will take on power Boat and our Regatta Chairs this year will be Walt and Andrea Solak and Chris and Sheila Behler will assist them. For the past two years Peter DeAngelo has headed up our Regatta as Chairman and has done a Great job, I know our New Chairs will do just as good a job this year. Please make sure we have your proper E-mail address, this really helps the Club save some bucks.

On that note, I want to ask all newer members to give one of these Chair people a call and ask how you can help. Don't be shy, give it a try, take a little bit of your time and get to know some really great people. Please plan on attending some of our Great functions this year if you haven't in the past.

Have a safe and warm winter. I hope to see you all before Spring!

INSIDE THERE IS....



The Sailing Rules



Wine and Cheese Party



Activity Calendar