

COMMODORE Glory Schappe Comments

The Commodore's Ball a Success



Your Commodore is still on a bit of a high caused by all the excitement and celebration of the Commodore's Ball.

It made my January.

Yes, it is a lot of work but the rewards are terrific. Both for the Ball and the Afterglow everything went just as smoothly and was just as much of a success as we had hoped. Com. Bob and I have since attended the NYC Ball (a very luxurious affair) and we had so many people come up to us with compliments on the GPSC event. We heard the phrases "so friendly," "so relaxed," "a wonderful time" over and over. So much of that is a tribute to those in the club who volunteered their time and talents; we thank you so very much. And it is a tribute to club members who so warmly welcomed the nearly forty "other club" Commodore couples in attendance. (Club member and photographer **Jim Selleck** will get the finished pictures to me in the next week or so, and I will get them to you all very shortly thereafter.) For those of you who missed the Ball, do give consideration to attending in the future. The Commodore's Ball is a perk of club membership and offers a very nice opportunity to rev up your January.

Speaking of revved up Januarys, our annual Winter Weekend in Grand Bend, Ontario was January at its best (or worst!). Below-zero cold, a full day of falling snow, brisk winds, magnificent frozen Lake Huron and the lovely silence of deep woods. Such a respite from suburbia. I loved

it. Thanks to 2004 Entertainment Chair R. Com. **Ken Suddick** for arranging it all.

The club Roster is nearing completion; we tried hard to finish the process in January, but it seems it is well nigh impossible to effect its publication without encountering a few snags and delays. But Chair **Wendy Niven** is coping with it all and is doing her very best to finalize things.

Please keep in mind our ongoing Membership Drive and think about which friends, neighbors, marina neighbors, fellow school parents, etc. you might like to invite to join you at an upcoming club event. Thus far we remain stable in our membership numbers thanks to efforts by members to bring others into the club. Membership forms are available from our Membership Chair **Peter D'Angelo** or from your Bridge. If you haven't sponsored any newcomers lately, please try to introduce someone to the GPSC this year. If they try us, they'll like us.

February is a somewhat lazy month for the club; perhaps we are resting from our January efforts. The Dry Dock/DRYA Seminar, "First Aid Afloat" occurred very early in the month so it will be a few weeks before our next event, the March 19th Spring Party. Entertainment Chairs **Prudy** and **Charlie Billiu** are planning for an invasion of Parrot Heads at the Tompkins Center. Jimmy Buffet will reign supreme once again, so dig out those island shirts, sarongs, sandals, shorts,

sunglasses, T-shirts and fake (or real, if you're lucky) suntans and prepare to shake off the winter blahs.

It is Cupid's time of year again, and I hope he is generous and kind to you all. I hope to see you soon.

Commodore Glory Schappe



Outside, the ground was covered with snow and the air was numbingly cold but inside the ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial on the evening of January 15th there was warmth and good cheer. The buzz of conversation and laughter filled the air as the crowd of 191 persons greeted one another and sampled the hors d'oeuvres. Boutonnieres and corsages of yellow roses (combined with blue delphiniums for the ladies) were to be seen. The ladies were elegant in their gowns and finery and the gentlemen looked their very best in their tuxedos, uniforms and dark suits. The greeters (Lady Barbara & Com. Ed Olsen and Lady Lynne and Com. Larry Haggart) greeted, the photographer (Jim Selleck) photographed and the receiving line (Com. Glory & Com. Bob Schappe, Lady Mary & Com. Tom Fraser, Lady Gayle and Com. Ken Suddick, Lady Fran & Com. Jerry Partridge) received.

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I would like to begin my very first Anchorline Article by thanking Dave MacDonald for the fine tutoring to help me take over as your Race Chairman for the 2005 Racing season and his preparations for the 2005 season. Thanks to his foresightedness, the proper papers have been filed with the DNR and the Coast Guard in a most timely manner. I would also like to welcome aboard Mr. Fred Baer as the Assistant Race Chairman.

Although to many, the warm summer months may seem far into the future as they look out their windows at their frozen neighborhoods, summer racing season is just around the corner for your Race Committee. During these frigid winter months, the committee has been busy getting ready for the sailing season. Sailing Instructions and other racing documents are being updated and will be ready for an early April mailing. Our cannons will be sent out to be professionally cleaned, primed and repaired as necessary. Soon our Race Schedule will be on the DRYA and Bayview calendars. And in the planning stages, is our annual Race Seminar to help everyone learn the duties of being on the dock during the races. It will again be held at Bayview in the early part of May. Be sure to look for details and plan on coming for dinner. (Bayview has a great chef!!!)

Last years racing season ended on a high note with a well-planned Awards party by Dave. We plan on continuing that momentum again this year by beginning the Annual Sundown Series with the usual gathering after the first Tuesday night race. So, although the snow lingers, and, knowing Michigan weather, more is most likely on the horizon in the next couple months, keep a happy thought that June and the 44th Annual GPSC Sundown Series is just around the corner. Hope to see you all soon at the Race Seminar and on the docks. Stay Warm!!!

Your 2005 Race Chairman Denise Cotter
Assistant Race Chairman Fred Baer

Commodore's Ball

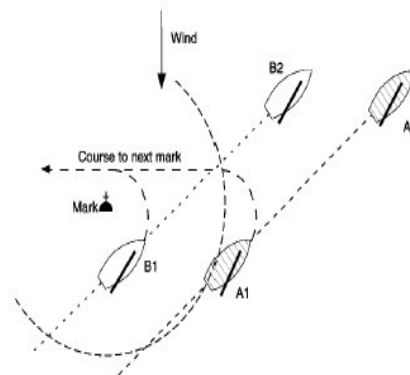
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Then came the announcement of the upcoming Commodore's Procession. The main body of guests took their seats while the Visiting Commodore couples from various clubs (ranging from Toledo to Windsor to Port Huron) lined up to be announced and applauded. After they were escorted to their seats in the main ballroom, they were followed by Past Commodores from the GPSC with Com. C. Jay Deeds and Wendy Slaymaker leading the way. The 2005 Bridge was introduced and ushered in following the Past Commodores. Master of Ceremonies Com. Frank X. Ferry then introduced club Chaplain Harry Capps who gave a moving Invocation; this was followed by stirring renditions of O Canada! and The Star-Spangled Banner led by Com. Ron Spies of the Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Champagne toasts were offered and dinner was then served (a very fine meal indeed).

From The Rule Book CASE 15

- Rule 12** One the Same Tack, Not Overlapped
Rule 13 While Tacking
Rule 18.1(b) Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions:
When This Rule Applies
Rule 18.2(c) Rounding and Passing Marks and Obstructions:
Giving Room; Keeping Clear: Not Overlapped at the Zone

In tacking to round the mark, a boat clear ahead must comply with rule 13; a close-hauled boat clear astern is entitled to hold her course and thereby prevent the other from tacking



Question

A and B are close-hauled on parallel courses nearing the windward mark with A clear ahead. A expects B, on fetching the mark, to tack to round it for the next mark. Instead, B holds her course, so preventing A from tacking. Has B the right to do this?

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Following dinner, Commodore Glory Schappe addressed the room, stating how proud and happy she is to be your Commodore for 2005. She welcomed her family and friends and thanked everyone (especially Com. Robert). The 2005 Bridge and Flag Officers were then installed (each receiving his/her own flag of office) and presentations were made to outgoing Commodore Jerry and Lady Fran. Steve King and the Dittilies proceeded to provide terrific music for the next three hours. They are a band that certainly knows how to get people out on the dance floor--they have a great sound and the crowd was appreciative. At midnight the ballroom party was over, but the After Glow at the Schappe home was just beginning. Seventy or so showed up to extend the celebration hours with more food and libation and conversation. All in all, this was a very lovely way to spend a January evening. The annual Commodore's Ball is always an event to be remembered.

Views From The Vice.....

Vice Commodore Tom Fraser



As the winter wears on I find myself thinking all the upcoming Grosse Pointe Sail club events. I can't wait for the weather to break so I can get back out on the water. I thought a couple of times about venturing out on the ice with a DN iceboat or my favorite 2 man iceboat, the Arrow. At this time of winter, it never seems like spring and sailing season is ever going to get here. Only about 60 some days till launch, it seems so far away

This is also the time of year when we must start preparing for the up coming racing season. There is so much to do before that first Mark is laid and the first preparatory gun is fired for the start of the 2005 Grosse Pointe Sail Club racing season. **Denise Cotter** is very busy organizing her team and preparing our 2005 Race instructions. The rules have changed a bit and we must insure the Race Instructions abide by all the Racing Rules of Sailing. Along with abiding with all the rules of Racing we must also organize a team of volunteers to help run our 12 Tuesday night races , 4 Sunday races in September, our Lady's Day Race in August and of course our Famous Frostbite Race that is currently held on the first Sunday in October. That makes about 18 races that we have the honor of supplying the best team of volunteers on the lakes. This year **Robert Sharrow** has volunteered to do the all important job of Race Support. This job involves coming to all the winter and spring gathering and enlisting your help on the docks and in the Patrol and Mark Boats for all the 18+ or minus races we support each year. This is no easy job and if you wish to volunteer before you meet up with Robert, please give him a call and sign up for a race or two this summer or fall, it's a lot of fun and you always get to meet nice people interested in some of the same things you're interested in. **Joseph Butala** has accepted the job of Race Records; this job involves just what it implies, keeping all the records straight. Race Committee Support is a relatively new position and **Bob Brownell** and **Frank Michell** are teaming up to help with the scoring aspect of all of our races.

Another very challenging job is Power Boat. Paul Schaap would certainly love to hear from you if you have a power boat and are willing to use your boat and be compensated to help as either a Mark Set boat or a Patrol Boat for one or more of our many Races. Past Commodores, Please don't forget we need you as Race Officials on our Patrol Boats for all of our Tuesday Night Sundown serried Races.

An update for your calendars, our GPSC Race Seminar has been changed from May 6 to May 13, still at Bayview Yacht Club. This is when everyone gets together and learns all the proper procedure for all the different jobs on the dock. You don't need to be a racer to help on the dock, it's every bit as much a social event as anything else, please take the time to volunteer by contacting **Robert Sharrow** or call me anytime.

The River Challenge is being held this year on Sunday, May 22. We will be starting the Race this year off the Windmill Pointe Park main dock. This is one of the first races of the season and it is a great way to shake down boat your boat and crew. Mark your calendars to be in the water and competing by the middle of May.

Our Commodores ball this year was another great success. **Commodore Schappe** had everything under control at the GP War Memorial and the party came off without a hitch. The food, drink, music, dancing and company was great. For those of you who have never attended one of our Commodores Balls, by all means, plan to attend next year, there is nothing like the GPSC Commodores Ball. Next years date is on the calendar, January 14th. Make your 2006 calendar now. The venue has not yet been determined, stay tuned for further updates.

I hope this issue finds you all happy and health. Mary and I hope to see you all at an upcoming GPSC event. Don't forget about our Spring Jimmy Buffet, Cheese Burger in Paradise party coming up soon. Well, I guess that's it from your Vice.

Vice Commodore Tom Fraser

Rear Commodore Ken Suddick



We had a great Winter Weekend at The Pine Dale Motor Lodge in Grand Bend, Ontario. There was no lack of snow. For those of us who arrived on Friday night--Commodores' Schappe, the Philips family, Dave & Nancy McDonald, and Pat & Dee Clark, Com Ken and Gayle Suddick--we had an easy drive, except for the wrong turn by your Rear Commodore. Saturday morning brought the snow and Glen Housey & Nancy McPherson, Charlie & Prudy Bulliu and Ron and Priscilla Schaupter. The cross-country skiing at the Pinery Provincial Park was excellent. After spending some quality time at poolside and in the hot tub, we went to the Colonial Hotel in Grand Bend for dinner. This was followed up by Euchre and Dominos back at the Pine Dale Lodge. The trip home Sunday was blissfully uneventful.

Charlie and Prudy are planning the 2006 winter weekend. Look for the venue and dates soon.

Com. Glory and Com Bob hosted the very first stitch-ripping party. We removed 0's, 1's, 2's, 3's and 4's from unused race award flags. It was very intense but fun. Com. Glory claims that we saved the club over \$1,100 dollars by replacing the former numbers with 5's so the flags can be awarded for this year's races.

The 2005 Grosse Pointe Sail Club Regatta will be held on Saturday, July 9th. The annual Regatta and awards party will be held afterwards. This year will have a GPSC JAM class for our members. If you would like to race in this new class and you don't have a rating, now would be a good time to start working on it. We also need volunteers for this great event. Please call our Regatta Chairman, Chris Behler if you are interested in being on the Regatta Committee.

Rear Commodore Ken Suddick

Dock and Supply



Valentine's Day is February 15th. **Call Dock and Supply and pick up a little something for your favorite Skipper or First Mate.**

Grey Crewneck Sweatshirts	\$23.00
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Navy Watch Caps	\$10.00

Call Fran Partridge @313-331-2652
or Mary Fraser @313-886-0604

Note: We would like to carry new items for 2005. What would interest you? Please contact Mary or myself

Answer

Yes. While A remains on port tack, B is required to keep clear by rule 12 and, when A enters the two-length zone, by rule 18.2(c) as well. Provided she keeps clear of A, B is entitled to sail any course she chooses, including holding her course. However, if A were to tack, then as soon as she passed head to wind, the boats would be on opposite tacks. Rule 18.1(b) states that rule 18 would cease to apply at that point. In addition, rule 12 would no longer apply, and rule 13 would require A to keep clear of B.
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