

COMMODORE Glory Schappe Comments

I am thinking of spring



but fluffy snowflakes are falling as I write this; perhaps my thoughts are premature.

Snowflakes or not, I know that skippers' hearts everywhere are beginning to beat a bit faster as they anticipate getting back to the boatyards and their annual rites of scraping, sanding, waxing and polishing. The rest of us have it easier -- we just look forward to warmer weather and being back on the water.

Spring thoughts remind me that **Andrea Solak** and **Priscilla Carlson** are taking it upon themselves to beautify the area around the GPSC's Information Board at Windmill Pointe Park this year. They are both avid gardeners and are enthusiastic about creating designs of blooming beauties for all to enjoy. If you would like to join their endeavors give one of them a call. If enough interest is generated perhaps we can form a gardening group within the club. I know I would like to learn more about earth and plants; it is one of those things that I am always "going to do" but never seem to get around to it.

I want to welcome Assistant Race Chair **Fred Baer** to the fold. Fred and his wife Erika joined the club last year and both have extensive race committee experience. Fred is working with Race Chair **Denise Cotter** to complete the preparations

for another humdinger of a racing season.

Thanks go out to Dry Dock Chair **Joe Lucido** and to Rear Commodore **Ken Suddick** for their efforts in ensuring a successful February Dry Dock/DRYA Seminar at the Tompkins Center.

Over 100 people attended and enjoyed GPSC hospitality and refreshments

while they learned about boating first aid from Dr. Rob Amsler of BYC.

The DRYA Wednesday night Sailing Seminars continue on through the month of March. Still to come are "Sailing the Race - The Dark Secrets of the Race Committee" at EBC on March 9th; a Pyro-Demo at DYC on the morning of March 12th; "Navigating your Way out of Trouble"

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at CSYC on March 16th and a Seminar Series Open House at DYC on March 23rd. Details are available on the website, the DRYA@drya.org. As an aside I must tell you that being a Commodore has its perks, even with DRYA events. Besides learning more about the weather on the Great Lakes, Bob and I had the pleasure to join WJR Weather personality John McMurray for dinner at BYC before he made his February seminar presentation entitled "Storm Clouds or Sunshine on the Horizon" and it made for a very interesting evening.

Regatta Assistant Chair **Tom Caulfield** and I attended the DRYA's Regatta Race Committee Seminar at the Detroit Yacht Club on February 22nd where Com. Ed Theisen brought us up to date on the procedures for the 2005 Regattas. GPSC's Regatta will be on July 9th this year, and the Awards Party following the race will be at Windmill Pointe Park during the late afternoon and early evening. This is a party that we encourage all club members to attend--it really is not just a sailor bash any longer, and for a nominal fee you get a lovely afternoon

by the water's edge, good friends and fun company, and very good food and drink. We ask boats in the harbor to dress ship for the day and it is all a very festive happening. Watch for further word on our Regatta; there is a very real possibility that it will have a very special quality/feature to it this year--something that we can all participate in and feel good about.

Please note on your club calendars that the May 6th GPSC Race Seminar at Bayview Yacht Club has been changed to May 13th, same time (7:30 pm) same place. The calendar is available on our website gpsc.org.

While there, check out the website's fresh new look that Webmaster **Larry Socie** has created for us.

Entertainment Chairs **Prudy** and **Charlie Billiu** and their committee are getting everything into place for our next social event, the big **SPRING PARTY** at the Tompkins Center on March 19th. I for one could use a little sunshine attitude and their Jimmy Buffet party should fit the ticket perfectly. Margaritas, cheese burgers...mmm! Bring a guest or two to join in the fun. Reservations need to go in [now](#).

That wonderful Irish time of year is upon us again. I hope the leprechauns treat you right and that you have a Happy St. Patrick's Day. And I will see many of you in your finest beachwear on the 19th.

Commodore Glory Ann Schappe

GPSC Race Committee



As I look out the window, the snowplow just plowed my driveway back in just after I plowed it out from his first go around. If it weren't for the previous two Race Committee meetings, I would begin to wonder if Spring were ever coming. Here it is March and we are getting blasted again from Old Man Winter. (Just for the record, this year is promising to be the second snowiest winter on record, 1982 being the record holder.) But if previous years are anything by which to go, Spring will eventually make an appearance, so be getting your boats ready to race. Your Race Committee has been hard at work updating the Sailing Instructions to keep current with the new Racing Rules of Sailing. This month the Race Committee is putting the final touches on the race application packet, with a goal of getting all the racing information out by the first week in April. The cannons have been sent to Bellmore Johnson to be refurbished and Com. Larry Cotter is working on a new base for them. Everything is progressing on schedule toward the first race on May 31.

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Good luck in preparing for the upcoming season, and look forward to seeing at the Races!!!! Think spring!!!

Denise Cotter
Race Chairman

Fred Baer
Assistant Race Chairman

**THIS IS THE SHOW
YOU HAVE BEEN
ASKING FOR!**

*Club member Sheila D'Angelo
(DeLovely)*
**Invites club members to join
her**

**She will be appearing at Joey's
Comedy Club April 8th and 9th,
Friday & Saturday at 8:15 and
10:45**



**Joey's Comedy Club is located
at 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn in
Paissano's restaurant.
Tickets are \$12.**

**It's best to call ahead for
reservations: 313-584-8885
You'll have a great time!**

Views From the Vice...

Vice Commodore Tom Fraser



March certainly came in like a Lion this year with more snow and temperatures in the teens. I don't know how much more of this I can take. As winter drags on and the snow keeps falling the thoughts of spring and the

first starting cannon keeps me from going crazy with cabin fever. Our winter months with the Grosse Pointe Sail Club are the months that all the preparation for the coming sailing season is put together.

Denise Cotter and her race committee has been very busy finalizing all the new race instructions and class splits for the coming Tuesday Night Sundown series. All the new race instructions are in place and are close to being ready for print. Denise has a new

assistant race chairman, Fred Baer, who will be learning the ropes this year as to how we run our Races. Thanks Fred, we need more members like you who aren't afraid of jumping in to assist the club.

Rob Sharrow has the all-important job of Race Support, this is Rob's first job with the Sail Club and he needs all of our support to accomplish this tedious task. Our first big sign up push will begin at our spring "Jimmy Buffet" party. Rob will be out

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of town, so look for me to be asking for your help on the dock this summer.

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Awards party. The awards party is the best on the Lake and sailors wait all year to be recognized for their achievements during the spring, summer and fall racing series. After you sign up for a position on the dock, please be advised that we will be conducting a training seminar at Bayview Yacht Club in May. I ask all Dockworkers to plan on attending. The seminar is only an hour or so long and will explain all the different jobs that need to be taken care of weekly.

I wanted to mention the passing of a great sailor and friend, Warren Jones of Thomas Hardware died suddenly after arriving at work a couple of Friday's ago. There was a Memorial Service get together at Bayview Yacht Club Tuesday March 1st and it was standing room only. All in the sailing community will miss Warren. Warren was a character that we all loved and sailing and family was his whole life. Todd Jones, Warren's son will carry on the family business and continue to support the sailing community and the sport of sail boat racing.

I look forward to seeing you all at our spring party; I know it will be a huge success. Don't delay; get your reservations in today. Please contact Prudy or Charlie Billiu if you have any questions.

SEA TERMS AND PHRASES

Many sea terms are hundreds of years old, with some tracing their origin to dates well before the twelfth century, back in a time when wind was king in the golden age of sail.

Port A place where ships are secure from storms. It is also the term used for the left-hand side of the boat. It is a combination of *porte* from the twelfth-century Middle French, meaning gate or door, and Latin *porta*, meaning passage.

Starboard predating to the twelfth century, and its middle English roots. A combination of steering oar and board, the ship's side, became starboard, or right-hand side of the boat looking forward.

Bow or the front end of the boat, comes from the Old English *bOg*, or *bough*, which speaks of a time when shipwrights sized up the limbs of old-growth trees and the way they grew to fit the parts of the ship under construction. An overlap of meanings is also apparent with the second definition of reverence, or bending the head, body and knee to larger powers in a tempest-tossed sea.

Rear Commodore

Ken Suddick



On Wednesday February 3rd GPSC hosted the DRYA Sailing Seminar. The Topic was "First Aid Afloat" and was presented by Dr. Rob Amsler of BYC. What a night!

We had over 100 people attending from many of the DRYA member clubs. I thought that the information was so important that members should plan on attending all of next year's presentations. A very special thanks to Joe Lucido and the Dry-Dock Committee for a great and informative evening.

Bill Snyder, our club assets Manager, is in the process of compiling a list of the club's assets and the storage location of each asset. If you have

anything that belongs to the club, please call Bill to describe the asset and its condition.

On Saturday June 25th our club will again participate in the DBC/GPC Regatta/Rum Challenge. This year we will have an improved scoring system. Watch for entry information from Com. Larry Haggart, which is coming soon.

Another upcoming event is our Annual Regatta and party. It will be held on Saturday, July 9th. This year will introduce a very special event to coincide with our Regatta activities. More information will follow next month.

I'm off to the Mexican Rendezvous.

Adios Amigos!

Rear Commodore Ken Suddick

Dock and Supply

March Madness
Sale!

Spring is just around the corner. If you haven't purchased or ordered a *sweatshirt or polo shirt*, please give us a call.

Stop by the Dock and Supply table at the Jimmy Buffet Party.

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



Calling all DockHands!

Do you want to have m
on Tuesday evenings this summer?



Why not be a Volunteer to assist the race committee. Each race requires volunteers in the roles of Judge, Patrol Boat Crew, Mark Boat Crew, Timer, Gunner, Halyards, Race records, Spotter and Video. Training will be provided, so why not sign up with a friend!

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