

COMMODORE Glory Schappe Comments

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Birds building their nests, crocus displaying their colors, waters of St. Clair rising, sunshine warming the boatyards...Spring has sprung, and it is about time.

The Commodore's Steak Roast is one of GPSC's own harbingers of the change in seasons. Commodore **Jerry Partridge** and his lively band of Past Commodores are hard at work planning this annual club event that is always such a solid success. Get your reservations in now for this April 23rd party and see for yourself what great cooks and party givers our Past Commodores are.

And speaking of great party givers, how about that Cheeseburgers in Paradise Party thrown last month by Entertainment Chairs **Prudy** and **Charlie Billiu** and their committee! Close to 100 people showed up to enjoy great food and fun and the stellar performance of **Ken Thelen**, our very own version of Jimmy Buffet. Thanks to all of you who worked on the party--it was a really great one!

Those of you who reside in Grosse Pointe Park, keep an eye out for the Summer Park Communicator due out sometime in May and be sure to read Publicity Chair **John Hughes'** nice informative piece on the GPSC.

The 2005 GPSC Roster is very near completion. We made every effort to publish earlier in the year and we are apologetic for the unavoidable delays we encountered. We will get copies out to you just as soon as possible; in the meantime, Club Calendars and Committee Chair listings can be found on the Website (gpsc.org).

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It wouldn't be spring without turning the club's main attentions toward Boat Activities. And as usual we have lots of them coming up. We will hold our annual Race Seminar at 7:30 PM at Bayview Yacht Club on Friday, May 13th. This is your chance to learn about all those jobs the Race Committee performs and how the whole race event comes together. Sailors, this is a good time for you to learn more about the workings of the Race Committee--just how important those flag signals are. (And it is also a chance to have dinner at BYC!) See more information elsewhere in this Anchorline. Already, Race Support Chair **Rob Sharrow** is working to gather "sign ups" for race duty workers. There are over 300 race-related jobs to fill--most of them on

the dock, others on the water--and we urgently need your help so as to be ready for that first race on May 31st. Sign up for one evening or a dozen. Give Rob a call at (313) 824-7393 or better yet, come to the Commodore's Steak Roast and sign up on his Big Board. Another upcoming boating event will be the Fleet Blessing on Memorial Day, May 30th. The Blessing follows the Pancake Breakfast held earlier in the day at the Tompkins Center. More on these events later.

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It is almost time for launch. The boat yards will be buzzing the next few weeks. Com. Bob will coax me to Gregory's at least a few times, I am sure. Those of you who scrape, sand and paint boat bottoms...enjoy. The rest of us will savor the sunshine and look forward to glorious days on the water on the freshly scrubbed decks of those marvelous crafts.

I hope to see many of you at the Steak Roast.

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GPSC Race Committee



According to Com. Dennis Cotter, over the Easter Break, a robin was spotted. Suddenly, the temperatures have risen to Spring-like warmth, skippers are preparing their boats and the Racing Registration and Instructions have been mailed!! Must mean Summer is close at hand. (I am sure we are all looking forward to green grass instead of the white scenery of winter.)

The intrepid Race Committee made few changes to the Sailing Instructions this year. It should be noted that the Sail Club will be following the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008. One of the changes concerns Protest Forms. These should be written legibly and in blue or black ink. Protest Forms are faxed to the protest Chairman and pencil or other color ink does not fax well.

Last year a new method of scoring was tried. This method will again be used this year enabling preliminary results to be read at Marge's. Ties this year will be resolved using the RRS A8.

The Racing Registration Forms and the Sailing Instructions for 2005 will be posted on the website.

Again this year the Race Committee will be having a Race Seminar on Friday, May 13 at Bayview Yacht Club at 7:30 p.m. in the Regatta Room. You are invited to come about 90 minutes early to enjoy a delicious repast prior to the seminar. (Dining room opens at 5:30 p.m.) Elsewhere in the Anchorline is a flier giving all the details. We encourage everyone to come whether you are a racer, veteran or new member. It will be fun and informative!!! And this year, instead of the Commodores and Committee personnel just talking away, the seminar will be more interactive, getting as much participation from the audience as possible.

Lastly, our commitment to the Coast Guard must be emphasized. Again this year the Grosse Pointe Sail Club will have a uniformed Commodore aboard a Patrol Boat insuring adherence to the Inland Rules of the Road. The Grosse Pointe Sail Club wants to continue our good relationship with the Coast Guard and our tradition of racing on Lake St. Clair, and therefore will strictly adhere to the Sailing Instructions Rules pertaining to sailing in the Channel.

So now you have the facts, all you have to do is sign up to race and have a great time. If you don't race, sign up to work on the dock and have a great time. (Rob Sharrow is in charge of the Dock roster.) Either way, hope to see you this summer!!!

Denise Cotter
Race Chairman

Fred Baer
Assistant Race Chairman

GROSSE POINTE SAIL CLUB

Invites you to a Race seminar

Where: **Bayview Yacht Club,
Regatta Room**

When: **Friday, May 13, 2005**

Time: **7:30 p.m.**

**(Come for dinner, dining room
opens at 5:30 p.m.)**

(Bayview will accept Visa or Master Card, or you may have Grosse Pointe Sail Club billed if you bring you membership ID.)

**Seminar will include concerns
about sailing in the shipping
channel, expectations of dock
workers, dock procedures and
more!!!!**

Come and enjoy an evening whether you are a veteran dock worker, sailor (get an insight as to what happens on the dock) or a new member.

All Are Welcome

See you at Bayview

GPSC-DYC RUM CHALLENGE – JUNE 25th

GPSC Racers: Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Rum Challenge this year. It will again be run as part of the Detroit Boat Club/Grosse Pointe Club Regatta on June 25.

Last year, the DYC team won, but the scoring system has been adjusted this year, so it doesn't favor the larger team as much. Besides, whether we win or lose, it's a great event. So, plan to come out and join the fun. The Notice of Race with all the details will be in the next Anchorline.

Com. Larry Haggart

Rear Commodore

Ken Suddick



I'm pleased to announce the First Annual "Wally Solak Sail for Life Blood Drive" which will be held at the Tompkins Center, July 5, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Those who are unable to make arrangements to be at the blood drive can give blood for this cause at any Red Cross location within a week of the event. Please remember to identify the name of the race boat that should receive credit for the blood donation. At the Regatta awards party, on July 9, the winning boat will be announced and honored with a special flag. Captains and crew, please start making plans regarding the blood drive. The May *Anchorline* will contain details regarding the blood drive in Wally's honor.

Saturday, July 9, GPSC Annual Regatta

GPSC members are asked to join us at the after-the-race Awards Party held at the Tompkins Center from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Beginning around 5:00 p.m., a delicious buffet will be served by All Seasons Catering, with a \$7.00 charge for adults and \$4.00 for kids. Hot dogs will also be served (for a lesser fee). All beverages are free. Come mingle and enjoy meeting our club members and the racing sailors.

On March 3, 2005, the second annual, unofficial, GPSC Mexican Rendezvous was held at the Vallarta Yacht Club in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico. Everyone joined Gayle and me and Tom and Beth Gibneys on the beach on beautiful Banderas Bay during the course of the afternoon. We later enjoyed a cocktail party at our condo in Paradise Village, prior to dinner. Those attending included, Dee and Pat Clark, Maureen and Mike Comerford, Sharon and Harry Masek, Sheila and Chris Behler, Linda and Dale Steiger. See the featured picture of the festivities.

Rear Commodore Ken Suddick

THE GPSC 2005 BELLE RIVER RENDEZVOUS

Promises to be one of the most exciting ever! The dates have been set for Saturday and Sunday, June 18th & 19th and up to 18 wells have been reserved. The pavilion has been reserved for a cocktail party with an exciting off-site (but nearby) dinner venue including group transportation still being arranged as we speak.



Of course, our tradition of an informal, fun race to Belle River on Saturday morning will continue this year...with a twist. The race will involve a two-boat team / relay format. More details to be forthcoming soon. Considerable thought has gone into the planning and rules to make this a fun, fair and safe race for all involved. Mark your calendar, find your team relay partner, and get ready to test your skills.



Even though Sunday, June 19th is Fathers Day, it's only a short crossing back to our marina allowing the remainder of the day for any special family plans you may have. Yes, you can have your cake and eat it too!

Contact Fleet Captains Darius Hummel or Ken Thelen for more information.

ATTENTION ALL GPSC MEMBERS

To help keep our records accurate we request that any Address or e-mail changes be forwarded to:

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**GPSC Members
At Mexican Rendezvous
Vallarta Yacht Club**



Views From the Vice....

Vice Commodore Tom Fraser



The Detroit River Challenge race is scheduled for May 22nd and will have a different look this year. The race will be held primarily in the Detroit River with the starting area in front of The Edison Boat Club. All racers are welcome and our club has always had a great showing so let's keep up the tradition, please see the notice

of Race that will be on the web site in the middle of next

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Denise Cotter and Fred Baer have been extremely busy making sure our Sailing instructions for our Sundown series are within the letter of the law, and making sure that the mailing was out on time. Thanks so much for all your help; we couldn't do it without members like you!! Next we need to fill all the dock positions for the coming season. Please contact Rob Sharrow and sign up for an evening or 2 to help run our races. If you have never participated before, please get involved, it's a lot of fun and you'll not only learn a lot, but you'll meet new club members and you'll be invited to the best awards party on Lake St. Clair, FREE BEER, free food great company. If you attend the Commodore's steak roast next week, I will be there with the sign up board. Please look me up.

We will sponsor a race seminar at Bayview Yacht Club on Friday the 13th of May at 1930 hours. It is open to all racers and dockworkers. It will give you a complete run down of what exactly it takes to run a race. The biggest thing it takes is your HELP. Please help us make this year the best ever. Please come to Bayview early for a great meal before we get started, Bayview has a great menu and they love it when we all show up to spend a little money. Credit cards are accepted and please bring your membership card or you may not get served. I will see you all there.

That's it for this month from your Vice. Can't wait to get back on the water. See you all soon..

TRADITION OF COMMODORE RANK



The year 1842 saw the organization of the New York Yacht Club as the second yacht club in the United States, to accept the challenge of the Royal Yachting Squadron at Cowes for the L1, 000 Cup. The first Commodore was Ted Stevens, a retired Naval Officer. His friends in the Navy Department granted the honorary rank of Commodore to Ted Stevens as head of the New York Yacht Club. The rank of Commodore is the first flag rank

in the Navy just below the rank of Rear Admiral. An Honorary Commodore has all the privileges and honors but not the authority of the rank.

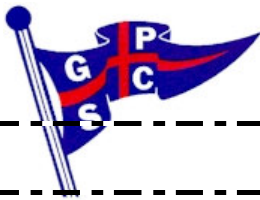
When DRYA was organized in 1912, it applied to the Navy Department for the right of the DRYA and its member clubs to use the rank of Commodore, and the right to wear the Navy Blue (black) Naval Uniform with black braid rather than gold braid that Naval Officers wear as well as the right to display the appropriate badge of office in the trefoil of the braid. The uniform and its decorations are subject to the rules and regulations for Uniforms as prescribed by US Navy Regulations.

Since the Detroit Boat Club was formed in 1839, the Toledo Yacht Club in 1865 and the Detroit Yacht Club in 1868, they individually petitioned the Navy Department for use of the rank of Commodore.

What this means is that the title of Commodore means more than just the head of our clubs. Since the rank has been granted by the Navy Department, it means that any Commodore, in full uniform, when entering any Naval Base or boarding a Naval Vessel must be granted all the honors and privileges commensurate with the rank.

This means that not only does the Commodore of each of our clubs receive the honor of the position from the club and its members but also the honor and privilege of the honorary Naval rank.

Com. Edwin C. Theisen, Jr.
Detroit Yacht Club 1989"



GROSSE POINTE SAIL CLUB



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2005 NOTICE OF RACE for the 44th ANNUAL TUESDAY NIGHT SUNDOWN SERIES

The 44th ANNUAL GPSC Tuesday Night Sundown Series is open to all seaworthy monohull sailing yachts. It is comprised of TWO (2) Series of SIX (6) Races each. All Races for the Sundown Series start and finish off Windmill Pointe Marina, located in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

SPRING SERIES: MAY 31 through JULY 5.
SUMMER SERIES: JULY 12, AUGUST 2 through AUGUST 30.
(NO RACES ON JULY 19 or JULY 26)

MANAGEMENT RULES: The races will be governed by the Sailing Instructions and The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, including US Sailing Prescriptions, except as stated herein; and managed by the Race Committee, which shall have the authority to establish the racing conditions and to interpret the racing rules. The Race Committee strongly suggests I-68 compliance.

REGISTRATION: All entrants **MUST** register for the GPSC Sundown Series Races. Both the 2005 Registration Form and the 2005 Registration Fee Form must be received for a valid 2005 registration. Forms are included herein.

WEBSITE: The GPSC website (<http://www.gpsc.org>) has complete Sailing Instructions and Registration Forms. Both the 2005 Registration Form and the 2005 Registration Fee Form must be received for a valid 2005 registration. Race Results (subject to Protests) will usually be posted the day after each race.

CLASSES and STARTS: Class splits and Starts are revised based on last year's registration.

COURSES: Course assignments are set forth in the Sundown Series Sailing Instructions (S.I.'s).
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE NUMBERING SYSTEM OF THE TURNING MARKS.

SIGNALS: The "F" Signal will be displayed whenever a freighter is in the vicinity. While the "F" Signal is displayed, the shipping channel is **OFF LIMITS**. Please note S.I. #1, regarding GPSC's responsibility to the U.S. Coast Guard and enforcement of FLAG "F". GPSC patrol boats will be on the course for these race events to insure strict adherence of S.I. #1 by all entrants.

AFTER the RACE: **** NEW ** Preliminary race results will be announced and video will be viewed** of the evening's Sundown Series Race at Marge's, on Mack Avenue. All Racers, Club Members and friends are invited to attend.

FALL SERIES: The GPSC will conduct FALL SERIES Races, consisting of:
2 Races on Sunday SEPT 11, and
2 Races on Sunday SEPT 18.

Separate Sailing Instructions (S.I.'s) will be issued for the FALL SERIES Races.

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