

COMMODORE Glory Schappe Comments



Spectre is in the water, and she has already made a trip down to Bayview Yacht Club in order to be weighed and measured for her new

IRC rating. **Commodore Bob**, along with crew **Jerry Meach**, teamed up with **Doug Carlson** and his crew on *Freeway* to get the job done this past week. Everything must come off the boats for this process, and now she looks so empty and bare. It will be fun for us to return her belongings to her and load her up again so that she is our snug little getaway and all ready for the fun days of summer. I am not a hotshot sailor nor am I extremely brave about the water, but I sure do like having our *Spectre* around.

I want to congratulate **Com. Jerry Partridge** and his crew of **Past Commodores'** **Steak Roast** was a winner and was much enjoyed by the 100 people who attended. There is something about a good rib eye that brings out the party spirit. We did have a scare, though, when **Com. Larry Cotter** needed emergency treatment during the course of the evening. I am happy to report that Com. Larry is recovering at home with no lasting ill effects. Heartfelt thanks go out to those who assisted Larry that evening--**Dee Clark**, **Mary Fraser**, **Fleet Surgeon Dr. Ron Strickler**, **M.D.**, **Dr. Zenas Dickinson**, **M.D.**, and **Dr. Peter Baumann**, **M.D.**

A **lesson** was **learned** during the course of that emergency; when 911 is dialed on a cell phone the call does not go directly through to the local authorities. Instead it is routed through the Michigan State Police and there is an ensuing delay in EMS response time. Use a land line or dial EMS directly if on a cell phone.

This issue of the Anchorline has lots of ground to cover and information to give as it is our last publication until September. **Race Chair Denise Cotter** and **Assistant Race Chair Fred Baer** are hoping that you will join the gathering for their **Race Seminar (and dinner if you wish) at Bayview YC** on May 13th. All club members are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about just what it is that we do down there on the docks on Tuesday evenings (and on the water, too). And, as if the Seminar isn't enough for them to worry about, Denise and Fred are also on the job preparing for that first **Sundown Race** on May 31st. **Entertainment Chairs Prudy and Charlie Billiu** will be getting ready for the crowd that will be attending that **First Race Party** held after that first Tuesday race. If you will be attending please remember to bring a hearty hors d'oeuvre to help feed the hungry sailors.

Pancakes and sausage are in the works for the **Directors' Pancake Breakfast** on Memorial Day, May 30th. **Beth Kurta**, **David McDonald**, **Chris Behler**, and **Bob Brownell** are at work on this one. Along with all club members, the public is invited.

And, listen up here, there is **no charge** for this fun get together, so bring the family and your neighbors and come on down to the Tompkins Center. The Breakfast will be followed by a brief Marina Meeting hosted by the GPP Marina Harbormaster. Our Memorial Day festivities continue with **The Fleet Blessing** scheduled to begin at 1:00 P.M. We invite all of our club members along with everyone in the Windmill Pointe Marina to fly their burgees or even fully dress your ships and take part. Our **Fleet Chaplain Harry Capps** will give the Blessing followed by a cannon salute.

Vice Commodore Tom Fraser is on the five-club committee for the **Detroit River Challenge** and race preparations are well in hand. Com. Tom is working to get the word out--"Come and race this easy JAM event on May 22nd and afterwards join the party at Edison Boat Club." The more boats we field, the better the club looks. Another event in which our club pride is at stake is the **Rum Challenge** on June 25th. **DYC** threw down the gauntlet last year and beat us! Over the winter **Com. Larry Haggart** was able to get the scoring system somewhat adjusted, and he and **Rear Commodore Ken Suddick** are hoping for a big GPSC turnout this year and a win for our side.

Important summer events include **Fleet Captains Darius Hummel** and **Ken Thelen's** plans for our **Summer Rendezvous** at Belle River the 18th and 19th of June.

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Sometimes it is hard to believe that Spring is here. With a late and rare snowstorm in April and freeze warnings this past week, it does make one wonder. But there is always optimism among sailors. Just look at those who are diligently working on their boats in preparation for the upcoming sailing season.

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club's season officially opens on May 31st with the first race of the Spring season and a party behind the Tompkins Center after the race. As always, skippers, crew and dock workers are invited. Don't forget to bring one of your famous hors d'oeuvres to the party!!!

Another reminder for the Race Seminar on Friday the 13th (May 13th) at Bayview Yacht Club. The restaurant opens at 5:30 p.m. (See the "ad" elsewhere in this Anchorline for more information.)

In addition, Grosse Pointe Sail Club wants to remind you that they will be using the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing and, in keeping with our commitment with the Coast Guard, strictly enforcing the Sailing Instructions with regard to sailing in the shipping channel.

Lastly, Fred and I as your Race Chairmen, are looking forward to this season, and want to wish you a safe, fun, and successful sailing season. If we don't see you on the dock, we hope to see you racing.

**GOOD LUCK
AND FAIR
BREEZES**

The Bayview Mackinac and DRYA are in the process of changing over from PHRF to IRC handicapping. This will not affect any of our Grosse Pointe Sail Club races, we will continue to operate under PHRF. At this time the IRC Certificate will be needed by boats sailing the BYC-Mac Southhampton Course and those boats racing the DRYA "A" Course races occurring after the Mackinac Race.

DON'T FORGET!!!

**PATIO PARTIES -
THOMPKINS CENTER
AFTER THE FIRST AND LAST
TUESDAY NIGHT RACE
May 31st AND
August 30th
FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS,
SAILORS & DOCK WORKERS
MEMBERS-PLEASE BRING -
Heavy O'hors d'oeuvres to Share
FREE - Beer, Wine, Pop
Sloppy Joes, Chips & Pickle
\$1.00
JOIN THE FUN, HELP AT THE
PARTY
Call 586 468 7753 / Prudy or
Charlie Billi**

**REMINDER!
LADIES RACE & PATIO PARTY
Friday - August 12th
GET YOUR CREWS TOGETHER!!!**

**CLUBS EXTEND THEIR
HOSPITALITY**

For this boating season of 2005, Grosse Pointe Sail Club members have been invited to share in the Club Facility Privileges of the following clubs:

Port Huron Yacht Club
Edison Boat Club
The Ford Yacht Club
Jolly Roger Sailing Club (Toledo, OH)
The Maumee River Yacht Club
The Buffalo Yacht Club (Buffalo, NY)
Fairport Harbor Yacht Club (Painesville, OH)
LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club (LaSalle, Ontario)
Presque Isle Yacht Club (Erie, PA)
Riverside Yacht Club (Ashtabula, OH)
All Ports Yacht Club (Sandusky, OH)

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It promises to be another great getaway weekend for club members and I so hope many of you will join us there. It really is a cool thing to do and, as a club, we wonder why more members don't participate--especially those with kids. If your boat isn't big enough to sleep your family, let our Fleet Captains know and they can apportion you out amongst the bigger boats for sleeping.

Another biggie for summer is our annual **Regatta** on July 9th. **Regatta Chair Chris Behler** and **Assistant Regatta Chair Tom Caulfield** and their committee are putting the event together and issue an invitation to all of you to join us at the **Regatta Party** late that afternoon. Remember, too, that we have a **Ladies Challenge** race on August 12th with a **party** afterwards. And, to finish off the summer racing season, a **Last Race Party** on August 30th. A **Fall Rendezvous** is planned for September 3-5. Mark your calendars now and further information will be out in August.

Watch for flowers to sprout at the base of our GPSC Information Board located in the far parking lot at WPP. **Priscilla** and **Doug Carlson** have cleared the flower patch and **Andrea Solak** has planted some pretties. Remember, too, to refer to our **GPSC Website** (www.gpsc.org) over the summer for up-to-date information on social events and races. **Webmaster Larry Socie** will do his usual great job. **Electronic Communicator Bill Harbert** will have news flashes and updates for us all summer long as well.

Happy Summer. Hopefully we shall all cross paths often during these lazy, crazy, hazy days that are on their way. Enjoy.

COMMODORE Glory Schappe

Rear Commodore

Ken Suddick



On July 5, 2005 the Sail for Life Regatta will be held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. The blood drive will be set up from 2-7 pm. Crews of sailing vessels, power boaters, friends and the community at large are asked to donate blood in the name of a boat or a person. A tally will be kept and the winning boat or person will be awarded a First, Second or Third place flag at the July 9, 2005 GPSC Regatta Party. This event is a memorial to club member Wally Solak. More detailed information and the rules for this special Regatta can be found in this edition of the Anchorline and on the GPSC web site, www.gpsc.org.

GPSC / DYC Rum Challenge

We need boats to Represent GPSC in the Second Annual Rum Challenge. The race will be held on Saturday June 25th. We will have our own separate start and race on a triangular course designed by DBC/GPC. While there will be the traditional awards to the winners, including a case of rum, an engraved trophy, and a party for all who participate. The real objective is to get everybody out on their sailboats where they will have lots of FUN!

Rum Challenge application and the race instructions can also be found in this edition of the Anchorline and on the GPSC web site, www.gpsc.org. If you still have question you can contact Com. Larry Haggart at lhaggart@sbcglobal.net. Lets bring the rum home were it belongs.

Rear Commodore Ken Suddick

Mark Your Calendars for the 2005 GPSC Regatta Party July 9, 2005

Music and Beverages provided at the Grosse Pointe Park Tompkins Center starting at 5:00 PM to about 8:00 PM. Friends and family are welcome.

Awards for the day's Regatta will be presented during the party

**Dinner available for \$7.00 Adults,
\$4.00 Children.**

Catered by 'For All Seasons'



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Memorial Day

May 30, 2005

9:00 - 11:00 AM

**Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe
Park**

**Hosted by GPSC Directors;
All Are Welcome**

**Marina Meeting with
GPP Marina
Supervisor at 11:00 AM
Following the Breakfast**



Fleet Blessing Memorial Day

The Blessing of the Fleet will follow at 1:00 PM on May 30th. All boaters (members and non-members) are invited to participate. We encourage you to fly your club burgee and dress ship. Our Fleet Chaplain and Honor Guard will be stationed on the seawall near the marina entrance. Boaters should gather downriver and travel single file upstream to receive a blessing.

Glory Schappe, Commodore

Sailors Needed June 25th to Compete for GPSC in The Second Annual Rum Challenge

Last year, the Detroit Yacht Club challenged the Grosse Pointe Sail Club to a Jib & Main race called the Rum Challenge, which was run as part of the Detroit Boat Club/Grosse Pointe Club's annual regatta. The DYC won that first Challenge. Starting in 2005, the GPSC is determined to establish a tradition of WINNING THE RUM CHALLENGE EVERY YEAR!

Once again, we will have our own separate start and race on a triangular course designed by DBC/GPC. While there will be the traditional awards to the winners, including a case of rum, an engraved trophy, and a party for all who participate, the real objective is to get everybody out on the sailboats where they will have lots of FUN!

So whether you've raced your boat before or not, please come out and join us for a day of fun on the water. If you need crew, let us know and we'll help you find some. If you need a handicap rating, just let us know and we'll provide a Jib & Main Rating Application Form.

Due to a change in the scoring methodology this year, the GPSC could now be considered THE FAVORITE, even though the DYC is a much larger club with a beautiful club house, a large marina, a couple of swimming pools (indoor and outdoor), and even a hot tub. The GPSC, on the other hand, has brave, tenacious, clever, and talented sailors who will uphold our honor in this match and show the DYC that when it comes to racing for RUM, we will never again accept second place.

So, what do you say? Send in your registration form today and join us on Saturday, June 25, for the DYC-GPSC Rum Challenge already known as the single biggest start of the entire DRYA racing season.

See the Rum Challenge Race Application form for more information, or contact Larry Haggart at lhaggart@sbcglobal.net. See you on the water!

Views From the Vice....

Vice Commodore Tom Fraser



Sailing season is finally upon us. Everywhere you look the seasons are finally telling us that it is time for sailing. The weather has turned the corner, the trees are all blossoming and the flowers are all in bloom. I had to cut my lawn for the third time today. Last week C.F. Pickle was

launched and last Wednesday we launched our new sailboat, Seiche, in Waukegan Illinois. I've spent the last four days sailing Lake Michigan northward to Ludington Michigan were we will keep Seiche with our partners. I once again have realized what teamwork is all about. Learning a new 38-foot sailboat and all the manuals and systems isn't easy, it took a team to make it all work and for us to all be safe. We ran into a couple of storms and one squall had winds of over 45 knots. Teamwork and know how kept us safe and helped us arrive safely.

Teamwork is what makes our Club tick. Our Sundown series is now upon us and I want to thank all the committees that are still hard at work putting all the final touches on all our events.

Rob Sharrow needs to hear from you in regards to race support. We still have dock positions that are not filled. *Please*, pick up the phone tonight, right now in fact, call Rob, and sign up for an evening or two of helping on the dock. Hey, all you newer members, **CALL ROB NOW**, 313-824-7393. Thank you.

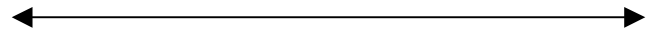
Bob Brownell has lots of new responsibilities this year as well. Bob successfully completed the US Sailing course for running races this past winter so he can help out as a Chief Judge this year. Thanks a lot Bob, we really need more qualified Chief Judges, with **Ed and Barb Olsen** slipping into semi-retirement from dock and race duties we need added help. Ed and Barb have been the biggest help with the Sundown series for as long as I have been racing, and I hate to say how long that has been!! **ED and BARB**, you are both the greatest, we all appreciate all you do for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, don't be strangers on Tuesdays and don't be afraid to pipe in if we're not following procedure.

The River Challenge Race is coming up Sunday May 22 and we also need help on the dock and setting 2 marks. Please give **Denise Cotter** a call at 313-881-5877. Denise has been very busy with Race Duties, She and **Fred Baer** have put together everything we need to run a successful Race Series. For the River Challenge we will only have to start the Race and then communicate the starting times to Edison Boat Club so they can finish all the racers. This race is always a great way to start the season, come on out and race with other club members. It's a great event and the after party at Edison is always a great time.

Up coming events not to miss include our annual Pancake breakfast on Memorial Day. Your board of directors and the

Bridge put on a really great event that you are all invited to. Bring the kids, bring the grand kids, and bring the neighbors, friends and prospective GPSC members. It's all free and we always have plenty to go around. Shortly following the pancake breakfast there will be a meeting for all well occupants and then we will follow that with the Annual Fleet Blessing. The next day all the excitement begins with our first Tuesday Night Race. There is a Patio party following the race and once again you are all invited. This is a traditional party where we provide beer and soft drinks and the membership provides hot and cold munchies. Please bring your specialty to pass, everyone will appreciate it.

Last but not least, there will be a team race this August and I will be contact several of you to help us put the best TEAM together that we can. I look forward to competing in this event, we need to make an effort to put together 4 boats to compete against 4 boats each from other clubs, including, DYC, BYC, GPSC and NSSC. That's it until next Fall from your Vice. I'll see you all this summer at one or more of our summer events.

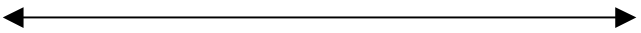


FREE JIB & MAIN RACING OFFERED BY DRYA

This season the Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association (DRYA) is waiving its racing registration fee for boats that wish to race in the Saturday Jib & Main (JAM) starts. Membership in the DRYA is not required to race in these JAM classes. JAM competitors can participate in any of the local club regattas held most Saturdays on Lake St. Clair. If not previously rated, boats will need to obtain a **free** provisional JAM rating from DRYA's chief handicapper Carl Bihlmeyer. An application and instructions for this rating can be found on the DRYA website (www.drya.org).

Skippers must notify the DRYA of their intentions to race in the week's regatta by submitting the racing application on, or prior to, the Wednesday before the regatta. Your rating will be determined, assigned and submitted to the Race Committee for scoring on regatta day. For additional information, contact Bill Lynch at (313) 983-4753 or smjlynch@comcast.net.

Don't forget club members, for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club Regatta on July 9th the club hopes that you will enter the Club JAM Class. Notice of Race and an Application form can be found in this Anchorline or on the club website (www.gpsc.org).



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Notice of Club Jam Class
GPSC Regatta
July 9, 2005

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club in conjunction with DRYA will sponsor a "JAM" class for Club members only. This race will be held on the "C" course, approximately three (3) nautical miles southeast from the Windmill Pointe Marina. This class will have its' own start and is intended for a Club member who does not normally race their boat in the Saturday DRYA regattas. Sails are limited to those designed for windward work only, spinnaker and or whisker poles are allowed for the off wind sailing portions of the race.

Further details and race information will be available in June, as the race instructions are finalized. As a member your job now is to; clear your calendar, plan for this event, and put together a good fun loving race crew. Think *fast* and be prepared to win a flag, and then submit yourself to the fun of our awards ceremony that evening.

You will find the registration form elsewhere in this news letter; they will also be available on the GPSC website. If you have questions or need assistance on registration or handicapping please contact me at 800/764-2593, or at fxferry@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you in advance for your participation, we will see you out there!!

Com. Frank X. Ferry

Sail for Life

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club (GPSC) is well known for its sportsmanship and its camaraderie. This year, under the governance of Commodore Glory Schappe and her Bridge, the GPSC, in conjunction with the American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan, is sponsoring a blood donation drive.

On July 5, 2005 the Sail for Life Regatta will be held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park.

The blood donation stations will be set up from 2-7 p.m. This will be a "dry regatta" with the participants staying ashore. The competition for the most donations accrued in any one boat's name will be intense. Competitors will consist of all boats that race in any of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club's sailing events during the year. Crews of sailing vessels, power boaters, friends and the community at large are asked to donate blood in the name of a boat or a person. A tally will be kept and the winning boat or person will be awarded First, Second and Third place flags at the July 9, 2005 GPSC Regatta. Since the blood collection date is on the day of a racing event and is also during the July Fourth celebrations, we will accept blood donations made at any Red Cross Donation Center the week preceding. In addition, we would gladly accept cash donations to the Michigan Red Cross as "counters" for the competition. Registration forms will be made available.

This event is a memorial to club member Wally Solak, who fought a courageous battle against multiple myeloma, blood cancer. He underwent two stem cell transplants and was in complete remission when stricken with colon cancer. This Regatta remembers his love of life and sailing; therefore, we Sail for Life. In the future, there may be other memorials to people or causes or events, as appropriate.

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club is proud to join the American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan and its community to provide life saving help.

Be sure to check out our
GROSSE POINTE SAILCLUB website at:

www.gpsc.org

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