

## COMMODORE Glory Schappe Comments . . . . .



Our summertime fun is fast becoming history as we buckle down to our faster paced fall schedules. As usual our club calendar provided a plethora of fun things to do and there were all sorts of events to sample. I hope you were there for at least some of them.

The May 30<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast (kudos to our Directors **Beth Kurta**, **Dave MacDonald**, **Chris Behler** and **Bob Brownell**) was the kick off for our summer events, with the Fleet Blessing immediately following. Fleet Chaplain **Harry Capps** conducted the formal ceremony with the able help of Troop # 86 Boy Scouts and your Bridge. Harry's very appropriate blessings and the cannon salute of the 21 boats that paraded past the main pier initiated our 2006 boating season. This event is growing more popular each year and I expect it will continue to do so as word continues to spread. If parties are your cup of tea, Entertainment Chairs **Prudy & Charlie Billiu** did yeoman's service with three race-related parties over the summer--First Race, Last Race and Ladies Race. Club members, Race Committee and racers alike enjoyed these three wonderful Tompkins Center patio evenings with balmy weather, great food, plentiful libations and friendly company. Our Fleet Captains **Ken Thelan** and **Darius Hummel** provided two more terrific venues for a good time--our Summer

They incorporated all sorts of clever innovations to ensure fun and frivolity, coming up with team races and pickle medals and white elephants and whatnot. Great work, guys. A more serious club event that took place this summer was our sponsorship for the first time of a Red Cross Blood Drive. It was at the suggestion of club member **Andrea Solak** that we did this and it was a great success. It made me very proud of us.

If you are a racing sailor there was lots to do this summer. Race Chair **Denise Cotter** and Assistant Chair **Fred Baer** and their committee toiled mightily all summer long to give us twelve Sundown Races and a Ladies Race, with nary a hitch except for some contrary weather that refused to give us enough air to move boats. Website Manager **Larry Socie** has put some great sailing pictures up on our website; check them out. Completing the race scene, Race Committee Support Chair **Bob Brownell** and Race Records Chair **Joe Butala** stayed busy compiling race results each week. The July 9<sup>th</sup> Regatta was downright perfect with beautiful weather enabling the 98 participants to sail two races on each of the three courses. Regatta Chair **Chris Behler** and Assistant Chair **Tom Caulfield** and their committee provided a Cocktail party, a Breakfast, lunches and a bang-up Awards Party (so many showed up that we ran out of food). Big Success.

to all of our members who participated in any of these events, either as a worker bee or as a participant. GPSC runs so smoothly because of its people who are always ready to support things. And now it is Fall and we look forward to Board Meetings, the Fall Series races and the New Member's Party in September. October will bring the Frostbite/Chili Party and the Fall Party on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars, good people. There are good times coming.

Club Rosters were distributed in May; if by some chance you did not receive a copy please call me. The publishing delay was due to Roster Chair **Wendy Niven** having to tediously convert existing files from a MAC system to a PC system. She put in many hours and I want to thank her for a really nice final product. There are two Roster corrections that do need noting: The winner of the Leaker Award was **Bill Harbert**, not Com. Gordon Morlan as listed. And the President of the Commodore's Council for 2005 is **Com. Larry Haggart**, not former President Com. Jim Soltesz.

I hope you saw pp. 43 and 44 of the *City of Grosse Pointe Park Resident Handbook* that was published in June. Our close ties with the City are one of the biggest assets of the GPSC. But the biggest asset of all is you, our members. This year as your Commodore is a joy because all of you have made it so enjoyable.

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# GPSC Race Committee



I am sitting here at my computer wondering where to begin as there is so much to say and so much that needs to be said, that I hardly know where to begin.

I guess the place to commence would be to say that this is the Labor Day weekend and that means summer is over and so is the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Sundown Series. (That means next year is the 45<sup>th</sup>...YIKES!!!) The Race Committee, who make all the races possible, worked very hard this year to get 9 of 12 races started and completed. (I don't think too many people minded the abandonment of the three races as the Pistons were hot on the trail of another championship.) The dock workers were as loyal as ever through nights that were windless, or in the case of the last race, almost too windy and very rainy thanks to Katrina. And Rob Brownell worked very hard to get the results posted in a timely fashion with the new scoring system. So be sure to give him a pat on the back for a job well done. The first race and last race afterglows were very successful thanks to the efforts of Prudy and Charlie Billiu. People must love their sloppy joes!!!

And, now a few words about my Assistant, Fred Baer. He is the one who kept me sane! He is very knowledgeable about racing and very experienced. He had the answers to my questions, which were many, and filled in on many occasions when a position was open. I thank him for being my Assistant for the Sundown series, and look forward to him being there for the Fall Series and the Frostbite!!

But in this article I would like to make particular note of the dock workers and our Mark and Patrol Boats. Most of the time those workers who are on Race Records are watching the racers at the start or taking down their times as they finish. On some nights this can be particularly daunting when sail numbers can't be read and the racers are finishing very quickly. But on August 2, Dee Clark, Ridene Soltesz, Mary Fraser and Edie O'Byrne noted a small boat near the shipping channel. Something did not appear right with the boat. As the freighter was passing, they were waving their hands frantically. Upon a quick discussion, it was decided to hail the Patrol Boat captain, Paul Schaap, to check them out and see if assistance was needed. As it turns out, assistance was needed. The small boat had engine failure.

On our final race, the Mark set boat, Dave Charvat, came to the assistance of one of the racers who had been dismayed due to the effects of Katrina.

I have included these two incidents in my article because I feel it is important to show the kind of people we have working on the Race Committee and to acknowledge what these people did. I felt it was important to show that the people on the Race Committee go above and beyond the call of duty.

Lastly, enclosed within this newsletter, is information pertaining to the Fall Series and the Frostbite. The Fall Series is September 11 and 18, and the Frostbite is October 2. Fall Series information has already been posted on the Website and Frostbite information will be posted shortly.

Also, we need workers for the Fall Series. If you can work, please contact Rob Sharrow. Especially needed is a Mark Set boat.

Denise Cotter Race Chairman

Fred Baer Assistant Race Chairman



More great pictures from this years  
Tues. night races are available



on our website at  
[www.gpsc.org](http://www.gpsc.org)



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Hurricane Katrina and the sad state of New Orleans and its people at this time remind us of how fortunate we are here in this lovely area. They need our support and our prayers. Thanks to the fine efforts of our Fleet Captains **Ken Thelan** and **Darius Hummel**, the Grosse Pointe Sail Club is contributing \$700.00 to the Katrina relief effort. This amount is the proceeds from the White Elephant Sale held at the Fall Rendezvous over Labor Day weekend.  
Outstanding

COMMODORE Glory Schappe

## Rear Commodore

Ken Suddick



It's official! The summer of 2005 was a great success!!

Our Regatta was held on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect; the race was well run and the award party was well attended. The day started with a breakfast for the committee and crews. The Regatta Committee lead by Chris and Sheila Behler and assisted by Tom and Rebecca Caulfield did an outstanding job. The committee put in a lot of overtime to make this event the success that it was.

I would like to thank the following members of the Committee for their effort:

**Priscilla Carlson**  
**John and Megan Hughes**  
**Com. and Maureen Comerford**  
**Peter D'Angelo**  
**Com. Jay Deeds**  
**Com. Larry and Lynne Haggart**  
**Com. Frank Ferry**  
**Bill Harbert**

**Pat and Dee Clark**  
**Gayle Suddick**  
**Bill and Elaine Kuester**  
**Sheila Lovely**  
**Com. Ed and Barb Olsen**  
**John Sampson**  
**Paul and Carol Schaap**  
**Andrea Solak**

A special thanks to Andrea Solak for hosting the Friday evening party at her home for the Regatta Committee and DRYA officials. It was a great way to start off the Regatta festivities.

As part of the Regatta we held the first annual Sail for Life Blood Drive. We asked crews, friends and members to donate blood in the name of a person or boat. This event was a memorial to GPSC member Wally Solak. The first place flag was awarded to Andrea Solak at the awards party. (See Picture)



Com. Larry Haggart challenged the Detroit Yacht 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. A case of rum went to the winning club. Although we fell just a little short, all who participated had a good time. Wait till next year! Our club was well represented at the awards party, which was held after the race. Thank you, Larry, for a very good job.

### Reminders

The deadline is approaching for club members to submit recommendations for Bylaw changes. The changes must be presented to the Board for discussion. If they are accepted, we will publish them in the Anchorline before the membership can vote on the changes at the annual meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Don't forget the Chili Party after the Frostbite Race on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Fall Party October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## GPSC TUES. NITE SERIES RESULTS

	SPRING	SUMMER
	PHRF A	
1	Burden IV	Burden IV
2	Epic	Epic
3	Bounder	Bounder
	J 105	
1	Creative LTC	Perversion
2	Macho Duck	Macho Duck
3	Perversion	C-Jem
	PHRF B	
1	Gone	Hoodlum Racing
2	Solutions	Gone
3	Hoodlum Racing	Rhumblur
	JAM A	
1	Aisling	
2	Scrimshaw	
3	Lucky Dogs	
	CRUISING A	
1	Wind Toy IV	Wind Toy IV
2	Rapture	Comfortably Numb
3	Comfortably Numb	Avatar
	JAM B	
1	Wind Stalker	Wind Stalker
2	Spirit	Valkrie
3	Kaizen	Pequod
	JAM C	
1	Sundance	Sundance
2	C.F. Pickle	C.F. Pickle
3	Champion	Champion
	PHRF C	
1	GREEN	Killer Leprechaun
2	Critical Mass	Arcadia
3	Jolly Roger	Jolly Roger
	EXPRESS 27	
1	Das Boot	Air Force
2	Evolution	Das Boot
3	Air Force	Evolution
	CRUISING B	
1	Yankee	
2	Banshee	
	CAL 25	
1	Draco	Annie Mayme
2	Windswept	Stormalong
3	Holme Brew	Holme Brew
	CRESCENTS	
1	Banshee	Utopia
2	Nuts	Manon
3	Manon	Banshee
	PHRF D	
1	Intense Relaxation	Suicide Blonde
2	Suicide Blond	Sea Wise
3	Windward	Whistler

## GPSC UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12	New Member's Party
October 2	Frostbite Race and Chili Party
October 15	Down East Lobster & Steak Feast, Games Night
November 4	GPSC Awards Party
November 18	Dry Dock
December 2	Annual Meeting
December 11	Christmas Party
January 14	Commodore's Ball



# Views From the Vice....

Vice Commodore Tom Fraser



As summer winds down I am reminded of all the great times we shared over the past few months. It has been a great summer for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, from our very successful Sundown Race Series, to our first annual Red Cross blood Drive. Our Club can be very proud of all of our accomplishments. All of our social events were well attended and our

entertainment chairs, **Charlie and Prudy Billiu**, did a spectacular job with all the parties. Thank you all who were involved with planning and attending.

Now is the time of year that the incoming Commodore starts assembling next years Committees to support all our activities. That means I will be calling on all of you to **HELP**. Several members have already raised their hands to support our efforts. I know I can count on all of you to make sure that the transition from 2005 to 2006 is smooth as silk.

There are many members and chairs I need to **THANK** for putting in all the hours it takes to make our club run as efficiently as it does. **Denise Cotter** and **Fred Baer** did a great job running our Tuesday night races. **Bob Brownell** worked on the dock almost every Tuesday and made sure our results were posted accurately and in a timely fashion. **Rob Sharrow** took on the duties of race support this year and did a great job, **Rob** has volunteered to repeat next year and I have accepted his offer. **Thanks Rob**, Race support is an important job that takes months of planning and lots of phone calls to put all the workers in place to man the docks all summer. **Marie Mainwaring** was on the dock ever Tuesday night race and was in charge of halyards. **Ed and Barb Olsen** were on the docks for the first and last Tuesday race and were welcomed by all. **Ed and Barb** were very instrumental in running our races for the past decade or so. I have asked **Ed** to keep up the great work next year and he has accepted as well.

I have a new committee formed for the Commodore's Ball, **Pat and Dee Clarke, Larry and Lynne Haggart, Past Commodore Jerry Partridge and his Lady Fran and Frank Ferry and his wife Cynthia Yott** will all help put on a great party. This years Ball will be held at the Roostertail on **January 14th**. Please mark your calendars now; I would love to see you all there. I promise a good time will be had by all and I think I have the right folks in place to help make it a wonderful event.

I am currently way behind in making my selections for committee chairs. Don't be shy, if there is something you want to help with, pick up the phone and give me a call. I can be reached at my office 275 hours per month at 586-726-7906 or my cell phone at 586-531-8636. Please feel free to give me a call.

**Attention all New Members and New Member sponsors**, there will be a New Members Party at the home of our Commodore, **Glory Schappe** on September 23, 2005 in your honor. Please plan on attending and please bring anyone interested in becoming a member.

Our Frostbite race and Chili Party will be held on October 2, 2005. This is always a very fun event, with a great day of racing and

some fabulous Chili's for all to try and Judge. Also for October we plan to assemble a team of 4 boats to compete for the Team Challenge Race later in the month

Please keep the victims of Hurricane Katrina in your Prayers. We are fortunate to live in Michigan where we don't have to worry about such decimation. Imagine 500,000 people displaced virtually overnight.

That's all from your Vice this month. I look forward to seeing all of you at a Grosse Pointe Sail Club function in the near future.

Tom Fraser

## 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 Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, sponsored a blood donation drive. On July 5, 2005 the Sail for Life Regatta was held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park. The event was an adjunct to our DRYA Regatta, but it was a "dry regatta" with the participants staying ashore.

This event was 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. For many of you, he was a great friend, a great wit and a loving guy. You have helped his memory live on for others.

Wally took the First Place flag. Second place went to the C&C 35, Contender. Third place went Aisling, GPSC. The flags were a symbol of the generous blood donations or monetary gifts to the American Red Cross. So many people worked to make this event a success and ensure that the Club will make this an annual event. 59 people showed up, and 45 were pre registered, 6 people were willing to donate but unable to for minor medical reasons (including foreign travel). 20 people were first time donors and that fact alone is significant as we were able to reach out to the community. All in all, 37 pints of life saving blood were collected and that gave 111 hospital patients a gift of life.

The day of our event there was a critical blood shortage in southeast Michigan and the news channels picked up the story that we were sponsoring a drive. A news team interviewed Commodore Schappe for live TV. She well represented our Club. That interview was heard by folks in Shelby Township and they drove to our park and donated. Our efforts take on more significance now in light of the devastation experienced in the Gulf from Hurricane Katrina. We know we can make a difference.

Wally's brother wrote a poem to help him deal with his grief. He described Wally as robust- what a great word and how it captured the essence of Wally. Our efforts in the future to promote such life saving events should be robust.

**Andrea Solak**



# BYC-Mackinac Race 2005

Com. Robert Schappe

It began with a "Delay of Race" for lack of air and finished as one of the fastest races on record. Our boat, Spectre, was racing on the Southampton Course in Class H, under the new IRC measurement system. Besides myself and our two sons, Scott and Steve, the crew were all GPSC members: Frank Ferry, Tom Caulfield, Jerry Meach, Ron Strickler and Steve Liroff.

After a one-hour delay, the breeze of 8-10 knots filled in from the southeast and never stopped blowing. We carried our No. 1 genoa but then shifted to an asymmetrical spinnaker as we sailed at about six and a half knots right up the rhumb line. At 6:00 PM Tom Caulfield served us our traditional lasagna dinner with Gator Aid. After midnight the wind backed to the south so we changed to the regular symmetrical chute which we carried to the Southampton turning buoy. We rounded about 4:30 AM and continued on under chute for the long ride across the lake to Presque Isle.

Fortunately for us, the squall that blasted the boats racing along the Michigan shore never hit us. The wind continued blowing from the south and built to 15-20 knots on our beam. Boatspeed of seven plus knots made it exhilarating but with trying to carry the A-chute in five-foot beam seas, steering was a real adventure. Much of Sunday afternoon was spent trying to keep the boat on her feet. We saw a number of blown chutes and boats with obvious gear problems. After two minor "round ups" we reluctantly changed to a genoa like everyone else around us.

Upon reaching the Presque Isle area, we were in the lee of the land, the seas settled down and we had a pleasant ride until the wind veered to the northwest. We spent Sunday night and early Monday morning tacking toward the island.

The race was so fast and we were so busy, the crew was either working on deck or sleeping. Nourishment was sandwiches, Jerry Meach's Scottish eggs, trail mix and Gator Aid. Our water for drinking is dipped from the lake and run through Frank Ferry's water filter system.

To save weight, we try to observe a 15-lb. limit on personal gear for our two-day "camp out". This means polypro underwear, shorts and T-shirts, a layer of fleece for warmth and foul weather gear as the third layer. Foot gear is just fast-drying deck shoes. We sometimes laugh at the gear we carried in the old days: blue jeans, cotton shirts and shorts, never-dry leather shoes and heavy sea boots. Crew routinely wore inflatable life jackets with tethers clipped to a jackline.

We crossed the Mackinac finish line at 6:00 AM on Monday morning and along with everyone else, anchored out until cruising boats cleared out of the harbor. At 6:15 AM, our son, Steve, grabbed his cell phone and called his wife, Julie, who had just left her dad's Grosse Pointe house. She told us she had just seen the BYC website and that we had won third place. Talk about good news traveling fast!

There were 11 GPSC boats in the race and the club did itself proud!

## SOUTHAMPTON COURSE

<u>Class</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Owner</u>
IRC I	Solutions	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark Crai
IRC I	Freeway	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Doug Carlson
IRC H	Spectre	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coms.B & G Schappe
IRC E	Power Tripp	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul/Jim Kraft
IRC E	Screaming O	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Francis
<b>SHORE COURSE-PHRF</b>			
PHRF L	Sea Wise	10 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Weiss
PHRF J	Avatar	4 <sup>th</sup>	Com. Gordon Morlan
PHRF J	Elmininator	1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Van Tol/B. Vande
C & C 35	Gandalf	3 <sup>th</sup>	Don Ragan

## SHORE COURSE-CRUIISING

Cruising B	Wind Toy IV	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Bunn
Cruising B	Scrimshaw	7 <sup>th</sup>	Rick Rumon

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club fielded two Doyle Sailmakers-Bayview Yacht Club Mackinac Challenge teams, with a team composed of one boat from each of the three courses.

### Team One

Solutions	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Avatar	4 <sup>th</sup>
Wind Toy IV	1 <sup>st</sup>

### Team Two

Spectre	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Eliminator	1 <sup>st</sup>
Scrimshaw	7

We are saddened to hear of the death of Com Dick Felborg on Aug 17th He died in an auto accident in Maine, where he moved with his wife Lynn about 10 years ago. He was an active member of the Sail Club for many years and was the son-in-law of Gene Mathivet who was an important part of our Tuesday night races.

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# ROSTER UPDATE

A warm welcome to all New Members not listed in this years roster

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