

COMMODORE Tom Fraser Comments



You are all invited!! In the past couple of months I have received numerous invitations to other Clubs around the Great Lakes. We as members of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club enjoy the privileges of members of many other Clubs, including:

The Jolly Roger Sailing Club, Port Clinton Yacht Club, LaSalle Mariner,s Yacht Club, The Grosse Isle Yacht Club, Fairport Harbor Yacht Club and The Buffalo Yacht Club. All of these Clubs have extended their hands of friendship to all members of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. Each of these Clubs, as well as many others all over the United States, Mexico and the Virgin Islands extend the privileges of visiting and dining at their Clubs whenever we are traveling. Tonight as I write my April narrative Anchorline co-editor **George Fuller** is enjoying Dinner at the St Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco.

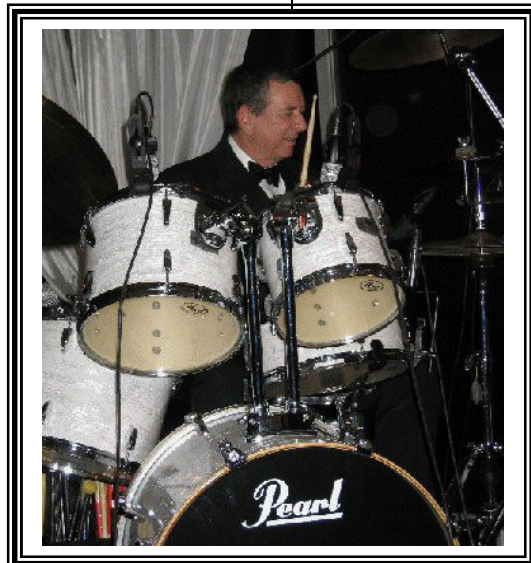
The past couple of months found several Commodores' Balls on the calendar. We are a much-respected Club. Lady Mary and I have made new friends from Clubs all over the DRYA area. At dinners, balls and cocktail parties, our Tuesday Night Sundown Series seems to always come up in conversation. We have one of the oldest series on Lake St. Clair and this year, with any luck, we will run another great series through the help of our membership.

Our Race committee has really been hard at work again this year. We should know soon if the U.S. Coast Guard has approved our new race courses. **Andrew Morlan**, with help from **Frank Ferry** and others have come up with three new race courses. The new courses will maintain the same distances as the old course, but move the fleet into deeper water with tougher angles to challenge all the racers just a little bit more. **Denise Cotter** and **Fred Baer** have the Notice of Race complete, and the applications have been mailed

We are still in. Just as a reminder to our entire Racer Fleet, we will be starting our Tuesday Night Sundown Series one week earlier than normal. The first race will be May 23, 2006 with the first gun sounded approximately 1850 hours, need of some support staff for all of our races. We need timers, recorders, spotters, patrol boat crew as well as gunners, halyard helpers and scorekeepers. Please contact **Rob Sharrow**, **Denise Cotter** or myself if you can assist in any way. It really is a great way to meet other members of

the club. We do a lot more than sail boat race in this club so please give one of us a call and get involved. The social side of our club is spectacular to say the least. We had a large group of GPSC members rendezvous in Mexico last month and now they are planning a GPSC trip to the Galapagos Islands in November. I think we need a new position on the board, how about an international Fleet Captain as a new Flag Officer?

I need to recognize two of our members as heroes of sorts. **Rebecca and Tom Caulfield** probably saved **Jay Deeds** life. On the morning of March 19th, **Rebecca** found **Jay** lying in his driveway unable to get himself up. Jay had been lying there since sometime around 2:00 AM. It had rained and



DRUMMER BOY AT COMODORES' BALL

sleeted most of the night and when the paramedics got Jay to the hospital his core body temperature was in the low 80s. Within a few days, Jay was feeling a bit better and the one thing that really ticked Jay out was the way the paramedics cut his beloved Grosse Pointe sail Club jacket off. **Jay** was lucky, Thanks **Rebecca and Tommy** you are Heroes! Hey **Jay**, I hear someone is working on a new GPSC jacket for you.

Well that,s about it from your Commodore. I hope to see you all soon at a GPSC event.

GPSC Race Committee



APRIL ANCHORLINE

Here ye!! Hear ye!!
Your attention please...

On April 28, the Grosse Pointe Sail Club Race Committee will hold its annual Race Seminar at Bayview Yacht Club. The seminar will begin at 7:00 p.m., however, you are cordially invited and most seriously encouraged to come early and enjoy a meal in the Bayview dining room, cooked by Chef Joe, prior to the seminar. Bayview accepts Visa or you may charge your Grosse Pointe Sail Club account. Everyone is welcome especially new members who want to meet more club members and learn what goes on during a race. Like last year, it will be interactive with a mock race. Those who attended last year had a good time and it is the goal of the Race Committee to not only provide some education, but a good time as well.

Dennis and I attended the University of Michigan Big Ten Team Race the weekend of April 1. To our surprise Ed Olsen was there as part of the protest committee. He informed me that the DRYA C mark is no longer a permanent mark. Therefore, the Race Committee is purchasing a new orange mark. Please note in the Sailing Instructions, under Number 6: Courses: for all courses using the DRYA C mark, that mark will now be named GPSC E. Also, on the chartlett, the DRYA C mark is now the GPSC E. (This change has been made on the website and all

changes and the class splits and starts will also be posted on the club bulletin board prior to the first race.)

(In case you are wondering, University of Michigan took first place in the Big Ten Team races and Purdue took 6th (my son goes to Purdue) out of 7 schools participating. The competition was fierce and fun to watch. Other schools participating were Wisconsin, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Michigan State, and Northwestern. Each team raced 12 races and there were 42 races in all. Ed did have a few protests to settle.)

On behalf of the Race Committee, we are looking forward to seeing you at the Race Seminar on April 28.

Easter

Denise Cotter

Race Chairman

Happy

Fred Baer

Assistant Race Chairman

the grosse pointe sail club
proudly presents
the annual race seminar
at
bayview yacht club
on
Friday, April 28

The seminar begins at 7:00 p.m. in the
Mackinac Room.

Come early and enjoy a delicious dinner in the
dining room prepared by Chef Joe.

Bayview accepts Visa, MasterCard
or will bill the Grosse Pointe Sail Club.

Views From the Rear



•••• Rear Commodore Peter 'Angelo

Just a little while longer and we will again resume activities on the water. Laying up the boat in the fall seems like such a long time ago. Hang in there.

Those that attended the Green Acres Spring Party will remember an evening of excitement and fun. **Holly Burns** first salvo at throwing a party for the club was a great success. Food, cheer, games, contests prizes all added up to an evening that was wonderfully planned and went off perfectly.



Fred & Debra Chapman, Com. Frank Ferry, Glenn Housey, Bob Brownell, Prudence & Charlie Billiu did much to contribute and support. Congratulations Holly. Your parties will be something to look forward to.

Speaking of parties the Commodores Steak Roast is coming up on April 22. You will need to get your reservation in early if you want to insure your choice of a steak.

We are this year updating the club history in a documented form. **Com. Dennis Cotter** and **Com. Ed Olsen** are teaming up bring our history forward from the sixties. This is a formidable task from the initial gathering of information to a finish product. Dennis is currently scanning documents into a computer and utilizing an optical character recognition program to edit the data into a finished format. "A picture is worth a thousand words." We are currently looking for any pictures we may have that record any sort of club event – official, race, social

etc. Look through your drawers and boxes. Dennis gives his assurance that any photos will be returned in tact.

Plans for this year's Regatta are coming along thanks to Chair **Tom Caulfield** and Co-Chair **David Gaskin**. The last part of the puzzle left to fill is the position of leeward mark boat. Although there are some specific duties associated with this

position, it is a great opportunity to spend some time on the water and witness close hand the exciting sailboat regatta. This could be served, but not exclusively, by a powerboat. The leeward mark boat may have many guests as you wish to have aboard. Additionally as a Regatta participant you will be invited to the Regatta social events.

Heartfelt thanks to the efforts of **Tom & Becky Caulfield** in assisting **Com. Jay Deeds**. We can believe in angels!

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Attention all cruisers - sail and power

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An itinerary we have considered includes a trip northbound with 2 or 3 possible stops in Lexington, Roger City and/or Tawas/Oscoda. An entrance to the North Channel at Detour. A leisurely tour of North Channel from west to east. Reentering Lake Huron through Cove Island, Georgian Bay. And finally 2 or 3 possible stops in Southampton/Port Elgin, Bayfield, and/or Sarnia Bay Harbor. This itinerary is tentative and subject to our plans, availability and weather.

You are encouraged to join us at the start or any point and continue as long as you can. We would hope to be as flexible as we can be to accommodate our schedules. Our target dates are July 16 through August 2. So far we have .2 other boats interested in joining us

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April 22

Commodore's Steak Roast

April 28 Race

Seminar at BYC

Planning a Cruise

across The North Channel

Volunteer Host

Families Needed for 2006-

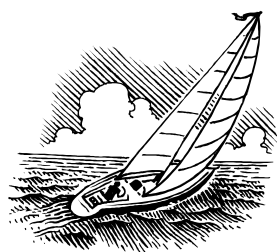
US Youth Sailing

Championship June 22-29.

Lake Erie

rendezvous in June

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INSIDE FOR**





Grosse Pointe Sail Club

Announces

The 45th Annual Tuesday Night Sundown Series

“Spring Patio Party”

May 23rd

After The Race



Join Us For

***Complimentary
Hor’dorves***

***Complimentary Beer
While Supply Lasts***

***Coney Dogs & Chips
\$1.00 each***

In Case Of Rain Bring Your Fowl Weather Gear!



Views From the Vice....

Vice Commodore Kenneth Suddick



The GPSC Sundown Series will be here before you know it. Rob Sharrow, our Race Support Coordinator, is looking for a few good members to sign up for dock duty for our Tuesday Night Races. The first race will

be held on May 23rd. Rob needs record keepers, gunners and volunteers to work the halcyards. Contact Rob with the dates that you can help out.

THE 13TH ANNUAL DETROIT RIVER CHALLENGE RACE on SUNDAY afternoon, May 21, 2006, will be starting off the Windmill Point Pier (start area for the Tuesday GPSC Sunset Series) and finish at the Detroit Yacht Club.

The Jib and Main Race is open to all sailboats (racers and cruisers). There is NO entry fee. The application and race instructions will be posted on our web site next week. If you have any questions, please contact me. It will be the responsibility of GPSC to start the River Challenge Race on May 21st. I am looking for a race officer, gunner, timer, and a halcyard person. I also need an experienced mark set boat. We will do the start only, as the DYC will take care of the finish and all of the race results. The start committee is invited to the party after the race at the DYC.

If you would like to help with the starting line duties, please call me ASAP.

Vice Commodore Ken Suddick

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Mark Your Calendar!
It's the 2006

DYC-GPSC

RUM CHALLENGE

JUNE 24th

Again this year, you will see more boats on the starting line than for any other regatta during the year. The DBC-GPC Regatta Committee has even given us our own start. It's great fun. Plan to get out on the water and join us.

Watch for more details coming soon.

G.P.S.C.Regatta
Club Class
July 8th, 2006

Once again you will have the ability to claim the bragging rights of; "I've got the fastest boat!" for the next twelve months. Yes, it may seem childish to let our ego come forth, but why not feed that inner child, and put a smile on your face at the same time.

Please plan on bringing your boat, (sorry, sailors only,) and crew together for the "Club Class" race held on the DRYA "C" course, during our annual regatta. This class is for club members only, either skippering their own boat or one they enter for the race. The primary intent of this class is to give members who *don't* race the Saturday DRYA regattas a chance for that honored piece of taffeta with 1st on it. We have our own start, not one mixed with other racers, and will do one race on the 8th, which normally requires about an hour of your crews sweat and ability. More details will follow next month, but plan your schedule now and keep the 8th open for this race.

Commodore, Frank X. Ferry, contact: fxferry@sbcglobal.net

Lake Eire in June

Interest has been shown by several members in gathering for a rendezvous upon the waters of Lake Erie this June starting at the end of the Club's Belle River weekend. No formal agenda has been set yet, but informally the interest brought forth involves Put in Bay, Cedar Point, Kellys Island and Middle Bass Island within a week's time frame. Should you have an interest in plying the waters of Lake Erie, during the week of June 18th to the 24th, with other members please let me know and I will put your thoughts in the "Fun Hoper" being developed around the weeks activities. This can be a mixed fleet of both sail and power, but all must bring a smile with them.

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Volunteer Host Families Wanted!

This year, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club is hosting the prestigious 2006 US Youth Sailing Championship, June 22-29. It will be a great challenge for GPYC members to house 150 entrants, event judges and coaches during the event. So, in order to provide housing for each competitor, the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, along with several other clubs in the area, has offered to help find enough homes for the competitors.

To find out more about the event and what is required of a host family, please go to the website set up for the regatta at <http://www.usyouthchamps.org/main.asp?m=1&s=3>. There you will find a Housing Information Letter and Host Application.

If you would like more information you can also contact one of the following volunteers...

GPYC - [MaryAnn Simon](#) (313) 881-5364

BYC - [Sara DeClerq](#) (313) 824-0920

CSYC - [Sharon Pomber](#) (313) 884-6257

DYC - [Bill Heller](#) (313) 882-6130

Thank you for your support of Youth Sailing - It will be a rewarding experience.


**ONLY A DAY OR TWO LEFT!
RESERVE YOUR SEAT
(AND YOUR STEAK!) FOR THE
APRIL 22ND COMMODORES'
STEAK ROAST!
CALL COM. GLORY SCHAPPE
PRONTO AT 313.823.0163
AND GET IN ON THE PARTY!**