

COMMODORE Kenneth Suddick**Comments**

On January 13th the Grosse Pointe Sail Club held our annual Commodore's Ball at the Roostertail. We had 196 members, guests and visiting

Commodores from all of the DRYA Clubs. It was a great evening and I would like to thank the Ball Committee for an outstanding job. Com. Cormac O'Byrne was the masterful Master of Ceremonies and Chris Behler was articulate and eloquent as he introduced all of the Commodores. Other members of the committee who helped make this a very successful ball were Com. Jerry Partridge, who was very instrumental in planning, Com. Mike Comerford who did a fine job introducing me, with only a modicum of embarrassment, Tom Gibney, who once again did a terrific job of corralling and controlling the line up of commodores, Denise Cotter, whose calligraphy always adds so much elegance to our invitations and place cards, as well as the following club members who gave their time and effort to planning the ball or assisting with some portion of the evening, including the afterglow: Beth Gibney, Dee Clark, Cynthia Warner, Eydie O'Byrne, Maureen Comerford, Com. Larry and Lynne Haggart, Nancy and Dave MacDonald, Fred Chapman and Linda and Richard Rumon. We particularly would like to thank Coms Glory & Bob Schappe, for hosting the afterglow in their home.

On Friday February 2nd we held our 2nd annual Dry Dock (chart party) at the home of Rear Commodore Bill Kuester. Our Dry Dock chairperson, Nancy McPherson hosted over 40 members and guests. Thank you, Nancy, for organizing this fun and informative evening.

The DRYA has scheduled a series of Wednesday evening seminars. Please plan on attending the following events:

- Feb. 28th **"First Aid Afloat"**
at the Edison Boat Club
- Mar. 7th **"Rules of the Road"**
at the Great Lakes Yacht Club
- Mar. 14th **"Sail the Course"**
at the Detroit Yacht Club
- Mar. 21st **"Heavy Weather Sailing"**
at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

All seminars start at 7:00 pm.

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On February 22nd the Grosse Pointe Sail Club will host the DRYA Hot Stove Meeting at the Tompkins Center

PLAN TO HONOR WORLD WAR II VETERNS

Honor Air of Michigan is a non-profit organization providing WW2 Veterans an escorted, all expense paid one-day trip to Washington D.C. to visit the Memorial built in their honor. The idea came about when three nurse practitioners at the Detroit VA Medical Center were discussing their "older" vets. These special men are getting older and their memorial was recently completed. Club member, Sheila Behler, is one of these nurse practitioners. The idea quickly grew into a non-profit organization with the **first trip planned for May 2007**. They need your help; they need donations of money and volunteers. Call 734-207-0919 or access their web site: www.honorairofmichigan.com

GPSC Race Committee



The 2007 GPSC Race Committee met on January 29 and reviewed the Sailing Instructions for the coming year. There will be some clarification changes, the course map will have some

more detail and the ninth “novice” start will be included.

I receive e-mail from one of our Members who thought that the ninth start for novice skippers was a good idea. Our plan is to run it for the spring series and then have the new and now experienced racers join their appropriate class for the summer series.

We are also proposing an “Operation Shanghai.” This is what got me into “big boat” sailing. The Jersey Ocean Racing Club (JORC, a DRYA type organization) ran a notice about sailing. “Come and sail, no experience needed.” It attracted a lot of people and some of us went on to become lifetime boaters. Saturday, May 19th is the date. Boats and mentors are needed. We all need crew and this is a good way to attract and train future crew and GPSC Members.

Pass back your comments.

Bill Kuester

DID YOU KNOW

To enter the members section of the GPSC website use

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From The Case Book for 2005-2008

Interpretations of the Racing Rules
International Sailing Federation
February 2005

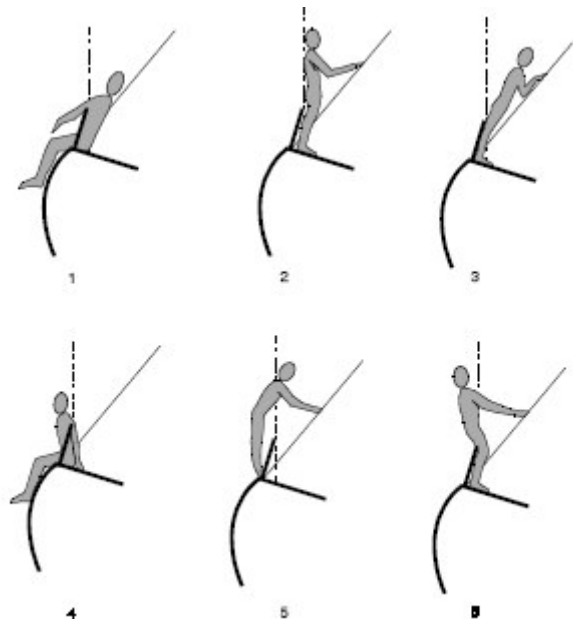
CASE 36

Rule 49.2, Crew Position

Positioning of crew members relative to lifelines.

Summary of the Facts

A boat in an offshore class, while close-hauled, had a crew member positioned, for several minutes on two occasions, next to the shrouds with his feet on the deck and his legs inside but touching the lifelines. While his torso was substantially upright, part of it was outboard of an imaginary line projected vertically from the top of the lifelines. The boat was disqualified under rule 49.2 and appealed.



Decision on next page

VIEW FROM THE REAR

.... Rear Commodore
William Kuester



When I received and read the January Anchorline I realized that I had made a grave error.

The 46 members that I mentioned are listed as committee heads. They are backed up by the rest of the Membership who volunteer their time to make these committees work. So, allow me to repeat myself, "Our club would not succeed with out the tireless efforts of all the volunteers". Thank you!

It has been a busy month -

Commodore Suddick and his committee planned and executed one outstanding Commodore's Ball. Each year the incoming Commodore hosts this party. They get better every year as each new Commodore sets the bar higher. Elaine and I are in trouble. Club history shows that we might be hosting one in 2009. With the talented D'Angelos already actively planning next January's party we will only hope to continue the tradition of each year's change of command party topping the previous one.

The Phillips family, Haggarts, Willifords and Kuesters were this year's winter party group. We had fun! However, is it time for a change? For this event to continue, I believe that we need to attract more people. Should we head "up north" to a location where there is cross country and downhill skiing? Should there be a water slide, etc.?

Let's get creative and find a venue that will bring out the younger families with their children and also provide fun for the "empty nesters" (more senior (older) Members.)

Race Committee and Regatta Committees met and plans for the Tuesday night races and the July regatta weekend are moving along at a rapid pace. The Saturday post race regatta party will be held under tents at the Paterson Park. We've done this before and it works well. Next year we will be back in the Tompkins Center.

The February Dry Dock was one grand party. Presentations were made on why we sail, favorite cruising grounds and information about the Great Lakes Cruising Club. That group is the experts on cruising the Great Lakes. Their burgee is interesting. At first glance it appears to be a soccer ball, but actually it is five chain links that represent the five Great Lakes.

After the February Board meeting there will be only 68 days to launch date. I can hardly wait!

Smooth sailing,

Bill Kuester

Case # 36 Decision

The appeal is dismissed. As to the illustrated positions, 1, 2 and 3 do not break the rule; positions 5 and 6 break it. In position 4, on boats equipped with two wire lifelines, a crew member sitting on deck facing outboard with his waist inside the lower lifeline may have the upper part of his body outside the upper lifeline.

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DRYA 2006 Season Results For GPSC Racers

			Spring	Summer	Season
IRC A	Power Tripp	Jim/Paul Kraft	First	First	First
Cruising	Spectre	B & G Schappe	First	First	First
PHRF	C&C 35 Shamrock	Jim Gillis	Third	Second	Third
	C&C 35 Gandalf	Don Ragan	Third		

Spectre was also awarded the **Com. A. J. Sumerlee Trophy** for First-in-Class.

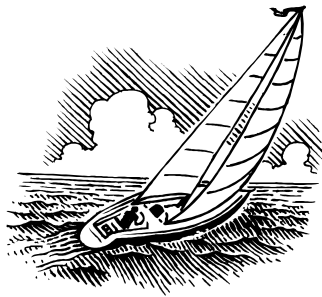
Power Tripp received three trophies: **Edward Grant Trophy** for First-in-Class

Com. Herb Mainwaring Trophy for A Course Overall

St. Clair Trophy for IRC Overall



LOOK INSIDE FOR



March 24th.GPSC Spring Party Mexican Fiesta
Volunteers needed for Entertainment Committee

DRYA Seminars continue every Wednesday

DRYA Race results for GPSC Racers

Views From the Vice

.... Vice Commodore



Peter D' Angelo

This month has been a busy and important month for us. Race has taken significant steps in planning for the Spring and Fall series. **R. Com. Bill Kuester** has drawn the many people together that will accomplish these exciting and important events. **David Gaskin** and Bill have worked to organize this years Regatta. Without taking any wax away from Dave and Bill, expect some exciting changes this year. This years Rendezvous will take an innovative turn. **Al Racquepau** is planning some exciting changes as well. Be sure to mark your calendars for the dates.

If you missed the Dry Dock you missed an informative and interesting evening. **Nancy McPherson** made it great fun. The party featured **Chris Bheler's** presentation on the Joys of Cruising. If there is a better presentation about cruising the Great Lakes, I haven't seen it. **Com. Ken Suddick** gave some insight on the interesting boat delivery business. **Dave Charvat** shared cruising experiences as well.

Don't miss the Mexican Fiesta Party on March 24. **Fred & Debbie Chapman** are putting together a south of the border party. **Lady Sheila** & I will be leaving for Mexico soon in February having are own fiesta winter break.

Winter is plowing on. Spring will soon follow. If you have a boat, have you been out to check on it this winter? The cold, wind and snow can be very serious issues for boat storage. The boat cover should be inspected. The bilge should be checked for water/ice. Sometimes we can get a head start on spring maintenance and make the launch easier.

See you at the next Board Meeting .

Volunteers Needed

Please call Deborah Chapman
@ (586) 997-3284 if you would
like to volunteer to help
the Entertainment committee

SAVE THE DATE

**2007 GPSC Regatta Party
Saturday, July 7, 2007**



**at
Patterson Park
(Essex and Three Mile Drive –
Grosse Pointe Park)**

**Join in the fun and support our club.
All members and their families and friends are invited
to the regatta party beginning @ 1600.**

**Music and beverages will be provided
and a buffet will be available for purchase.**

**(Awards for the GPSC regatta will be
presented during the party.)**

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Grosse Pointe Sail Club

PRESENTS

The GPSC SPRING PARTY

SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2007
Tompkins Community Center
Windmill Pointe Park



Mexican Fiesta

Music by DJ *In-Play*
Productions

TIME: Margaritas begin at 1900 hours

WHO: GPSC Members and Guests

MENU

Nacho Bar

Ground Beef, Beans, and all the fixings

Nachos with cheese

Southwestern Salad

Dessert

Beer, Wine, Pop, and *Margaritas*



Deadline for Reservations is March 13th

Send in your Reservation TODAY!

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NAME: _____

(Cut along dotted line)

ADULTS _____ @ \$25.00 TOTAL \$ _____

Please make check payable to the **Grosse Pointe Sail Club**

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