

COMMODORE Kenneth Suddick

Comments

Despite our freezing weather, the calendar tells us that we are getting very close to boating season.

There are approximately 45 days until launching in mid April and that means racing season will be coming up soon after. Our Race Chairman, Com. Bill Kuester is busy preparing for the 2007 Tuesday night race series, which will start on May 29th. In keeping with tradition, we will start the race season with a party on the Tompkins Center Patio, for Captains and crew, after the race. We are looking for members to volunteer to help set up. If you are interested, please contact our Entertainment Chairs, Fred and Debby Chapman. Other early boating activities include the Annual Fleet Blessing on May 28th. We will start the day off with a breakfast at the Tompkins Center followed by the Fleet Blessing.

David Gaskin and Linda Rumon are making plans for our Regatta on Saturday, July 7th.

This year the awards party will be at Patterson Park due to a scheduling conflict at the Tompkins Center. As most of you that live in the Park know, Patterson Park is a beautiful venue and our awards party should be another great success.

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Important Notice:

The agenda for the April 3rd Board Meeting at Tom's Oyster Bar will include an open discussion about the Club's Certificate of Deposit.

This CD was originally set up as a building fund, but we need to determine if we want to change the intended purpose of the fund. Do we keep it intact for that use? Do we call it a "rainy day fund"? Do we use the interest as income to the club? Do we use it to offset increased costs that the club has incurred over the last few years since the last dues increase? Are there other considerations?

I am asking interested club members and Past Commodores to attend this meeting and share any thoughts that you may have with the Board. If you can't attend the meeting and have some input or background information, please contact me before April 3rd to share your insights/views.

Views From the Vice

.... Vice Commodore
Peter D' Angelo



Think Spring! It's not far away. And with spring comes the April 15 opening of the season at our marina. This year promises to be active and exciting for the club. Fleet Captain Al Raquepau is assembling plans for a June rendezvous at the North Channel Yacht Club and a Labor Day weekend rendezvous at Metro Beach Marina. I can hardly wait. Hats off to Ted Williford, Treasurer, for loading the club's accounting records onto an accounting software program. The initial setup entails a good deal of effort. Much good can come out of it though. Rob Sharrow, Race Support, is looking for smiling faces to fill the schedule of volunteers needed for our race program this year. If you have worked race in the past or if you would like to be included in the fun involved with our race program, please step up and volunteer! Steve Liroff, Membership, is looking for a few good members to assist in the sponsoring process for new members. Prospective members need encouragement to learn what our club is about. This is somewhat formative in concept. If you have interest contact Steve.

Commodore Ken Suddick has set on the agenda for the April 3 board meeting a consideration of the funds our club has accumulated. These savings have been in the club for a period only a few can remember. There now is before us a consideration of those funds in the short or long range and what purpose or purposes they might have. I encourage member to attend the meeting. The board would like to consider your thoughts. If you cannot attend and would like to share them with me, please email me at re.peter@comcast.net.

DRYA SEMINARS CONTINUE

Mar. 21st "Heavy Weather Sailing"
at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club"

Seminars start at 7:00 pm.

GPSC Race Committee



At its February Hot Stove meeting, sponsored by the GPSC, the DRYA announced that they were combining the "A" and "B" into one and will be sailing those races at the existing position of the "A" course. This solved the dilemma that was facing our Regatta Committee. This year's GPSC Regatta will sail a windward-leeward course and will not have to deal with the light wind conditions that sometimes plagues the old "B" course. The regatta date is July 7th. **The post race party will be held under tents at Paterson Park and not at Windmill Pointe.**

All of the GPSC's Marine Event Applications were delivered to USCG Group Detroit this morning and we expect their approvals shortly.

Rob Sharrow's spread sheet of race dock assignments is very empty at this date. Please contact him at either 313-824-7393 or e-mail sharrow13@comcast.net and sign up. We have always had a dedicated group of dock workers for these races and will welcome back last year's crew and any new folks. It is a great way to meet sail club members and become an important part of this club.

Look for the race applications and SI's next month.

Smooth sailing,

Bill



DID YOU KNOW

To enter the members section of the
GPSC website use

User ID port
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VIEW FROM THE REAR

.... Rear Commodore
William Kuester



Last night was the March Board meeting. It was good seeing Holly Burns, looking so good, after her health problems of this winter. As usual she had many good ideas about getting the word out about the GPSC.

Al Raquepau, our Electronic Communicator, has done an outstanding job in compiling the list of Officers and Committee Chairs. It is a very useful tool. Congratulations are in order to Al. His brother-in-law, Commodore Suddick claims the Al had the longest longevity of any engineer at Ford until his recent retirement. 37 years!, now he is available to the GPSC for additional tasking.

The electronic airways have been alive with all of the yearly histories of the GPSC. Commodores Olsen and Cotter have been very busy compiling the Club's history from years 26 through 50. It is outstanding reading. It is incredible to realize that we are a part of this Club, one that has done so much, for so long, to promote the sport of sailing. I encourage all of you to read this history when it

is published. Thank you Ed and Dennis for this outstanding work.

Debbie and Fred Chapman have put plans together for an outstanding March Party. Plenty of good food, good drinks, and music presented by a DJ will make for a memorable evening on March 24th at the Tompkins Center. Contact the Chapmans at fac2@dcx.com or 248-379-1166 with your many reservations. This is a great time to invite crew, friends and perspective GPSC Members to one of the best parties of the year.

Elaine and I will look forward to seeing all of you there.

Smooth sailing,

Bill

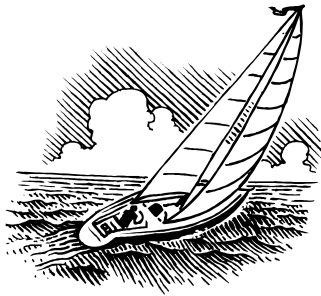
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Winter Dry Dock

Spring was in the air February 2nd at the winter dry dock. Despite horizontal snow showers and bone-chilling wind, about thirty club members met at Bill Kuester's home for an enjoyable evening. The food and drink were plentiful and conversation went late into the night. Chris Behler entertained us with his slides on the joys of sailing. Commodore Ken Suddick gave us all a fascinating glimpse of his "other job", a boat-delivery captain. Dave Charvat spoke about the grand tour through the waterways of the country. This enjoyable evening gives us hope that boating season will indeed return soon!

LOOK INSIDE FOR

Commodore Announces Special Agenda For Board Meeting on April 3rd.



March 24th. GPSC Spring Party Mexican Fiesta

March 21st. Heavy Weather Sailing Seminar

April 21st. Commodore's Steak Roast



GPSC Helps Find a Cure

Skipper, Crew or Make a Donation

Win a Shirt, Hat, Jacket or Sail w/ Gary Jobson

RAISE MORE THAN A SAIL THIS SPRING to fight blood cancers such as leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma by registering your boat and crew in the 8th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta at Great Lakes Yacht Club in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Held in concurrence with the DRYA sanctioned Early Bird Regatta, the Leukemia Cup is both a race and a fundraising competition. Skippers, crew members and even non-sailors raise funds for great prizes and to fund blood cancer research as well as services for patients right here in Michigan.

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Here Are The Key Dates:

Friday, May 18

Join us for a Cocktail Reception hosted by Mount Gay Rum

Saturday, May 19

Race Day! Awards presentation, raffle, silent auction and dinner



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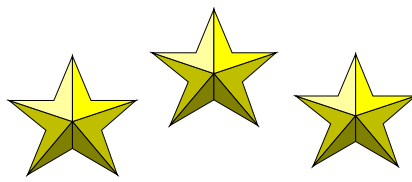
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For More Information & to Confirm Registration Submission Contact:

PC Jerry Partridge at 313-331-2652 or PC Gordon Morlan at 313-822-8251



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**CHEFS ARE AT IT
 AGAIN!**

And they cordially invite you to attend their annual
 Commodores' Steak Roast

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007
 1830 (6:30 PM)
 TOMPKINS CENTER**

Dinner is a choice of grilled-to-perfection Steak or Chicken
 Breast, accompanied by salad, vegetables, potatoes, dessert,
 beer, wine and setups.

Remember to bring your own table service!

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 Reservations due by April 15th (or you may be eating chicken instead of steak).
 Make check to: Grosse Pointe Sail Club. Mail form to Com Thomas Fraser, 1360 Kensington,
 Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Name _____ # Chicken Breasts ____ @ \$19.00 _____
 # Steaks _____ @ \$21.00 _____
 Total Amount Enclosed _____



Sail for the Cures Great Lakes Yacht Club

May 18 -19, 2007
St. Clair Shores, MI



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Join us for a cocktail party Friday, May 18, 2007 and the "race" Saturday, May 19, 2007.

Skipper's Boat Registration Form

Complete the form below and mail or fax it with your \$75 donation to:

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
1421 E. 12 Mile Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071
(800) 456-5413 - Fax (248) 582-2925

Once you are registered, you will receive a fundraising packet for you and your crew to help your boat raise as much money as possible to help fight blood cancers and qualify for additional incentives. **NO ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEES** are required for others doing fundraising for your boat.

Return your registration by April 16, 2007 to have your Boat's name included on the official Leukemia Cup Regatta t-shirt.

Skipper's Name: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Boat Name: _____ Sail #: _____

Please go to www.GreatLakesYC.com/racing if you are participating on the Cruiser Course.

Yacht Builder / Model: _____ LOA: _____

Class: _____ Rating: _____

Max. Genoa: _____% Propeller Type: _____ Rig Type: _____

of Crew Members _____ Fundraising Goal \$ _____

T-shirt size (circle one) M L XL XXL

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please enclose your \$75 check (Made out to: *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*) or donate using a Credit Card: MasterCard Visa (circle one)

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digit Security Code #: _____

Signature: _____ Amount: \$ _____