

## COMMODORE



## Peter D' Angelo

Comments . . . . .

As winter has refused to release its grip on us, just the same, we look forward with great anticipation to the beginning of our boating season. There are those that have begun the spring recommissioning in early March and have a leg up. To those that love our waters this is restorative to the soul.

The Great Lakes are ours to enjoy and protect. And nothing means more to preserve our waters than "green" boating practices. There is no member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club who would knowingly jeopardize water quality, I am sure. Everyone is aware to avoid fouling our waters with waste and fuel spillage. Green boating issues are expanded and complicated by the ever increasing technology of new materials and methods involved in boating today. Education is the key to recognizing appropriate actions as a boater on the water and on dry land. The Boat U.S. Foundation ([boatus.com/foundation](http://boatus.com/foundation)) offers a comprehensive source of practical information. The National Clean Boating Campaign ([cleanboating.org](http://cleanboating.org)) headquartered right here in Ferndale, Michigan, is a comprehensive source of practices for clean marinas, clean boatyard, clean retailers and clean boaters. This organization is recognized by the Marine Environmental Education Foundation ([meef.org](http://meef.org)). MEEF offers educational programs aimed at cleaner waters for boaters. Further there is much each of us can do to forward green boating and green boating awareness.

The GPSC hosted a DRYA Winter Sailing Seminar. Com. Howard Riley and Com. Dave Parkes presented "Shorthanded Sailing". The event was informative and entertaining. We salute Com. Riley for a great evening.

In June the club will sponsor another Sail for Life Blood Drive. We are now organizing the event to include a challenge to another club or local organization. Award flags will be handed out at our Regatta for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. We are planning media exposure for the event as well. The need for blood is ever present. Contact Andrea Solak to support this worthwhile event.

Mark your calendars for April 19 the evening of the Commodores Steak Roast, always a great time.

Get you reservation in early the steaks need to be ordered in advance.

Think Spring!

## NEW MEMBER

Please Welcome

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## Fleet Surgeon's Corner

S.A.Liroff, M.D.

What can a Fleet Surgeon say to the fleet? Stay in good health? Be careful out there? If you get sick, call me? No, I think that one of the functions of the fleet surgeon, after he finishes figuring out what to do with his pennant, is to encourage people to think and plan ahead. Louis Pasteur once said, "Chance favors the prepared mind." How true that is! We are in the midst of the DRYA winter seminar series. We have heard lectures on safety, first aid, dressing properly, heavy weather sailing and shorthanded sailing. The underlying message in all of these, their common theme, is: "be prepared." And now is the time to do that. It's to cold to putter on our boats – but it's a great time to get things ready, to plan ahead, to anticipate. Not only boat owners, but crew members, also, should take care of their personal gear. If you have inflatable pfd's, now is the time to inflate them manually; change bobbins, check CO2 cartridges and make sure that everything is assembled properly. How about harnesses, jack lines, flares, etc, batteries for personal strobe lights, even the bulbs themselves? **Test everything – your life may depend upon it!** Check your first aid kits. Do you know how to use everything in there? Do you need to replace or add drugs? Do you need a first aid book? Is your foul weather gear intact and appropriate for your activities?

These are all things that can be so important and may require some forethought, so why not now, when the season is not in full swing and we can deal with it all without the other pressures of the season.

Oh, yes, and be careful out there!

Steve Liroff

# Views From the Vice



## .... Vice Commodore Bill Kuester

The Detroit News had good news the other day and reported that lake levels should be up. As of today its only 37 days until the GPP Marina is open for boats. Chris Behler and the race committee have been busy with rewriting NOR's, SI's, charts and getting ready for the new season. I walked the race permit applications into the Coast Guard's headquarters off Mt. Elliott. The dock sign up list will be at the spring party. For those of you who have assisted on the dock, its fun and there is great thank you party for all of the dock workers at the end of the season.

Howard Riley presented an outstanding presentation on double handed sailing at a DRYA Sailing Seminar. He has agreed to condense his talk to "bullets" and include them in this "Anchorline." Review it. It is a great check list for all of us, before spring launch and before getting underway for a cruise. In the May "Anchorline" will publish the "ten commandants

of racing rules". This is a bullet condensation from Ted Everingham's DRYA Seminar last week.

Board action has approved a change to the annual GPSC Ladies' Race and will allow boats from other clubs to compete in an overall competition. Within the overall competition our GPSC boats will compete for both overall flags and GPSC flags. For example if the third place boat is a GPSC entry, the Lady skipper will get the flag for 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and 1<sup>st</sup> place GPSC in addition to the trophy. This should add boats to the fleet and allow us to further the club's credo.

Next Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> is the March party. Andrea Solak has put a great program together and we will all be rocking to the tunes, fellowship and good food.

Master Chief John Jamieson, USNR, will be retiring on March 15<sup>th</sup> after 25 years of service to the United States Naval Construction Force or Seabees as they are popularly know. I personally know the amount of time and effort he put into the program to achieve this milestone. "Master Chief - Congratulations and thank you."

Smooth sailing,

Bill

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## SHORT HANDED SAILING

From DRYA Sailing Seminar on Doublehanded sailing presented by: Commodores Howard Riley and Dave Parke

■ **Regardless the size of your crew, whether cruising or racing, the risks & tasks are the same-we'll discuss the differences!**

■ Don't let being Short Handed hold you back!

■ Our Goal - Increase your comfort zone with only one or two aboard  
*"Take it to the next level"*

### Advance Planning-- Prepare your Boat

■ Know the boat, especially if it's not yours!

■ Rig and Sails

—Tuning

—Structurally sound

■ Steering Systems

—Auto pilots

—Wind vanes

■ Harness Systems

—Jack lines

—PFD's with harnesses

■ Sail shortening systems

—Jib rolling, reef points, changing jibs

—Main reefing, rolling

■ Spinnaker, Down wind sail setup

—Poles, sheet & guys led aft

—Dousing/Snuffer system

■ Heavy Air

—Weather security- seal the tube!

—Sleeping on the edge

■ Navigation

—GPS, Loran, Sextant

—Paper Charts, Pencils, Protractor and Compass

—Light List, Harbor Guide

—Event specific

—Speedo/Log

—Hand Bearing Compass

—Binoculars

■ Ground Tackle

■ Communication systems

—Strong lungs

—Cell

—VHF

—Satellite

—Backup systems

### Advance Planning--Before you go

■ Clothing-fair weather and foul

■ Food/Nourishment, Stress Cooking

■ Watch Systems

■ Weather knowledge systems

—Pre trip

—Onboard

### Advance Planning-- Emergency Procedures

■ Man Overboard

■ Heaving to, Lying a hull

■ Pilotage/Dead Reckoning when electronics stop flowing

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- Loss of steering
- Emergency tiller
- Emergency rudder
- Illness, Injury
- Grounding
- Dismasting
- Engine failure
- Flooding
- Extreme Weather
- Storm Sails
- All of the Above Plus
- Anything you can imagine prior to sailing

#### Practice

- Daytime, Nighttime
- Leave pier with wind blowing on
- Maneuvering in close quarters
- Man overboard
- Light Air, Heavy
- Only one crew on deck
- With and Without Steering Systems
- With and Without GPS or Loran

## ALL THIS BEFORE YOUR BIG ADVENTURE

### Prevention

- Follow your Plan
- Revise when conditions warrant
- Stay Ahead of the Boat
- Anticipate everything, especially the weather
- Take Action Before It Takes You
- Pace yourself
- Rehearse actions before execution
- Pre position equipment, sails

### Education & Training

- US Power Squadrons  
[www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)
- Navigation, Engines, Sailing, Weather, and more
- US Coast Guard Auxiliary  
[www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)
- DRYA seminars- [www.drya.org](http://www.drya.org)
- US Sailing- [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)
- Search the web for “Detroit sailing schools”

- Many of the area boating clubs have novice sailing programs for members- check through DRYA
- Crew on a race boat
- Knots? Look up  
[www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com)

### References- on the water requirements

- Collision at sea regulations (colregs)
- US Sailing:  
<http://www.ussailing.org/>
- Racing Rules of sailing (RRS)
- Recommendations for off shore sailing
- Local yacht club’s race instructions – US Sailing RRS + added emphasis on safety, communication
- Long distance Race Instructions:  
—BYC Mackinac Safety requirements - @ <http://www.byc.com/mack/>
- DSA Huron Challenge sail instructions – Check with a DSA Member or <http://www.sailwith2.org/>
- GLSS Mac Solo required equipment list - @ <http://www.solosailor.org/>

Commodores Howard Riley and Dave Parkes  
February 27, 2008

## VIEW FROM THE REAR

.... Rear Commodore

### Elizabeth (Beth) Kurta



March has certainly come in like a lion! I just keep telling myself how great all this snow and cold weather is for the lakes. Here’s hoping March goes

out like a lamb so we can take advantage of all that extra water ASAP....

Frank and I had the privilege of representing the Grosse Pointe Sail Club at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Albatross Yacht Club Commodore’s Ball. We had a great time and felt very welcome by their members. It was also a nice chance to get to talk with some other DRYA Club Commodores who all had great things to say about the GPSC and its members. You should all be proud of our club and its reputation – I know I am.

One of the topics we discussed at the AYC Ball was the GPSC Annual Regatta, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. **Linda Rumon** is doing a terrific job making sure this will be a

highlight of the summer racing season. The Bridge is working with the DRYA RC to ensure that race results are calculated and awards presented in a more timely manner than in the past.

**Torrey Stackpoole** is ready for all of our kids to become future racers by taking advantage of area Junior Sailing programs. I know Joseph and Blake can hardly wait to get back on the water and would love to have other kids join them. If you have a child between the ages of 8-17 who would like to learn to sail and race through a local program, please get in touch with Torrey at [torrey@global-mapping.com](mailto:torrey@global-mapping.com). Registration for these programs starts soon, so please let her know right away if you are interested in participating.

As most of you know, the Kurta family does not presently own a boat. We have decided that it is time to change this. If you know of a smaller sized, reasonably priced boat suitable for a nice family of four, please let me know ☺ We promise to give it a good home.

Yours in Service – Beth



## Grosse Pointe Sail Club

### Up Coming Events



**March 15 Spring Party “THINK GREEN”**  
**April 19<sup>th</sup> Commodore Steak Roast.**

**March 19 DRYA Special Event featuring Gary Jobson**  
On Wednesday, March 19 At the **Detroit Yacht Club**  
This is a *DO NOT MISS* event for all sailors of all ages! Seating is limited! Admission to the lecture and light refreshment reception is **\$12.00 (\$10.00 for DRYA members)**. Reservations are preferred by March 12th. Contact Patti Miller at (313) 235-1171 or millerpa@dteenergy.com .

**June 28, 2008 GPSC Regatta Party**

The Regatta Party will be held at the Tompkins Center  
Windmill Pointe Park beginning at 1600

