

COMMODORE**Peter D' Angelo**

Comments

The boats get re-commissioned in the spring. Tra-la tra-la! Everything is going to start poppin' now. There is just one board meeting till we break for summer. The club has planned an action packed eventful year.

Right off the yard arms those Commodores are at it again with a Steak Roast Party April 19. Great fun and great food! Co-Fleet Captains John Maxwell and Sandy Davis are planning two rendezvous. The spring rendezvous, June 14, 15, is planned at the South Channel Yacht Club, a great venue with deep calm wells and a very hospitable welcome. The fall rendezvous over the long Labor Day weekend is planned at the Thames River Yacht Club. It will be grand to see those folks again. Don't miss the River Challenge race tentatively planned for May 24 and the Rum Challenge tentatively planned for June 21. The Memorial day weekend packs a wallop. Our pancake breakfast and fleet blessing coupled with the Windmill Pointe marina meeting heralds the season for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club and affords an opportunity to promote new members. The very next day, Tuesday, May 27, the club begins the 47th annual Tuesday night Sundown Races. The effort that Chris Behler and his support committees have given these races will make for an exciting race series through to the fall. The Grosse Pointe Sail Club Regatta will this year be June 28. Linda Rumon has given a high degree of organization to the Regatta to insure that it will be an exciting event for everyone. This year the Sail for Life Red Cross Blood drive has challenged the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety to join in for friendly competition. **Andrea Solak is organizing the event and other organizations may join in for the June 23 event. Please note the change in date.**

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club has organized these activities for the enjoyment of its members, their families and friends and to promote sail boat racing and boating. Please use these events to enrich your summer by active participation.

MARK YOUR CALENDER**June 13-14**

Plans are in the works for holding our spring rendezvous at the South Channel Yacht Club this year. The club is on Harsens Island. I'll fill you in on details as they develop.

June 23rd(weather permitting)

Anchor out at Peche Island. Grill some burgers and dogs on the beach, and check out the distant fire works. You can either beat the crowds back up the lake, or hang out until the traffic passes, or better yet, stay for the night. Its quite impressive to see the thousands of boats making their way back up river. The anchorage has good holding, lots of room, stays calm and has a million dollar view. It's a great alternative to fighting the crowds on the river, although the fireworks are a long way off, it sure beats staying at home.

July-August

I know there are a few boats planning a visit to the North Channel this summer and some will be taking their crew to Lake Erie. Drop me a line and I'll get a list together, maybe we can put together a sail-in at some distant location.

GPSC 60th Anniversary Ball

Don't miss this one. On September 12 our illustrious club will celebrate 60 years on the lakes. A 60th Anniversary Ball on **September 6** will give us all a party to celebrate. Mark you calendars now. Cocktails, dinner and dancing the night away!

August 30-Sept 1

This year we will be joining our friends at the Thames River Yacht Club in celebrating the Labour Day weekend. Don't miss this one folks. A long weekend at what many consider the friendliest club on the lake! Come early and stay long, bring the kids and grandma too! They dredged the harbor in the fall, if the water level stays up a bit a boat with six foot draft should be OK.

I would encourage skippers to get I68s this year .Nexis cards are also an option, however I know some are intimidated by the process. I68s can be obtained in less than a couple hours effort. A very simple process-and cost less than twenty bucks. Feel free to give me a call if you have questions. Trust me it is a breeze!

That's it for now. Drop me a line with any other ideas or questions. Don't forget to mark your calender's! FairWinds
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Views From the Vice



.... Vice Commodore **Bill Kuester**

Last night was the April Board meeting. The mood of the attendees was exciting, maybe due to the hints of spring, warmer weather and the launching of our boats in the near future. Or maybe it is due to the infectious satisfaction of being an active Member of the GPSC. Our board meetings are not closed door affairs and are open to all members. The next meeting is May 6th. Please join us, the Club needs your inputs and participation.

The Spring Party that Andrea Solak and her committee planned was a huge success. The entertainment, a DJ group called Celebrations, was outstanding and I sure that we will be seeing them again at future events.

Speaking of future events, the Commodores' Steal Roast is April 19th, River Challenge Race on May 17th, Fleet blessing and pancake breakfast on May 26th and the first Tuesday night race on May 27th!

Or maybe, it's all the neat things that this Club offers that caused last night's exciting mood!

The Race Committee has been hard at work rewriting S.I.'s, chartlets and NOR's. Expect to see more of this information transmitted to you in e-mail format.

Our Lake Saint Clair various sailing programs can not get by without the support of the Detroit River Yachting Association and U.S. Sailing. The DRYA is the regional racing coordinator and authority. They in turn represent all us to U.S. Sailing, our nation's governing authority for organized sailboat racing. They both deserve our most basic form of support by being paid Members of each. Membership information can be found on their web sites www.ussailing.org and www.drya.org

Paul Schaap, our power boat chairman, has finalized the patrol boat schedule for the summer races. Our trawler is the scheduled boat on June 24, August 19, August 8 for the Ladies' Race and September 21st for the Fall series. We have room for lots of guest crew and it's generally a great seat, just give a call.

Smooth sailing,

Bill

Race Committee News

Spring is here and the Sundown series will be starting soon. In this Anchorline issue you will find registration and fee forms. If you misplace these you can always download these forms and other race information from the club website which is now set up for 2008 racing. If you don't race, you might consider helping out on the dock or water. Contact information is on the bottom of the registration form.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to being out on the water and if you are going to race, get that form in early for the discount and to help the committee set up the class splits.



REMINDER...

**2008 GPSC Regatta Party
Saturday, June 28, 2008**

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

**Join in the fun and support our club.
All members, their families and friends are invited.**

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

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

THIRSTY REGIONS LOOK AT MICHIGAN!

There has long been concern over proposals to ship water from the Great Lakes to other thirsty areas of the U.S. Recently these ideas have gained new importance as the lake levels fall and the Michigan image of a "water rich state" has grown. The Great Lakes Compact is a binding agreement among the eight Great Lakes states. It is designed to prevent water diversion, protect the Lakes from all forms of pollution, keep out invasive species and require prudent water use within the state.

The G L Compact would regulate water withdrawals from the Great Lakes system, which includes Lake St. Clair.

This compact has been passed by the New York, Indiana, Minnesota, and Illinois. Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Pennsylvania are involved to varying degrees in obtaining approval. These bills are currently before your Michigan legislators so as to complete the passage of the G L Compact. Should you have strong beliefs as to how we should handle our water, you are urged to contact your state senator and representative immediately on this specific issue. Ask them to take an active part in this discussion of the future of our Great Lakes water.

• If you wish to contact your state legislators by email go to this website:

<http://www.greatlakes.org/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?pid=307&srcid=243>

For additional information please email Judy Morlan

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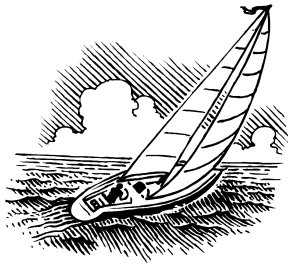
Grosse Pointe Sail Club

THOSE COMMODORE CHEFS ARE AT IT AGAIN!



You are cordially invite you to attend The annual
Commodores' Steak Roast
SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2008 1830 (6:30 PM)
TOMPKINS CENTER. Reservations due by April 13th
(or you well be eating chicken instead of steak \$ 19.00/plate) .

Look inside for



- Tuesday Night racing Registration and Fee Forms
- Are you racing in the **DRYA Early Bird Regatta** May 17,2008?
If you are, take the next step and join fellow sailors in the fundraiser **Leukemia Cup** which is wrapped around the **Early Bird Regatta.**
- Updated Club Calendar of Events
- May 26 Monday 9:00-11:00 Pancake breakfast at Tompkins Center followed at 12:00 by Fleet Blessing
- June 23 Monday Sail for Life Red Cross Blood drive

