

**COMMODORE****Peter D' Angelo**

Seems like the longest winter ever. Like the boating season would never get here. Well here it is! Your Grosse Pointe Sail Club has planned exciting events to make yours a great summer.

This will be the last Anchorline till fall so please mark your calendar so you will not miss these club events.

We have accepted the challenge of Com. Paul Krietsch of the Detroit Yacht Club and will race the Detroit River Challenge, May 18. Vice Com. Bill Kuester will again hold Operation Shanghai that invites anyone who wants to crew on a racing sailboat to try. There will be a training session and an assignment to a boat entered in a race. The Memorial Day holiday includes a Fleet Blessing from Windmill Pointe Marina pier. Dress your boats out and participate in the blessing parade past the pier up the Detroit River. That morning the Pancake Breakfast at the Tomkins Center welcomes members and guests to the boating season. New marina well holders will be there and a Harbor Master meeting will be included. The very next day, Tuesday, May 27, begins our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Sundown Series races. These historic races mark the centerpiece of the club. Register now if you haven't already. Don't race? Be sure and join us for the party after the race on the Tomkins Center patio. Want to know the best kept secret around Lake St. Clair? The South Channel Yacht Club, a great venue, calm deep wells and a very welcoming atmosphere for our spring rendezvous. During the summer, June 21, local clubs are challenged to the Rum Challenge race. I think the reward is self-explanatory. This year the Sail for Life Red Cross Blood Drive, June 23, has a new dimension. A challenge has been accepted by the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department. We will need to prove our club is able to meet the challenge the Public Safety department is offering. The Grosse Pointe Sail Club Regatta, June 28, is a full day of DRYA managed racing. Preceded the day before by our clubs cocktail party, this event is a must for all.

Remember to mark your calendar for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball, September 6. We will formerly present past Commodores to recognize their contribution to our great club. There will be cocktails, dinner and dancing the night away at the Tomkins Center expanded to the patio. This will be a sport coat optional event. We want to celebrate the club's

achievements with as many as can be handled. You will receive an invitation. Please confirm your attendance as soon as you can. We hope to accommodate all. But space may be limited.

See you at the next event bring your friends!

**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. Its 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.

**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 calendar's! FairWinds  
-Sandy Davis(fleet captain)

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# Views From the Vice



## .... Vice Commodore Bill Kuester

The May Board meeting was unique. There were not enough board members present for a voting quorum. Commodore D'Angelo wisely decided to go forward and hear all the committee reports. It's May and all activities shift to the lake. Chris Behler and the entire race committee will make their debut with next Sunday's River Challenge. I will be setting buoys from our boat and extend an invitation for sightseers to come aboard to follow the races and then head down to the Edison Boat Club for post race party. Linda Rumon and her committee have put a lot of effort into the Club's Regatta Weekend and have everything under control. It's going to be a breezy sunny day for this fun event. The big topic of discussion at the Board meeting was Membership. In March we had 33 GPSC Members who had not paid the 2008 dues. These Members were contacted by the Bridge and we were able to reduce that number to 19. PC Bob Schappe has volunteered to head an investigation into the reasons and make recommendations.

Embarrassly, I could only put a face on 5 of those names! It is the economic times or did these Members decide that we don't have a program that suits their needs? Any club needs new members to replace normal attrition. Our annual budgets always estimated the number of new recruits and then count on their initiation fees to contribute to the Club's income. After all, 10 new Members add \$1,500 to the coffers. Then at a Board Meeting an application is passed around for signatures and voila we have a new Member.

In 1995 PC Comerford sponsored me. I had to attend a Board meeting at PC Soltesz's home and meet the assembled group. We need to return to a more formal process of recruiting and sponsoring new Members. The candidate should attend a minimum number of events (3?). The sponsor must also become a mentor and be at the new Member's side while that person gets involved with committee activities of his choice. This will slow the new Member process but I believe that it would also slow the attrition.

PC Schappe's first meeting will be 5/20 or 21. Please pass your ideas to him or any Board Member.

Smooth sailing, Bill

## Race Committee News

### Ten Racing Rules Commandments

Presented at the DRYA March 5, 2008 by Ted Everingham, International Judge and reprinted with his permission.

- I. Port keeps clear of starboard.
- II. Windward keeps clear of leeward.
- III. The boat clear astern keeps clear of the boat clear ahead.
- IV. A boat tacking keeps clear of one that is not.
- V. Avoid collisions.
- VI. If you acquire the right of way or change course, give the other boat time to keep clear
- VII. The inside boat(s) at two boat lengths from the mark is (are) entitled to room.
- VIII. A boat that is backing up or not racing keeps clear.
- IX. f you break a rule, take a penalty.
- X. It is better to give way than spend hours in protest room.

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## REMINDER...

2008 GPSC Regatta Party  
Saturday, June 28, 2008



The Regatta Party will  
be held at the

*VIEW FROM THE  
REAR*

.... Rear Commodore

**Elizabeth (Beth) Kurta**



get any better than that!

Hooray, hooray – it's the month of May!! This is my favorite time of year in the D. In one day you can watch the Pistons, Red Wings and Tigers play great games and go sailing. It doesn't

After living in Grosse Pointe Park for 24 years, I finally put my name on "The List" and look forward to the day when George calls to let us know that we have a boat well at the park. It seems that times have changed a bit and the waiting time is less than the typical 8-9 years. This year there are 23 new well holders at Windmill Pointe Park – lots of new neighbors who may have an interest in joining GPSC. A great opportunity to introduce these new folks to members is at Marge's after the Tuesday night races.

**Sheila Behler** has tested our video recording system and we are all set to view portions of each Tuesday night race at Marge's. Participation as dropped off in recent years and I encourage you to grab your crew and head over to get a burger and preliminary race results. If we are to remain a strong club and grow, we have to step out of our comfort zone. So hop off your boats and head to Marge's on Tuesday nights!

Congratulations to **Com. Suddick** on a great steak roast! The Tompkins Center was packed and a good time was had by all. My five-year-old son, Nicholas, was my date for the evening and he had a lot of fun, too. Thanks to all of the members who are always so kind and welcoming to my children at events. They love to be with all of you and have a real sense of belonging to the Club.

A sense of being part of something bigger is important to a lot of children. To that end, I would like to personally invite and encourage families to attend the Grosse Pointe Sail Club

## 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.)

Regatta party Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Tompkins Center and patio. **Linda Rumon** and **Nancy McPherson** have worked hard to put together a fun afternoon and would love to see all of you there.

We have reached a critical juncture in the history of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. Are you aware that 28% of members have been in the Club for 25+ years? 28%! **Com. Morlan** has agreed to lead a committee in a discussion regarding strategic planning for the Club in regards to levels of membership offered. They are taking a serious and much-needed look at the best way to prepare for the surge of members with 25 years of service. This is a difficult and sensitive issue, but one that needs to be addressed directly in order for the GPSC to remain viable. This will be addressed at a board meeting TBD in the fall and you will be notified in advance and given the opportunity to voice your opinion. Thanks to Gordon and the rest of the committee for taking on this task.

Have a great summer everyone. I look forward to seeing you at all of the upcoming GPSC events. Be safe and have fun!

Yours in Service – Beth

Be on the lookout for Com. Tom Fraser at upcoming Spring events. He will have the open positions and dates for Race Committee duties available for volunteers to sign up. You can sign up for one or more days and for the series if you wish. Experienced past committee members will be available to help get up to speed on a position you find interesting... but don't know much about. If you would be interested in participating in race management for the 2008 season please contact Com. Tom Fraser, Race Support, Chris Behler, Race Chair, or Fred Chapman, Asst. Race Chair. The 47<sup>th</sup> annual 2008 GPSC Tuesday Sundown Series and Sunday Fall Series are open to all seaworthy monohull sailing yachts. All races start and finish off Windmill Point Marina, located in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan. Race information and sign up forms will be available soon on [www.gpsc.org](http://www.gpsc.org).

**Spring Series:** May 27 through July 1  
**Summer Series:** July 22 through August 26  
**Fall Series:** September 14 and 21,  
2 races on each Sunday  
**Ladies Race:** August 8  
**Frostbite Race:** October 8

## **GPSC Patio Party**

*At the Tompkins Center*

**May 27, 2008**

**After the Race**

**Free Beer, Wine & Pop Hot Dogs \$1.00 each**  
**Bring your crew & friends Please bring a dish to pass**

## **Hunt Club Invitation**

The Hunt Club president Craig Baetz has invited GPSC Members to enjoy their restraint and bar. The facility on Cook Road is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1700 to 2100. Make reservations at 313-884-9090. Have your GPSC Membership card with you. They accept the usual credit cards.

**Grosse Pointe Sail Club**  
RACING and Up Coming EVENTS





**May 17 Early Bird Regatta/Leukemia Cup**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> River Challenge race** (info on DRYA web site)

**May 26 Pancake Breakfast- Fleet Blessing- Marina Meeting**

**May 27<sup>th</sup> Patio Party** after the first Tuesday nite race of the year

**June 13-14 Spring Rendezvous @ South Channel Yacht Club**

**June 21 --Rum Challenge--DBC/GPC Regatta**

**June 23 Sail for life Blood Drive Monday** Tompkins Center

**June 28, 2008 GPSC Regatta with Club Start and Party**

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