

**COMMODORE....****BETH KURTA**

**A**pril in the *D*. If you spend any time watching sports this time of year, you've heard the song. We live in a wonderful city where you can watch the Red Wings and Tigers play great games and go sailing in the same day. No Pistons again this year, but hope springs eternal for the Lions. April for the Kurtas also means Little League and the Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby. This year it means First Communion for Nicholas too. It doesn't get any better than that!

This is a busy month for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. We are preparing for the upcoming racing season and summer events. It takes a lot of hard work on the part of members to make our Club the best on Lake St. Clair. I am grateful to the many volunteers who spend their time on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. A special thanks to those who have already signed up to work the dock: **Denise Cotter, Dennis Cotter, Fred Baer, Howard Riley, Sharon Riley, Andy Baetz, Alice Baetz, Charlie Billiu, Prudy Billiu, Meghan Cassidy, Nancy McPherson, Marie Mainwaring.** You are much appreciated! Want to join them? Sign up to help run a race – I promise it is a lot of fun.

For those of you who pay attention to details and read everything sent by the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, you may have noticed a calendar item regarding a potential party for members following the Port Huron to Mackinac race. (For the rest of us, this will be new information!) I was unable to provide details until I received the official OK. I am excited to announce that on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:30 AM we will gather at the Governor's Residence on Mackinac Island to honor GPSC Mac Skippers and their crew, GPSC Mac Sailors, GPSC Old Goats and GPSC Mac RC volunteers!! Invitations will be sent prior to the event and each attendee will have to be listed on the guest list in order to attend the party.

There will be a nominal cost (about \$10) for each attendee. I will send invitations after they have been approved by the Governor's Office. If you plan to be on Mackinac Island and would like to receive an invitation, please send me an email. For years I have thought we should do something as a Club during this important race and I am so happy to have been able to pull this together.

As mentioned, this is a busy month, so my article is a little shorter than usual. I promise to make up for it next month. ☺ Happy Spring!

Yours in Service – Beth

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!****GPSC Spring Rendezvous 2010**

Edison Boat Club

N 42\* 21.224' W 082\* 57.366'

**June 5-6***Activities to include:*

Sailboat Racing  
Cookout  
Fishing  
Red Bull Air Races  
Games  
Fellowship  
Eating, drinking, carrying on

Come by land or sea, invite family & friends to join the fun.

Dockage is available at EBC. One free night is included, \$15 fee for each additional night. Please contact Com. Kurta if you plan to come by sea and wish to stay the night.

Anyone interested in helping to coordinate the Spring Rendezvous can contact Com. Kurta at [ekurta@comcast.net](mailto:ekurta@comcast.net) **PLEASE HELP!!**

## VIEW FROM THE VICE



### .... Vice Commodore Chris Behler

Let's see now, taxes, boat preparation, race planning, wedding preparations (for my daughter, Lizz), gearing up to receive family coming in for the festivities... a lot of 'stuff, as George Carlin would say. The time is there but setting the priorities is an issue... they all have 'due' dates that won't budge. After the spring frenzy... summer is is going to be a vacation.

There is only the final spring/May issue of the Anchorline to go before we are into the Summer events. The 'Great Communicator', Bill Harbert, and the GPSC web site are going to be the summer sources for club information. Mark Minor has sent over an updated list of club members that has been posted on the member section of the web site for the first time and the committee volunteer list now has email addresses included. If you need to know who is in charge of something or what the new phone number or email address is for a club member, the web site is going to be a place you can get the most recent information. As always, if you have information to update or notice a problem with the club data please send the correction to Mark Minor or a club officer so the database can be updated/corrected.

Race is on the front burner with the River Challenge and Sundown Series coming soon. The notice of race and sailing instructions for the Sundown Series are up on the web site and have some changes for the starting classes and course layout... so check it out. The number of marks that have to be set out on the race course has been cut to one, not including the stating area. This should help out the mark set boats... being nice to them was a big priority... setting up the old course burned a lot of fuel and took a lot of effort on the part of our Power Boat volunteers. Input from the 2009 racers has been solicited, considered and has resulted in changes that should make racing better for 2010... continuous improvement as they say.

Our racing program... and the resulting parties... has caught the eye of several new and potential members. To the extent that we appear to be having fun and run great races that help bring that fun to others... it gets noticed. I'd say that GPSC is one of the more inclusive clubs when considering how many non members wind up rubbing shoulders with us during various events.

Pretty cool for a 'paper' club. Make sure other people notice you are having fun, it's great advertising!

One of the groups that has noticed us is the Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Club. Frank Murray, one of the active organizers in their club, has turned in an application (with money) to join our club. He and I have had several discussions about the relative merits of both of our clubs and I think there is potential synergy there. At least a couple of the other windsurfers are contemplating joining and we have discussed including them in our race plans as well as cross promoting our events. We can bring a big playing field to their events and they bring new ideas and energy to ours. This could be really good for both of us and sailing in general on Lake St. Clair. We need to have a 'big tent' and get new energy into sailing. There are severe headwinds when considering economic and demographic trends in Michigan and boating is displaying the effects. Power to the sailors and stand by for more information to come, hopefully, as we can develop the relationship.

Couple more things... Sheila Behler has new hats in stock with some new colors... and a restocking of popular old ones. Andrew Morlan has signed up to keep the race results up to date on the web site. He will be getting his information from John Raguse who has volunteered to pick up scoring for the Sundown Series. These positions have quite a few people looking at their product during the race season and they have my thanks for stepping up to the job. They have backup and support from the 'few'... but we need the 'many' for such an important race function... welcome Andrew and John to the ranks of the few and the proud. Otherwise, it seems we are in decent shape for the coming race season... at least for the first couple of races anyway. Fred Baer is Principal Race Officer and Denise Cotter is the Race Manager. We seem to be getting a few volunteers back from the excellent 2009 race support ranks but we need more. The sign up sheet will be at the parties and events and we will get the updated 2010 list up on the website ASAP. We need you, please sign up. It's kind of fun on the dock with a great group of people... and you will be important... and that's nice too.

Chris Behler

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## VIEW FROM THE REAR



### ....Rear Commodore E. DAVID MACDONALD

Nancy and I got the opportunity to attend the Blessing of the Fleet at Mariners' Church of Detroit on Sunday March 14, 2010 for the first time. Folks, I want to tell you it was a wonderful and a very moving service. It began with the Brotherhood Bell-Call to worship and the singing of the Mariners' Hymn and the National Anthems of both Canada and the United States. The church was full of uniforms. Uniforms with gold braids, ribbons, medals, lapel pins, and other marks of accomplishment. There were real seafaring captains, cadets of maritime academies, representatives of U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard, the RCMP, and many Commodores from the area's yacht clubs. It was fine showing of the men and women whose lives are a part of these Great Lakes. I was fortunate to be included among them on that day because I brought the GPSC Burgee for this year's blessing. The blessing occurs toward the end of the service. It is then that all the Flags, Burgees, Colors, Pennants, and Pennons are brought forward and presented. They do such a nice job of displaying and announcing each flag; who has brought it and which organization that specific flag represents. For those who have never been, I heartily encourage you to attend next year's service. Parking is free at the underground garage, which has an entrance right next to the church. You couldn't ask for easier access.

Com. Kurta, VC Behler and myself went back on the following Tuesday to Mariners' Church to take some pictures for the GPSC web site. The day was sunny, the setting excellent, and the pictures turned out fine. We even got a chance to meet the Rector, the Rev. Richard Ingalls, Jr. In talking to Rev. Ingalls, we found out he knows Dale Steiger. Like I said in my first article in January, you never know where or when you will meet someone who is a member of our club, or in this case, knows a member of our club.

Later that same week I began my hunt for a location for the 2012 ball. I guess you can't begin too early.

On March 20, Nancy and I attended the Spring Party. It was a fun evening and I want to thank Andrea Solak and Nancy McPherson for organizing such a splendid event. By the way, who was that imposing young man selling 50-50 tickets that evening? He did a helluva job!

You might have seen my notice, sent via our exceptional Electronic Communicator, Bill Harbert, regarding the live music that the DIA offers to the public on Friday evenings. I

thought it was a worth-while non-sailing activity that the membership may not be aware of. Nancy and I took advantage and went to the DIA on March 26 to see Dave Bennett and his tribute to the clarinet kings. It was a nice little concert, and very well attended. While we were there, we saw P/C Howard & Sharon Riley, Fred & Erika Baer, and Glenn (he's in the house) Housey. Afterwards, Nancy and I met some friends downtown at the Book-Cadillac for dinner and capped off the evening at the Champagne Bar there. Ooof. I didn't feel so good the next day.

But those are indoor activities. I am looking forward to some outdoor activities now. The weather is turning favorable, and very soon our skippers will be returning their boats to the marina. Yes, we are moving to the next phase of the sailing season; from planning to preparation.

In keeping with a focus on outdoor activities, I want you to know that I have signed up for adult sailing lessons this summer at Crescent Sail Yacht Club. I am doing this to address a significant gap in my résumé, that is, to prepare myself to be a better sailor. That way I can hold my own, along with my rum, when I join Mark Craig's crew on one of the return legs of his 2011 Bermuda adventure.

Well that's it for now. But before I go, I want to mention one last thing. We need a hot dog cooker for this year's first race and last race. I was lucky enough to do this last year and I will be willing to break in someone on this task for this year. Be prepared to grill (Yes, grill - not boil.) 120 - 160 hotdogs. It's part of a wonderful tradition begun by P/C Tom Fraser and has become a noteworthy addition to the club's race parties. Please drop me an email if you are interested.

Thanks, and see you at the Commodores' Steak Roast.

Dave MacDonald

## GPSC 2010 Racing Schedule

<b>River Challenge</b>	May 23
<b>Spring Series:</b>	May 25 through June 29
<b>Summer Series:</b>	July 6 through August 31
<b>Fall Series:</b>	September 7 through 28
<b>Ladies Race:</b>	August 6
<b>Frostbite Race:</b>	October 10

## Race notes

By Denise Cotter and Doug Carlson

As promised in the March edition of the Anchorline, there would be more news about some of the upcoming changes to Grosse Pointe Sail Club's Sundown Series and the Fall Series.

Doug Carlson has put together a policy of the Sail Club with regard to roller furling genoas, cruising roller reefing genoas, roller furling mainsails and fixed propeller blade credits. As a portion of this policy, the Sail Club strongly encourages racers to have a membership in the DRYA and handicapping by the DRYA. If you are planning to race for the first time in the Sundown Series and the Fall Series or have not raced recently or have made changes to the above items and do not have a rating by the DRYA, a rating will be assigned by the Club's Fleet Measurer, Doug Carlson. It is strongly advised to register early for the Sundown Series and the Fall series to give the Fleet Measurer time to properly assess the handicapping for your boat and to take advantage of any discounts that are offered.

As this article progresses, some of the highlights of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club policy with regard to the genoas and props, will be discussed. But for further details, please see the Grosse Pointe Sail Club website.

To receive credits for the roller furling genoa, the owner must agree to carry only two (2) headsails with an LP greater than 110% on the boat and assure the use of a working, standard unmodified roller furling head sail. The basis for the determination of the credit will be based on the decrease in the luff length and the sail area from the old/previous sail to the new/recut sail.

New owners of cruising sailboats with a headsail of woven polyester cloth may apply for the cruising roller reefing genoa credit and retain it for a period of two racing seasons or until the original headsail is replaced with a new sail made from any material, whichever occurs first, after which the credit will be reduced to 6 seconds/mile or 3 seconds/mile. Current owners that have had a 9 second credit for two racing seasons, either with DRYA or GPSC, will have the credit reduced to either 6 seconds/mile or 3 seconds/mile. Boats applying for the credit shall use only one roller reefing headsail larger than 110% and may carry only one asymmetrical spinnaker for the entire series.

To receive the credit for the roller furling mainsail, the boat must use a working standard unmodified roller furling mainsail unit and the mainsail must be attached to the roller

furling unit. In addition, the boat will only use mainsails that are cut so to be capable of being rolled up at any time and the mainsail must not have battens. It should be noted that the Sail Club's policy is to limit this credit to 6 seconds/mile unless the credit has been assigned by the DRYA.

To earn the credit for the fixed blade propeller, the boat must use a fixed blade propeller all the time and the propeller conforms to the dimensions established by the manufacturer for that boat. Grosse Pointe Sail Club's policy is to limit this credit to 6 seconds/mile for 2 blade fixed propellers and 9 seconds/mile for 3 bladed fixed propellers, unless the credit has been assigned by the DRYA. Feathering 3 blade propellers will not receive credit in 2010.

The Fleet Measurer has also set down some policies with regard to the Cruising Class. This article only presents some of the highlights of these policies. For more details, please see the Club's website. The Cruising Class will be open to PHRF boats or Offshore One Design boats that possess a valid DRYA-PHRF rating certificate or have been assigned a rating by the Grosse Pointe Sail Club Fleet measurer. Boats racing in the cruising class must fly headsails hanked to the headstay or in the headstay groove. Whisker or spinnaker poles may be only used to fly the headsail. Asymmetrical spinnakers may be flown provided that they are flown without a whisker or spinnaker pole and are attached to a tack point that is no more than 12 inches fore or aft of the jib tack point on the centerline of the hull. Staysails may not be flown on sloop rigged boats. A boat applying for the roller furling credit or the cruising roller reefing genoa, must comply with definitions of those credits.

Congratulations if you made it to this part of the article especially to the non-racers. The above information is pretty dry, but very important. But a word to the non-racers and to the new members...be on the look out for the sign up board and become a member of the dock committee. This is a great way to meet other members of the Club and have a good time. Yes, there is some work involved as racing is a primary function of the Club. And racers, come down to the dock and spend a Tuesday with the dock committee. You will definitely see a different aspect of the starts and have a chance to see how the dock committee operates. Either way, racing or assisting on the committee, the sailing season promises to be one of the best.





## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual River Days Parade of Lights June 19, 2010

- **Start Time** is 10:00 PM,  
Saturday, June 19, 2010
- **Parade Route** is from Cobo Arena upstream to Milliken State Park
- **Prizes awarded in three categories:**
  - Sail Boats 25 feet and over
  - Power Boats from 25-40 feet
  - Power Boats over 40 feet
- **Entry criteria:** participation is open to all licensed and insured power and sail boats that are at least 25 feet in length
- **To register boats (no entry fee)** go to [www.detroitriverdays.com](http://www.detroitriverdays.com) for an application
- **Informational meeting** to be held Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM at Detroit Yacht Club
- **Mandatory Skippers Meeting** to be held 7:30 PM Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at Detroit Yacht Club
- **Kean's Marina** gift certificates for goods or gas will be given to each registered vessel
- **Each Participant** is invited to attend a preview party on the River Front Thursday, June 17, 2010
- **Overnight Dockage** available at the NYC
- **Judges will score each boat on:**
  - Originality
  - Overall Appearance
  - Use of Lighting
- **Prizes to include:**
  - Table for 10 at the VIP Rooftop Party during the Target Fireworks, June 21, 2010
  - Suite for 20 at a Detroit Pistons game during the 2010-2011 Season
  - Suite for 20 at a Detroit Tigers game during the 2010 Season
- **Awards Presentation** will take place for participants and guests Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Detroit Yacht Club

### 2010 GPSC CALENDAR CHANGES

Please note the following date changes

June 26 – Rum Challenge – third time's the charm on dates!

Please see the complete calendar at [www.gpsc.org](http://www.gpsc.org)

## Grosse Pointe Sail Club in Mexico



How it all came to be is somewhat unclear. What is known is that in early March every year, a merry band of GPSC sailors, family and friends venture South to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico to enjoy warm sunshine, warm Pacific Ocean salty water, and warm friendship. The 2010 rendezvous was another successful gathering with shoreline and trail hikes, a charity benefit Home Tour, sunset dinners together at a hillside restaurant, a snorkeling panga boat trip, shopping trips, a daytrip North to San Francisco for beverages and lunch under a pallapa on the beach -- and the keynote gathering at Casa Clark/Steiger/Kuester where sunset cocktails were served followed by dinner at their Los Tules Resort poolside restaurant.

There is a wide diversity of lodging choices. The main thing is to make plans to go! Questions? Ask Suddick, VanAntwerp, Gibney, Masek, Clark, Haggart, Steiger, Kuester, Behler, Riley, Lenhard, Downs, and others who have been before!

Did I mention that 85% of the World's tequila is produced within 50 miles of where we all stay? And the local cerveza fria is good, too!

Pat Clark

### DRYA REPORT

2010 is shaping up to be a landmark year, as there will be sweeping changes to PHRF racing. First, the split between PHRF 1 and 2 has been changed to 153 down and 156 up, respectively. Second, PHRF 1 and 2 will use the Multi-Sail Plan as outlined in the DRYA and LSSC web pages (JAM and Cruising PHRF will remain as dedicated classes). This change will introduce a whole new strategic element to our racing this year.

Also, as a reminder, the Detroit River Challenge is scheduled for May 23rd (sponsored by GPSC, NYC, BYC, & EBC). It is a great tune-up event for the GPSC Sundown Series, which begins 2 days later on Tuesday, May 25th.

GPSC DRYA Representative, Larry Haggart

**T h e R a c e C o m m i t t e e s o f :**

**Bayview Yacht Club  
Detroit Yacht Club  
Edison Boat Club  
Grosse Pointe Sail Club**

**I n v i t e y o u t o p a r t i c i p a t e i n :**

**THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
DETROIT RIVER CHALLENGE**

**Sunday – May 23, 2010**

**Jib and Main Race  
Open to all Sailboats (Racers and Cruisers)  
No entry fee**

**Start off Windmill Pointe Park  
(GPSC Tuesday Night Series Starting Line)**

**Warning Signal at 1:00 PM**

**Picnic and Awards immediately following at Edison Boat Club**

**Sailing Instructions and Entry Form available from the Club Representative listed below:**

<b>BYC:</b>	<b>Chuck Reader</b>	<b>Phone: 586 776-1132 chuckreader@aol.com</b>
<b>DYC:</b>	<b>John Vermeulen</b>	<b>Phone: 248 762 5337 jvermeulen@rtpcompany.com</b>
<b>EBC:</b>	<b>P/C Frank Stellingwerf</b>	<b>Phone: 313 882-5232 stellingwerff@dteenergy.com</b>
<b>GPSC:</b>	<b>V/C/Chris Behler</b>	<b>Phone: 313 640.1777 cs_behler@sbcglobal.net</b>

**Or on the Internet at: <http://www.dyc.com>**

# The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 is Now Available for the iPhone and iPod Touch

PORTSMOUTH, R.I. (March 4, 2010) – US SAILING, the national governing body for the sport, has just made the racing rules more accessible. The [Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 Including US SAILING Prescriptions](#) application is now available for download from the Apple App Store for \$5.99. The application’s interface offers simple navigation and is the only racing rules application approved by US SAILING.

“This application is symbolic to US SAILING’s ongoing efforts to educate sailors and equip them with the resources they need to ensure a level playing field for all racers at a reasonable price,” said Charlie Leighton, executive director of US SAILING. “Accessing the racing rules is faster and more convenient than ever.”

## Application Features:

- Every rule and definition available at the touch of a finger
- Images and descriptions of all the signal flags
- US SAILING Prescriptions are integrated into each rule and appendix
- Details on penalties, propulsion, protesting, and requesting redress, etc.
- Bookmarking feature for your most referenced to rules and definitions
- Convenient numerical, word and phrase search function

The Racing Rules of Sailing application is designed for the avid racing sailor who needs instant access to the official rules and signals. Be prepared to answer any rules or signal questions at any time.

For more information on the Racing Rules of Sailing application including screen shots of different features, visit the [US SAILING application website](#).



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