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COMMODORE...



BETH KURTA

Hooray Hooray it's the month of May! This month is full of some of my favorite events of the year. Everything is so green outside, the air is full of the lovely scent of flowers and I will be treated to a delicious breakfast in bed made by my boys on Mother's Day.

One of my absolute favorite annual events held in May is Grosse Pointe Park Little League Opening Day. I have to admit that I am a sap and get choked up during the parade watching the kids in their uniforms jammed into truck beds cheering for their teams. This year included a team in a power boat, which was pretty cool. Opening day reminds me that those of us in Grosse Pointe live and raise our families in a tight knit community. It made me think of our tight knit community of Sail Club members. Two specific items during the ceremonies brought my worlds together.

First, Joseph's team, the Diamondbacks, was in need of a truck to use in the parade. All it took was a quick call to member **Glenn Housey** and this problem was solved. Thanks for the rescue Glenn!



Second, due to a last minute call to meet with President Obama, Wayne County Commissioner Robert Ficano had to cancel his plans to serve as Grand Marshall of the parade. In my opinion, his replacement should have been Grand Marshall from the beginning. Major Scott Schaupeter, son of **Ron and Priscilla**, nephew of **Prudy and Charlie Billiu** served in this capacity and it was

perfect. Major Schaupeter serves as a member of the Ohio Air National Guard and is a true hero. The Little Leaguers cheered as he threw the first pitch of the season and all wanted to shake his hand or give him a high five, which Major Schaupeter took the time to do. He grew up in the Park and has a son playing Little League and was the perfect choice for this role. I was so proud that he was treated like the hero he is. It was really beautiful and moving.



May is also a great month for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. Our first Tuesday night race is less than three weeks away. Kudos to **Com. Behler** and the Race Committee for putting together a revised course that should be fun for racers. Please join us on the patio at the Tompkins Center for a post-race party on May 23rd to celebrate the kickoff of the racing season. Don't forget to bring an appetizer to share. Plan to come up to Marge's Bar for the rest of the season to watch race videos and hear the preliminary race results.

Make plans to come down to the Tompkins Center on May 31, for the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast followed by the Fleet Blessing. There is a flyer elsewhere in the Anchorline with more details about this annual breakfast put on by the Directors.

Last month I put out a desperate plea for some help with next month's Rendezvous. I am grateful to **Com. Bill Kuester** for agreeing to not only handle the June event, but to serve as Fleet Captain for the year. Phew!!

May is the month we wait for all winter. I look forward to seeing all of you on the docks, in the water and at GPSC events!

Yours in Service – Beth

VIEW FROM THE VICE



.... Vice Commodore Chris Behler

The sailing season is here and the events will be coming along on a regular basis now. For the racers there is the upcoming River Challenge and right after that the Tuesday Sundown Series starts. We have been getting a very good volunteer response from the club members with many of them experienced from previous years of service. If you ever wish to get involved in race, there are experienced volunteers to help you get your feet wet. The Volunteer list is on the GPSC.ORG website in the race pages and will be updated as changes occur. As the summer progresses there are many social events with rendezvous, parties, Regatta events, pancake breakfast and for those in harms way... the fleet blessing. The calendar is full and it should be another great year for the club.

My daughter, Liz, is getting married May 15. The planning has been ongoing for a year and it's showtime. When **Liz and Dave Linabury** get back from their honeymoon, work assembling and printing the 2010 Roster will move along and the membership should see it out fairly soon thereafter. There have been a lot of distractions this spring to be sure. **Commodore Bill Kuester** is organizing the upcoming rendezvous at Edison Boat club and the new couple and the good ship Quest will hopefully make their sailing debut (I am encouraging it).

As I write this I await the final registration statistics for the Sundown Series. It is always a bit nerve wracking because most registrations come in fairly close to the first race and the numbers always start out low.

Commodores Dave MacDonald and Jerry Partridge came over the other day to update the addresses in the 2009 race database and then produced mailing labels so they could mail out Notice of Race and Registration documents to last year's racers. Hopefully it will result in increased or more timely registrations. It was a lot of work but I think it was a good idea and worthwhile effort on their part.

Well that's it I think. **Fred Baer, Denise Cotter**, powerboat skippers, the long list of dock volunteers, plus the 'social workers' who put on the parties and events, will get to strut their stuff. The planning is about over, the summer unfolds. See you out there, let's have some fun.

Chris Behler



2010 SAIL FOR LIFE BLOOD DRIVE



On Monday, June 21, 2010 the Sail for Life Regatta will be held in the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park.

The Blood Drive will be set up from 3-9 pm.

Crews of sailing vessels, power boaters, friends and the community at large are asked to donate blood in the name of a boat or a person. A tally will be kept and the winning boat or person will be awarded First, Second and Third place flags at the 2010 GPSC Awards party. In addition, we would gladly accept cash donations to the **American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan** as "counters" for the competition. Registration forms will be made available.

The Grosse Pointe Sail Club is proud to join the American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan and its community to provide life saving help.



2010 GPSC Regatta Party Saturday, July 10, 2010 At Tompkins Center Windmill Pointe Park

Join in the fun and support our club
**All members, their families, and
friends are invited to the
Regatta party beginning @ 16:30**

**Music and beverages will be provided,
and a buffet will be available for purchase.**
**National Coney Island Coney Dogs, Greek Salad,
Chips, Potato Salad and more are on the menu.**

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

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VIEW FROM THE REAR



....Rear Commodore E. DAVID MACDONALD

So why am I always looking back when I write these articles? I guess I got confused between a view from the rear and rear view. Let's look forward in this month's article.

As the TV commercial goes, I think we will be busting open a can of doing between May 23 and June 8. The Detroit River Challenge is Sunday May 23, followed 2 days later by the GPSC's first race and first race party. Then 6 days later comes the Annual GPSC Pancake Breakfast and Fleet Blessing, the second race of the Spring Series on the next day, a Rendezvous in 3 days (with an opportunity to see the Red Bull Air Races) and then, after one day of rest, the third race of the Spring Series on June 8. Wow, that's a whole lot of shaking going on. Survivors can contact the Fleet Surgeon, **Dr. Robert Welch**, as necessary or continue to drink Red Bull until completely recovered.

Let it be known, there will be grilled Dollar Dogs at the first race party! Two very able club members have volunteered to grill the hotdogs that night. They are **Fred Chapman** and **Fran Partridge**. Both will be supplying those ravenous sailors the best the GPSC can offer for a buck. Hey, can I get chips with that? "Sure thing." What about those wonderful hors d'oeuvres? Yep, our members bring only the best to the first race celebration. And don't forget the beverages. They come with the meal. All of this for one dollar. Now that's what I call a real "value meal."

Interspersed between the Tuesday night Sundown Series races, we will have other notable events occurring over the course of the summer. There is our Sail for Life Blood Drive, honoring the memory of **Walter Solak**, the Rum Challenge, the GPSC Regatta and party, the Port-Huron to Mackinac Race, the Ladies Race, the last race and race party, and then a rendezvous at the Thames River Yacht Club. In addition to this, I will be taking Adult Learn to Sail lessons every Thursday this summer. Plus I golf on Mondays. So when am I going find time to ride my motorcycle? And then there is Nancy's to-do list. Whew, I think I am going to need a three month supply of Geritol to get me through this summer.

Actually I go to Marge's after the Tuesday night races for my Geritol, as do many of us. So what about Marge's this year? I want you to know that we will be making an earnest effort to bring back videos of the Sundown Series Races to Marge's for your viewing pleasure, and I will be assisting VC Behler in tabulating the race scores so we can announce

results that very same evening. Can we do it? For the videos, the probability is high. Race results are another matter because of the physical and temporal challenges that quickly scoring a race poses. I can only say that we are hoping for the best here.

I will be down on the dock every Tuesday for the Sundown Series Races, helping as much as I can. For those who joined the Club recently, come on down and get a feel for how race support works. I will be glad to show you the different roles of the race committee. We can even have you take part in some of the action so you can see first-hand what it's like to be a volunteer. It's a great way to be a member.

Well, that's it for now. See you on the dock, at Marge's, or somewhere else equally as fun.

Dave MacDonald

GPSC 2010 Racing Schedule

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

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. Kuester if you plan to come by sea and wish to stay the night.

All Grosse Pointe Park Residents Welcome

Please join us for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club Annual Memorial Day **Free Pancake Breakfast!**

Monday, May 31, 2010

9:00 – 11:00 am

Tompkins Center, Windmill Pointe Park



Hosted by GPSC Directors



Fleet Blessing

The Annual Blessing of the Fleet will follow at 12:00 Noon. All boaters (members and non-members) are invited to participate. You are encouraged to fly your GPSC burgee and dress ship. Our Fleet Chaplain and Honor Guard will be stationed on the seawall near the marina entrance. Boaters should gather downriver and travel single file upstream to receive a blessing.



FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

PC Bill Kuester

At the May board meeting I told Com. Kurta that I would be her Fleet Captain for this year. I've done it before, it's a fun job and I am looking forward to coordinating the two fleet rendezvous this year and a new GPSC cruise.

June 5 and 6. The spring rendezvous will again be held at the Edison Boat Club. If there is sufficient interest we can again run the reverse start JAM race to Edison. I think that the evening barbeque will not be as organized as the great pig roast that Fleet Captain Sandy Davis provided last year but maybe a large charcoal fire for your own entrees and then bring a dish to pass. Maybe large enough for twice the size of your crew. I need suggestions. This is also the weekend of the Red Bull Air Races and the EBC is close to the anchorage. Peache Island, for those with boat decals, I-68's or NEXUS passes, is also a fun anchorage. A final notice will be mailed by May 20th.

Labor Day Weekend, September 4, 5 and 6. My initial thoughts are to cruise to the Thames River Yacht Club. Last year some of us departed on Friday evening for the Windsor Yacht Club. We had a great meal in their dining room and then departed on Saturday morning for the east end of the lake. Possible activities at the TRYC could be a dinghy cruise (with appropriate water weapons), a cruise up the Thames River to Chatham for lunch, golf at a local club, swimming on the sand bar and other forms of fun.

Sunday evening we join the Members of the TRYC for their end of season party and Monday morning is the GPSC's thank you pancake breakfast.

Fleet Captain's Sail and Power Boat Cruise, July 24 to ???? The initial plans are to head down river to either the Ford Yacht Club or Grosse Isle Yacht club for Saturday night. For those continuing the cruise on Sunday, weather permitting, leave for Put-in-Bay. Monday at Put-in-Bay, Tuesday onward we can plan Kelly's Island, Sandusky (there have a great lunch on Wednesday, Cedar Pointe, etc. At this point we have commitments from the Chapman's and their sailboat "C-Babe" and the Kuesters aboard the trawler "Misselaineous"

Border Crossing Procedures. US to Canada. Upon arrival at a dock call CANPASS at 1-888-CANPASS and give boat name, numbers and names with DOB's for everyone of board. Vessel's with all crew members holding NEXUS Cards may call on cell phones from anchorages.

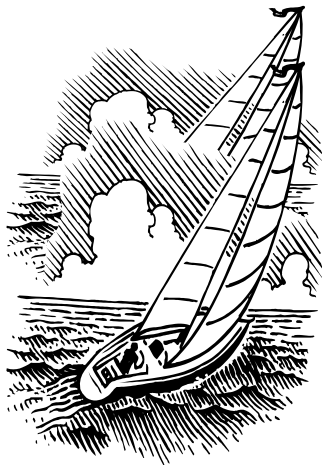
Canada to US. Vessel's longer than 30' LOA must have a current decal. The entire crew must have passports and either a current NEXUS card (good for 5 years) or a current I-68 (good for one year). The return is easy. Either call from your Canadian departure point within four hours of your return time or call from your dock. Google NEXUS for more information. Please be legal – Someday...!



Grosse Pointe Sail Club

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Upcoming Events:



May 23	River Challenge
May 25	Start of Spring Series and Patio Party
May 31	Pancake Breakfast/Fleet Blessing
June 5-6	Spring Rendezvous
June 19	River Days Parade of Lights
June 21	Sail For Life Blood Drive
June 21	Target Fireworks
June 26	Rum Challenge
July 6	Start of Summer Series
July 10	Regatta and Awards Party
July 20	Mackinac Party at Governor's Residence
August 6	Ladies' Race and Party
August 31	Last Summer Race and Party
Sept 4-6	Fall Rendezvous
Sept 7	Start of Fall Series

This is the last Anchorline until September. Look for further updates and details via electronic communication. Have a great summer!!

