



# Anchorline

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## COMMODORE....

### CHRIS BEHLER



This is my first article since being elected your 2011 Commodore and now would be a good time to thank everyone for your faith in me and for your support. One of my main goals is for all of us to have fun this year. With all of the jobs there are in the club it is sometimes easy to lose sight of why we joined the club. I want to stress to all of the volunteers who staff the support positions that the goal is...fun! This club runs on volunteer power and I don't want anyone feeling like they are failing... or that they are alone in their job. We have a lot of flexibility in the ways that things can get done and if you need help, support or extra hands... just ask one of the Commodores or someone you feel has some needed expertise. The club will not let you fail. In the past, instant subcommittees just seemed to form as needed to solve problems. Many of the club members have deep experience and insight in the needs of most jobs and are available for advice and guidance. The main fear from members being asked to volunteer as a Committee Chair has been having their name out in front and feeling like they are somewhat alone in fielding the questions and tasks. This is not the case... but if you are in that position, you do have to ask for help... and it is not a weakness in doing so. I have been on this club for a fairly long time and developed deep connections and a faith in the membership. In this club... you are never alone.

We had our first Board meeting (Usually the first Tuesday at 7pm, Dylans) this January 4th. The biggest discussion was about membership types and how we might 'tune them up' to meet present and future needs. **Ted Williford** is tasked with looking into reviewing the present membership structure and perhaps enhancing the trial version of the 'Crew' membership. Some hoped-for features of this newer category is to have a reduced cost membership category which would appeal to younger sailors who crew on some of the boats in the club and in

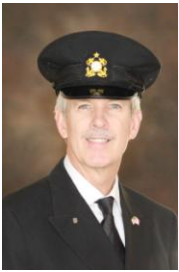
'Sundown Racing'. Issues raised include duration (how long can a person stay in this class of membership), what, if any, volunteer positions could be held, and what does this mean to the regular full members who might be working on their resumes to advance within the club. One thing is sure, we need younger members who can bring their fresh ideas and energy to this club. We have lost some very involved and supportive members recently and it starkly illustrates the issue. The need for constant renewal in this world is a sure thing and this club cannot escape it. The question is how to best address future membership needs of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. All of the DRYA clubs are working on their variation of this issue, it is a widespread issue affecting many sports based clubs.

For a time, the only job I had was GPSC. I now find myself employed. I hope to remain as accessible as possible to any questions or issues that you send to the Commodore... there may be a bit more of a delay than in the past however. I managed to get most of the early duties of the Commodore wrapped up. The ball is January 15th and is in good shape (175 reservations so far!) due to the efforts of the Ball committee, virtually all support positions are filled (Thank YOU!). Now... (queue the Jaws theme music)... Club Roster... The next big job! In the past, the quest for perfection in member listings has delayed printing. My goal is to not miss anyone new, have good accuracy on spellings and contact information... but not be afraid to have someone listed who has not yet paid their dues. Delinquent members will not get their 2011 membership cards (good for entry at many ILYA and DRYA clubs) until payment is received but will be listed in the Roster unless we know they will not be renewing. The goal is to go to press in mid February and start distributing the 2011 Roster thereafter. I am pushing hard for this to happen... pray for me.

I look forward to 2011. Good things seem to be happening within the club and I hope you and you families have a wonderful new year. Now if it could only warm up a bit...

Commodore Chris Behler

## VIEW FROM THE VICE



### .... Vice Commodore E. DAVID MACDONALD

I guess Dickens said it the best when he wrote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, ..." As good a year 2010 was for the Club, we were all touched in some way by the passing of many great Grosse Pointe Sail Club members. Let us continue to remember them and their substantial contributions to our fine organization.

So what happened since I last wrote? A lot! In November we had our usually raucous GPSC Awards Party at the Tompkins Center. Although not as raucous as parties in the past, at least the Crescent sailors held true to the tradition of being loud and entertaining. We had a very enjoyable Dry Dock, which was a simple, but delicious dinner at the GP Hunt Club among GPSC members. Unfortunately, some who attended failed to properly RSVP. This in turn disrupted the harmony of the universe temporarily (a P/C at my table failed to get his first dinner choice and had to make do with what was available), but we marshaled on. We also represented the GPSC in the annual GP Santa Parade. I must say there was quite a chill in the air the day of the parade, but the ever stalwart **John Phillips** showed up and marched in shorts, as he has been known to do. As **John** says, "It's just mind over matter." I guess it works. As for me, I had 2 pair of long johns on. My mind is not as great as John's, but I am working on it.

The first weekend of December was jam-packed for me. Friday brought the Annual Meeting and the election of Club Officers. We also had some fine hors d'oeuvres to enjoy. Anyone try those Brazilian Coxinas I brought? Saturday was the day to take the new Rear Commodore, **John Raguse**, to breakfast and to be fitted for his new uniform. I cut John a break and picked him up at 9am instead of 8am; unlike what they did with me. Believe me, that hour the next day makes a difference. Saturday evening Nancy and I made fresh fruit salad for the Sunday GPSC Children's Christmas Party. Along with the fruit salad, we decided to add a little pizzazz to the party with the addition of 3 quiches, muffins from Avalon bakery, 20 gingerbread men (people?) from Josef's, and some kumquats. All were a hit, even the kumquats. See **P/C Morlan** on how you eat a kumquat. There is a little trick to it. But the real hit of the kid's Christmas Party were the mimosas. Hey, adults can have fun at this party also. Many thanks to **Cynthia and Peter Warner** for organizing and directing this year's party. The mimosas are now a permanent part of the Christmas Party's menu.

Oh yeah, I have something cute to share with you. I was cleaning up after the kid's Christmas Party, putting the electric griddle back in its original box (I am a bit fussy that way – call it attention to detail), and a little girl noticed the newness of the box and asked, "What did you get from Santa?" Not to

disappoint, I said with enthusiasm that I got this new Presto griddle from Santa and that it was something I had always wanted. Kids. You can't help but smile at the things they say. On a personal note, Nancy and I volunteered this year to manage a table of 10 kids at the annual Most Holy Trinity Children's Christmas Party in Corktown at the IBEW Hall on Porter St. It was a great experience. Plus, I met up with a friend of mine from high school and a neighbor from down the street, both of whom were there as volunteers. The back story here is that the neighbor's father, Judge Brennan, used to be the Santa for this event until he passed. Now his son, my neighbor's brother, plays Santa. You know, we had no clue our neighbor was so involved in this long-standing charitable event. What a wonderful tradition to carry on.

The Monday following the Most Holy Trinity Christmas Party, I dashed off to New York City to see an exhibition at the Guggenheim that was related to a class I was taking at WSU. Long way to go for a school project, but a great excuse to go to NYC. I had an open invitation from my cousin Steve to crash at his place, so I took advantage of it. I had a great 3 days in NYC. While Nancy was back in Detroit working, she would get these random texts from me that said: "Eating dinner at Sparks Steak House. Chris Noth (Mr. Big) just walked by", "Having a drink at Sardi's", or "Eating at your favorite soul food restaurant in Harlem – Sylvia's." What a fun time! Well, it was back to business when I returned. There were Ball planning meetings (I missed #2 while in NYC), I was breaking in a new treasurer, I am making plans for this year's GPSC Winter weekend (you should too), and I am looking forward to attending the Blessing of the Fleet at old Mariners' Church in March. If you haven't attended this service, I encourage you to do so. You cannot help but be moved by the sight of all the fine men and women who make these Great Lakes great.

Oh, did I mention that I ran into **Dr. Rob Welch** and his beautiful wife **Terry** while attending WSU's Charter Night in November at the Book Cadillac? Both of us were there for the first time, and neither of us knew the other was going. It was a very pleasant surprise. It was also good to hear GPSC member **A. Paul Schaap's** name mentioned that evening when they recognized some of the major donors to the University. It's like I said in my first article in last year's *Anchorline*. You never know when or where you will meet someone who belongs to the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. Isn't that the greatest?

Well, that's it for now. I hope to see you either at the Ball or the Winter Weekend in Hartland (only 1 hour from Grosse Pointe). Until then, stay warm. I heard that summer is just around the corner.

Dave MacDonald

## VIEW FROM THE REAR



### ....Rear Commodore JOHN RAGUSE

What a welcoming to the GPSC leadership team! First and foremost I would like to personally thank you for your vote of confidence as the new Rear Commodore. It is an honor to be rewarded this privilege to serve with some very distinguished officers that preceded me. As you could imagine this was an historic Annual Meeting that I will never forget and I will cherish that evening forever. Thanks to all the Past Commodores and their good spouses for the numerous tips and advice for what the next three years hold for me and how to enjoy them. I look forward to serving at the same high standards that my predecessors set and I will forever welcome any advice or opinions the membership has for improving the club. We are here not only to represent you but also to serve you, so please feel free to give me a shout or shoot me an email about something you believe in or feel strong about when the urge presents itself. In keeping with GPSC Tradition the first unofficial meeting of the new bridge was at Dylan's immediately after the annual meeting. We wasted no time starting the bonding process among us discussing new ideas for the upcoming year and ended up closing the bar! Be sure to read the end of this letter for some tidbits of what was achieved.

In keeping with GPSC tradition, **VC Dave MacDonald** and I had our breakfast meeting at Jumps that Saturday morning where he filled me in on all the details and responsibilities of the position and then we were off shopping for the new uniform. I now understand why the sense of urgency to order it given the four trips to the tailor to get it looking just right! There's got to be a better way....

I hope everyone enjoyed this year's Christmas Party as I did. It almost became the party that didn't happen. The lack of registrations by the requested due date suggested a lack of interest worthy of cancelling the party, but was avoided thanks to a last minute solicitation from **P/C Kurta**. In the end Santa arrived and lots of children's Christmas dreams came true and some last minute requests were made to Santa. This year's party was special for me because it was the first time I had small children in my home for almost fourteen years! The Christmas dream began the day after the annual meeting putting up the outside lights with my youngest supporter supervising (Alayna, 8 years old). We both love the Christmas season and the great mood it puts us in. Then we put the Christmas tree and lights on later that evening. On Sunday we attended the Christmas party and had a fantastic breakfast! A very special thank you to **Nancy and Com Dave MacDonald** for their fresh fruit salad, to my dear **Lady Angie** for her suggestion of adding mimosas to the

breakfast menu, an idea created from the bridge meeting at Dylan's (could this be a new tradition?). A very big thank you to **Pete and Cynthia Warner** for organizing and directing the event almost at the very last minute and to **Andrea Solak** for her perseverance in yet another entertainment event, and all the other members who made this a great Christmas memory for us. Our family picture by the tree and fireplace became the Christmas card photo we sent to all our friends this year announcing our new family. After the party we went home and finished decorating the Christmas tree and the rest of the house. The weekend was so special that we agreed to make it an annual tradition. For those families in the club with younger children and those grandparents looking to put a smile on their grandchildren's face or giving the kids another opportunity to ask Santa something special for Christmas, you should really consider attending this event next year. For those of you looking to give to others during this hectic time of the year, volunteer to make a salad or bring the bagels, set-up the coffee or help out with a chore. It will be a very gratifying experience and you will walk away feeling good knowing that you gave. Most of all, if you are interested in attending a club events please fulfill your responsibility to RSVP in a timely manner so all the volunteers behind the scenes can plan accordingly.

Later in December **Com Behler** called the first official meeting of the bridge and what a great meeting it was. I was amazed at the number of new ideas that were generated that represent new and fun opportunities for the membership. I think that **P/C Kurta** may have missed her calling as an advertising executive or artist given her creative and innovative skills. Stay tuned later this year for some new events like a road rally in lieu of a big event possibly competing against another club that ends up either at their club or a neutral venue. How about having one of our major parties at another venue instead of the Tompkins Center and experiencing something new for a change (like Dylan's or another local venue). Just think – by having a party at another venue means no volunteers for set up or cleanup work, no Tompkins center rental fees, more fun less work, and enables everyone to enjoy the event. Sounds like a win-win proposition to me. Drop me an email if you have any new ideas you think the club would enjoy or just to express a yeah or nay!

Well I hope that everyone is looking forward to attending this year Commodores Ball as I am. The DYC is a magnificent venue for such an event and I am certain it will be a grand way to celebrate **Com Behler's** tenure. Be sure to wear your dancing shoes because the band from **P/C Kurta's** Ball will be playing and if you missed it they were absolutely FANTASTIC!!! After the Ball take a two week break and then it's off to the Winter Weekend February 4 – 6. It's only one hour away from GP and there are lots of events scheduled to suit your liking. Come for the weekend or just stay one night. Think Launch!

John Raguse

## Com. Michael J. Comerford

Our beloved Commodore from 1997 past away last month. Mike will be dearly missed by the members of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club.

*April 8, 1938 – December 18, 2010*

Comerford, Michael James, Age 72. December 19, 2010. Beloved husband of Maureen, brother of Renee (Richie) and Kieran (Linda), father of Grainne (David), Eoin (Liz), Ciara and Niamh. Grandfather of Adam, Sam, Nate and Tom.



## Happy January Birthday To the following members

Com. Badaczewski

★ Don Brophy

★ David Charvat

★ Denise Cotter

★ Philip Dickinson

Com. Leonard Fasulo

★ John Fitzgerald

Com. Larry Haggart

★ Com. Beth Kurta

★ Michael McDevitt

★ Nancy McPherson

★ Andrea Solak

★ Harold Stackpoole

★ John Stevens

★ Ted Williford

## Grosse Pointe Sail Club Winter Adventure

February 4 – 6, 2011

Bring your family and join the GPSC for our Annual Winter Weekend Getaway

### In Hartland, Michigan



Please let us know you are coming by contacting  
Beth Kurta at 313.477.2014 or  
ekurta@comcast.net

**It's OK if you don't want to stay for the weekend,  
come on up and join us for the day!**

#### Tentative Schedule:

**Friday Night:** Dinner at Highland House

Games in lodge common area

**Saturday:** Pot Luck Breakfast in lodge common area

Lunch at a local restaurant

Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing,

Sledding, Ice Skating, Ice Fishing,

Board Games

Downhill Skiing at Alpine Valley

Shopping

**Saturday Night:** Cocktail Party, Dinner at Resort

(\$25 per person), Bonfire, Games

**Sunday:** Breakfast at Resort (\$10 per person)

**For Reservations, call Waldenwoods**

**Resort directly at 810.632.6401**

**Rooms are \$75/night**

(Room types are limited, so call early for the best selection)

*Let them know you are with the Grosse  
Pointe Sail Club*

***Reservations must be made before  
January 15, 2011***

GPSC members will stay in the Sunshine Lodge

Coming Soon:  
*Euchre Party!*



Friday, March 4, 2011

7:00 PM Cocktails

7:30 PM Euchre Tournament

(billiards, air hockey, poker, wii, board games,  
too for non-euchre players)

701 Berkshire, GPP  
(Kurta Residence)

RSVP Deadline is Monday, February 28  
Contact Beth Kurta for reservations  
[ekurta@comcast.net](mailto:ekurta@comcast.net) or 313.477.2014

\$10 per attendee after 2.28.11 (no exceptions)

Early Bird rate of \$5.00 per attendee  
registered prior to Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

Please bring an appetizer to share.  
Beer and wine will be provided.

It may be cold outside, but we'll have a  
HOT time!



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DRYA 2011 Winter Seminar Schedule

**January 12 "Race Management"**

hosted by Edison Boat Club  
[www.edisonboatclub.org](http://www.edisonboatclub.org)

**January 19 "Engine Maintenance & Trouble-Shooting"**

hosted by North Star Sail Club  
[www.northstarsail.org](http://www.northstarsail.org)

**January 26 "Understanding Your Sailboat's Electrical System"**

hosted by Bayview Yacht Club [www.byc.com](http://www.byc.com)

**February 02 "Chartering"**

hosted by Detroit Yacht Club [www.dyc.com](http://www.dyc.com)

**February 09 "Weather for Poets"**

hosted by Grosse Pointe Sail Club [www.gpsc.org](http://www.gpsc.org)

**February 16 "Medicine Afloat"**

hosted by Grosse Pointe Yacht Club  
[www.gpyc.com](http://www.gpyc.com)

**February 23 "De-Mystifying Rating Systems"**

hosted by Detroit Yacht Club [www.dyc.com](http://www.dyc.com)

**March 02 "Staying Alive with CPR (\$30)"**

hosted by Edison Boat Club  
[www.edisonboatclub.org](http://www.edisonboatclub.org)

**March 09 "Saving Sailing"**

hosted by North Star Sail Club  
[www.northstarsail.org](http://www.northstarsail.org)

**March 16 "Basic Racing Rules"**

hosted by the Port Huron Yacht Club  
[www.phyc.com](http://www.phyc.com)

**March 23 "Safety at Sea"**

hosted by the Grosse Isle Yacht Club  
[www.giyc.com](http://www.giyc.com)

For descriptions and guest speakers for each seminar  
visit link below

[http://drya.org/News/2010/December/  
Final2011\\_DRYA\\_Seminar\\_Descriptors.pdf](http://drya.org/News/2010/December/Final2011_DRYA_Seminar_Descriptors.pdf)



## GROSSE POINTE SAIL CLUB 2011 CALENDAR

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Responsible:</u>
<b>January</b>			
4 TU	Board Meeting	Dylan's	Bridge
15 SA	GPSC Commodore's Ball	DYC	Ball Committee
<b>February</b>			
1 TU	Board Meeting	Dylan's	Bridge
4-6 FR-SU	Winter Weekend	Hartland, MI	Bridge/Entertainment
9 WE	DRYA Seminar (Weather)	Tompkins Center	DRYA/Board
24 TH	DRYA Race Mtg/Hot Stove	Tompkins Center	Commodore
<b>March</b>			
1 TU	Board Meeting	Dylan's	Bridge
4 FR	Dry Dock	Past Commodore's	Dry Dock
19 SA	Spring Party	Tompkins Center	Entertainment
<b>April</b>			
5 TU	Board Meeting	Dylan's	Bridge
9 SA	Commodores Steak Roast	Tompkins Center	Past Commodores
<b>May</b>			
3 TU	Board Meeting	Dylan's	Bridge
TBD FR	GPSC Race Seminar	BYC	Race
22 SU	River Challenge	On Lake	Vice Commodore/Race
24 TU	Spring Race 1	Dock	Race
24 TU	Race Party	Tompkins Patio	Entertainment
30 MO	Pancake Breakfast	Tompkins Center	Board of Directors
30 MO	Fleet Blessing	WPP Dock	Chaplain
31 TU	Spring Race 2	Dock	Race
<b>June</b>			
4-5 SA-SU	Rendezvous	TBA	Fleet Captain
7 TU	Spring Race 3	Dock	Race
14 TU	Spring Race 4	Dock	Race
20 MO	Sail for Life Blood Drive	Tompkins Center	Commodore
21 TU	Spring Race 5	Dock	Race
TBD SU	Rum Challenge Race	On Lake	Vice Commodore
28 TU	Spring Race 6	Dock	Race



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### July

5	TU	Summer Race 1	Dock	Race
8	FR	GPSC Reg. Cocktail	TBA	Regatta
9	SA	GPSC Regatta	On Lake	Regatta
9	SA	GPSC Regatta Awards	Tompkins Center	Regatta
16	SA	Chicago - Mac	Lake Michigan	CYC
23	SA	BYC Mackinac Race	Lake Huron	BYC

### August

2	TU	Summer Race 2	Dock	Race
9	TU	Summer Race 3	Dock	Race
16	TU	Summer Race 4	Dock	Race
23	TU	Summer Race 5	Dock	Race
30	TU	Summer Race 6	Dock	Race
30	TU	Race Party	Tompkins Patio	Race

### September

3-5	SA	Fall Rendezvous	TBD	Fleet Captain
6	TU	Fall Series Race #1	Dock	Race
7	WE	Board Meeting	Dylan's	Bridge
11	FR	Ladies' Race	Dock	Race
11	FR	Ladies' Race Party	WPP Picnic Area	Race
13	TU	Fall Series Race #2	Dock	Race
20	TU	Fall Series Race #3	Dock	Race
23	FR	New Members' Party	Commodore's Home	Membership
27	TU	Fall Series Race #4	Dock	Race

### October

4	TU	Board Meeting	Dylan's	Bridge
9	SU	Frost Bite Race	Dock	Race
9	SU	Chili Party	Tompkins Center	Entertainment
29	SA	Fall Party – Lobster Roast	Tompkins Center	Entertainment

### November

1	TU	Board Meeting	Commodores Home	Bridge
4	FR	Awards Party	Tompkins Center	Race
18	FR	Dry Dock	TBD	Dry Dock

### December

2	FR	Annual Meeting	Tompkins Center	Bridge
4	SU	Christmas Party	Tompkins Center	Bridge



## 2011 GPSC Committee Chairs

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commodore	Chris Behler
Vice Commodore	Dave MacDonald
Rear Commodore	John Raguse
Past Commodore	Beth Kurta
Director 2010 & 2011	Nancy McPherson
Director 2010 & 2011	Paul Schaap
Director 2011 & 2012	Mark Minor
Director 2011 & 2012	Andrea Solak

### BRIDGE

Secretary	Beth Gibney
Treasurer	Jim Cooper w/Ted Williford as adviser
Fleet Captain	Dr. Peter Bauman
Fleet Chaplain	Vicky Colwell
Fleet Measurer	Patrick Clark
Fleet Surgeon	Dr. Mary Beth O'Connell

### COMMODORE'S COMMITTEES

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ILYA	Darius Hummel
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Risk	Com. Dennis Cotter
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Roster Advertising	Kurt Lyons
Roster Assistant	Dave Linabury

## **VICE COMMODORE'S COMMITTEES**

Dock and Supply	Lynne Haggart and Dee Clark
Database	Mark Minor
Membership	Ted Williford
New Member Mentor	Mary Fraser
Power Boat	Paul Schaap
Webmaster	Com. Chris Behler (Old web) Dave Linabury (New web)

### Race

Race Support & Logistics	Jenny Stacey
Race Scoring/Records Team	Com. Dave MacDonald/Com. John Raguse
Race Operations	Prudy & Charlie Billiu
Principle Race Officer s	Fred Baer and Denise Cotter
Protest	Frank Murray

## **REAR COMMODORE COMMITTEES**

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Dry Dock	Ruth and Darius Hummel
Video/Photo	Jenny Stacey
Charter and Bylaws	Alan Lowenthal
Bylaw History Support	Com. Jerry Partridge
Club History	Com. Glory Schappe
Junior Race	Frank Michell
Regatta	Deborah Fred and Chapman
Regatta Assistant	Andrea Solak
Electronic Communicator	William Harbert/ Backup – Com. Tom Fraser



## **Grosse Pointe Sail Club**

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