



# Anchorline

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## COMMODORE....



### CHRIS BEHLER

What I have been told by past Commodores is that, as current Commodore, once you get past the Commodores Ball and the club sponsored racing events... is a 'cruise' to the finish line in December. I beg to differ. There is still a lot going on and the club volunteers are as busy... or busier... than ever. The focus has

shifted from running races (all hail the race committee volunteers!) to numerous social events. The recently completed events include the new members party held at the Commodores party pad. I didn't get a count but there were perhaps 50 or so partiers with about 6 new members (out of 13 this year). We had lots of food, the weather was OK so we could stand outside and get some air... and my... the talking! Sometimes party's seem to 'bunch up' where you don't get a lot of mixing. Not this party! Everyone seemed to be effortlessly moving around and I think everyone talked to everybody. We had the new members wear a different color name tag and that really worked out well to aid the 'meet and greet' of new members. I had a great time smoozing with the new members and talking to the 'old' members... much food and drink was consumed. A big success all in all and I hope the new members who came felt welcome in the club. I sure would like to see the new members who couldn't make it to this party come to one of our upcoming 2011 events.

The Chili party has also come and gone. Huge turnout it was... but not much Chili. We had about half the number of competing Chili's, nine I think was the count, and it was good that we had other things to eat as well as the Chili's. Commodore Dave MacDonald brings this Jalapeno cornbread to the Chili cook-off... I had a cold when I arrived at the party... was cured when I left. Dave also got a flower arrangement from Charvats Flower Shop which we proceeded to raffle off to the first 50 raffle ticket buyers. Commodore Fraser's chili was the big winner of the day. He told me that he used a recipe that he found, internet I believe, and it had a VERY nonstandard (well... non

Chili) ingredient list. It was by far the biggest vote getter. Tom says he will get me a copy of the recipe and I will post it on the web. I was out of uniform for the party... I told the crowd that the 'Summer White' uniform I had on was not to be worn after Labor Day. After the Frostbite race earlier in the day, I rushed home to change into something more 'official' and as I stood in front of my closet I thought... I could wear a jacket... or I could wear the summer whites (much cooler). Hmmmm, its 80+ degrees out, it's a no brainer. I like the look of the whites and it certainly fit the August in October weather.

Upcoming... cool events... our Fleet Surgeon, Mary-Beth O'Connell, is organizing a seminar:

#### Stroke Prevention Awareness

Presented by Dr. Dennis Parker, Pharm.D.

**Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm – Okulski Theatre**

Mary Beth has coordinated with GPP and it will be open to the public with an announcement going out in the Park Communicator. It is an excellent topic, great speaker, and will be an excellent Sail Club 'outreach' event to the public. Great idea Mary Beth!

The LOBSTER ROAST is coming October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, Tompkins. It is a well-attended club tradition, get your reservation in. Andrea Solak is coordinating it, Commodore Tom Fraser is the food wrangler (they bite...), I believe I am going to be doing some cooking after I take some instruction from Tom... and we have a cool entertainment event that runs concurrent with dinner coordinated by Ruth Hummel. I know the general idea of what is to happen with the entertainment... but the details are a 'Mystery'. Sign up if you want a great time and meal... Andrea is getting anxious about this event because there is a lead time to get the lobsters and we don't want to disappoint people if they register too late.

There are other upcoming events large and small but you will get the info in time... We are going to close out the year with some fun and interesting gatherings thanks to the effort of many volunteers and the planning of a few dedicated people. I doff my 'Commodore' hat to you all. Let's party... my time is short... it's been a blast so far.

Chris Behler

## VIEW FROM THE VICE



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

The racing season ended on a weather high for the GPSC Frostbite Race. High pressure brought warm weather, clear skies, and unfortunately, light wind. Fortunately, that did not deter our

GPSC sailors. Many of them showed up to race the Frostbite that day, giving us one of the bigger turnouts in recent memory. **Rick Abramovich** came out and skippered his Pearson 30, setting up a showdown with **Rob Welch's** Pearson 30. **Les Roddis** showed up in *Tuna II*. And we had **Don (he's bad) Badaczewski** race his Cal 25, *Bada Boom*. Congrats to *Avatar* in winning JAM A and *Bada Boom* winning JAM B. See you guys at the Annual Meeting when we hand you your well-earned trophies.

The Chili Party that followed the Frostbite was well attended (should we consider another name for this race?). Many thanks to **Andrea Solak** and **Irina** for doing such a fine job on organizing this popular event. We didn't have as much chili as last year. I made 2 batches to do my part; one on Friday and one on Saturday. The Saturday batch had fresh jalapeños and some kidney beans added to the mix. The fresh jalapeños seemed to make a difference. I know **RC John Raguse** thought it was ique picante!

To add a little bit extra to the Chili Party festivities, I bought a floral arrangement to compliment the fall theme. I purchased the arrangement from **Charvat the Florist (Dave Charvat is a GPSC member)** with the intention of raffling it off. I did that for the first time last year. It adds some excitement when a lucky winner can take home something nice like that. Maybe this could be a new Chili Party tradition.

I ran across something really neat since my last article. Back on the day the Ladies Race was held, we were going to preface it with a mini-regatta of windsurfers. The day was bright, but the wind was light. As a result, the windsurfers didn't make it up to our start line at Windmill Pointe Park. Instead, they stayed and windsurfed off Patterson Park. They made a fantastic video of it and I thought you might be interested in viewing it. The link is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y63VrS6uW9U>

Nancy and I attended the New Members Party at **Com. Behler's** on September 23. My dish to share that night was jalapeño fried ravioli (there's those jalapeños again). It was a fine evening to meet and greet. We got to meet

**Steve and Debbie Voorhees**, and **Tom and Jill Richter**. And it was good talking to **Zack Assaf**, along with **Dave and Lizz Linabury**, again.

Currently, **Ted Williford**, **Mark Minor** and I are working on the membership renewal notifications. Expect them in the mail soon. Please try to return them to Ted by **November 15**. Voting at the annual meeting is contingent upon your membership renewal being processed in time. You can pick up your membership cards at the Annual Meeting as well.

Well, that's it for now. I have to prepare a mailing for the GPSC Awards Party on November 4 and decide on what will be on the menu for the evening (something with jalapeños?). I hope everyone had a good summer sailing. We have some good parties/activities coming up these next few months. I hope to see all y'all there.

Dave MacDonald

## Stroke Prevention Awareness

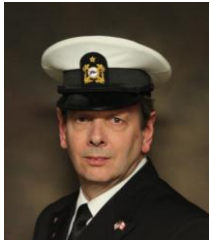
Presented by Dr. Dennis Parker, Pharm.D.

**Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 pm**  
**Lavins Activity Center – Okulski Theatre**

Strokes are caused by a blood clot or bleed in the brain. They are the third largest cause of death in the U.S. and one of the major causes of disability. Some risk factors for stroke can be modified through lifestyle changes and medications. Better outcomes result when a person having a stroke receives therapy within 4.5 hours. Thus, everyone should know the symptoms of strokes so that early treatment can be sought. The Grosse Pointe Sail Club, in conjunction with the Lavins Activity Center, will be offering a program to help people learn first how to prevent a stroke and second the signs and symptoms of a stroke for early recognition and treatment. Dr. Dennis Parker, Pharm. D., Clinical Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice at Wayne State University and Pharmacy Specialist in neurotrauma at Detroit Receiving Hospital, will be the presenter. He has received numerous teaching awards. Please join us for this informative presentation. Free will contributions will be accepted to offset costs. Seating is limited so please register early. If interested in attending, please email Mary Beth O'Connell at [mboconnell@wayne.edu](mailto:mboconnell@wayne.edu)

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## VIEW FROM THE REAR



### ....Rear Commodore JOHN RAGUSE

Well now that the racing season is over its time to start planning for next year. I met with **Com. MacDonald** to understand the RC process and begin planning next year's committee. I

assumed the hardest job was recruiting all the volunteers needed to run the race at the dock. As a racer when looking at the RC from our boats there is always a slew of people working the race in some way and the thought of having to recruit all those volunteers was scary. Then when I learned the positions are primarily filled with volunteers who step forward without being asked, or via the Race sign up chart, or the committed long time volunteers who are forever contributing to our club on either Tuesday nights or in another capacity, or the walk-in's that stop by to help out. I was thankful to all those people that show up to support the RC – rain or shine that make our racing program so professional. What I did learn is that we are challenged with getting volunteers to help out on the Mark Set Boats. If anyone has an interest in going for an evening cruise, giving a hand dropping an anchor that secures the racing buoy on the lake bottom, send me a line and I'll see that you get the opportunity to contribute and have fun doing so!

You know Fall is here when it's time to collect all the awards trophies to begin the engraving process so they can be issued at the upcoming Annual Meeting. A special thanks to **Jim Kraft** for contacting all the holders to gather them up and **Com. Dave MacDonald** for assisting Jim with the process. Thanks to their efforts we will have another entertaining awards presentation at the Annual Meeting. Speaking of the Annual Meeting please take note there will be a special election to vote on the elimination of some of the membership classes we have. Director **Ted Williford** has done a tremendous job of building the club database and through his membership experience has used it to analyze the various classes we have and identified two classes that are suggested obsolete. Updating our By-Laws can be a nervous proposition given our history of past success that we do not want to risk under any circumstance. However, updating the By-Laws for today's membership environment with the best intention of ensuring that our successful history will continue to move forward is a necessary responsibility we all need to embrace. The specifics will be presented in the next Anchorline so you have time to review the proposal before voting on it in December.

In case you didn't know, the amazing **Ruth Hummel** has put together a Road Rally as a Dry Dock event in November. Knowing Ruth, you can bet your bottom dollar it is going to be fun, fun, FUN! We will need a certain number of cars to participate so start making up your teams now and be prepared for a great Saturday night event. The event will end at a local venue where we can determine the winner, compare stories and enjoy some camaraderie so keep your eyes open in the Anchorline or email for its date and plan on a great evening with the membership. Want to attend but do not want to drive? Give me a call and I'll be glad to get you on a team.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to stop by Marge's after a Tuesday night race can appreciate the great videos **Jenny Stacy** took of the race. The racers anxiously waited to see them week after week, as did the audience given the other non-racing events she occasionally managed to get on tape (i.e. most embarrassing moments..). Her efforts made for a very entertaining evening filled with great stories, humor and warm fellowship. A special thanks to Jenny for giving up family responsibilities to serve the club on Tuesday evenings. Unfortunately the camera used is old and is on its last legs. A replacement video camera is needed for next year. The going price for an HD camera is about \$250. With Black Friday coming up and the Christmas season almost here there should be plenty of buying opportunities to procure a camera at a good price for next year's race season.

Speaking of planning next year's activities, you will be pleased to know that a Regatta follow-up meeting is in the making. Please try to recall any opportunities for improvement that were clearly needed and the Regatta Committee will consider them. Drop me a line or any one of the Regatta Committee members and we will discuss your suggestion. With **Fred and Debbie Chapman** heading up our premier event next year it is certain to be a GREAT TIME. For the newer members of the club regatta is a very fun way to get involved in the club, meet other members, assist with an easy chore and have fun doing it! Drop anyone a line if you have the slightest interest in the Summer's Premier event.

Lots of social events coming up – Lobster Roast, Awards Party, Dry Dock - Road Rally, etc. It's time to leave race mode and get into social mode and party. Looking forward to seeing everyone at any of the numerous upcoming events. Get on out and enjoy the fellowship of our great membership and have some fun doing it!

Yours in service,  
Com J. Raguse

# Happy Birthday To the following members October

Prudence Riley Billiu  
Doug Carlson  
Meghan Cassidy  
Com. Robert Connelly  
Paul D'Angelo  
William Francis  
Ann Lawson  
Marie Mainwaring  
Frank Michell  
Com. Gordon Morlan  
John Phillips  
John Prost  
Thomas Stieber

## DOCK and SUPPLY

Brand new merchandise available at Oct 29 Party  
or Call Lynne 882-6028

Check out sale items too!  
**THINK CHRISTMAS**

### GPSC Race Chair Report

The GPSC racing program has come to an end with the conclusion of the Fall Series Races and the Club's Frostbite Race.

The last Fall Series race was a rainy event. But your stalwart Race Committee braved the elements and arrived on station wearing various types of foul weather gear. Luckily it was a light rain that evening. Our PRO, **Fred Baer**, decided to be kind and shorten the race, which seemed to benefit everyone that night. Twenty-three boats came out to race. It was a pretty good showing given the conditions. After the race, many of us retired to Marge's Bar; so many that it looked like we filled up the place. This kept Dan running the whole evening. Videos of the race were available for viewing, which contributed to the festive atmosphere.

There was some confusion in the Fall Series with regard to the handicaps used. To address the situation, I decided to use the JAM ratings from the DRYA's 2011 PHRF Valid List. The same was done for the Frostbite Race.

Speaking of the Frostbite Race, it was a marvelously warm day again this year. But with that kind of weather, you knew that wind would be lacking. That lack of wind made viewing the finish of the JAM A boats from the dock very entertaining. Fighting the current and wind direction, a number of these boats found it a significant challenge to finish on the right side of the finish mark. The first three boats negotiated the mark successfully, but not without some anxious moments. The fourth boat was not as successful. But they did get a big cheer from us as they rolled into the mark side-ways.

At the end of the Frostbite, we took the halyards down from the flagpole. A definite sign that the racing season is over.

Before I forget, many of you have asked about the outcome of the redress hearing regarding the July 5 Sundown Series Race. I have not received the official written decision from the judges, but this is what I communicated to the racers:

*"The finding is that the GPSC Race Committee made an error in sending conflicting signals from the dock. There was confusion on the part of the sailors as a result. The confusion caused racers to go around certain marks on the wrong tack, but not in all classes (Cal's and Crescents for sure). The judges decided that the confusion had minimum effect on outcomes / finish times. The race is not thrown out. All results for all classes stand as scored for shortened course."*

I'll chalk that one up to experience. You got to have experience if you are going to get anywhere in the world today.

I picked up the remainder of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dock worker shirts on September 29 and I am making the final distribution now. If I still owe you a shirt, give me a call.

I have the GPSC Awards Party to do and then the Race Chair's duties for the year are done, except for turnover notes. I have some work to do there yet. And the cannons have to be sent out for cleaning. And...

... I want to thank all of you for a wonderful year. I want to thank Com. Chris Behler for providing the NOR and SI's for all the races this year, and for teaching me how to use QuickScore. Many thanks to the folks who worked the Patrol Boats and Mark Boats. And many thanks to the folks on the dock. It was a great time working with everyone on Race this year. I hope it was fun for all of you also.

Dave MacDonald  
GPSC Race Chair 2011

# G.P.S.C. Dry Dock

Friday Nov. 18, 2011



## 5 Pointes Scavenger Hunt

that will have you on your way  
even if you **don't** know where you are going.

This **ROAD RALLY**

will include teamwork, Creativity, clues, trivia,  
and a tank full of fun.

**AFTER-GLOW** will include beverages and desserts.

Grab a quick dinner before the start.

**Cost - \$0**

Approximately **10 Cars** will be admitted to the rally  
although the number of passengers is entirely up to you.

I only need the drivers name at this point- **ASAP**

Start time for meet-up directions will be 7:15 pm  
and everything else will be explained to you at sign-up time

No point in boring all the **non-attendees** with trivia now.

There's only one contact  
as the plans have been kept a secret.

\* surprisingly, I'm not talking : )

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## **Grosse Pointe Sail Club**

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November 18      Dry Dock Scavenger Hunt

**Upcoming Events:**

November 4      Awards Party  
December 2      Annual Meeting  
December 4      Children's Christmas Party