How time flies! It is hard to believe that the GPSC Annual Meeting was held over six weeks ago, the holidays have come and gone, and I am already into my second month as Commodore of this great club.

Last weekend, we celebrated the biggest annual event on our club’s calendar – The GPSC Commodore’s Ball. Thanks in no small part to the many members of our 2018 Ball Committee, it was a wonderful affair. Our Ballroom at Barrister Gardens looked spectacular, the food was great, and The Rick Lieder Band was fantastic. Many family, friends, and club members were in attendance. There was also a great representation of commodores and their guests from other DRYA member clubs. Everyone that attended had a great time. For those of you that were not there – we missed you and we hope that you will be able to attend the Ball next year.

This year marks the 70th year for the Grosse Pointe Sail Club – an anniversary of which we should all be very proud. We have always run one of the best racing programs on Lake St. Claire, and we continue to be well respected for our Tuesday Night Sundown Series. In addition, our club is a strongly civic-minded organization. We host several community events such as the Annual Blood Drive and the Memorial Day Breakfast & Fleet Continued on Page 3

Annual GPSC Children’s Christmas Party

The final activity of the year (2017) was on December 3rd Sunday, which revolved around a brunch and of course the children who attended the annual GPSC Children’s Christmas Party. Oh, one can’t forget the presents Santa had for all the children who attend too. For almost three hours the Clubhouse echoed with the squeals of delight from the children (and demands to go to the bathroom). Children were excited, and the adults were wistful, as they recalled their own encounters with Santa Clause in prior years. Someone also brought up the name of Clement C. Moore. No, he wasn’t one of our Commodores. Among Moore’s accomplishments, as a writer and poet was his naming of Santa’s eight reindeer. (Rudolph was NOT one of them!). Although his scholarly writings on Oriental and Greek literature have been forgotten, a quickly dashed off poem, created in 1823 lives on. The poem, which he wrote for his children, was originally titled "A Visit from St. Nicholas", but we know it today as “Twas the night before Christmas”. It is a classic that has also helped create our Holiday traditions. The GPSC’s traditional Children’s party was a success and I would like to recognize:

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"We are yachtsmen" is the way a fellow crew member put it when we were asked about our avocation. We were in the midst of college and not at all sure of our futures (liberal artists are like that) but we were certain of one thing: we planned to sail as long and often as possible.

We usually left the dock armed with an array of Jimmy Buffett cassettes and a case of Stroh’s (and when we were lucky a fifth of Myers’) designed to lubricate the countless hours sailing lakes St. Clair, Huron, Michigan and Erie.

We campaigned Avatar in DRYA Saturday races, the GPSC Tuesday Night Sundown series, the Port Huron to Mackinac Race and Bay Week. Occasionally we even found time to jump on other boats for national one design regattas (S2 7.9) over on Michigan’s west coast. In those days it was normal to see 250 boats on three courses every Saturday, the Mack race routinely drew 300 and, due to limited dockage, there was a waiting list for Harbor Springs and Bay Week (Put-In-Bay); and EVERYONE attended the post-race parties.

I learned all kinds of skills back then that fed my sailing habit: sailmaking at Hood and Boston (Doyle), marine hardware and rigging at Thomas Hardware (Warren Jones and Skip Boston both made a lasting impression on me) and I even spent a chilly fall hauling boats at Aggressive Marine. Along the way necessary maintenance to Avatar (she is 38 after all) provided ample opportunity to learn the art of epoxy and fiberglassing.

Sailing also fueled my ambition as a writer, and about that time I got my first opportunity with a Toronto-based sailing magazine called The Sheet. A year later I was editor at Racers’Edge magazine before I started my own called Great Lakes Current, which circulated from Duluth to Toronto (and all points in between). They’re all gone now, just another indication of sailing’s gradual decline.

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Blessing, and we sponsor a number of other activities in the Grosse Pointe area. We are also an important social club to our members. We have many great parties, seminars, and other events throughout the year to keep our members active, interested, and engaged.

My primary goal as the 2018 Commodore is to insure that the Grosse Pointe Sail Club will be a strong and viable sail club for the next seventy years and beyond. We must continue to grow our membership and to involve our NEW members in our activities. To achieve this goal, I am asking for help from each and every one of you. A good way to introduce new people to our club is to invite them to one or more of our events. Let them know that they are welcome to attend and bring their friends. When new members join, it is very important to continually mentor them in order to make them feel welcome and to help them meet new people. A good start would be to personally contact them to attend our events or to help on a committee. These are just a few ways to attract and activate new members. I would like each of you to also share your ideas on how we can grow our membership. Your support is what makes our Grosse Pointe Sail Club great.

Fred Chapman, Commodore

Cruisers Heading to South/Middle Bass Island

The historic Lonzo Winery has reopened on Middle Bass Island’s newest state park. It includes a pavilion with tables, fireplace, restrooms, and hiking trails. In addition to the building restorations, the state park recently redeveloped the marina with transient slips, harbormaster, and launch ramp. Next time you cruise Lake Erie stop in. Send us your thoughts and pictures.
January

- Commodore Andrea Solak
- G. John Stevens
- Gary Engelhardt
- Commodore Larry D. Haggart
- Commodore Elizabeth A. Kurta
- Don B adaczewski
- PeterWanderer
- Gregg Anderson
- Commodore Leonard A. Fasulo
- Nancy McPherson
- Barb Roddis
- Harold Stackpoole
- Bob Stoetzer
- Kurt Lyons
- Commodore Ted Williford
- Commodore Denise A. Cotter
- Michael McDevitt

Winter Weekend Lodging

Lexington Bed and Breakfasts

- A Captains Quarters Inn 810-359-2196
- A Night to Remember 810-359-7134
- Inn the Garden 810-359-8966
- Powell House 810-359-5533

Lexington Hotels and Motels

- The Beachcomber 810-359-5866
- Harbor Front 810-359-8906
- Lake Huron Lodge 810-359-7802

Annual GPSC Children’s Christmas Party
Membership in clubs like the Grosse Pointe Sail Club, which is closing in on 70 this year, is a great way for sailors like me to savor our sport’s rich past while acquiescing the tide. If you love sailing you’ll find no better dividend than your involvement in its many sailing activities. Just get out there and satisfy your soul.

Regardless your level of experience, there is a GPSC sailing event for you. The Tuesday night Sundown series is the longest running, best known and most popular weeknight sailing event on Lake St. Clair. The Rum Challenge (which began as a challenge between the GPSC and the Detroit Yacht Club) is a team race designed for non-regular racers to get out and strut their stuff (and what better trophy is there than a crate full of rum?).

But in my view, the most important club event is the annual regatta. I’d like to encourage the strongest possible member participation (August 11 this year) as there’s no better opportunity to showcase the strength and vitality of the GPSC than in competition among our fellow DRYA clubs.

For those preferring less drama, there are non-racing events as well: Operation Shanghi (May 20), two rendezvous scheduled for June and September, and for boaters without sails the Power Boat committee is always in need of skippers willing to help out on Tuesday nights.

I’m looking forward to working with the committee chairs and members who make these events possible; and special thanks to commodores Chapman, Sherwood and Baumann (and many others) for providing an easy transition to the bridge. Here’s to a great year.
Winter Weekend
Saturday & Sunday
February 10 & 11

Winter Dry Dock
Saturday
February 24

Country Western Party
Saturday
March 24
Tompkins Center

Country DJ
Line dance lessons
Fun, food, beer and wine
Contests & Prizes
Best western outfits
Funniest country & western song title

OPERATION
Shanghai
Sunday
May 20
Watch for details soon!
Awards 2017

2 Frostbite Race Trophies
- JAM A – James Cooper - Freedom
- JAM B – Robert Sharrow - Spirit

Pureblood Trophy
- William Francis – Solution

2 Fall Series Trophies
- Jam A – James Cooper - Freedom
- Jam B – Robert Gregory – Blue Chip

Perpetual Trophy
- Richard Rumon - Scrimshaw

Ladies Cup Challenge
- Andrea Solak Aboard Freedom

Commodore’s Cup
- Andrew Morlan - Avatar

The Thunder Mug
- Brian Gaperosky

GPSC Sportsman Trophy
- Chris Behler

The Leaker Award
- Holly Burns

Olson Trophy – Dock Race Support
- Lynne Bacon

C. Jay Deeds Race Support Trophy (On The Water)
- William Kuester

Club Pillar Award
- Mike Sherwood

Sparkplug Award
- Jerry Kaminski

Sail for Life
- Larry Roberts
- Judy Morlan

Corporate Sponsor Recognition Award
- Flagstar Bank
- Pat Scott Jewelers
- Atwater

Lake Huron Cruise Race
- Rapture – Larry Haggart

Chili Trophy
- Kurt Lyons

GPP Office (3) Exceptional Support
- Chad Craig
- Chris Delmege
- Mary Beth Hathaway

DOCK & SUPPLY REPORT
February 2018

One of the many focuses of the Dock & Supply team in 2018 is to renew the awareness of one of our vendors - Albatross Creative Embroidery. This includes working with them to make it easier for GPSC members to access and order the fabulous breath of items Albatross has available to provide our club members.

Albatross offers high-quality and custom embroidery, silk screening, dye sublimation, graphic & logo design along with image repair, style and preparation.

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Visit the GSPC.org website for up-to-date event information
http://www.gpsc.org
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http://www.grossepointepark.org/other-information/park-communicator

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