



Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club & Pier Park
64th Annual Regatta
And Family Fun Weekend 2015
Friday July 3rd through Sunday July 5th



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Welcome to the 2015 Regatta

Rita Charvat - Vice Commodore

Welcome to the Grosse Pointe Farms 64th Annual Regatta and Family Fun Weekend! 64 Years! Wow! What an amazing tradition this Event is for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

We are so glad that you are here with us this weekend. We know that there are many generations of Grosse Pointe Farms' families that have been attending this Event, which certainly makes it extra special. And, for those who have joined us for the first time: Welcome to the family!

What makes this weekend unique is that it enables us all to participate in and perpetuate the long-standing tradition of getting out there and enjoying the Farms Pier Park. Pier Park is one of the great gems of our city. Whether you're a fisherman, walker, stroller, griller, swimmer, picnicker, sailor, boater, tennis player, paddle tennis player, ice skater, volley ball player, toddler, tweener, teenager, senior, paddle boater, kayaker or spectator, there is something for everyone. If you are like me, the minute you walk through the gates of Pier Park, with your little red wagon in tow, you feel a sense of relief as you are enveloped by the scenery and our beautiful Lake St. Clair. This weekend is your opportunity to power down, relax and celebrate life with your family, friends and neighbors.

We hope that you enjoy the many activities that we have planned for you as much as we enjoy putting them on (see Schedule of Events). Keep your eyes open for all the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Volunteers and Pier Park Employees that are out there running the various activities. Give them a wave and a hug! And, keep in mind the many Local Businesses and Individuals that have sponsored this Event. Our Volunteers and Sponsors truly are your family, friends and neighbors.

I will leave you with one final recommendation for the 64th Annual Regatta and Fun Family Weekend: Live, Laugh, Love, repeat. That's what I'll be doing!

Sincerely,

Rita



	GPFBC 2015 Calendar
January 24, Winter Wine Wonderland	  Check for updates at: www.gpfbc.com Rev. 0115B
January 31, Winterfest (City Event)	
Feb 27, Feather bowling	
March 6, Gen. Membership Meeting	
March 21, Commodore's Ball	
May 28, 1st ½ Sailboat racing starts, 5 Thursdays	
June 13, Member Appreciation Picnic and Gen. Member	
June 25, Sailboat Race Award Party	
July 3, 2 nd Annual GP Farms Cup Sail Race	
July 4, GPF Regatta (Boat Club/City Event)	
July 17, Harbor mixer and Gen. Membership Meeting	
July 30, 2 nd ½ Sailboat racing starts, 5 Thursdays	
Aug 1, Ice Cream Social (City Event)	
Aug 7, Boating Rendezvous with GPC at Club Island	
Aug 8, Fishing Rodeo (City Event)	
Aug 27, Sailboat Race Award Party	
Sept 19, Lobster Roast	
Oct. 24, Boat Club Fall Party	
Nov. 6, Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections	

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From the Rear Commodore

Welcome to the Grosse Pointe Farms Regatta 2015!

While I've taken quite a bit of "abuse" for having the title of Rear Commodore (yes my friends are all mentally 14 yrs old), I have really enjoyed my first year with the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. The Club is full of great members who are truly focused on hosting events that bring our families and local Community together (not to mention they are lots of fun), as exemplified by the Annual Regatta. I hope all of you enjoy Pier Park and the great activities we have put together for you!

A very special thanks to Pier Park and staff, as well as all the volunteers who put this event together.

Last but definitely not least, I'd like to recognize all of our local sponsors who make this historic event possible. Please think of them the next time you shop, go out for a meal or need professional assistance.

Wishing you and your families a Happy 4th of July!

Glen Logan
Rear Commodore



History of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club

For more than sixty years, members of The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club have worked to enhance the lives of residents in the community of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. The club partners with the GPF Parks and Recreation department to provide meaningful and memorable community events throughout the year.

Membership in the GPFBC is open to any resident of Grosse Pointe Farms and we are proud to boast over 120 families of all ages and stages...there's always room for YOU in Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club! (Visit our website to sign up: gpfbc.com)

A brief history...

The Grosse Pointe Boat Owner's Club was founded in 1955 and had twenty-two members. In 1957 the name was changed to the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. At inception the club assumed responsibility for the Regatta (held since 1953). The early Regatta's included a review of decorated boats, boat races and an elected queen.

As community interest grew so did the size and scope of the Regatta. Raffle tickets and brochure advertising were introduced to help finance the weekend. The program of events has been regularly expanded to include activities for young and old.

In addition to the Regatta, the Club presents year-round activities for the community such as cook-outs, holiday parties, the Commodore's Ball, and sailboat races. The club also raises money to support improvements to the Pier Park. In recent years we funded the park benches, the observation telescope, and the Gerow Memorial Deck.

Ron Mack, Commodore

Visit our website: www.gpfbc.com





64th Annual Regatta and Family Fun Weekend 2015

Schedule of Events

July 3rd, 4th & 5th at the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park



50:50 raffle tickets will be on sale (Drawing at 6pm at the band stand)
Glow Sticks will be on sale throughout the park
All proceeds support the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club, who plan and run all Pier Park Regattas.

Friday, July 3rd

- 6:00 PM **Children's Art in the Park:** Show off your artistic talent with chalk on the pavement. Judging will follow and awards will be presented. Meet at the Community Center Building to register.
- 7:00 PM **Regatta Sail Race:** Dynamic reverse handicap start, and an exciting finish; first boat to cross the finish line wins!

Saturday, July 4th

- 10:30 AM **Visit from Paws, Mascot of the Detroit Tigers:** Paws will be roaming around the park from 10:30am to 11:30am. Stop by to meet him and pose for a picture opportunity!
- 10:30 AM **Decorated Bicycle Parade:** For ages 3-4, 5-7, and 8-11. Start your fun-filled day by participating in the Decorated Bike Parade! Use your imagination and decorate your bike to reflect the Fourth of July and your independent spirit. Join us at 10:30 a.m. sharp at the Community Building parking lot to show everyone your creativity, and celebrate by riding your decorated bike in the parade throughout the park! Special guest Detroit Tigers Mascot PAWS will cheer everyone on and be available for pictures. Ribbons will be presented to all participants, and special prizes will be awarded for the best bikes! No registration needed
- 12:00 PM **Pie Eating Contest:** Yummmm! Just show up and bring your sweet tooth! Event held at the picnic pavilion at noon. No registration needed
- 12:30 PM **Inflatable Boat Races:** Can you handle this Survivor Challenge? Meet at the beach and race a dinghy around a fixed pylon. Register your name and age before the event at the front information tent. Late registration at the beach. Ages 16 and under must be able to commandeer your own boat.
- 1:00 PM **Face Painting:** Open to kids of all ages. Located on the grass between the snack house and the community center. Just show up and wear your smile!
- 1:30 PM **Free Throw Shooting Contest:** Open to kids of all ages. Register 15 minutes in advance at the basketball courts located at the ice rink, near the tennis courts.
- 2:00 PM **The Yellow Ducky Race:** Over 200 rubber duckies will be dropped into the lake at the beach to race ashore. Will your number match the first, second or third ducky to come ashore? If so, you will win a Rubber Ducky Trophy! The cost is \$3.00 to race one ducky or \$5.00 for two (yours to keep after race). Buy your ducky at the Information Tent at the park entrance.
- 3:00 PM **Magician:** A kid favorite! At the band stage.
- 4:00 PM **Sand Castle Contest:** At the beach. Register 15 minutes before at the beach.
- 5:00 pm **Picnic table decoration contest:** Tables will be judged on their creativity and patriotic theme. Register at the information table.
- 7:00 pm **Live Music:** Come get your groove on with **Soul Provider.**
- 10:00 PM **Fireworks Display:** Over Kerby Cove bay, south of the park. Great viewing from anywhere East of the picnic areas.

Sunday, July 5th

- 1:00 PM **Pet Parade:** Trophies awarded for the Best Detroit Sports Fan, Most Patriotic, Best Pet Trick. Pets must be controlled at all times and immunizations current. Meet by the tennis courts. No Registration needed.
- 2:00 PM **Boat & Paddle Rendezvous:** Have a boat, paddle board, inflatable or kayak? Meet us in Kerby Cove, on beautiful Lake St. Clair (just around the corner, North of the harbor). Wear your suit and bring some beverages. Weather-permitting.

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Sailing Races (continued from page 8)

- 1) The Gerow Trophy is presented to the overall season winner for all boats competing in the races
- 2) The Moran Trophy is presented to the overall season winner of boats from the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier Park Marina that compete in the races.

In 2014 the Club reintroduced a sailing race to Regatta weekend. On Friday night, boats from across Lake St. Clair vie for the perpetual Grosse Pointe Farms Regatta Cup. This was a very popular race in its inaugural year using a reverse handicap which gave each boat its starting time based on their rating, thus setting up for a large number of boats finishing at the same time. In this approach, everyone onshore knows who wins the race immediately as it is simply the first boat across the line.

The Folks Who Make It Happen:

The reason our sailing program is such a great success is because of the volunteer efforts of so many of our members. These are the people in the race committee who man the start-finish line at the gazebo recording race times, manning the cannon and the horns, displaying the signal flags, scoring the races, developing scratch sheets, notice of race and sailing instructions and planning the races. These are also the folks who set and pick up the racing marks each week, and the members who buy, cook and clean up at our awards events. If you see one of these volunteers, please thank them for their efforts, or join them. It is a lot of fun!

Fun dockside:

This year, the club started a Thirsty Thursday cheering squad that comes down for the races during the Spring and Summer series to cheer on the boats as they are starting and finishing the races. They have been a big hit and they are having a blast.

Come join us!

Brian Sullivan
Race Committee Chairman



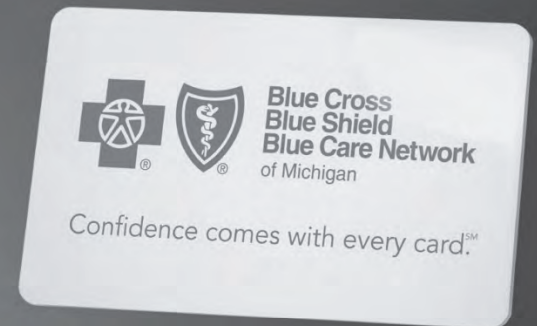
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Boat Club Trivia

Fun Facts about the club

Q: Do I need to own a boat to be in the boat club?

A: No, in fact the vast majority of members do not own boats. We do only a couple of boat related activities per year.

Q: Who has the best park in the Pointes?

A: This one is easy, the Farms has by far the best park. The other parks are nice, but if you visit them, none can compare to what the Pier Park has to offer. We have more picnic area, the best access to the lake, the largest marina, the best pool area, ice skating, paddle tennis, and on and on. Plus Dick Huhn (Director of Parks and Recreation) and Scott Homuth (Harbormaster) do an outstanding job keeping the park beautiful and well maintained. Stop by Dick or Scott's office in the community center and give them your feedback – they'd love to hear from you.

Q: Are kids welcome in the Boat Club?

A: Absolutely! We have a nice mix of adult only, and family oriented activities.

Q: But what if I'm too busy to take on another commitment?

A: This is a low-commitment club. Some members only attend 1 or 2 events per year and that is fine. If you are committed to the Farms, and if you enjoy the Pier Park – then the club will keep you connected to the community.

Q: How much does the Boat Club cost, and how do I sign up?

A: The club has worked hard to keep costs down. The board is completely volunteer (in fact, the board all pays the same dues as everyone else). The annual dues are: \$40 for a single and \$60 for a family. You can sign up at our Website (www.gpfbc.com), or during the Regatta visit the welcome table near the wagons.

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