



## 2011 BRIDGE

### COMMODORE

Gene Carswell

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Diane Carpentier

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### MEMBERSHIP

Cindy Toenjes

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## NEW MEMBERS!

Please welcome our most recent new members:

**Kathleen Burgess**

**Brian & Sarah Charbeneau**

**Mike & Judy Starrs**

Welcome Aboard! We can't wait to meet you at our next event.

## ELECTRONIC DOCKBOX

An e-mailed version of the dockbox is now available. Currently 37 of 133 memberships have elected to receive the digital version only, saving club expenses \$65/year.

If you have not responded to our email requesting your selection of print vs digital, please do so. You may receive the Dock Box via e-mail, regular mail or both.

If you do not have an email address, or you don't respond, you will continue to receive a printed version.

Please e-mail updated e-mail addresses and your choice of Dock Box preferences to: [toenjep@ntcna.nissan-usa.com](mailto:toenjep@ntcna.nissan-usa.com).

## LEARN TO SAIL WEBSITES

To suggest additional websites to publish please e-mail us with "Top Web Sites" in the subject line.

### Boat Safety

U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety

[www.uscgboating.org/](http://www.uscgboating.org/)

### Local Sailing Schools

Bayview Yacht Club

[www.byc.com](http://www.byc.com)

Detroit Yacht Clubs

[www.dyc.com](http://www.dyc.com)

Crescent Yacht Club

[www.crescentsail.com/](http://www.crescentsail.com/)

### Official Sailing Rules

[www.drya.org/](http://www.drya.org/)

### Online Educationals

[www.learntosail.net/](http://www.learntosail.net/)

[www.youtube.com/user/seasensical](http://www.youtube.com/user/seasensical)

[www.skippertips.com/](http://www.skippertips.com/)



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# The Dock Box

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER

It's that time of year... The children are counting down how many days of school are left, the park is becoming lively, boats are being launched, and we are all excited to be out of the house and enjoying the spring weather. There is a lot to look forward to this summer. Our next event which is just around the corner is Member Appreciation Day (Friday, May 27th). We will be able to catch up with people we have not seen in a while, enjoy a meal with our families, and have exclusive access to the swimming pools at the park ahead of the official opening. I look forward to seeing you there!

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club is having a great year so far with our first few events behind us and many more ahead. We are going to be mixing things up a bit this year with a few new events including a Road Rally, Boat Rendezvous, and Halloween Themed event in October. As always, Regatta is our biggest event each year and it should be a great event again this year. There are a few new twists to our traditional schedule of events to keep things exciting. We have had a number of new volunteers who have stepped up to assist with the Regatta planning and coordination in addition to many veterans who step up every year in support of this great event.

Our spring sail race series is less than 6 weeks away and has gained a lot of popularity in recent years. If you do not actively participate in the races, this is still a great event for spectators to enjoy as well. If you have not come down to the park on Thursday evenings to check out the races, you should make a point to do so. There are not many things more relaxing and enjoyable than watching the beautiful sails and competitive spirit of the racers while taking in a summer sunset at the park.

Your Bridge and Board remain focused on engaging our

membership in many different ways. We hope to increase the level of involvement among all of our members in support of our club activities. Your involvement and volunteerism is critical to the success of our club and our ability to positively impact our community. We are also focused on increasing our membership by recruiting new families and friends to join our club. This is the best time of year for us to attract new members since we have the summer ahead and a variety of events exclusive to our club to look forward to in the months ahead. As always, our best recruitment tool is word of mouth from our members to new prospective members. Please make a point to support the growth of our club through volunteerism or recruitment as we kick off another great year.

I would like to remind you that we continue to work on development of our web site as the single place to go for all things related to our club and community activities. While we have faced some challenges and obstacles in executing this plan, we continue to make progress. You can currently find a good bit of information on the site at [www.grossepointefarmsboatclub.com](http://www.grossepointefarmsboatclub.com) where you can also find a link to our Facebook page. The calendar of events, contact information for your Bridge and Board members, Sail Race statistics, and a number of other things are currently available and we will continue to update and add more useful information going forward.

Lastly, if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity or have ideas, suggestions, or questions related to our club or community events supported by the club, please feel free to contact me or any member of our Bridge and Board and we will be happy to assist you. Again, I look forward to the start of summer and seeing all of you at the park for another enjoyable year.

— Gene Carswell

## 2011 COMMODORES BALL

Mayhem and mischief spotted at the 2011 Commodores ball. This year's commodore's ball was fantastic. The new caterer, Just Delicious, served a super meal to all our guests. Dinner lasted a little longer than usual because one of the park's kitchen ovens pooped out and there was a little wait for some of the meals. I heard nothing but praises for the food. It was very nice that we again had a dinner ensemble to entertain us in the mean time. This minor blip was soon forgotten when drinks started flowing and dancing began. Dancing fools were all over the place. I have never seen it so crowded. It was great! A full bar was provided and people had having a great time. At each place setting everyone seemed to like the boat club emblem imprinted playing cards along with the stick of M&Ms for munching on that Cindy Toenjes handmade. The Pier Park great room is a wonderful venue for hosting this event. Don't miss next year. Each year seems to always get better.



As Tanya Bartoszewicz P/C can tell you: This year's Ball was a ball!

## MORE PHOTOS FROM THE 2011 COMMODORES BALL



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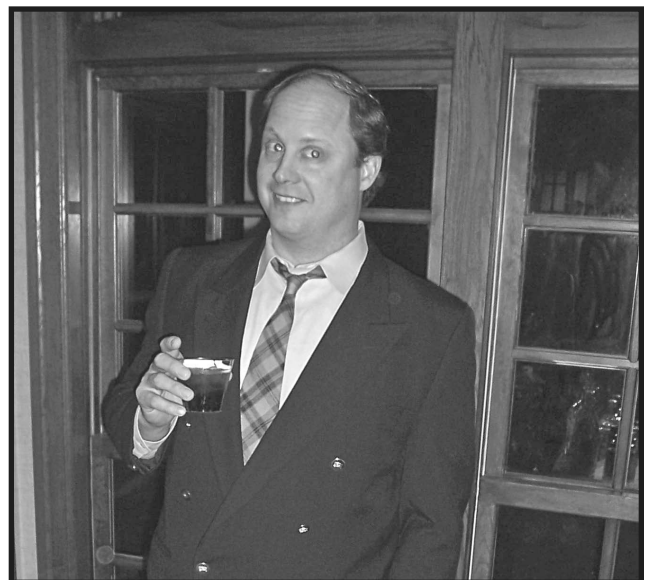
Tony Prohownik P/C and his wife, Wilma Prohownik

Bob Malicki (aka. Ladies man)

Kirk and Susanna Shankie

Michael Bartoszewicz

Peter Toenjes P/C and Tanya Bartoszewicz P/C



### FACEBOOK FAN PAGE!

Become a Fan of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club on Facebook! Upload and share photos and videos of your family and friends enjoying the Park and Boat Club activities. Also, share your thoughts about current activities, we want to hear them! Have an idea for a completely new event? Let us know! Hope to hear from you soon!

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR NEEDED

We are need of a membership chair person. Please call Cindy Toenjes at 313-885-9190 if you can help. Basic duties include: Tracking and sending out dues notices.

## SCAVENGER HUNT ROAD RALLY

On June 10th the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club is sponsoring a scavenger hunt road rally. We will start and finish at the Pier Park pavilion. Most clues will lead you to a place where a picture is required as proof. Points will be awarded based on correct answers, correct pictures taken and the number of clues solved correctly. These events are a lot of fun so get your team together. Four people per car minimum are required but we may bend that rule a little. At least one person in the car must be a Boat Club member to participate. You must also reserve your spot. \$5 entrance fee per car to be divided out as prize money. Call Peter Toenjes P/C @ 313-885-9190.

### Required equipment:

- A mobile phone with Internet access
- Paper, pencil
- Digital camera with removable card for a slide show at the end of the night
- Your wits!

## RECAP: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 'Martini Mixer' General Membership meeting held on April 29 was a great success thanks to Sandy and Ken Mackenzies thorough planning and Sue and Mark Jasins wonderful hosting. The Michigan trivia game was great fun and also a huge success despite a near-uprising by the participants against Vice Commodore Cyndee Harrison (all in good fun, of course!). The blowers added some fun to the game too. A great time was had by the 40- or-so in attendance. Mark your calendars now for our next General Membership meeting on July 28th at 6:30 PM where we will try a differ drink, maybe margaritas, and play a new game.

## DUES NOTICES

Dues notices were recently sent out. Maybe you received one recently. For those of you who sent them back, thank you. It's important to renew your dues because that's one of the ways we keep the club going. Please don't forget and send your dues in today. If you are not going to renew please let us know so we can remove you from our roster. By the way... We have 133 members.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE PARK?

Check out some maintenance projects the next time you're at the Park! Visit the Observation Deck – it is scheduled for painting as soon as the weather allows. The Parking Lot repairs are underway for seal coating, re-lining, and to add a catch basin to eliminate standing water. Renovation of the Water Plant Booster Station - it's that round glass building near the shuffleboard courts – will begin this year on the walls and roof. See how the Spring Clean-up of flower beds and other landscaping progresses. Thank you to everyone who keeps our Pier Park looking shipshape!

## GOLF OUTING

We are thinking about adding a golf outing to the many fun boat club events. We have a tentative date of August 14th at Chandler Park and it would include a steak dinner at the Pier Park afterwards. The cost has not been determined yet. Right now, we are just looking to see how much interest there is. Please contact me by June 1st @ 313-885-1371 or sandymac@ mail.com so I can plan accordingly. Thanks! — Ken MacKenzie

## MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION BBQ!

Kick off your Memorial Day Weekend with the 4th Annual Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club Membership Appreciation BBQ! We have made arrangements with the lifeguards to have the pool open a day early on Friday May 27th at 5:00 p.m. (the pool will remain open until 8 p.m.) The last couple years it has been chilly, but there were some swimmers. Let's hope for a warm Friday afternoon! The grilling is from 6:00 p.m. until about 7:30 (or until the food runs out), but come early and stay as late as you want for some club fellowship. The Club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, chips/snacks and beverages. We ask that you bring a dish to pass – either a side dish or dessert. Please call Ken MacKenzie at 313-885-1371 with what you are bringing. This is a MEMBERS ONLY event; however we do accept new member applications that evening. A great way to kick off the 2011 Summer Season! Hope to see you there!



## 2011 EVENT CALENDAR

- **Member appreciation Day**  
Friday, May 27th  
5 pm - 10, Pier Park
- **Sailboat race season I**  
Every Thursday, June 2nd - 30th.  
First horn, 7 pm Pier Park
- **Sailboat race awards party**  
Thursday, June 30th  
After races at Pier Park
- **Regatta**  
Saturday, July 2nd  
All Day at Pier Park
- **General Membership meeting**  
Friday, July 29th  
6:30 pm - 9:00, Pier Park
- **Sailboat race season II**  
Thursday, August 4th  
7 pm first horn, Pier Park
- **Corn Roast**  
Sunday, August 14th  
TBD
- **Sailboat race awards party**  
Thursday, September 1st  
After races at Pier Park
- **Lobster Roast**  
Saturday, September 17th  
6:30 pm, Pier Park
- **Halloween Party**  
Saturday, October 22nd  
TBD
- **Annual General Membership Meeting**  
Friday November 4th  
6:30-9:00 Pier Park