



GRAYHAVEN SAIL CLUB OF DETROIT

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FROM THE EDITOR:



My apologies to all contributing writers for not securing your articles timely. I blame it a busy schedule at work and on my eye surgeries.

I welcome articles from any GSCD member. So please put your thinking caps on and send me your ideas for future issues.

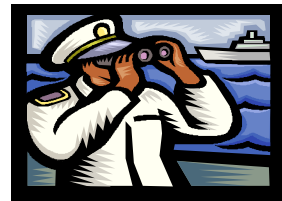
You will hear from the Vice Commodore and Dan Papin with "On Your Terms" again in next Quarter's issue. Also, you will see the next edition of "Why I Sail," perhaps I'll have to feature two members instead of one.

The Commodore and I were quite the social butterflies this past winter, attending many area clubs' Commodore's Balls and DRYA events. I have made the acquaintance of several "First Ladies" and personally joined the DRYA, of which GSCD is a member club. Since Cliff Papin has sold "Nefertiti", we don't have a GSCD race vessel in the DRYA. I'm contemplating joining the Race Committee Boat Team which will keep us active on the roster. But I first need to evaluate my already busy schedule with Board responsibilities for Camp Fire USA and the Breast Cancer 3-Day Event. If any other members would be interested in joining a DRYA Committee please let me know.

As you will see when you read our Secretary, Harry Jones' article, he has been doing a lot to get us into social networking and also connected with other African American sailing clubs. Bill Pinkney of Amistad and Paul Mixson of Black Boaters Summit have joined our Face Book page. It would be great to see some GSCD club members join our own Face Book page. The Commodore is on Face Book and I have encouraged him to post some of his many GSCD photos for "friends" to see what we are all about.

Tanagra Weaver
Editor

FROM THE COMMODORE:



Welcome to the Grayhaven Sail Club of Detroit May Newsletter.

Welcome to our new members: David & Loretta Cranick, Anthony Kee & Dee Thomas and daughter Adrienne, Christine Miller, Rose & Kimberley Parker, Dennis Sanders, Alan & Stacy Spence, Gwen Ward and Althea Anderson.

Also, welcome back to returning member and Past Commodore Ron West.

In March GSCD hosted its first New Member Orientation. Board Member Ellen Lewis opened her home on a Saturday



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afternoon, where we had great food and conversations. The Membership Committee, chaired by Virginia Papin, presented a wonderful presentation to our new members. Virginia introduced the members of the Committee and spoke on membership. The program included information on the History and Purpose of our club, the Constitution and By-laws and standing committees. The Flag Officers introduced themselves and explained what their roles are. Art Campbell spoke about trips and events. Gwen Gipson talked about Challenge the Wind. Ellen Lewis and Tanagra Weaver talked about and demonstrated items of clothing all sailors should have and how to use the website link for ordering items embroidered with the club logo. Lynne Behrens gave a talk about medical conditions at sea and the importance of guests and crew on any vessel advising the Captain of their medical conditions. Past Commodore Dan Papin talked about the parts of a boat and safety equipment.

Several members have made Kean's Marina their new "riverfront" home. Look for the Litt's, David Cranick, Ken Leonard, Art Campbell, Calvin Stewart, the Gipson's, Mark English and the First Lady & I. We hope to have a few more join us once their boats are ready to go in the water.

As many of you know, I teach boating safety and sailing through my affiliation with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. I will have information for you soon on the next boating safety class, which will be one weekend instead of the former 13 week program. I will begin the adult sailing class on Sunday June 6th at Kean's. The Challenge the Wind

youth sailing classes will begin Tuesday June 22nd, also at Kean's.

I look forward to seeing each of you members at the marina, club events and out on the water. Each member will be receiving a club roster and I encourage you to contact your fellow members arrange a time to go out on the Lake with them.

[Harold D. Weaver](#), Commodore

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



Hello follows sailors,
I would like to say that we have a great sailing season ahead.

A big welcome to all of our new members. Your enthusiasm and interest are greatly appreciated. Our goal will be to introduce you to all that we enjoy about our sailing community. We look forward to seeing you at all of our events for this season both in the water and on land.

Our Flag Officers and Board members have set a goal to double our membership. So, we are asking each of you for your help by sponsoring or introducing at least one person who will share our love of the Great Lakes. Remember there are several levels of memberships.



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If you have any questions or are in need of an applications, please give me a call or e-mail or contact any of the Flag Officers

Virginia Papin
Membership Chair

FROM THE SECRETARY:



- The website has been reformatted and updated to include more pictures in the photo gallery, updated information on “who we are” and a section for the newsletter.
- Members need to feed me information on a regular basis to keep the site current and interesting. Pictures or videos of sailing outings during the sailing season will be very effective.
- An e-mail contact has been added to the web site for people to make contact with club officers. The e-mail address is grayhavensailclubdetroit@gmail.com . I will monitor the mail and get to the appropriate club officer involved, if a response is needed.
- Grayhaven Sail Club of Detroit now has a Face book page.

- I've been communicating across the country with various other sailing groups, especially Baltimore's Universal Sailing Club. They among several supporters of Donald Lawson, an African American sailor attempting to become the first African American sailor to race solo around the world in the Velux 5-Ocean's Race. Also supporting him are the black Chicago Sailors. We have been invited to lend our support as well. Since I keep my sailboat in Charleston, S.C., I plan to be there to lend a helping hand when his boat arrives there from France.



FROM THE TREASURER:

Happy New Sailing Year to all of you. 2010 is off to a good start, with close to 40 members, and we have our very first Youth Member—Adrienne Thomas a student sailor from last summer.

If you have not submitted your 2010 dues, please do so now. I will email or snail mail dues invoices and/or membership info to you upon your requests at: carol2311@aol.com or cell phone 313 549-8788.

Carol Litt
Treasurer



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LOGO CLOTHING ITEMS



There is a link on our website to order embroidered GSCD logo clothing. You order on-line (any size or color) and pay by credit card; the items are shipped directly to you. To order, click on the link for “Logo” items; click on the “t-shirt”, then **enter our user name and our password**. (If you don’t remember our user name and password, please contact me at (313) 802-6002 or tweaver@cskdetroit.org and I will email it to you.) This will take you to the page where you select the item category you want. There are numerous items shown under each category.

Item categories include: Adult t-shirts, men’s & women’s **polo-type shirts**, men’s & women’s **jackets & windbreakers**, blankets & throws, men’s & women’s long and short sleeve shirts, **sweatshirts, hats**, bags, **fleece pullovers**, vests, youth wear, Nike clothing, **and more**.

ON-HAND ITEMS, available for purchase at all GSCD events

Burgees	\$25 each.
Cuzzies	\$2 each
Lanyards	\$1 each (limited supply available)
Travel Mugs	\$15 each

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