

RIVER DEBRIS

From Commodore Mike
Hello GRSC members,

Hope all of you have your boats put up and safely stowed for the coming winter. Now it is time to plan for the busy Holiday Season.

Well, after a great Fall meeting and awards party, I would like to welcome our two new Board Members. Sandy Woodthorpe came on as our new Rear Commodore and Ryan Hoffman as our new Junior Trustee - our thanks to both of them.

I would also like to Thank continuing board members, Gary Nelson as Treasurer and Kurt Katchler as Secretary and scorer. Round that off with Todd Rodgers moving up to Vice Commodore and Bob Valentine moving to Past Commodore. We have a great board in place for the 2011 season!

Michelle Petit has stepped up to chair our 2011 Regatta, Thank you Michelle! Regatta chair is a big job that has been done admirably by Kendra Porter for the past two years. Many Thanks to Kendra for putting together two great Regattas and for her role in restructuring the Regatta to match the current realities that we and other clubs face.

We are already staring to look toward next season. There will be rule and race scheduling changes proposed to bring new members and boats into the club while maintaining a competitive program for our spin boats. I believe that we can do both. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the board feel free to e-mail me at

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Or bring them to a meeting held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, check the website for location.

Thank You,
Mike Nolan

From Vice-Commodore Todd (a.k.a. Chadwick):

SARAH PALIN MAKES A (NOT SO RARE) PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT TERRI AND PHIL'S, NOVEMBER 20TH "SHOOT-OUT"!!!



Wait, that's not Sarah Palin! That's Miruna Scutea being instructed and demonstrating the safe and proper way to handle a sidearm. Regarding the "shoot-out" event: Miruna's brother Alex commented: "The patio was so densely covered in brass you could feel the

crunch of casings under your feet anywhere you stepped ...and there were enough firearms to defend Ohio...or at least Lake County against all of Canada ...provided an unforeseeable, impromptu invasion from our neighbors to the North ...and provided their modes of defense are balloons, milk jugs, a ceramic lawn ornament, a flock of chickens, and a broken-down snowmobile.” Although that might actually be the entire 2011 military budget for Canada, neither lawn ornament nor chickens were harmed during the event! A big turn-out, good aim, great food, coupled with an exciting “squeaker” victory by the Buckeyes over the Hawkeyes, made for a great time! Thanks Terri and Phil!!!

Okay it's December, and Diane and I have again gotten all of our neglected chores completed just in the nick-of-time to be able to relax and enjoy the holidays with our friends and families. After the first of the year, I hope to focus some attention towards my responsibilities for the 2011 racing and cruising fleets. There have been many improvement ideas and suggestions already received, and these are slated for review. There have also been requests to continue the discussion group/training sessions started last year, along with offers to provide instruction both on and off the water. Please feel free to forward me any additional suggestions for next year's cruising and racing events.

By the way, the GRSC regatta trophies that have previously been stowed away in a closet, in order to keep from being lost from one year to the next, are now to be displayed at Chester's Legacy Tavern and Restaurant. This should be a win-win opportunity ...offering exposure for GRSC ...and enticing the recipients and their teams to stop at Chester's to eat, drink, and admire their “major awards”. Next time you stop in at Chester's ...look for our trophies.

G.R.S.C. GOES GLOBAL!



ZOKE Around The Island Race 2010 - With entries still flowing in, around 200 boats are expected to converge on Hong Kong's Victoria Harbour on Sunday 21 November for Hong Kong's biggest annual sailing event, organized by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club

Robert Gabriel emailed that he is already a regular hand in a series at the Aberdeen Marine Club, that the sailing is great, and that he was participating in the annual Around

the Island Race. Robert's work recently (temporarily?) transferred him and his family to Hong Kong. Robert and wife Delphine are club members and crewed for Adagio, Wish, and Northern Cross. Robert also (gloatingly) noted that he had a slight sunburn.

Rick (a.k.a. Chester) Thompson also emailed that he has been sailing on an S2 7.9 (#461 "Crime Scene") out of the Punta Gorda Sailing Club. Rick spends winters in Florida, but after a long hiatus, rejoined GRSC last summer and crewed on Adagio. Rick noted that with temps. in the low 80's and big puffy white clouds sailing across blue skies, November was a great month for sailing in Florida.

Another ex-Northern Cross (and Adrenaline) crewmember, Nancy Harcar has been sailing out of South Korea for the past two years, and we just hope she stays clear of that 38th parallel!!!

Although we may often find ourselves searching for crew, it is great to see the GRSC influence reaching across continents. I've asked all of these folks to keep us updated.

Diane and I wish you all Joyous Holidays - Merry Christmas - and a Happy New Year!
Enjoy!