

River Debris

Grand River Sailing Club Newsletter – River Debris

April 2010

From Commodore, Bob Valentine

Hello Everyone,

Well, with April halfway over we are getting closer to the beginning of the 2010 GRSC sailing season!! Living in Fairport Harbor, I can sometimes hear the clanging of the halyard on the masts when the wind is blowing in the right direction. In the spring it is the sound of whirling grinders as the boat hulls get sanded and polished before being dropped in the water. Always a good sign that summer is approaching!!!

For those of you that could not make the Spring Membership Meeting, it was a good one with plenty of food and drink. As with every Spring Meeting it was good to see some faces I hadn't seen since last year. Thanks go out to all who had a hand in putting the meeting together and to all the great chef's out there. We had some killer deserts at the party!!!

If you haven't noticed that I have been incognito for the past month or so it is because the board has done such a great job of keeping things going and keeping everyone informed of what is going on. A special thanks to Todd, Mike, Butch and Kurt along with all of their support people for keeping the communications to club members going and for getting GRSC flyers out. I understand Todd's racing rules classes are a hit also!!

One change to note that is new for 2010, as was mentioned at the Spring Meeting, the club racing rules were changed to allow for two (2) races to be run when the committee boat chooses to start inside the wall. The old rule was written in a way that if we started inside the wall we could only race one (1) race. This change allows for a more comfortable committee boat duty on those marginal days and still allows us to get two races in.

Don't forget the Committee Boat Lottery meeting is going to be held this Saturday, April 24th at the GRYC. (Same site as the Spring Meeting) starting at 6:00ish with the lottery being held around 8:00pm. Looking over the schedule and the number of boats signed up for racing it works out to 2-committee boat duties per boat this year. Make sure you show up to pick your committee boat duty dates or you will end up with what is left!!!

As always, I try and find a little something nautical to throw into the newsletters. This month I've chosen some quotes I found. Some I'm sure you've heard or read before some, hopefully you have not. Enjoy and see you on the water soon!!!

Bob V

The cure for anything is saltwater – sweat, tears, or the sea.

- Isak Dinesen

A tourist remains an outsider throughout his visit; but a sailor is part of the local scene from the moment he arrives.

- Anne Davison

The goal is not to sail the boat, but rather to help the boat sail herself.

- John Rousmaniere

The lovely thing about cruising is that planning usually turns out to be of little use.

- Dom Degnon

Cruising has two pleasures. One is to go out in wider waters from a sheltered place.

The other is to go into a sheltered place from wider waters."

- Howard Bloomfield

There is NOTHING--absolutely nothing--half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.

- Kenneth Grahame

-----And finally two from Sir Francis Chichester-----

"Any damn fool can navigate the world sober. It takes a really good sailor to do it drunk."

- Sir Francis Chichester

"To the question, "When were your spirits at the lowest ebb?" the obvious answer seemed to be, "When the gin gave out."

- Sir Francis Chichester

From Rear Commodore, Todd Rogers

Hello All,

Last Sunday, the Cruising Fleet had their annual planning meeting, and came up with a great looking schedule. Ron Toivonen emailed it out yesterday, and we will work to get it posted to the GRSC website, so that it can be accessed throughout the year.

Attached is another (chintzy) flyer for this Saturday's Racing Fleet Lottery Meeting. This is the annual meeting to draw for committee boat duties. This again will be a pot-puck feast - with beer, pop, and sandwiches (or some other such substance) provided by the club.

This Thursday, April 22nd at 7PM at the Fairport Library, Joe and John Volanski will present a program entitled Sentinel on the Hill and The Great Lakes and WWII. The Fairport Harbor Historical Society extends an invitation to GRSC members to attend this lecture, and it should end by 8:15PM

A second FHHS program will be held on Wed. May 26 at 7PM at the library, and will be about the USCG Station Fairport history and future plans for the site.

This Saturday, April 24th, from noon to 3:00 PM - before the lottery meeting - is the Sailor's Swap Meet at Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club. If you are interested in trying to sell or swap some of your gear - please plan on being there between 10:30-11:30AM to set up "shop".

I am currently working on finalizing the details of the "Rigging 101" session, to have it conducted within the next two weeks at Grand River Rigging & Supply. I am also working on reserving the Grand River YC for John McLeod's Foredeck U. classroom session. Right now it appears that Sunday, May 9th will be the likely date. Once the dates and times are officially finalized for these two events - I will issue another notice.

Thank you,

Todd Rogers

Breakfast Club

Only one Sunday Brunch gathering left before the season starts. Sammie's in Grand River at 9:30am

Breakfast dates for 2010 - ~~January, 3rd~~ ~~February, 7th~~ ~~March, 7th~~ ~~April, 4th~~ May, 2nd

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Club Calendar

- **April 22nd** 7:00pm Fairport Library, Fairport Historical Society presents a program entitled Sentinel on the Hill and The Great Lakes and WWII.
- **April 24th** GRSC Lottery meeting @ GRYC starts at 6:30pm
- **April 24th** noon to 3:00pm, Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club, sailor's swap meet
- **May 26th** 7:00pm Fairport Library, Fairport Historical Society discusses the Fairport Coast Guard station and its future.
- Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the Month.
- Crew Training- every Wednesday night at Chester's Legacy Tavern in Painesville.
- Tuesday Libations-at Capp's in Leroy.
- Sunday/Saturday Brunch- Sammie's Restaurant in Grand River. 1st Sunday of each month.