

# River Debris

## Grand River Sailing Club Newsletter – River Debris

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### **JURY FOREMAN FEELS JUSTICE IS SERVED**

### **VICE COMMODORE FOUND GUILTY**



I hope those that attended the Mock Protest Committee Hearing training session

found it worthwhile. The Racing Rules of Sailing are established first and foremost for safety, and therefore should be understood, respected, and obeyed. However in sailing, as in nearly all other sports, fouls and penalties are sometimes a part of the game; and participants should not be intimidated by the rules, fouls, or the penalties.

In nearly thirty years of racing, I've never been in a protest committee meeting; so I too, definitely learned quite a bit during the session. I want to again thank local US Sailing Judge Nancy Zangerle, and Edgewater YC Fleet Captain Mike Dills for their support and instruction.

One thing I think worth mentioning; it was noted during the session that there are only two instances when hailing your competitors is required by the rules: (1) When protesting another boat, and (2) when needing room to tack at an obstruction. However, mention was also made of the "courtesy hail". In the case presented, while not required, the right-of-way boat hailed "starboard" to advise the port-tack boat to stay clear. An appropriate response in this instance from the port-tack boat would have been "hold your course"; thereby acknowledging that the "starboard" hail had been heard and that the port-tack boat intended to give right-of-way by immediately tacking away or ducking behind. It is ultimately the responsibility of the participants to know the rights and position of the race competitors. However, courtesy hails such as these can often be a good way to help ensure safe and fun competition.

The next planned GRSC training session will be on Basic Starting Techniques and Strategies, and will be conducted by Grant Edwards. This classroom session is slated for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Harbor 220 clubhouse. A separate on-the-water practice session will additionally be scheduled.

For those of you that missed the Cleveland Sailing Association (CSA) breakfast last month, there were several excellent presentations and speakers. Cruisers and racers alike would have enjoyed the round-the-world travelogue; and Ces Duer presented the Cold Water Boot Camp instructional safety video, which was locally produced by the National Water Safety Congress. This video is a must see for anyone that sails in cold water; and that is definitely all of us Lake Erie sailors - especially this time of year and after this Spring. For those of you who missed the presentation, you can download the video from the following website:

<http://www.watersafetycongress.org/resources.shtml>

Also, for those of you who do not know Ces or the Duer family:

- Chuck, dad, sails *Windshadow* out of Sailing Center
- Chris, son, sails down south
- Jon, son, Great Lakes Rigging & Doyle Sails out of Harbor 220
- Nate, son, engineer on lake freighters, and has Melges 24
- Alyssa, daughter, was head lifeguard at Fairport Harbor Beach for many years

Check out the CSA website for other upcoming events and regattas.

The following is a list of our additionally planned 2011 GRSC training sessions:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Basic Starting Techniques and Tactics Off-Water Session</b>	<b>Grant Edwards</b>	<b>Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Harbor 220</b>
<b>Basic Starting Techniques and Tactics On-Water Session</b>	<b>Grant Edwards</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>S-Mark</b>
<b>Mark Rounding Skills On and Off Water Clinic</b>	<b>Kathy Mathews</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>MOB Training Clinic and On Water Competition</b>	<b>Kathy Mathews</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>

After a long, wet and cold Spring, it is now finally time to go sailing again. Fair winds, stay safe, have fun, and we hope to see you somewhere out there on the water.

- Todd

\* From the Commodore; Editorial note; Do to the quality of, and that Todd put the

above article together, I am taking second chair.

The sailing season is here. Given the nasty weather that April and May have presented us with – it is pretty amazing that we are ready to go. Todd and Sandy had us busy this spring with three 'edutainment' events. At the last event, the mock protest, "12 Angry Men" our V.C. Todd went into full "Chadwick" mode. According to our certified Judges, Mike and Nancy, Todd's role as protestee usually wins in this scenario, Not this time. Nancy noted that sometimes it's best to keep your answers brief and don't talk too much, Hmm.

Michelle and Kurt have been busy already preparing for our Regatta, August 19-21<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't participated in the past please join us. If you know any one outside of the club who may want to participate, let us know and we'll send them more information.

Well, the races start this week and soon the cruising schedule will start. I look forward to seeing you on the water!

Commodore Mike

\* From the Rear Commodore; I will be following through with a GRSC social media presence on Facebook and looking forward to summer club events and activities.

Sandy

- From the Cruising Fleet;

There was a good turn-out for the GRSC Cruising Fleet's planning meeting held at Capp's in Leroy, and a full schedule of cruises and fun events is now set.

The cruising fleet is meeting again ( or is that eating again)! What a great organization- Eating, drinking, Sailing- what could be better? Doing these things with friends! Here is your opportunity to have a great time with great people:  
The Annual Spring Picnic of the GRSC Cruising Club.

Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.  
Sailing center, dock A pavilion.

The club will provide the picnic favorite- Fried Chicken. Please bring a dish, dessert or snack to share & BYOB.  
The club will have paper plates, napkins & plastic flatware.

If anyone can bring a set of cornhole boards, we can play.

Thanks, Louise

## **GRSC**

### ***Club Calendar***

1 Cruising Club spring picnic, Sat. June 11, 4:30 Sailing center dock A pavilion.

2 Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the Month. Next meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

3 Crew Training" Get Together every Wednesday night at Chester's Legacy Tavern in Painesville after the club race. (If you're not a regular, please try and make it at least once during the summer to help show your support of Chester's.)

4 Tuesday Libations at Capps in Leroy

\* A note from our friends at MHYC;

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