



Grand River Sailing Club Newsletter – River Debris

March/April 2011

From Commodore Mike:

Hello everyone. It seems like winter is loosening its grip (now that I've said that, 12 inches of something is going to fall). Time to make plans and get the supplies together to prep the boats for launch day!

The board is also planning and getting things in place for the new season. There are going to be more "Edutainment" classes planned for the spring /summer time, both on and off the water. The schedule is set with an additional summer series, so specialty races and joint race with other local clubs. Some will be detailed further down in the River Debris. Looks for the rest at the Spring Meeting and party, Sat April 2nd at the Grand River Yacht Club. Also remember to save the date, April 23rd for the Lottery Meeting.

See you there, Mike

From Vice Commodore Todd:

On Wednesday, March 16th Ryan Hoffman and I visited Chagrin Lagoons Yacht Club, and discussed with members of CLYC and Northeast Yacht Club the possibility of setting up some races between our clubs. Both clubs have fleets similar to GRSC; currently comprised of a few boats that travel to regattas, but with the majority involved only in more casual club racing and cruising.

From the meeting, it was decided that on Saturday, June 18th transport races from NEYC and GRSC would be set-up, and Chagrin Lagoons would then host a round-the-buoys race in the late-afternoon/early-evening. Free overnight dockage and a get-together cook-out would be provided at CLYC. Return races to the home clubs would be scheduled on Fathers Day morning; Sunday, June 19th.

Grand River to Chagrin River is only approximately nine nautical miles, with CLYC centrally located between GRSC and NEYC. This also would be an

opportunity to include several boats from The Mentor Harbor Yacht Club that have expressed interest in racing with our fleet.

The specific race management and scoring details will be worked-out, but the three separate races could be combined into a series for the GRSC fleet. (However, as the Saturday afternoon race would be considered an invitational race, any boat without a valid PHRF certificate may be separately scored or assigned a 10-second penalty by CLYC.)

This was determined to be the best available weekend for several reasons. The consensus received from the GRSC racing fleet was that Fathers Day should not be included as part our Sunday Spring Series, and NEYC does not have any club races scheduled on this holiday weekend. These races would not directly compete with any CSA regatta (except Cleveland Race Week One-Design), and may even serve as tune-up and feeder races for any boats that may continue on to participate at Edgewater Yacht Club's Cleveland Race Week the following week.

CLYC has discontinued co-hosting the annual Fall Markko Cup race to Ashtabula, and in exchange for hosting this weekend is very interested in participating in our now annual September Geneva Race Weekend.

The attached preliminary GRSC calendar has been amended to include these additional races, and will be finalized and presented at the April 2nd Membership Meeting.

Also attached is a flyer for CLYC's 2nd annual Swap Meet on April 30th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Attached is a copy of the Lake-Metro Parks volunteers' newsletter with details on how to help out the sailing and small-boat training classes at Fairport Harbor this year. Several GRSC members have volunteered throughout the years, but the park is currently in need of additional instructors. This is a great opportunity to give back to the boating community, and to meet new friends (and crew?). There are both youth and adult programs available, with accommodating schedules; and the commitment is very non-demanding. (The park also offers some nice perks for its volunteers.) Please contact Leigh Garam at lgaram@lakemetroparks.com or 440-585-2800 for more details.

Soon, GRSC will also be looking for members to volunteer to help prepare the racing marks and clean-out the storage facilities at the pavilion. Gratefully, that means Spring is almost here!!! Diane and I are looking forward to seeing you at the Membership Meeting!

See Important Flyers – please open attachments

From Rear Commodore Sandy:

A couple of things in the works; Sat. April 23rd (a great segue to the Lottery meeting) Jim Sasak has again invited GRSC to Grand River Rigging for his demonstration, tensile test and Tiki party. On Sat. Apr. 30th Great Lakes Rigging is sponsoring a swap meet at Harbor 220. Be sure to go through your stuff and box up what you want to sell!

We had two successful trainings led by GRSC member, Vlad Kilimnik. He spoke on navigation and collision regulations and put together some great handouts. Thanks to Vlad for taking time to share his knowledge on these important topics, as well as personal stories of sailing on the Black Sea. If anyone is interested in learning more about dead reckoning or other navigation lessons, please let us know. Vlad is willing to lead on-the-water ice exercises.



From Cruising Fleet Captain Ron:

Latest/ Final Schedule

GRSC Cruising Fleet 2011 Schedule

May 1	Planning Meeting Dinner, 5:30 p.m.	Capps, Leroy, OH
June 11	Spring Picnic, 4:30 p.m.	Sailing Center, A Dock Pavilion
July 1-4	July 4th Cruise to Port Stanley	Port Stanley Sailing Squadron
August 6-7	Go with the Wind	Sail East or West?
September 2-5	Labor Day Cruise to Erieau	Erieau Marina
September 17-18	*Race to Geneva	Geneva State Park Marina
October 8	Fall Clambake, 4:30 p.m.	Grand River Yacht Club

**Cruising Fleet Members are invited to join the race to Geneva,
or they can just cruise and not race*

Submitted by Ron Toivonen – February 9, 2011

