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January has Come and Gone

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This time of year tends to be quiet at the club. But the Board remains busy! In addition to the routine responsibilities of the board, several new committees have been formed.

First, is the **Bluewater Hall Committee**. This group is going to be working intimately with Jordan Owen on current and new opportunities at that facility. They will be looking at ways to increase usage, rentals and revenues at the facility. They will be considering options for usage of the waterfront as well. 2017 will be the first full year for Bluewater on the rental circuit at bookings are looking very promising!

Another committee is working on the **rental policies regarding our own facility**. They are looking at ways to increase usage, rentals and revenues at our Main facility, and ways to perhaps lessen direct competition between the two facilities. Both groups will report back to the board over the next couple months with recommendations.

As always, board meetings are open to all members
Sincerely,
David!

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

David Phelps Commodore
commodore@gtyc.org



Submissions due by the 4th Tuesday of the month prior to publication - 500 words or less please waterlines@gtyc.org



Check the Club's ONLINE CALENDAR for Up-to-date Event Info.
Refer to NORs and SIs for official racing dates, not the online calendar

MEMBERSHIP

Rob Lovell, Membership Chair

Renewing Membership - Statements

Ahoy members, guess who's been checking the list twice and stuffing the envelopes, and no, it's not Santa Clause. By the time this issue goes to press, I'm supposed to have your dues statement in the mail. Fortunately, little A sleeps well at night so I should make the deadline (Get Kim's desk cleaned off before she gets home from Boston tomorrow morning). You should know your deadline by now is the 1st of March before the first penalty flag gets hoisted by the Race Committee. As always, the Treasurer would love it if you paid online today, and Ian has a copy of the Roster at the Bar if you'd like to stop down for a refreshing ginger ale. (And please remember not to hit the panic button when the website sends you an automatic harassment letter two days after you dropped your check off with Ian and send the webmaster a letter proclaiming your innocence and compliance with our draconian dues request. If you know you've paid don't worry about sending an email, we'll figure it out. If you really didn't pay by mistake, then we can talk about.)

It promises to be a challenging year for us at the Club with the real nut needing to be cracked for our new diamond up the street. This spring and summer, your Board will be considering as many options as we can think of to address the announced Budget shortfall estimated for 2017. We'll even consider your ideas if we don't come up with it first

in order to generate more income to eliminate or at least minimizing the need for a late season special assessment, or even worse, raising the prices at the bar!

Now, before you go tweet something the Donald would say, remember in the art of negotiation, everything stays on the table until the negotiation is done, and we don't really want to raise the price of your rum drink.

With some of the options the Board will consider, from renting the place for what it's worth to trying to get to know our applicants better, you may be asked to share your Club in ways we haven't done so in the past. The Board may even try something that doesn't work out as well as we had hoped. If so please be patient with us, will fix it as soon as we can. If we aren't fixing it quick enough, we're sure you'll let us know! And if you have a better way to fix it, I guess we'd like to hear that sooner rather than later so please speak up and join in the conversation and the solution.

We look forward to your help in making this a great year to remember at the Grand Traverse Yacht Club. Now back to those invoices, scratch that, clean off Kim's desk!

Moorings and Storage

Your new Moorings & Storage chairperson, Liz Zimmerman is sorting through the knowledge passed on by Dave Terrell. Dave, thank you for your service to the club in this role.

Liz is reaching out to mooring holders to remind them to [renew online](#). She will reach out to other areas of storage soon. Please let her know if you will no longer want your storage spot.



ICE YACHT CLUB

Julie Richards

2017 DN Worlds and North American Championships

Coddiwomple (verb, English slang): To travel purposefully toward an as-yet-unknown destination. That pretty well describes our trip to the 2017 World and North American DN championships.

Four GTIYC members left Traverse City on Jan 21st, heading for someplace in Wisconsin. The unusually warm weather we had leading up to the races was making it difficult to find ice suitable for a big regatta. Two sites were under consideration but still needed to be sailed prior to making a decision. We were in Escanaba when the call was made for Lake Kegonsa near Madison. The other potential site was on Lake Superior near the Apostle Islands...too bad that didn't work out!

We set up the day before the start of the World championship. There was no wind that day; consequently we could not sail and tune for the conditions.

I was getting pretty nervous, having sailed only once this season, two weeks prior at the Western Regionals on Lake Mendota in Madison.

Race day arrived and the wind was pretty light. Temperature was upper 30's and the ice had scattered areas of slush..... challenging race conditions. Luckily it was overcast, which preserved the ice.

There were 110 sailors from 11 countries competing, a bigger turnout than we have had in recent years.

Each of the 3 fleets sailed 3 races before the wind died. The next day we went out to try to get 4 more races in for the maximum seven races, but the wind was nowhere to be found. The race committee pulled the plug at 3pm. The following morning we had several inches of wet heavy snow on the ice, and the World championship was called complete.

In the Gold fleet, Poland took 4 of the top 10 finishes, including first place (Karol Jablonski). The U.S. took 5 of the top 10, with Matt Struble (a Bay City native) in 2nd.

In Silver, Madison's Tim Sugar took first, and I took 2nd, tied in points with Tim but he had the better last race, which

decides the tie. Dick Wollam came in 18th, Bill Cutting 29th, and Bob Gray 10th in Bronze.

The fleet needed to find another site to hold the North Americans. Some of us, including German, Polish, Dutch and Russian sailors, coddiwompled north 3 hours and stayed in a little town called Tomahawk, anticipating the new site would be up that way or that a site would not be found and we would be heading home. A day later, ice was found on Green Bay near Menominee. 7 races were completed in 2 fleets on the final 2 days of race week. Ron Sherry from Detroit won Gold, and his son Griffin (18) won Silver...unprecedented! The GTIYC gang did not compete; we had to return home early unfortunately. Our GTIYC commodore, David Frost, took 10th in Silver (out of 41). It was an adventure as always, memorable for a variety of experiences and for the friends we have made over the years.

The DN class has the Central Regional race still pending. Hopefully, we will be able to pull that off up in our neck of the woods (with minimal coddiwompling!)

GTIYC meets at the club on the first Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in ice boating, or just want to hang out with some crazy kamikaze ice pilots, join us! Our hotline # is 922-3836 and gives information on where we plan to sail on the weekend.

Julie Richards.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Jed Mooney - Social Chair

Social Committee News

NEXT UP: GTYC ANNUAL CROCKPOT CLASSIC SUPER BOWL TAILGATE PARTY!

Super Bowl LI is set for Sunday, Feb. 5 @ 6:30 with the Atlanta Falcons going up against the New England Patriots at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas. Concurrently, at our very own GTYC Stadium in Traverse City, Michigan, Yacht Club fans will gather to watch the big game on the big screen and bar TV, and commemorate the occasion with another edition of the tremendously popular and competitive CROCKPOT CLASSIC Tailgate Party: Contestants will vie for cash prizes in the categories of “Best Crockpot Appetizer,” “Best Crockpot Entrée,” and “Best Crockpot Dessert.” \$5 per person (one free admission w/each Crockpot entry), with 75% of the “door” to be divided proportionally between the winners, 25% to go to GTYC Junior Sailing Fund. Additional opportunities to win cash will be afforded by other traditional games of chance during the game.

CALLING ALL CREWS . . . TO DINNER!

GYTC Crew Dinners Season is here! Time for racing boat crews, cruising boat crews, collaborating boat or fleet crews, mixed crews of Yacht Club friends – just about any combination – to get creative and liven-up the dreary non-sailing winter season by putting on a themed Friday dinner party. A great opportunity for crew camaraderie and team-building beyond the race course and/or cruising grounds, once again, the Club’s annual Culinary Award and its coveted Silver Whisk Trophy, is at stake for those who step up to the challenge of displaying their bountiful and creative galley skills!

We’re challenging host crews to create a theme with linked menu, décor, possibly entertainment or activities, and perhaps dress-up/costume to match. Past themes to pick & chose from have included holidays such as Mardi Gras, Valentines, and Independence Day, Pirate Party, Mexican & other ethnics, Tropical/Island Jump-up, Rock’n’Roll

(Grateful Dead-of-winter party featuring Fleetwood Mac ‘n’ Cheese?), Yooper, retro-TV or movie, Olympics, and more. Pick a time-tested favorite to put your own spin on, or get creative in an entirely new direction - imagination is the only limit, and imagination is boundless!

Guidelines for hosting a Crew Dinner may be found on gtyc.org: Clicking the “Calendar” tab will reveal a drop-down menu where you can select “Crew Dinners” for this information. Generally, crews will be expected to set a menu & price for their dinner party, shop & prepare their menu items (GYTC will reimburse reasonable food expense – remember, the rule of thumb is to at least break even with costs vs. proceeds!), set-up, decorate, serve/staff, and clean up. Your Social Committee, Member Services Director Jordan “J.O.” Owen, and Club Manager Ian are great resources for questions, and to arrange the use of the kitchen and other facilities.

Friday dates open for Crew Dinner Parties from January thru April: Look for the sign-up calendar posted in the Clubhouse lobby, or contact social@gtyc.org to reserve a date.

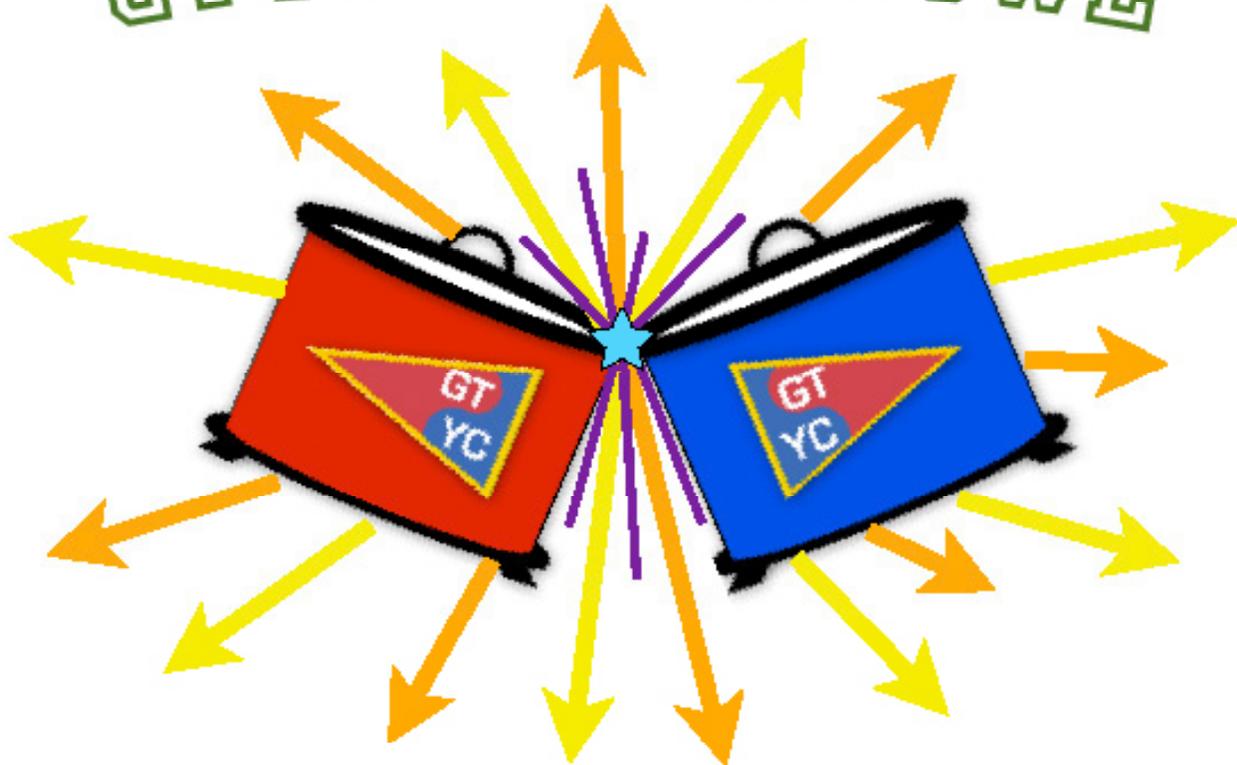
Winter It’s Wednesday Night! events schedule: 1st Wednesday of each month will be Crafts Nite, 2nd Wednesday Euchre Nite (? – reserved, if someone will step up & organize), and the 3rd Wednesday is set aside for Team Trivia Nite - from now until the sailing season starts in May.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Super Bowl Party

FEBRUARY 5th, DOORS OPEN AT 4:30

GTYC SUPER BOWL



CROCKPOT CLASSIC

A COMPETITIVE SLOW COOKER EVENT

Bring your best

APPETIZER, ENTREE, OR DESSERT

\$5 AT THE DOOR! -- 7 & Under Free!

FREE ADMISSION WITH CROCKPOT

(Limited to One Person per Slow Cooker)

***PLUS THE USUAL SUPER BOWL
FUN & GAMES!!!\$!***

BLUEWATER HALL

Win - Win for Bluewater Hall

If there is a non-profit that you like to support, find out if they have a need for a meeting place or an event space. If you offer to pay for the rental of Bluewater Hall, you can write off your donation to the group, we will have another rental at Bluewater, and your favorite non-profit will have a great location for their meeting or event.

<http://www.bluewaterhall.com/>

March Madness for Bluewater Hall Rentals

Special discounts available for rentals in March! [Contact Jordan Owen 231-883-5741](mailto:jordan@bluewaterhall.com) This space is great for birthdays, retirements, really any special event.

Special pricing for members of GTYC or share this message with a friend and they can get %20 off a rental of \$500 or more.



BLUEWATER HALL

News from the TFWB Relentless Team



Having met during the 2015 Chicago Mac Race on my dad's boat (George Petritz, TFWB Relentless) my fiancé and I are trucking out our Express 27, Tequila Mockingbird from San Francisco to race under the GTYC burgee in the 2017 Chicago Mac. This alone is no logistical walk in the park so we decided to plan our wedding for the weekend prior. We look forward to seeing all at the club following the race and please excuse us if we look a bit tired.

Lots of love,

Kim Petritz & Matt Krogstad.

Photos and longer version of "how we met" can be found on our wedding website <https://www.theknot.com/us/kim-petritz-and-matt-krogstad-jul-2017>

COMING EVENTS

February

Feb 1	Craft Night
Feb 5	Super Bowl Party
Feb 7	GTIYC
Feb 15	Team Trivia Night
Feb 16	Cruising Fleet
Feb 21	GTYC Board Meeting
Feb 27	Waterlines Deadline

March

Mar 1	Craft Night
Mar 7	GTIYC
Mar 15	Team Trivia Night
Mar 21	GTYC Board Meeting
Mar 28	Waterlines Deadline

Because a date/holiday is listed should not imply the Club is open for that holiday | Board meetings are open to all members



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