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Polar Vortex doesn't shut down the Grand Traverse Yacht Club!

I was trying to get some things done this week, and the cold and snowy weather have just about shut down the whole town. But not the Club! We were there Wednesday night and there was a pretty good turn out. When it is cold and nasty out, the warmth of friendship and chatter of ski trips and sailing plans fills the air. JO even had the giant fire burning on the big screen!

On to February! By now the Super Bowl will have been decided-and the Crock Pot Classic winners too. I'm sure it was all delicious-and hopefully no contentious penalty flags (or lack thereof). (Continued on Page 2)



From the Helm

Commodore Zimmerman



I love noticing the days getting a little longer, wondering if the Bay will freeze or not, and how soon we can get back out there. Greg Diehl was checking the weather the other day and took a great photo from atop the giant snow pile. It is interesting to see the club from that perspective.

The cruisers have been killing it with great programs and great food. Come down to the club for one of their presentations and bring a dish to share. You may learn something new! And if you need to get warm on Sunday mornings, bundle up and come down to the Club for YOGA! It has been beautiful, sunny, and a great way to start the day. The rules talk with Tom Babel was also great. Over 45 people joined the discussion to refresh the rules of racing. There is another one coming this month.

At the last board meeting we took care of the usual new year business. The calendar is set for the year, so you can make plans! Please visit the website for updates and the full calendar.

I know many of you are out skiing , snowshoeing, iceboating, and other hard-water activities. Whether you are here or somewhere else, send us a photo so we can live vicariously through you! Yes, it is cold out, but then again, it is Northern Michigan. Enjoy!

More Traditions

VC Lovell



Traditions

It all started with a mug of shrimp.

The tradition of food at the Club has certainly evolved through the years. In the early years, there was food if you brought it; or if the Board planned for it, like the annual Oyster Stag party. While the tradition of the Stag party being a membership drive has changed and it's no longer a stag party, it is still a tradition of the Board to put on this party for the members in the Spring. But we'll talk about that tradition more in a few months

It wasn't until 1999, when Commodore Dan Spyhalski put a "mug of shrimp" on the menu, that the tradition of year round food service on Wednesday and Friday evenings would become the norm. Dan's efforts began the transition from the Club having a kitchen for the members to use in the summer, to one that now we share, at our Club's request, with professionals that we've asked to cook for us.

This transition is still a work in progress, as it can be hard for members to shift gears from having free range in the kitchen, pardon the cooking pun, to respecting that we've invited professionals in to run our kitchen on Wednesday and Friday evenings. True, as a member, you do own the kitchen, but when we have professionals in the kitchen, we as members, become patrons, and our kitchen becomes their office doing a job we've asked them to do for us.

As yachters, we're used to just doing things ourselves and getting things done. That way we have more time for rum drinks. But we actually have people for that now. In fact, you might even know their parents. (That's another great tradition, hiring members' kids to work at the Club.) If you need something from the kitchen, the polite thing to do is ask a server or a bartender, they will be happy to get it for you. And if you really have to know what spices the chef put in the "mug of shrimp", ask the server to ask the chef, at the end of the big push. Not in the middle of it when the chef is trying to get out 6 orders of meaty clam strips, two yacht club burgers and four yacht club salads.

Notice of Meeting and notice of intent to edit bylaws

VC Lovell



To: **Members of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club**

Re: Notice of Meetings and Motion to Amend the GTYC Bylaws

Date: February 1, 2019

Dear Member,

Pursuant to the Board of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club finding ambiguity in the Bylaws regarding qualifications to serve as an elected member of the Board, and to address a concern regarding the limited number of members qualified and willing to serve the Club in this capacity. The Board of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club is introducing to the Members two amendments to the Bylaws.

Believing the Members have the right to discuss and consider friendly amendments to both the introduced amendments and voting procedures planned, the Board has adopted the following schedule.

On 1 February 2019, written notices of meetings and the motion to amend the GTYC Bylaws will be sent to the Members with the Dues Statements and other communications for the membership of the Club.

On 19 April 2019, at the Spring Membership Meeting, by Board Action, the Motion will be put before the Membership. At this meeting, or prior to by email submission to the Secretary, a Member may offer amendments to the motions and or procedures the Board is putting before the Membership. After sufficient discussion by the Members present at the Spring Meeting, by Bylaw mandate, the Amendments to the Bylaws shall be postponed definitely, to be considered by the Founders' Day Event.

On or before 24 May 2019, Members may vote for or against the motion by email to the Club Secretary at Secretary@GYC.org, by mail to the Club, or in person at the Club on or before the Founders' Day Event, when a brief meeting of the Membership shall be called for final consideration of the moved amendments.

In accordance with the Amendment procedures for the Grand Traverse Yacht Club, the Board places before the membership the following amendments to the Bylaws of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club for the Members' consideration.

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By Board action, Motion to amend Bylaw Sections V.3 and IX.5.B.3 of the Grand Traverse Yacht Club in the prescribed manor:

Article V, Section 3 Qualifications for Office

Amend by Substitution: for the line "An Active Member in good standing for at least five years immediately preceding a potential term..." with the line "An Active member, who has fully paid their Building Assessment and who has been a member of the Club for 5 years prior to a potential term..."

Article IX, Section 5. B 3 (page 14) Notice of Nomination

Amend by deletion: part of such that the last half of the line is deleted and will read: 3) That a qualified nomination shall be made by an Active Member (nominator) in good standing of an Active Member (nominee) who is in good standing ~~and has been an Active Member for a minimum of five (5) years.~~

Such that the proposed Bylaw changes shall read, with the substituted for or deleted text shown as struck through, and new text underlined:

GOVERNANCE

ARTICLE V.

Section 3. Qualifications for Office

An ~~Active Member in good standing for at least five (5) years immediately preceding a potential term~~ Active member, who has fully paid their Building Assessment and who has been a member of the Club for 5 years prior to a potential term shall be eligible to serve as a Flag Officer or a Director. A Flag Officer or Director shall remain in good standing at all times during his or her term of office. Only one (1) family member of a membership may be represented on the Board at any one time.

ARTICLE IX. MEMBER MEETINGS

Section 5. Notice of Meeting

B. Notice of Nomination shall include

- 3) That a qualified nomination shall be made by an Active Member (nominator) in good standing of an Active Member (nominee) who is in good standing ~~and has been an Active Member for a minimum of five (5) years.~~

Finally, as the proposed Bylaws are felt necessary by the Board to address identified areas of ambiguity in the Bylaws, the Board shall place before the members these Bylaw changes with the direction to the members that any member not casting a ballot by the prescribed voting date shall have their vote counted in the affirmative to amend the Bylaws as recommended by the Board.

2019 Grand Traverse Yacht Club Board of Directors

The Dues Window is Now Open!

Membership Committee

Dues are Due soon!

Thank you to all the members who've made the Treasurer happy by paying your dues already. The Membership Committee is printing, stuffing, licking and stamping the envelopes with the annual dues invoice, the formal notice of meetings and a notice of intent to amend the Bylaws. Look for them in the mail in the next few days. You are welcome to pay your dues online or in person down at the Club if cabin fever is getting the best of you. Chris and the rest of the bartenders would love to pour you a ginger ale if the thirst strikes you.

If you're lucky, you're heading someplace warm for a least a little bit this winter. If you're not so lucky, think warm thoughts, we'll be sailing soon!

Membership Committee

Vice out

Ask Aunt Wauneena

Aunt Wauneena



Dear Aunt Wauneena, What are these picture of? Signed, What?!!!!



Dear What,

Great question. These are photographic representations what goes on inside the minds yacht racers when they're sorting out rule 18 at a leeward mark. The picture on the left is the mind of "the inside boat." His official mind knows he's entitled to room and his coaching mind is letting everyone know what the call is. The picture on the right is the mind of "the outside boat." His official mind knows there was no overlap and his coaching mind is letting everyone know what the call is. Yacht racing is a sport where the referees and the quarterbacks occupy the same minds. Some yachters combine the roles better than others. AW

Dear Aunt Wauneena, What does Past Commodore Diehl have for us this month? Signed, What's Out There.

Dear WOT, Greg sent in a couple links to interesting yachting articles.

<https://mynorth.com/2008/03/hard-water-rush/>

Take a look. AW



Uncle Homer's Picture Show



Uncle Homer's Picture Show



Visiting a fellow yacht club here in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Races every Wednesday and Saturday with a very fun group!

Howard and Wendy Keys



Uncle Homer's Picture Show

