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January comes along for every Commodore; we put “Past” in front of our title and reflect on the year. In my case, I have asked myself, did I get enough done? I don’t think so. But that just means I’ll be hounding Doc Rob to finish some things up.

Recently I was reading my Horoscope, which I rarely do-and even more rarely do I give them any credibility. But, this month it mentioned a few quotes “...that will especially be suitable for [my] use in the coming weeks.” As I read, I thought maybe this is applicable in my new Past Commodore role. So here they are: 1) “I disagree with everything I used to say.” 2) “The only possible effect one can have on the world is through unpopular ideas.” 3) “I’m attracted to people who are really true to themselves and who are always trying to do something that makes their lives more interesting.”

So, Doc Rob, you have the helm. I’m going to spend the next year or so disagreeing with myself, having some unpopular ideas, and spending my time with interesting people doing interesting things. Thanks to the Membership for trusting me to steer the ship this year. It has been a good learning experience, full of challenges and high water.

Happy New Year & Cheers to you all!

Liz



Traditions

Commodore Lovell



It is a tradition of yacht clubs for the Commodore to write a "From the Helm" or similar article every month in their club's publication. As we haven't put out an edition of *Waterlines* for the past few months, I have asked our Past Commodore Liz Zimmerman to take this month's lead article.

Liz has certainly earned this privilege for how well she has led our Club this last year and for all her efforts as a Flag Office of your Club. I expect nothing less in her last year on the Board and know I will continue to lean on her quite a bit, especially appreciating her help in tempering my verbosity.

In our Club we have an old tradition and a relatively new tradition that I hope many of you will be able to find room for in your calendars. One of our Club's oldest traditions is the Oyster Clam Bake on the First Friday in May. I've asked Past Commodores Jay Kraft and Dave Skibowski to chair this event, not just because they are shuckers extraordinaire, and they are. But more importantly, I agree with the historical significance of this event being an event that we, as a Club, throw for our community. So, we will pull a public liquor license, invite our community, and use this event to kick off our 60th Birthday Year of Celebration.

Speaking of which, please also mark in your calendars on Friday May 22: **GTYC Founders Party!** This will be our official 60th Birthday Party. This is the Friday of Memorial Weekend, the official kickoff of summer. In addition to a big birthday cake, we will be honoring our newest Life Members, as well as introducing our new members. In preparation for this event, Jordan Owen has been asking our members to look back in their photo albums for any old pictures of earlier years at the Club. I'd like to take that thought one step further and ask you to share some of your memories of the Club from the last century. It doesn't have to be a 500-word article *for Waterlines* but our members I'm sure would enjoy reading such a tale.

Speaking of traditions. Have you seen the throw-back Burgee that JO has designed? I plan on using this old design, as our logo for the year. Look for some great shwag available throughout the year as we revel in our 60 years of promoting, protecting and encouraging boating for pleasure and sport to cultivate good fellowship among our members.

On the Horizon

Commodore Lovell



Coming to a yacht club near you are a few things on the horizon. The least exciting is the January Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 19, 2020. The meeting starts at 6:00 with the normal first meeting of the year approvals of Policies, Committees and other appointments. We'll also be talking about our Club's Rental Policy, Membership strategies, the rising concerns of the rising water levels and we will be adopting a budget for 2020.

The real fun stuff starts in February. Since Valentine's Day is on a Friday this year, we are bringing back a special dinner. Surf and Turf will be on the Menu to those that RSVP. Stay tuned for more information, seating may be limited for the Filet and Lobster dinner!

The next night, the Knockout Crew is kicking off the Crew Dinner challenge for those hoping to compete for the Golden Wisk. On Saturday the 15th the Knockouts will be cooking up some fun with Dinner and a Movie showing the 2019 film *Maiden* chronicling the first all-female Whitbread Round the World Race. Proceeds from this event will benefit youth sailing in our community.

Two weeks later the Social Committee will bring back a long time favorite of the Club. On Friday, February 28th we'll indulge ourselves in a Mardi Gras party at the Club. I'm sure many of our Club members have fond, or maybe foggy, memories of our Club's Mardi Gras parties past. Plans are still in the making, but Jed and Sam tell me boats should start getting their Krewes together for the parade below the balcony. Hmm, where did I put those beads?

Keurig Coffee Conundrum

Commodore Lovell



A few years back at a Cruiser's Fleet Meeting I noted a member of the fleet asking JO if he could make him a cup of decaf coffee. JO, being the gracious host said of course, and made a pot of coffee. Apparently, this was a routine request at the Cruisers Fleet so I asked the Fleet if they wouldn't consider just using some of their funds to buy a Keurig machine for the Club. The looks I got made me nervous that I was about to get strung up from the yardarm.

Now, I respect the concern of the environmental impact of the plastic K cup. The amount of effort to recycle the original pods is beyond what most are willing to do. But I always wondered, is there a greater environmental impact to grow, harvest, process and ship 8 times more coffee than one needs? Like the Tootsie Pop Owl says, "the world may never know!"

Fortunately, a better solution has evolved. Cameron's Coffee ® has introduced a compostable coffee pod that works in your Keurig. Or should I say ours. I've donated one to the Club, and a healthy supply of coffee pods, both regular and decaf. You'll find the Keurig next to the Popcorn Machine and the coffee is in the counter below. So now the only conundrum is how do we pay for the new pods; should we put a collection bin next to the coffee or just have members bring their own? Let me know what you think, and what flavor you'd like me to re-order. Just slip a note in the collection bin, if we have one, or go online at cameronscoffee.com to find an EcoPod flavor that suits your taste.

Time to Socialize

Social Committee

GTYC SOCIAL COMMITTEE – 2020 VISION

Your 2020 GTYC Social Committee starts the New Year with the gun, right on the line at the favored end, in clear air, sheets trimmed hard, and coming up to speed -- thanks in large part to the head start afforded by 2019's Commodore Liz Zimmerman, Flag Officers, and Directors allowing for early appointment of Dannielle Higgins as SoCom Chairperson, and charging her with forming a multi-faceted and active committee to step up our Club's social game. Danni has enlisted the aid of her hubby & PC46 Doug, Lyn Dolson-Pugh, Karen Copeland, Annette Derks, Susan Krause, Beverly Cady, and Jed Mooney, and we are additionally grateful for 2019 Vice Commodore & 2020 Commodore Rob Lovell for his participation and input in recent SoCom brainstorming & organizational meetings to help set the tone & direction for our event planning, which started off with successful GTYC Adult & Kids' Christmas Parties this past December to kick off a festive Holidays Season.

Off & running, 2020 **Craft Nights** have officially begun, with crafters meeting in the Clubhouse Mezzanine this past Wed. (1/17), and will continue to hold sessions on the 1st Wed. of each month until sailing season begins. We are looking to possibly spice up Craft Nights with some specialty offerings, demos, and instruction in disciplines such as line splicing (a.k.a. "underwater basket weaving"), among others -- if you have any expertise, ideas, or requests along these lines, please contact anyone on the Social Committee.

Renewing a past favorite, monthly **Euchre Nights** are returning! Starting Fri. 1/17, and continuing 2/28, 3/20, and 4/17. Karen Copeland & Annette Derks are contacts for Euchre.

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Super Bowl LIV will be contested on Feb. 2, 2020, and GTYC will host its usual tailgate party again featuring the annual “Crockpot Classic” competition. Keep a lookout for updated guidelines & rules for this event. Recovery required by the following Saturday 2/8, when we’re likely to gather again before the Club’s screens for the second 2020 meeting of the **MSU & UM Basketball** teams.

Friday, February 14: *Valentine’s Day Dinner*. Special Menu and Reservations for this couples’ evening at GTYC will be available soon to help you make your plans.

Mardi Gras Party Fri. 2/21 will bring a taste of the old South to GTYC. Plans include our very own “Krewe of Crews” parade w/ floats, beads/masks/costumes, NOLA-style cuisine & specialty cocktails, and more -- *laissez le bon temps rouler!*

The Luck o’ the Irish brings back the **St. Patrick’s** (not) **Day Party** on Lucky Friday the 13th of March, featuring a traditional boiled Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner, Guinness Stout & other Irish Specialty brews, cocktails, & shots, wearin’ o’ the green, bawdy pub songs, and much other such foolishness!

Of course, our Club’s socializing also includes the **GTIYC dinner meetings every 1st Tuesday** through the winter, the **2nd Tuesdays Cruisers Happy Hour, Supper, & a program** get-togethers, and **J.O.’s Famous Team Trivia Nights on the 2nd Wed.** of the month.

That’s GTYC’s upcoming Social Scene in a nutshell, with updates and enhanced information soon to come via Club communications. Of course, your Club is regularly open on all Wednesday & Friday evenings for cocktails & dinner, whether or not a special event is scheduled, so come on down, bend an elbow, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members. Cheers!

Water Level Issues Continue to Plague GTYC

Liz Zimmerman, Past Commodore

October through March often brings a drop in water levels for the Great Lakes due to cooler temps and evaporation. This year, we are witnessing something special. We are now into January and the water levels continue to hover near record highs. The Army Corp of Engineers projections range widely for 2020. Should we have another year like 2019, we may see an additional 6-8 inches of water. On the other extreme levels may drop (fingers crossed). Basically they don't know. The number they really watch is the Net Basin Supply, water in minus water out.

What can we do about it? We have been discussing possible shoreline remediation with club members with expertise in Environmental Engineering and some with personal experience.

One scenario includes improving drainage along the north and west sides of the parking lot. Another possibility includes improving the existing breakwall along the side of the launch ramp. We are also looking into rock "rip rap" along the shoreline. We have also been communicating with our neighbors to the north to see if they would be interested in a shared project to protect our adjacent waterfront.

Next steps will include taking preliminary ideas to permitting review. Please know that we are trying our best to protect the assets of the club.

Check out the Army Corp website:

<https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Water-Level-Outlook/>

We will keep you updated as information is available.

Ask Aunt Wauneena

Aunt Wauneena



Dear Aunt Wauneena, Do you have any Greg Diehl links for us this month? Signed,
What's the Diehl.

Dear WTD, Here are two. They hit both ends of the spectrum. We go from sea lions to the Gerald Ford Aircraft Carrier.

<https://nypost.com/2020/01/02/two-giant-sea-lions-steal-a-boat-in-hilarious-viral-video/>

<https://www.cnet.com/pictures/meet-the-navys-new-13-billion-aircraft-carrier/73/?ftag=ACQ-00-10acb3f&vndid=theblazev2>

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Uncle Homer's Picture Show

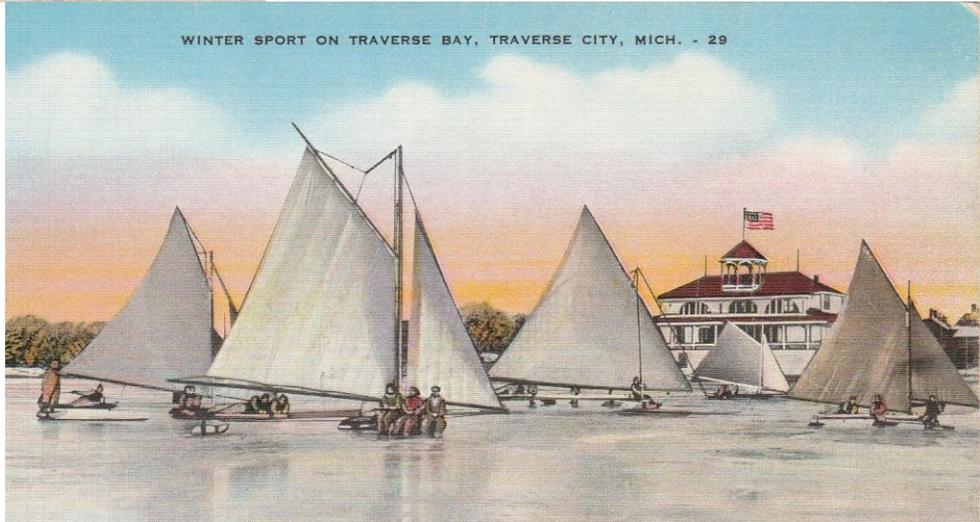


Sarasota PHRF Boat
(Captain Ron?)

Festus
Feats of Strength



Uncle Homer's Picture Show



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STEAMSHIP MISSOURI IN THE ICE, TRAVERSE BAY.