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The Boating Season has arrived and even Michigan weather can't stop it. Boats have been slowly arriving in the Harbor, led this year by Joe Schaden on April 4 aboard Black Dog. Joe was joined by brothers David and Matt as he accepted the traditional bottle of champagne awarded to the first boat in the Harbor each season. A larger portion of the fleet will arrive in May. Although the Harbor construction is moving along well, we have work barges in the Harbor. Additionally, work on our new docks has delayed early access to several docks. Alex and his staff are working hard to accommodate member's boats as they arrive. I apologize for

the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work toward the goal of improving our Harbor facilities. Watch for an announcement about the completion of the Harbor renovations and a celebration event of this important milestone for our strategic plan, VISION 2026.

We have a number of events to look forward to this month in addition to the kick-off of a new boating season. First up is Derby Day at the Club on May 7. Everyone is invited for pre-Derby cocktails in the Main Dining Room accompanied by the excitement of watching this year's Run for the Roses. Following the race, bowlers will celebrate the end of the 2021-22 season at their annual Derby Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Other members are encouraged to enjoy Derby Day dinner in the Spinnaker or MDR. Be sure to make your reservations early. The following day, we will host our annual Mother's Day Brunch. This event is always a family favorite with a great turnout. Later in the month, on May 24, a Whiskey, Bourbon, and Cigars Night will take place on the Gazebo Terrace. Finally, the Memorial Day Blessing of the Fleet will be held on May 30. Please join us for this traditional ceremony. New members of our Harbor fleet are especially encouraged to attend.

Our efforts to add new programs for the summer continue to move along with the help of many member volunteers. We are developing a schedule for DJ Nights at the Gazebo that I believe everyone will enjoy. DJ Nights will be the perfect way for members to gather and socialize while enjoying views of Lake St. Clair and our beautiful, renovated Harbor. If you are interested in getting out on the water this year, watch for a new program with Fishing Charters that can be scheduled through the Club. Adult sailing classes will be an additional on-water offering for those who want to try their hand at this great sport. No experience or boat are necessary! Finally, fitness activities will be plentiful this summer. Watch for a member 5K run, another Spa Day, water aerobics and activities for our growing pickleball program.

Looking forward to having you join the summer fun at GPYC!

Sincerely,

Jason Grobbel
Commodore GPYC

NOTES FROM THE MANAGER



Spring Launch

Congrats to Joe and Megan Schaden for being the first boat in our Harbor this year. Per tradition, our Harbor Master Alex Turner greeted them with a ceremonial bottle of champagne and summer was officially kicked off even if everyone was still wearing winter coats! Spring Launch is a boating phrase, but for me it means so much more this year. I am not sure I would have used the term “launch” the past couple years seeing as we lived in a world full of restrictions. We were all more focused on what we couldn’t or shouldn’t do rather than what we could do. This year feels very different in a GREAT way and the GPYC is ready to LAUNCH. “Launch” is defined in the Dictionary as “starting or setting something in motion” and that is exactly what we are doing. With the Harbor Project and our internal clubhouse renovations, we have transformed into a multi-venue club that

accommodates all types of activities. The MDR Bar is rocking every night and drawing in younger members with a “Cheers Bar” type of atmosphere where everyone knows your name. The Gazebo Bar is now open (weather permitting) and the Pool will be ready to go in time for Memorial Day Weekend. When you arrive at the Pool, you will notice all new furniture and lounge areas complete with service flags for your convenience. The Harborside Grill will be re-conceptualized to maximize efficiency and service including satellite grill stations, grab n’ go options, and an ever changing menu to feature variety. The fun will resonate with your kids and grandkids as well. They will be the recipients of some of the best programming in the country, whether it be Junior Sailing, Swimming, Day Camp, or Racquet Sports. If you have not signed them up for the programs, don’t walk....run! They are filling up fast. Did you know the Club is going “High Tech?” I am pleased to announce our brand new Harbor Concierge System that allows boaters to place orders for food and beverages or for Harbor Services with a simple text. Look for instructions on this new program coming in *The Weekly Buzz*. You can also use this convenient system for regular carry outs. If you haven’t already tried it, you can now make reservations at the Club online through the OpenTable app as well. All of these new systems are designed to be convenient for you, our members.

With all of this action at the Club, I would like to make sure we are delivering on our promises of quality. If you would like to share positive comments or constructive feedback, please make sure to email me at awagner@gpyc.org. See you soon at the Club!

Smooth sailing,



Aaron Wagner





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NEWS

Welcome Back to the Harbor!

Congratulations to Joe Schaden for being the first to arrive in the GPYC Harbor for the 2022 boating season! *The Black Dog* came in on April 4, 2022. Joe, accompanied by his brothers Dave and Matt received a bottle of champagne from Harbor Master Alex Turner.



Pool Schedule

May 27 – 30	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
May 31 - June 17	
Mon. – Thurs.	11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Fri. – Sat.	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
June 18 – Sept. 5	
Mon. – Thurs.	11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fri.	11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sat.	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Sun.	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Gazebo Bar Schedule - Weather Permitting

May 1 – 26	
Mon. – Sun.	5 – 9 p.m.
May 27 – 30	
Fri- Mon.	11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Harborside Grill Schedule

May 27 – June 19	
Fri. - Sun.	11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
June 20 – Sept. 5	
Mon. – Sun.	11 a.m. – 9 p.m.



Binnacle & Terrace Opening - Weather Permitting

Starting May 1

Lunch	Wed. – Sat.	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Dinner	Wed. – Thurs.	5 – 9 p.m.
Dinner	Fri. – Sat.	5 – 10 p.m.
Brunch	Sun.	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Honoring 2022 Seniors

We are honoring 2022 graduating seniors in the upcoming issue of the *Grosse Pointer* magazine. If you would like your child or grandchild to be featured, send their senior photo, school, college or post grad plans, and a message to shughes@gpyc.org.

Nanny Passes

2022 nanny and babysitter passes are now available! To get your pass, email Membership Specialist Jennifer Benoit at jbenoit@gpyc.org with your nanny/ babysitter's name and phone number.

Grog Shop

The Grog Shop is now open every day. This year, grab and go food purchases from the Grog Shop will go towards your monthly minimum! See page 9.

Summer Program Registration

Our summer program directors are busy preparing a fun summer ahead! Registration for junior sailing, day camp, junior tennis, and swim team are all now open. Head to gpyc.org/fun to sign up for any program.

Cakes by Christina

The GPYC is proud to offer custom cakes for all occasions, including weddings, made by our new Pastry Chef Christina

Wood! She offers a variety of flavors (including gluten free options), fillings and icing. Cakes range in size from six inches to a full sheet. Standard wedding cakes are available in 3 or 5 tiers. For more information, please contact the Front Desk at (313) 884-2500 or switchboard@gpyc.org.

Online Dining Reservations

You can now make reservations for our dining rooms through OpenTable! Simply visit our website or phone app, log in, and go to the "Reservations" tab. There, you will see an Open Table widget where you can select the day and time to dine with us. Parties of 9 or more in the Spinnaker or 11 or more in the Main Dining Room will need to call the Front Desk to make a reservation.

A La Carte To Go

Our a la carte menu is available to-go Wednesday-Sunday each week. You can place an order by calling the Front Desk at (313) 884-2500, who will transfer you to the Kitchen.

Person of Interest in the Grosse Pointer

Every quarter, the *Grosse Pointer* puts a spotlight on one of our members in our Person of Interest story. From world travelers to athletes, Reverends to Chefs, our publication has covered quite a few of our members. Do you know of a member with an amazing story to tell? We would love to hear from you! To suggest a subject for a Person of Interest article, email Membership Director Susan Hughes at shughes@gpyc.org.

NEWS

Member Snaps in the *Grosse Pointer*

Have you or a member of your immediate family made a special accomplishment? Run a marathon, received a scholarship, traveled to an interesting place, or done charity work? We would love to feature you in the Member Snaps section of the *Grosse Pointer*. Our readers love to see what great things their fellow members are up to. To send in a submission, please email Membership Director Susan Hughes at shughes@gpyc.org

Cancellation Policy

Members canceling a reservation for Club-sponsored functions with less than 24 hours' notice, or not attending the function without giving notice, shall be charged the established price for each person involved. Thank you.

Download the GPYC App

The GPYC app is the best way to get the most up-to-date information about everything happening at the Club. Check out information about events, dining specials, Harbor postings and more. OpenTable is also available through our app to make dining reservations. To download the app, search Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in your app store, and login with your member ID and password.



Kid's Klub

Parents – you have the opportunity to enjoy a quiet, relaxing evening at the Club. Drop your kids off at the Kid's Klub on Fridays and Saturdays from 5:30 – 10 p.m. Children must be three years old and potty trained. \$20 for the first child, \$15 for each additional child in the family.

To maintain the appropriate staff-to-child ratio, the maximum number of children who can attend Kid's Klub is 12 children per evening. Reservations are required. The cut-off for reservations is by 4:30 p.m. the day of. To sign your children up, contact the Front Desk at switchboard@gpyc.org or (313) 884-2500.

Simple Joys of Spring

Week 1 - Mother's Day Craft

Week 2 - Flowers, Worms, and Dirt- movie night "Worms"

Week 3 - Guest Reader and Kites

Week 4 - Tie Dye Memorial Day T-shirts

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EVENTS

Unless otherwise specified, please contact the Front Desk to make reservations for all events and activities: switchboard@gpyc.org or (313) 884-2500. Also, there is no charge for children 3 years of age and under for any event (except for three-year-olds in Kids' Klub).

Mother & Son Bowling

Sunday, May 1 | 3 p.m.

\$50 per mother & son duo (\$10 per additional child)

Mothers and sons – you are invited for a fun afternoon in the BRC! Dress up in your favorite sports team's attire and enjoy two hours of bowling and snacks.

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 4 | 6 p.m.

This group meets on the first Wednesday of every month for dinner and cocktails at the Club. If you enjoy reading, please join the group for a fun evening of book conversation and camaraderie. Contact Book Discussion Group Chair Mariann Channell at medievalmd@aol.com if you are interested in joining.

May: *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult

June: *Angels of the Pacific* by Elise Hooper

July: *The Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey

Spring Swim Team Kick Off Meeting

Thursday, May 5 | 5:30 p.m.

GPYC Sailfish swimmers are invited to a kick off meeting for the season. Swimmers and parents will meet the coaches and learn about the upcoming season. Bowling will be available and food will be served.



Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 8 | 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

\$60++ adults, 24++ kids 10 and under
Celebrate Mom with our classic Mother's Day brunch buffet and be sure to bring the whole family. Mothers will receive a complimentary mimosa.

Jeans & Wine Event

Friday, May 13 | 6 p.m.

\$55++

Grab your partner and join us for a date night with approachable wines and hors d'oeuvres.

Summer Breeze Party

Saturday, May 14 | 6 p.m.

This annual fundraiser and auction raises money for the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation, which provides scholarships for local sailors. Tickets can be purchased at gpynef.org. See more details on page 11.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Sunday, May 15 | 6 p.m.

\$50 per father & daughter duo (\$25 per additional child)

Fathers and daughters are invited to "The Royal Ball" at the Club. Daughters are encouraged to dress up as their favorite princess or Disney character. The evening will include appetizers, desserts, a backdrop for photos, music and dancing. Drinks will be available by subscription.

Cars & Coffee at the Club

Saturday, May 21 | 8 – 11 a.m.

This event will take place in the front circle drive and include cars on display, coffee, a food truck, a bar, live entertainment and test drives courtesy of Genesis Cadillac.

Whiskey, Bourbon & Cigar Event

Tuesday, May 24 | 6:30 p.m.

\$115++ per person

Join us for the first whiskey, bourbon and cigar event of the year! This event will feature southern coastal inspired foods. Ticket price includes the tasting of whiskey and bourbon as well as two hand rolled cigars.

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 28

Fishing Rodeo | 8 a.m.

Bring your own bait. If you have any questions, contact the Front Desk at (313) 884-2500.

Sunday, May 29

Bocce Tournament | 1 p.m.

Guests are welcome. Please sign up to play with the Front Desk at (313) 884-2500.

Monday, May 30

Pool Games | 2 – 4 p.m.

Blessing of the Fleet | 4:30 p.m.

Memorial Day BBQ | Immediately following Blessing of the Fleet

Stay tuned for more details about the Memorial Day BBQ!

Save the Date

In Harbor Rendezvous
June 17

Father's Day Brunch
June 19

Cars & Coffee at the Club
June 25

Old Club Dinner Cruise
June 30

2022 Rendezvous Schedule:

Catawba Rendezvous
July 8 - 10

Up North Rendezvous
Bay Harbor
August 1 - 4

Milliken Rendezvous
September 16 - 18

Fort Lauderdale Boat Show Rendezvous
October 28

GROG SHOP

Our Little Shop Is Open Again For The Season

I'm so excited to announce that the store is back in full swing for the summer! Over the winter months, I've been spending time with vendors to get the best GPYC merchandise available in the store, including brands like Vineyard Vines, Helly Hansen, Under Armour, Gear and Maui Jim sunglasses.

I have also been working with our culinary team to create the best grab and go food options for the Grog Shop. Some of your old favorites for the boat will be back, but you can also expect some healthier options to be in stock daily. This year, Grog Shop grab and go food purchases will go towards your food and beverage monthly minimum. As always, the Grog Shop is your go-to place for ice, beer, canned wine and snacks to make stocking the boat a

breeze. Plus, I have a coffee machine for those early risers.

This year, we are introducing a new and improved Harbor Concierge Service. So this summer, let us handle the long hauls out to the boat for you! Members will be able to simply text an order to us, and we will run anything from the Grog Shop out to your boat. This includes food, beverages, ice and clothing!

This is going to be a summer to remember at the GPYC, and I hope you stop by the Grog Shop to stock up for the season!

See you soon,

Jennifer Benoit
Grog Shop Manager



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Water Aerobics

Did you know that you can burn between 290-760 calories in 60 minutes of water aerobics? At the GPYC, water aerobics is a great alternative to traditional exercise. This is a fun and healthy way to enjoy the summer sun while getting cardio and strength training for the whole body. Elizabeth Bourke will be returning as our instructor. Participants must bring their own water weights.

Session 1

June 20 – July 15

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

12 – 1 p.m.

\$125 for members, \$150 for nonmembers

Session 2

July 18 – August 12

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

12 – 1 p.m.

\$125 for members, \$150 for nonmembers

To sign up for water aerobics this summer, contact instructor Elizabeth Bourke at ebourke@gpyc.org.



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Grosse Pointe News

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

High Hopes for a Successful Summer!

Last year we celebrated a record year in recruiting new members. The good news is that we are aligned with having another great year comparing where we were at this time last year. Additionally, we lost more members year-to-date last year in May compared to this year. Let's hope that this trend continues through the summer months. The GPYC has been fortunate to continue improving amenities and adding programs and services which has in part contributed to our success. Member referrals have also contributed to our recruitment success. Thanks to all who have referred candidates and joined the GPYC. Keep the referrals coming!



Please welcome Heather Shock to the GPYC staff as our Communications Manager. Heather brings well-rounded skill sets including writing and managing internal and external communications and creating brand identity.

She is a graduate from the College for Creative Studies with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Communications. I am confident that Heather will be a valuable addition to the GPYC! Please stop by the Membership office and introduce yourself to Heather.



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SPORTS

Up Your Alley

Our 2021-22 season is starting to wind down. Here are some of the highlights from the last couple of weeks:

Monday Night Men's

John Seago: 276; Derek Starks: 256;
Matt Schaden: 675 actual series

Wednesday Night Mixed

Dominic Neumann: 258;
Dianna Smith: 198

Thursday Night Mixed

Sean Fannon: 253

We are down to the finals of the men's and ladies Club Championship. For the men, all three finalists are from the Monday Night Men's League: Michael Cytacki, Scott Turnbull and three-time champion John Seago. In the ladies division, the two finalists are Barbara Alcorn and Gloria

Hinz. They will use their league scores with handicap for the final weeks of the season to determine the champion.

Back again this summer we will offer Friday night open bowling. To secure a lane every Friday from June 3 to July 8, you can purchase a 6 week package for \$240. Times are either 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. or 8 to 10 p.m. You can email me at gwoods@gpyc.org to reserve your spot. They will fill up fast so do not hesitate.

During the summer, the BRC is still available for bowling parties. Give our catering department a call and book your parties now. There will be a minimum cost for renting the lanes.

Thank you,
Gordy Woods
Director of Bowling



Tennis

Weather depending, the tennis courts should be up and running by mid to end of May. You'll notice the pickleball courts are already laced!

Please note: the summer tennis and pickle schedule is out! Email: TennisPro@gpyc.org to request one and to join the eblaster! With flex programming, we work around your schedule and your level! Can't find a time for pickle and tennis that works for your family's busy summer schedule--no problem! Simply shoot us an email and we can create a flex group or private lesson that works for everyone!

Did you know over 90% of text messages are opened within five minutes? With that being said, I want to introduce you to the new GPYC Pickle Ping and Racquet Report Text messaging systems. Watch for an email that will allow you to opt-in to a variety of text message blasters to keep you in the loop for pickleball content, tennis content, and weather alerts effecting pickle and tennis programming.

I strong believe these systems will allow increased engagement and awareness to the racquets area!

You may also notice this year down in racquets, a few large black circular devices! These are what are referred to as "near field communication devices." By simply tapping your phone to the device you can receive up to date dynamic content for all things pickleball and tennis! Try it out if you see one on campus!

Finally, the pro shop is very excited to once again be authorized dealers for Babolat and Paddletek racquets and paddles. Babolat acts as the number one tennis string and racquet company in the world with players such as Rafa Nadal, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Dominic Thiem using both Babolat racquets and strings, while Paddletek is made right here in Michigan and used by the world's top pickleballers!

I have a number of Babolat and Paddletek's for demo in the pro shop. If you love one we can have it for you in a matter of days.

In terms of racquet stringing, we usually have a 24-hour turnaround, and we'll be glad to leave the racquet at the Front Gate for easy pick up. We are fully capable of grips and weight customization as well.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you out on our beautiful courts soon!

The hands down best way to stay up to date regarding any of our programs or events is to sign up for our weekly tennis e-newsletter by emailing Tennispro@gpyc.org

Cheers,
Dmitri



2022

These dates are accurate as of the printing of this MAST. Please stay tuned to the Weekly Buzz and eblasts for updates.

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday Brunch Buffet Brunch & Bowl Mother & Son Bowling Turkey Dinner Special	2 Spring Monday Night Men's League	3	4 Book Discussion Group	5 Swim Team Kick Off Party	6 Spinnaker Open Kids Klub- Mother's Day Craft	7 Spinnaker Open Kids Klub- Mother's Day Craft
8 Mother's Day Brunch Brunch & Bowl	9 Spring Monday Night Men's League	10	11	12	13 Jeans & Wine Event Open Bowling Spinnaker Open Kids Klub- Flowers, Worms, and Dirt- movie night "Worms"	14 Summer Breeze Party Spinnaker Open Kids Klub- Flowers, Worms, and Dirt- movie night "Worms"
15 Sunday Brunch Buffet Sailing Scholarship Brunch Daddy Daughter Dance Turkey Dinner Special	16 Spring Monday Night Men's League	17	18	19	20 Spinnaker Open Kids Klub- Guest Reader and Kites	21 Cars & Coffee at the Club Spinnaker Open Kids Klub- Guest Reader and Kites
22 Sunday Brunch Buffet Turkey Dinner Special	23 Spring Monday Night Men's League	24 Whiskey, Bourbon & Cigars Event	25	26	27 Pool Opens for the Season Open Bowling Spinnaker Open Kids Klub- Tye Dye Memorial Day T-shirts	28 Fishing Rodeo Spinnaker Open Kids Klub- Tye Dye Memorial Day T-shirts
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12 Sunday Brunch Buffet	13	14	15	16 Founders Club Event	17 In Harbor Rendezvous Spinnaker Open Open Bowling	18 Spinnaker Open
19 Father's Day Brunch	20 Day Camp Starts	21 GPYC vs LC Swim Meet	22	23	24 Open Bowling Spinnaker Open	25 Cars & Coffee at the Club Spinnaker Open
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JUNE

DISCLAIMER: Hours are accurate as of the printing of this newsletter. We will communicate any changes in *The Weekly Buzz* and eblasts.

WINTER/SPRING ATTIRE POLICY

November 1 - Memorial Day

The Spinnaker

Jacket is required for men and is to be worn with a collared dress shirt or sweater/knit shirt. Dress slacks or tasteful dress denim are allowed. Tee shirts are not allowed. Women should wear comparable attire.

Main Dining Room, Binnacle & Terrace

Attire in keeping with the character of the Club in a casual environment is appropriate. Dress denim and modest athleisure wear are acceptable. Tee shirts are not permitted for adults.

DINING HOURS

Brunch

Main Dining Room
Sun 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lunch

Binnacle and Binnacle Terrace (weather permitting)
Wed – Sat 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dinner

Binnacle and Binnacle Terrace (weather permitting)
Wed, Thurs 5 – 9 p.m.
Fri, Sat 5 – 10 p.m.

Main Dining Room/Commodore's Room

Wed, Thurs & Sun. 5 – 9 p.m.
Fri – Sat 5 – 10 p.m.

The Spinnaker

Will open based on demand or when the MDR or Binnacle are used for a previously booked event.

SUMMER ATTIRE POLICY

(Memorial Day – October 31)

The Spinnaker

Jacket is recommended for men. Collared shirts are required for men when not wearing a jacket. Bermuda length dress shorts, dress slacks/khakis and dress denim are allowed. Tee shirts are not allowed. Women should wear comparable attire.

Main Dining Room, Binnacle & Terrace

Family casual; attire in keeping with the character of the Club in a casual environment is appropriate. Dress length shorts, denim, and modest athleisure wear are acceptable. Cut-offs are not allowed. Tee shirts are not permitted for adults. Denim may not be worn in dining areas for Sunday Brunch

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