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From the Helm

"Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year!"

It's been a great year and the Grand Traverse Yacht Club is on a firm financial footing.

Members, Flag Officers, Directors, Administrators, Committees, Volunteers, and Staff, *Thank You* for your participation and hard work. It is you who make the Grand Traverse Yacht Club great.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Commodore Gregg Diehl





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Saturday, November 8 was the annual Commodore's Reception and Awards Ceremony where GTYC presents a variety of awards for Racers, Cruisers, Culinarians, and even Ugly Sweater wearers (one-time award, we hope). Below is a summary of the awards presented. **Congratulations** to all participants and award recipients!

LASER FLEET

SUMMER SERIES

First Tom Babel Second Dirk Phelps Third Rob Lovell

BABEL CUP CHAMPION

Rob Lovell

INTERLAKE FLEET

EQUITY CUP

First Jim Menzies, Bubba Poppa Second Bob Cornwell, Loren Newton Third Chris Branson, Louis Rodriguez

GREAT WHITE NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

First Bob & Marija Sagan, Jason Massaroni

Second Tom Young, Thane Morgan

Third Jeff & Kat Bodie

Fourth* Bob Cornwell, Loren Newton

*Master's Champion

SEASON RESULTS

First Bob & Marija Sagan

Second Bob Cornwell, Loren Newton
Third Chris Branson, Louis Rodriguez
Fourth Lim Monries Bubbs Bonns

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Fourth Jim Menzies, Bubba Poppa

Fifth Jeff & Kat Bodie

BOO BOO of the YEAR

Knockout, Northport—TC Race Tow-in

CRUISER of the YEAR

Jim & Lisa Favors

PHRF FLEET

MIDDLE DISTANCE SERIES

First Kokomo, Wes & Janie Schulz Second Big Red, DeWayne McCave Second Ahyadooin', Forbes Husted

AROUND MARION ISLAND RECORD

Ahyadooin', Forbes Husted, 1:37:38

NAN-C-JAY

First Fast Freddie, Doug Wipperman

Second Social Member, Mac Van Stratt, Dave Gerber

Third *Poco Loco*, Jim Dye

LONG DISTANCE SERIES

First Special K, Melia Carter
Second Relentless, Mark Hagan
Third Ahyadooin', Forbes Husted

SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP, SECTION ONE

First Flying Toaster, Mike Dow

Second Fast Freddie, Doug Wipperman

Third Social Member, Mac Van Stratt, Dave Gerber

SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP, SECTION TWO

First Liberty, David Phelps Second HighLander, Jim Sorbie Third Relentless, Mark Hagan

SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP, SECTION THREE

First Big Red, DeWayne McCave

Second *Spyke*, Dan Spyhalski Third *Poco Loco*, Jim Dye



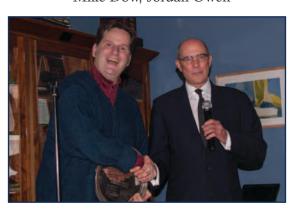
BOAT of the YEAR *Liberty*, David Phelps



CREW of the YEARSherry Phelps
selected by BOTY Owner, David Phelps



COMMODORE'S AWARDMike Dow, Jordan Owen



CULINARY AWARDSpyke with Jim Abfalter, Paella on the Porch



UGLIEST UGLY SWEATER

Jaclyn Clever voted by those present



MORE AWARDS FUN



CRAFTERS & EUCHRE PLAYERS WANTED

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS! Danielle Higgins

Let's try craft night again during the non-sailing months! Join us on the first Wednesday of each month. We'll be upstairs starting at 5:30pm and everyone is welcome to bring their portable crafts and join us. (Less portable crafts are welcome, but it's up to you to transport them!) Hope to craft with you at the club!





CALLING ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS! Susan Kraus

It's almost winter in northern Michigan and that means it's time to warm up those Euchre skills! Join us at the Club on the second Wednesday of each month for a friendly game of Euchre starting at 7pm. We'll have a sign-up sheet in the entryway or simply show up at the Club by 6:45pm. If you don't have your table-talk-trained partner lined up, we'll be happy to pair you with someone for the evening's round. You've never played and want to learn? Arrive even earlier and I'm sure one of our veteran players will gladly share the rules and gameplay with you. Just remember, Jacks are high, nines are low, and even a lowly nine can win a trick.





Misc. Ramblings

Some Observations From the Starting Line

I have the best seat in the house during the start sequences and I'm kind of shocked at what I've been seeing lately. So, let's talk ... if you don't know what the term 'barging' means, it's time to learn. Too many boats in our fleet are doing it and most should know better by now. There is tons of info available on the internet and elsewhere on starting strategies. Dave Perry on the rules is, in my opinion, the best.

First here's the rule that applies, or in this case, rules that don't apply.: Part 2, When Boats Meet; Section C, At Marks and Obstructions, includes rules 18, 19, & 20, but the preamble to Section C states

"Section C rules do not apply at a starting mark surrounded by navigable water or at its anchor line from the time boats are approaching them to start until they have passed them."

Basically, if you are approaching the starboard starting mark (boat end) from above the starboard

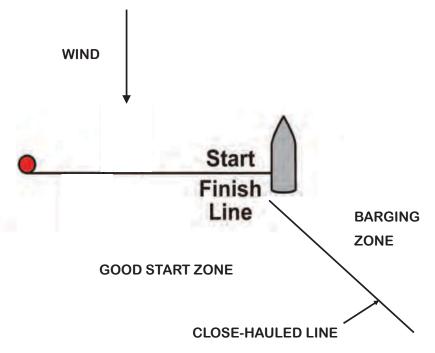
layline (close-hauled course), you are not entitled to mark room and must either duck below all boats below the layline or 'spin out' to windward and come around behind everyone else. And, as a bonus, you'll be going slow and sailing in very disturbed air. Not a great starting technique!!!

So where can you start, you ask? I try to set the length of the start line at 1.5 times the fleet length which, on Wednesday night, is usually about 600+ feet so there should be lots of room down the line away from the mess at the boat end. I also try to set the line square to the wind so that neither end has much favor. However.

the wind at that time of the evening is rarely stable or consistent across the bay so by the

time your start rolls around, the line is no longer square, most likely. One of the first things that you should check upon arriving in the start area is the wind direction and check it consistently at an interval and log your readings so you can identify any trends or oscillations. This should give you a pretty good idea of where the wind will be at your start time. Also, if yours is not the first start, watch the previous start(s) and get an idea of what is working.

Finally, don't stray too far from the line once your sequence starts, especially in light air. You can even hang out above the line and pick an open area where you can dip below the line in the last minute or so and be in excellent shape for a great start. Next month's topic - Finishing Line Antics!



Misc. Ramblings

Eric Lind Rambles On

Now for those of you that are sailing in warmer climes this winter, here's a website that might help with that old nemesis - mal-de-mere. If you would like more info on seasickness you are more than welcome to borrow one of my books, *The Psychology of Sailing*, which has an extensive section on the causes and remedies and the various effects that it has on different people.

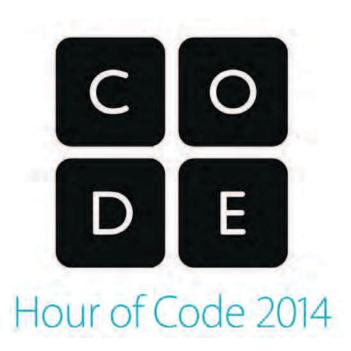
For all of you techno-geeks, this article in *Sailing Scuttlebutt* recently piqued my interest. "The presentation, "Exploring Unsteady Sail Propulsion in Olympic Class Sailboats," will occur during the 67th Annual Meeting of the American Physical Society's Division of Fluid Dynamics this week in San Francisco, CA. To a sailor, this discussion is about rolling a dinghy during maneuvers, but to a scientist, it is the exploration of unsteady fluid dynamics of sailing and how athletic maneuvering gives boats an extra boost...." To read more, click here. The article is about midway in the issue and is titled "Full Speed Ahead: the Physical Art of Sailing."

Here's a <u>tip sheet from APS</u> to keep you busy this off season - How To Terminate Line Ends At Home.

Ever think about writing an app for your smartphone? Well here's your chance - The Hour of Code is coming ... worldwide! Last year, 40,000 teachers led a grassroots effort called the Hour of Code – to introduce ten million students to one hour of computer science. Kids of all ages tried one hour of writing code and making apps in classrooms, and they loved it. This year's goal is to reach 100 million students, across every country in the world, during Computer Science Education Week, Dec 8 – 14.

What's an Hour of Code? It's an introduction to computer science designed to show that anyone can learn the basics. Code.org provides hourlong tutorials featuring Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates, Angry Birds, and Plants vs. Zombies for your computer, tablet, smartphone or with no computer at all!

Computer science is foundational for all students yet 90% of schools don't teach it. For more info go to http://hourofcode.com/us.



JUNIOR SAILING Chubb Championships Wrap-up Jim Sorbie

Just over a year ago we started planning to host the US Sailing Chubb Junior National Championships. At the time the challenges seemed overwhelming: running three classes simultaneously on two separate courses, transporting, feeding, and housing 120 sailors and officials, launching and retrieving 60-some boats every day, and doing all this without cost to the two host organizations. In the end, Traverse City's sailing community stepped up to provide the funds, the housing, and the volunteer hours to successfully host this major event.

Another major question at the time was, "what can this event do for local junior sailing programs?" The fear was the focus on one national event would detract from the local sailing scene. Well, as it turned out, in addition to the positive experience and the favorable publicity, the event returned a monetary profit. Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers and donors, Traverse Area Community Sailing and the Grand Traverse Yacht Club were able to use the surplus proceeds from this year's Chubb US Junior National Championships to purchase 6 gently used Club 420s from the Chicago Yacht Club for use in TACS programs. TACS will provide additional funds to purchase an Inflatable VSR, which will be given to GTYC, and 4 Opti's to be used in TACS programs.

How did this windfall occur? The Chubb organizing committee was very conservative in developing the budget for the event, donors were very generous in their support (Thank You!) and all you volunteers supplied labor we thought we might have to pay for (Thank You yet again). The result was an excess in funds that the respective boards (GTYC and TACS) thought was appropriate to

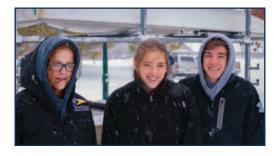
invest directly and immediately in local youth sailing programs.

On November 17, after a harrowing trip from Chicago in a snow storm, High School Sailing Coach, Dave Gerber, delivered six 420's to the Cornwell Sailing Center for the local sailors to use. In addition, another volunteer brought the 4 Opti's home to Traverse City. The Inflatable RC Boat will be delivered by the time this article is being read and will be available in the spring for the Club's use. We were hoping to have a nice presentation ceremony and some official photographs, but Mother Nature thought otherwise and inclement weather determined that the boats be put directly into storage.



So, in addition to hosting a major US Sailing event, GTYC members have directly benefitted the local youth sailing community and GTYC with the opportunity to develop more local sailors and sailing families to share this great sport of ours!

Thank You!



HINTS & TIPS FROM THE WEBMASTER Jim Sorbie

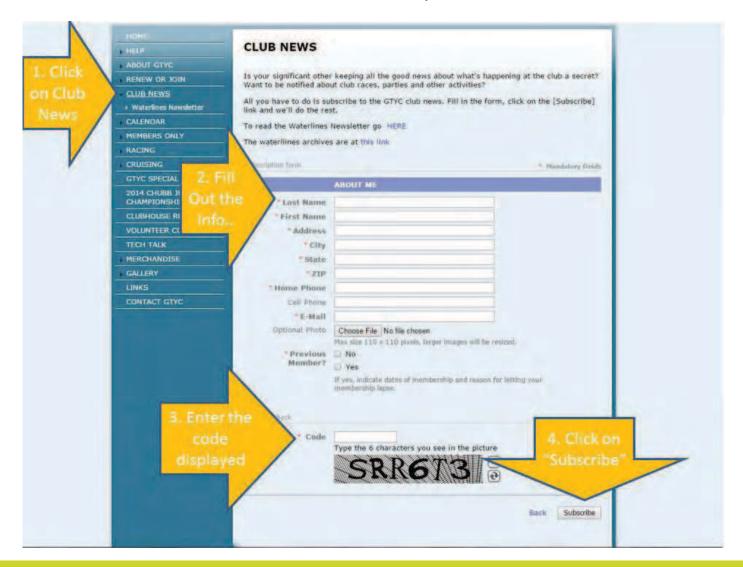


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About once a month, yours truly gets a request to add a spouse or crew member to the GTYC mailing list. The process is easy (and it's displayed in the adjoining illustration): Have whomever is interested go to gtyc.org (or do it yourself; be sure to sign out of our website first)

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- 2 Fill out the information as requested on the form.
- 3 Enter the code displayed (this is to prevent spammers from subscribing)
- 4 Click the "Subscribe" button
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GIFTS FOR THE SAILOR Diehl

Knife

In the 2011 Chicago-to-Mackinac Race, a boat capsized and lives were lost. Crew members were trapped underneath with their harnesses tethered to the boat. A knife that can be opened with one hand is now required equipment for the Chicago-to-Mackinac race and other offshore races. Whether for safety or utility, a knife is a great tool and makes a good gift for the sailor. Sailing knives come in many forms: straight knives, rigging knives with shackle keys (for releasing sails from halyards) and marlin spikes (a poker to help untie tight knots), and utility knives (tools and a knife). In addition to the options shown here, Camillus, Gill, NRS, Smith & Wesson, and West Marine also make great knives. There are endless companies and types of knives. Determining which type of knife you will actually use is the first step in picking the right knife.



Myerchin B100P Pro Black G10 Offshore System Knife and Marlin Spike - This knife is a straight blade. The classic sheepsfoot blade design is a modern version of the classic knives used by seamen for centuries. It includes a heavy leather sheath, knife, and Marlinspike.

Price roughly \$72 - \$95



Myerchin Rigging Knife TF377 Titanium Crew - A nice folding knife with marlin spike and shackle key in the knife. I always wonder if the shackle key in a knife is a good idea because you need the blade out to use the key.

Price about \$70



Boye Folding Knives - With a pocket clip, a flat marlin spike with shackle key, a folding blade that opens with just one hand, and a bright yellow color that makes it easy to find in the recesses of your gear bag. Simply put, the Boye Folder has everything you may ever want in a sailing knife. Price: \$118-\$148 Boye also makes a straight knife, top-of-the-line for about \$280.



Spyderco Salt I - Spyderco claims the knife to be impervious to corrosion. The open ring allows one-handed opening even with a sailing glove. The Salt I only weighs 2 ounces, so there's no reason you can't carry it at all times on the water. It's just a knife, no frills.

Price: \$85.95



Leatherman Skeletool - I own a few rigging knives and they look cool but I find that I don't really use them. What I use is a one-handed opening utility knife. Not one with 124 tools but one with only 7, all of which I use. At a mere 5 ounces, the Leatherman Skeletool has a stainless steel combo blade, pliers, 2 wire cutters, a Philips and flat bit driver, removable pocket clip, and carabineer/bottle opener. This is

a knife that you will use. You can use the pliers on shackles and tight knots. It's a great knife for rigging the boat and sailing. It also comes in a titanium model called the CX.

Price \$60-\$90

GIFTS FOR THE SAILOR Diehl

Foul Weather Gear

For sailors in Northern Michigan, summer sailing can be no more than a t-shirt, bathing suit, and bare feet. Spring and Fall sailing calls for gear. Gill, Musto, Helly Hansen, Henry Lloyd, Ronstan, and Slam are among the many brands available. For sailors on smaller, wet boats or foredeck crew on larger boats that need to move around unencumbered in the spray, a spray/smock top (pullover), a pair of salopettes (pants that go over the shoulder), and a pair of dinghy (neoprene) boots are a great setup. Gill makes a simple but effective spray top. Musto salopettes are like the Carhartt of sailing gear, tough and effective. I stay away from mesh pockets only because I have not yet figured out what you can keep in one that you can't keep in a zip or waterproof pocket. For those sailors who are on bigger boats, longer trips, or in the back, a hooded jacket, salopettes or waterproof pants, and waterproof boots are a good setup. Keep it simple, keep it effective, and get pockets when choosing gear. Foul weather gear can be costly but your sailor will be thanking you for your wonderful gift as they are out sailing in miserable, wet, and cold conditions.

Book

Sailing Alone Around the World – Joshua Slocum

The first to solo navigate the world, Joshua Slocum's autobiographical account is one of the most remarkable – and entertaining – travel narratives of all time. His three-year solo voyage of more than 46,000 miles remains unmatched in maritime history for its courage, skill, and determination. *Sailing Alone Around the World* recounts Slocum's wonderful adventures: hair-raising encounters with pirates off Gibraltar and savage Indians in Tierra del Fuego; raging tempests and treacherous coral reefs; flying fish for breakfast in the Pacific; and a hilarious visit with fellow explorer Henry Stanley in South Africa. A century later, Slocum's incomparable book endures as one of the greatest narratives of adventure ever written.

The Long Way - Bernard Moitessier

The Long Way is Bernard Moitessier's own incredible story of his participation in the first Golden Globe Race, a solo, non-stop circumnavigation rounding the three great Capes: Good Hope, Leeuwin, and the Horn. For seven months, the veteran seafarer battled storms, doldrums, gear-failures, knock-downs, as well as overwhelming fatigue and loneliness. Then, in the lead and nearing the finish, Moitessier pulled out of the race and sailed on for another three months before ending his 37,455-mile journey in Tahiti. Not once had he touched land.

Gypsy Moth Circles the World - Francis Chichester

When 65-year-old Francis Chichester set sail on his solitary, eastward journey around the world in 1966, many believed he wouldn't return alive. But when the old man returned in his 53-foot ketch, *Gypsy Moth IV*, nine months later, he had made history's fastest circumnavigation despite weighing his small craft down with such luxuries as bottles of claret and a smoking jacket. It inspired the first solo around-the-world race and remains a timeless testament to the spirit of adventure.

GIFTS FOR THE SAILOR Diehl

Book (cont'd)

Fastnet, Force 10: The Deadliest Storm in the History of Modern Sailing - John Rousmaniere

On August 11, 1979, 303 yachts began the 600-mile Fastnet Race from Cowes on the Isle of Wight to Fastnet Rock off the Irish coast and back. It began in fine weather, then suddenly became a terrifying ordeal. A Force 10, sixty-knot storm swept across the Atlantic with a speed that confounded weather forecasters, slamming into the fleet. For twenty hours, 2,500 men and women were smashed by forty-foot breaking waves. By the time the race was over, a few days later, 15 people had died, 24 crews had abandoned ship, 5 yachts had sunk, 136 people had to be rescued, and only 85 boats finished the race. John Rousmaniere, who was there, tells the story of this greatest disaster in the history of yachting.

Godforsaken Sea: The True Story of a Race Through the World's Most Dangerous Waters – Derek Lundy

This is the story of the 1996-1997 Vendée Globe, a solo sailing race that binds its competitors to just a few, cruelly simple rules: around the world from France by way of Antarctica, no help, no stopping, one boat, one sailor. As author Derek Lundy puts it, "try to visualize a never-ending series of five- or six-story buildings moving toward you at about forty miles an hour." You'll meet the gallant Brit who beats miles back through the worst seas to save a fellow racer, the sailing veteran who calmly smokes cigarette after cigarette as his boat capsizes, and the Canadian who, hours before he disappears forever, dispatches this message: "If you drag things out too long here, you're sure to come to grief."

Adrift: Seventy-Six Days Lost at Sea - Steven Callahan

Steven Callahan's dramatic tale of survival at sea was on the *New York Times* Bestseller List for more than 36 weeks. *Adrift* is an undeniable seafaring classic, a riveting firsthand account by the only man known to have survived more than a month alone at sea, fighting for his life in an inflatable raft after his small sloop capsized only six days out.

True Spirit – Jessica Watson

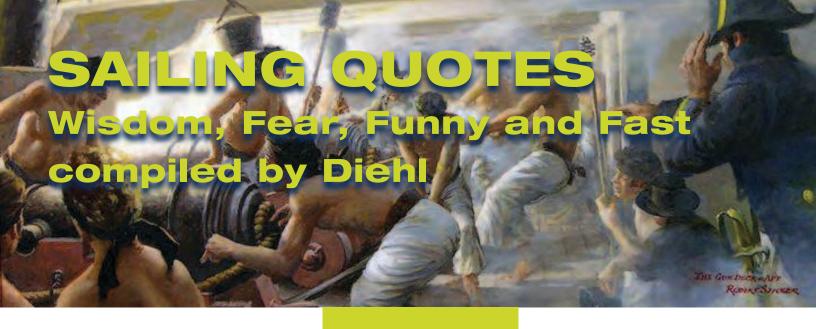
A great read from the youngest person to ever sail around the globe single handedly, non-stop. 16 years old, 240 days, 23,000 nautical miles. To the world a true hero, to herself just a normal girl who had a dream.

Sailing Fundamentals - Gary Jobson

This book has been extensively pretested to ensure that it offers the fastest, easiest, most systematic way to learn basic sailing and coastal cruising. Widely acclaimed author, Gary Jobson, and visitor to GTYC, has won several major races, including the 1977 America Cup victory as tactician aboard *Courageous*. He was Head Sailing Coach at the US Naval Academy and has conducted sailing clinics across the country.

Self Sufficient Sailor - Larry and Lin Pardey

This book is the distillation of what the Pardeys have learned in 150,000 miles of sailing on board their two cutters, *Seraffyn* and *Taleisin*, and on scores of other boats they have delivered or raced. Lin and Larry tell how they have sailed in comfort and safety without large cash outlay on a pay-as-you/earn-as-you-go plan and by simplifying. This invaluable text has seen 9 reprints; a staple for the cruiser.



"Some years ago – never mind how long precisely – having little or no money in my purse and nothing particular to interest me on shore, I thought I would sail about a little and see the watery part of the world."

Herman Melville, Opening line, Moby Dick

"An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different color; green, red, orange, blue, and yellow. After a while the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him. "What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?" The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"

A. Joke

"Give a man a fish and feed him for a day. Give him a fishing lesson and he'll sit in a boat drinking beer every weekend." Alex Blackwell

"One of man's greatest inventions was the plough. Then some eedjet made an anchor out of it."

Alex Blackwell

"The cabin of a small yacht is truly a wonderful thing; not only will it shelter you from a tempest, but from the other troubles in life, it is a safe retreat."

Francis Herreshoff, Boat Designer

"Possibly a man who hates the land should dwell on shore forever. Alienation and the long voyages at sea will compel him once again to dream of it, torment him with the absurdity of longing for something that he loathes."

Yukio Mishima,

The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea

"The days pass happily with me wherever my ship sails." Joshua Slocum

"Go small, go simple, go now."

Larry Pardey,

Cruising in Seraffyn

"A sailor's joys are as simple as a child's."

Bernard Moitessier

"Sailing unties the knots in my mind." Al Nobel

"I need the sea because it teaches me."

Paablo Neruda, The Sea

"Can we go downwind now please. I've been hit in the face by a grill pan."

Julian Megson

"The only reason that *Uldra*'s engine never failed was because she did not have one."

Dennis Puleston

"Anchor as though you plan to stay for weeks, even if you intend to leave in an hour."

Tommy Moran

"We were facing the barrel of a gun at 8-1 and the guys didn't even flinch."

Jimmy Spithill after the final race

"I am a citizen of the most beautiful nation on earth, a nation whose laws are harsh yet simple, a nation that never cheats, which is immense and without borders where life is lived in the present. In this limitless nation, this nation of wind, light, and peace, there is no other ruler besides the sea."

Bernard Moitessier

"A trade wind starts gently, without gusts – a huge ocean of air that slowly and resolutely begins to move with everincreasing strength. Suddenly everything comes to life. Spirits rise as the sails fill. The boat heels slightly and moves ahead. The almost oppressive silence gives way to the sound of the bow cutting through the water. Gone is the sea's glassy surface, and with it the terrible glare. Close the hatches and ports! We're sailing again!"

Jim Moore, By Way of the Wind

"If you're a sailor, best not know how to swim. Swimming only prolongs the inevitable – if the sea wants you and your time has come." James Clavell, *Tai-Pan*

"A sailor is an artist whose medium is the wind. Live passionately, even if it kills you because something is going to kill you anyway." Webb Chiles

"Now, bring me that horizon."

Last line, Pirates of the Caribbean

COMING EVENTS

December		January	
Dec 2	GTIYC Meeting	Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Dec 3, 6p	Christmas Tree Decorating Night	Jan 7, 5:30p	Craft Night
Dec 5, 5p	Adult Holiday Party	Jan 8, 6p	Cruising Fleet Meeting
Dec 6, 12p	Children's Holiday Party	Jan 9	Christmas Tree Take-down Night
Dec 11, 6p	Cruising Fleet Meeting	Jan 14, 7p	Euchre Night
Dec 16, 6p	GTYC Board Meeting	Jan 20	Waterlines Submissions Due
Dec 23	Waterlines Submissions Due	Jan 20, 6p	GTYC Board Meeting
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!	Jan 21	Club Trivia Night
Dec 31	Happy New Year's Eve - Club Open!		

Because a date/holiday is listed should not imply the Club is open for that holiday.



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SEEN AND HEARD AROUND THE CLUB

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My boat needs a bail-out.



Can you do this?!



I can't believe you trumped







It's Huggy Time!