



# THE LOG

## Commodore's Report

By: Mike Sherwood



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**Memorial Day** has past, but as most know, that holiday is the day of remembering the true heroes of numerous conflicts. Individuals who gave their lives so that we can attend various events and have the freedom that we all experience. Many of us signed on the dotted line to serve and protect, but the true heroes are the ones that did not come back. Just last month at a Commodores Ball, I had a discussion with 2 other Commodores in regards to the difference between **Memorial Day** and **Veterans Day**. **Memorial Day** and **Veterans Day** are sometimes confused by the general public, but not by those who served.

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**Memorial Day** is for remembering the people who died while serving in the [country's armed forces](#). The holiday, which is observed every year, used to be known as Decoration Day after the [American Civil War](#) in 1868, where the tradition was to decorate the graves of the fallen heroes. By the 20th century, competing [Union](#) and [Confederate](#) holiday traditions, which were celebrated on different days, had merged, and **Memorial Day** eventually was extended to honor all Americans who died while in military service. It also marks the start of the unofficial summer vacation season. We need to always remember that the freedom we enjoy in America was gained through the sacrifices of brave men and women, soldiers, who gave their lives so we could continue to live as a free Nation. **Memorial Day** is a day to remember their courageousness and dedication or simply **"WE REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES."**

**Veterans Day** which is celebrated on November 11th was adopted by Congress as a resolution on June 4, 1926, requesting that President [Calvin Coolidge](#) issue annual proclamations calling for the observance of November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87 a) approved May 13, 1938, made November 11 in each year a legal holiday: "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'". It wasn't until U.S. Representative [Ed Rees](#) from [Emporia, Kansas](#), presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#), also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954. Congress amended the bill on June 1, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans", and it has been known as **Veterans Day** since. So, this coming November on **Veterans Day** or just any day, when you see a veteran, tell him or her **"THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE"**



## Vice Commodore's Report

By: Andy Schultz



With the Ice breaker in our wake and Friday Night Lights a few days away we are well into the 2026 sailing season. Thanks to Commodore Mike Sherwood and Lady Bernadine for sponsoring the Friday Night Lights race! We also have our new Joint LSSC/GLYC 9 Mile Trophy that will be decided based on the LSSC Friday Night Lights and the GLYC Regatta. The trophy will be awarded at the end of the season awards party to the boat with the best combined score.

As we approach Mackinaw break boats are being reddied, equipment checked and meals planned. Some boats are buying protein bars and cold sandwiches for the crew, while some of us are planning meals: omelets, quesadillas and lasagna, all cooked fresh onboard and eaten with homemade sourdough bread.

While boat prep seems to vary each year from major fixes/upgrades to just checking the expiration date on the flares, adding new tools to the boat is one of my favorite parts. Whether it is portable fans that are a miracle when you're bobbing around in the lake with the sun beating down on you, updated wiring or a new autohelm that only took 4 years to install.

As we prepare for what will be my 10th Port Huron to Mackinaw race I'm looking forward every part of the race. Well, maybe not the few hours of miserable weather going nowhere when I say I'll never do this race again. Of course the best part is the party, the music and drinks are nice but enjoying them with your crew and fellow racers is the best part. I wish everyone fair winds and following seas. See you on the island!



# Rear Commodore's Report

By: Mark Bowery



Our 2026 racing season is underway, and our first Sunset races have been filled with good breezes and close battles. My Way Too and Audacious have continued their own competition—seemingly uninhibited by the other boats on the course. The multihulls (for the brief time I can view them at the starts) look like missiles skimming across the water with hulls flying.

With only one race remaining in the Spring Series at the time of this writing, our Class C top performers also occupy the top overall division spots: Quadrophenia, Nimbus, and Solo Cup currently hold 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place respectively.

Wednesday night results parties at GLYC have included excellent food prepared by Chef David, adding to the jovial conversations and post-race storytelling. Dragonmead has been providing the beer for celebration—or consultation—among crews and skippers. Come on by and enjoy some great food and beer while listening to the banter. You will be well fed and smiling, if not laughing out loud.

Club Race #1 featured a light-air start under pleasant conditions and produced a competitive race throughout the fleet. Sherasa finally got in her shakedown race after serving as the Race Committee boat for two of our first three Sunset races. Following Club Race #1, under beautiful skies and warm temperatures, we enjoyed a hot dog roast while presenting flags to Mylo-B, Days End, and Mystic for their 3rd, 2nd, and 1st place finishes respectively. Oasis provided the music and many of the laughs.

While the Jack-and-Jill Race was canceled due to weather, the Thomas Cup was held on Father's Day with a nice breeze, and Past Commodore Dan Guendelsberger had Cheers on station for Race Committee duty. It was a race that featured light winds for everyone but Mystic, a freighter battle for another competitor, and great temperatures for all. Laughs, boasting, and good-natured smack talk were again heard around the GLYC gazebo, with 3rd place going to Sherasa, 2nd to My Way Too, and 1st place captured by Bob Mann and crew aboard Mystic.

A sincere thank-you goes out to our committee boats for being there each week to ensure everyone else can race. A special thanks goes to Sherasa, who has already served as committee boat twice and still has another race duty coming up.





## Rear Commodores Report Cont.

I will be heading out on a pleasure sail and will miss our final Sunset race as well as Club Race#2. I am certain they will be enjoyable and generate their own stories. For our long-distance racers, I wish all boats, crews, and shore crews a safe, successful, and enjoyable journey.



# Our Club out on the Water

- 2026 Ice Breaker



## Our Club out on the Water

- 2026 Thomas Cup



# Our Club out on the Water

- 2026 Sprint Sunset Series



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