



“Soundings”

The newsletter
of South Port
Sailing Club

February 2002

Brush Up Your Racing Skills

Social Chair Laura Lehmann reports:-

On March 23rd at 2 pm, John Dakin of North Sails Toronto will be visiting our club. John will be delivering excerpts from the North Racing Seminar. Members are invited to bring guests; so skippers why not bring next season's prospective crew members along. Seating will be limited at this no charge event.

Commodore's Corner :

All those who made it to our Irish Race Night had a great evening with good music on February 2nd. Thanks go to all those who attended, and particularly those who organized the event.

Some reminders are due -

- Please assist our Sailing School Program by returning application forms for family as soon as possible. Forms can be downloaded from SPSC's website, www.southportsailingclub.on.ca. Don't forget to promote our Adult Basic and Advanced Sailing Programs to your non-sailing friends.
- The Harbourmaster also needs completed launch and docking forms promptly to ensure your boat will be in the water; no form, no launch!
- If feasible, give Communication Chair Paul Ramey your e-mail address for delivery of "Soundings"- you will receive it more quickly, and save on postage costs.

The semi-annual Members Meeting took place on 26th February –it was good to have a crowd on such a winter's night and talk about summer's planned activities. Water levels remain our over-riding concern as usual. Current predictions are for levels similar to last year, but are unreliable, and will depend on rain or snowfall between now and Launch day. Whether we will need to dredge or not cannot be ascertained at present!

Your Executive has established some goals for 2002, including minor property and harbor improvements. If we can minimize dredging this season, other expenditures can be planned. The dates for Cruiser and Dinghy Racing, Social and Cruising events have been scheduled, and the annual calendar will accompany the March issue of "Soundings".

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“Soundings” plans to go to press by the 20th of each month. Get your news, notes, or announcements to John Bufton (Email; bufton@mnsi.net or phone (519) 979-1718

- We're always looking for interesting items about the club, its members and friends, or sailing in general; don't be shy, we need your contribution !

South Port's Executive Team 2001/2

Commodore Robert Smith
 Vice Commodore Ian Dawson
 Rear Commodore/ Membership Committee Chair Al Finch
 Sailing School Committee Chair Paul Bowsher
 Social Committee Chair Laura Lehmann
 Cruise Committee Chair Bob Layfield
 Race Committee Chair Ken Blyth
 Property Committee Chair Bob Linton
 Harbour Committee/ Harbourmaster Andrew Barlow
 Secretary Brenda Petro
 Treasurer Bill Noakes

A Successful Irish Night Racing Seminar

"A surprise impromptu by Dave Colborne added to Frank Edgley's band! "

Social Chair Laura Lehmann reports:-

No, it wasn't a seminar on night sailing, or a seminar on Irish racing, but it was successful anyway!

On February 2nd, **Race Seminar and Irish Night** was a great evening. Many thanks goes out to Hal Ebert with his thorough and informative seminar. Hopefully some of us will harness his insights and adapt his knowledge.

Frank Edgley's band, Finn McCoul kept turning out those Irish jigs, made us all tap our feet and happily sing along. A surprise impromptu by Dave Colborne kept the party hoppin. As for the dinner, Stella Blak donated the rolls which complimented the meal perfectly. Everyone really appreciated the newer working stove in the kitchen and a very clean one too. A special thanks goes out to the kitchen team that night....you made using the stove, serving the shepherd's pie and clean-up so much easier.

Mainstays

Our next meeting will be a Pot Luck dinner on Monday, April 8th at 6.30pm. All ladies are welcome. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal and make some new friends before the start of the sailing season!



Forthcoming Events

North Sails Racing Skills Workshop

March 23., 2.00 pm onwards

Mainstays

April 8th., 6.30 pm

Cards Evenings

Upcoming dates :- March 9 & 23.

Soundings by Email

Communications chair Paul Ramey reports that most people who got "Soundings" by Email liked it. We're repeating the duplication of mail and Email this month, because some members said they didn't get their Email, and another reported difficulty downloading. If you need help downloading, call Paul. If you're still not getting "Soundings" by Email it's because SPSC doesn't have your Email address! Call Irene East or Paul Ramey (or Email Paul at indy@ican.net).

Harbourmaster Andrew Barlow needs to hear from you!

- In the last issue of Soundings, we sent out 2002 Summer Dockage and Release forms. If you haven't returned your form yet you are overdue!
Without this form, I am unable to assign you a well!
- I'm still organizing work crews for duties that need to be carried out around the Harbour – painting the break walls, dock repairs, steps and dock building, etc. Please let me know how you want to give back to your club and get your work hours in. There's a sign up sheet in the Clubhouse.

South Port Junior Sailors

Junior members who would like financial assistance with their race registration fees are invited to submit applications to the Mainstays. Let us know your plans for the 2002 racing season and your future ambitions.

Applications in writing to :
Mainstays c/o Sue Bufton
South Port Sailing Club

All submissions to be received by June 1st. 2002

SPSC Juniors!

Help may be available for your sailing expenses!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Clubhouse duties R & S Labonte</i>	4 <i>Mainstays 7.30pm.</i>	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Cards Evening 7.30pm</i>
10 <i>Clubhouse duties K & C Mogyorody</i>	11	12	13 <i>Mens lunch</i>	14	15	16
17 <i>Clubhouse duties Linton, R & G</i>	18	19 <i>Executive meeting</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>John Dakin of North Sails 2.00pm Cards Evening 7.30pm</i>
24 <i>Clubhouse duties M & S O'Brien</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Clubhouse duties F & C Macdonald</i>						