



“Soundings”

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of South Port
Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner :

Happy New Year To All! Your club's executive is gearing up for another year of serving your needs. Initiatives are being formalized and all of them will require the continued volunteer support from all our members.

The effectiveness of these initiatives will be enhanced by the increased participation of every member. Volunteers will be solicited, but better yet, our committee chairs would love to hear "sure I'll help out - what do you need me to do?"

Manjit Shaw is looking to revive our Spring Fling in April, Andrew Barlow is investigating dredging strategies, given water level forecasts. We need to develop a core organizing committee for the 2005 Shark Worlds.

Ted Illi needs race committee people and regatta chairs, Robert Linton is planning our spring cleanup for May and Lorne Mann already has a tentative cruising schedule in place (subject to INS activity and water levels).

We're revamping SPSC's website to make it more useful and relevant to members and visitors. Among other ideas, we plan to use the website to carry current issues of "Soundings", recent race results, and details of upcoming events.

In the spring you may see a Dragon Boat around our property, but not to worry, it's an invasion of the charitable kind. South Port has agreed to contribute non-financial support for the breast cancer "International Paddle for the Cure".

Expressed concerns over safety around the small boat hoist are being addressed by fencing and guard rails; and finally, the harbour implementation committee is refining its plans (after members' input/comments at the November AGM) for a May presentation.

Irene East returns to roster duty!!!

Our club Archivist is now wearing another hat. If you have any changes of address, phone numbers, Email coordinates, changes in boat particulars, etc., Irene wants to hear from you. She can be reached at:-
Email: i.east@sympatico.com, or phone (519) 979-8318.

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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 2002/3

Commodore	Ian Dawson
Vice Commodore	Al Finch
Rear Commodore	Phil Peck
Sailing School Committee Chair	Paul Bowsher
Social Committee Chair	Manjit Shaw
Cruise Committee Chair	Lorne Mann
Race Committee Chair	Ted Illi
Property Committee Chair	Robert Linton
Harbour Committee/Harbourmaster	Andrew Barlow
Secretary	Brenda Petro
Past Commodore	Robert Smith
Treasurer	Bill Noakes

Mainstays**Chair Susan Bufton**

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 3rd, 2003. join us for coffee and a chat. Newcomers are always welcome.

Social Chair**Manjit Shaw****Valentines Afterglow**

Social Chair Manjit Shaw is organizing a St. Valentine's dinner, but she can't make the 14th! Accordingly we're told it's a St. Valentine's Afterglow, on Saturday February 22nd., 6.30 onwards at the Clubhouse. Potluck & BYOB, It's a no cost evening. Potluck dishes are requested to have a tomato element (it's the red for St. Valentine's) with chocolate themed desserts. Trivia note: did you know the early European settlers called tomatoes "love apples" and regarded them as aphrodisiacs!

Spring Fling is in the air

Manjit Shaw & her committee are planning to revive an old South Port tradition, the Spring Fling dinner & dance. The catered event will be scheduled for early April, depending on available locations. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Manjit anticipates that numbers will be strictly limited

For Sale:

2 hp Evinrude outboard motor. \$450 or best offer. 1998 model, short-shaft, 28 lbs, 1.4 litre internal tank, designed without neutral or reverse. Serviced annually by Anchor-In Marine (winterized 2003) runs flawlessly. Great fishing motor!

Contact Mike Salter - 979-4554



Forthcoming Events

Cards Nights	February 8th. & 15th
Mainstays	February 3rd
Valentine's Afterglow Potluck Dinner	February 22nd

Reports from our banqueting correspondent:

New Year's Eve Dinner & Challenge

A near capacity crowd of thirty eight members and guests dined on roast beef, ham and potluck, with bubbly at midnight. In the intervening time following dinner and before midnight, wits were tested with a team quiz. To prevent anyone getting too serious, bonus and penalty points were handed out on a random basis. Dave Webb had the unusual experience of finding ladies throwing money at him (ask him about it!), Rita Mann wished she had worn a watch that night, and Bob Layfield wished he hadn't travelled outside Ontario in December. Doug Buckner, Karen DeVries & Gary & Doreen Bauld's team won by a hair just before 2400 hrs. Thanks to Fran & Dave Webb, Ora & Bruce Reid and Sue Bufton for organizing a memorable evening.



January Curry Evening

South Port's second annual potluck curry evening on January 25th was a great success. Twenty members and their guests enjoyed an eclectic mix of eastern delights and an evening of conviviality.

Race Committee

Happy New Year. Your race committee is already on the move for 2003, and with your cooperation we will make this year a big success. To be successful we require the support and involvement of the ENTIRE membership.

How many times did you use your boat last year? Five, six, seven, times? Did the cost justify the investment? What did it cost to stay fit at the local health club? Last summer, what recreational activities were you involved in that were a heck of a lot of fun, great for the cardio-vascular system, and cost practically nothing? If the answers are Seven, No, More than it was worth, and None you need to read on.

We've got some great new ideas for Wednesday nights to make sailing fun, enjoyable, cheap, and improve your sailing skills no matter what your skill level. How about a race that lets you start when you feel like it, is short enough to get you back on shore in time to enjoy a few cocktails and home in time to cut the grass! (Well, at least to take the garbage out)

Start clearing your calendars on Wednesdays beginning May 7th. Get your buddies lined up, buy a new cooler and plan to come out to have some FUN. More to follow

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Clubhouse duties M & S O'Brien</i>	3 <i>Mainstays meeting 7.30pm</i>	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Cards & Games evening 7.30pm</i>
9 <i>Clubhouse duties R & S Oldridge</i>	10	11 <i>Executive meeting</i>	12 <i>Mens Lunch</i>	13	14	15 <i>Cards & Games Evening 7.30pm</i>
16 <i>Clubhouse duties M & P Regnier</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>St. Valentine's After- Glow Pot Luck Sup- per 6.30pm</i>
23 <i>Clubhouse duties B & O Reid</i>	24	25	26	27	28	