



“Soundings”

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The newsletter
of South Port
Sailing Club

May 2003

Commodore's Corner :

A significant point in the history of our club will be reached on May 27th. A special members meeting has been called to discuss harbour reconfiguration and on that night, the Family and Life members will be asked to vote on the direction for our club. It is of great importance to everyone that your vote and/or voice are heard, so I urge all members to make the effort to attend. We'll see you on the 27th!

Dredging for 2003 is being planned. The harbour dredging, primarily at F dock, is scheduled to start after the ERCA sanctions are lifted on June 20th. Channel dredging is also being planned and by the time of this publication, the work may be underway. The Windsor Star recently reported a potential drop in water level of another 9" over the course of the summer. This is clearly a bad-news scenario for all boating and shipping interests on the Great Lakes. But since we are powerless to influence water levels, that leaves us all to keep praying for rain.

A big thanks are given to Andrew Barlow and his harbour committee who did an excellent job during launch. Thanks also to Bob Linton and his property committee who, with harbour, have given the cradle storage area a big improvement in appearance.

Finally, Sail-A-Bratton 2003 is scheduled for June 1st. The festivities start at 1:30 with the Sail-Past. Check the clubhouse bulletin board for details. It's an enjoyable afternoon with the wine provided by Reid's Alibi Vintners.

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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 !

Social Chair, Manjit Shaw

Sailabration June 1st 2003.

Plans are set for our fun day of activity and get together. Please bring a salad enough for 6 people and the rest of the dinner will be supplied.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years.

Hoping to serve dinner around 4-4.30 pm.

I need a few more people to help out at clean up afterwards.

Call or email me as to the number of people coming to the event.

Hope to see everyone there.

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

Are you receiving "Soundings"?

If any member is not receiving "Soundings" each month, something is wrong!!

Most members should be getting the Email version; if you are not receiving your copy, please call Communications chair Paul Ramey (519) 963-3081. If you do not have Email and need to receive a regular mail copy call Anne Marie Norton (519) 979-0714.

"Soundings" is also posted on our website www.southportsailingclub.on.ca

Harbour Master Andrew Barlow

Thanks go to all members for the success of launch day. It is great to see the boats in the Harbour after such a seemingly long winter. In particular, thanks to your Harbour Committee, comprised of Dave Howarth, Andy Hellenbart, Duncan Hind, Bob Fuller and Rob Malone. Also thanks to Paul Bowsher, Wayne Hind, Doug Watson, Ray East, Chuck Beaumont, Chris Eagan, Brayden Utley and all others who made the day happen! Also a big thank you to all the folks who kept everyone nourished – the kitchen was busy all day.

As you know, we do have some problems with water levels – your Executive and the Harbour Committee are fully aware and are planning to dredge certain key areas in June. Due to fish spawning, we must wait until June. A permit has already been secured. As we have more information, we will ensure that all club members are aware of the schedule.

Cruising Notes

Because of low water levels and our delayed launch, the annual spring cruise to Thames River SC was cancelled. (Possibly we can reschedule for later in the season). Other cruise plans are also uncertain until we can ascertain how water levels are going to affect us. We still hope to proceed with the North Star Sail Club Cruise on June 7/8; call Bob Oldridge or look for a notice as we get closer to that date!

Mainstays Chair Susan Bufton

Monday, June 9th – Barbecue at SPSC; 6.30 pm. BYOB and food, the barbecue will be lit to cook your own meat. **All ladies welcome to this event.**

Doreen Bauld has graciously knitted and donated a magnificent Afghan for Mainstays to raffle, as a fundraiser for Craig Noakes' & Nick Beaudoin's Olympic aspirations. Tickets are \$2 each and 3 for \$5. Tickets are on sale until Sailabration, June 1st, when the winning ticket will be drawn.



Forthcoming Events

Spring Clean up	May 24th
Special Members Meeting	May 27th
Sailabration	June 1st
Cruise to North Star Sail Club	June 7th
Mainstays Barbecue	June 9th
Canadian Club Overnight Race	June 13th
SPSC "C" Course Regatta	June 14th
SPSC Invitational Regatta	June 21st

Racing Notes

Icebreakers at Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club

The first Gold Cup Olympic classes Regatta of the season was at the TSCC on the Victoria Day weekend. They don't call it an Icebreaker for nothing. Water temperatures were snowlike!

Nonetheless, South Port Sailors brought home the prizes.: John Baker placed first in the Radial class; Michael Baker was sixth, and Darcy Fuller was tenth -in a class of 18.

Reminder to Racers:

The Wednesday night racing program requires that all non-member crew park on the south side of the paved entrance to our club. Please ensure your guests abide by this policy so that there is enough parking space for your fellow members in the main parking lot.

Dragon Boat Update: Lyn Turner

The team was out practicing in Pike Creek on the Victoria Day weekend. We're getting better!. At our website, we have pictures as we progress: <http://www.DragonBoatsForTheCure.com>

Property Chair Bob Linton

Donations: Any member who wants to donate an item to the club must review their gift with the property committee beforehand! Could the owners of the washing machine left in the storage room please contact Bob Linton.

Job List: Posted in the clubhouse is a list of short and long term jobs that are under review or planned. Please let the property committee know if you are interested in taking over one of these projects.

Garbage: Please remember that the club has to pay to handle all garbage so please take home any that you can. The club cannot dispose of batteries and oil. Please take these items home and dispose of them yourself.

Spring Clean up Saturday

The annual spring clean up Saturday is May 24th. We start at 8 am and plan to be finished before lunch. As last year, members who work will be treated to a free breakfast!

June 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Sail-A-Bratton</i> <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>L & J Webber</i> <i>B Young</i>	2	3 <i>xSeries Race 4</i>	4 <i>Series 1 Race 4</i> <i>L Domney</i>	5	6	7 <i>Cruise to NSSC</i> <i>(Oldridge)</i>
8 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>J & K Watson</i> <i>P Allum</i>	9 <i>Mainstays BBQ</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	10 <i>Executive Meeting</i> <i>xSeries Race 5</i>	11 <i>Mens Lunch</i> <i>Series 1 Race 5</i> <i>H Soutar</i>	12	13 <i>WYC Canadian</i> <i>Club Overnight Race</i>	14 <i>SPSC 'C' Course</i> <i>Regatta</i>
15 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>D & H Whiston</i> <i>J Watson</i> <i>K White</i>	16	17 <i>xSeries Race 6</i>	18 <i>Series 1 Race 6</i> <i>R Shore</i>	19	20	21 <i>SPSC</i> <i>Invitational Regatta</i>
22 <i>SPSC Women's</i> <i>Challenge</i> <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>G & P Andrews</i> <i>W Arthur, N Beaudoin</i>	23	24	25 <i>Series 2 Race 1</i> <i>L Brockman</i>	26	27	28 <i>Cruise to CSC</i> <i>(Hind)</i> <i>SPSC Double-handed</i> <i>Race</i>
29 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>G & K Bennett</i> <i>T & S Blak</i>	30					