



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club*

August 2005

In June of 2002, the South Port Sharkies gathered around the crane at the Bronte Harbour Yacht Club and decided we should try to land the Shark Worlds. Key support from Commodore Robert Smith was secured and the contingent of Jane, Andrew, Vince, Ian and Mo was ready to put forward the proposal. In August of that year, we proudly announced to the International Shark Class Association's AGM that we were ready and able to undertake the challenge with the full support of the board. We promised a fun, family-oriented event in a very comfortable environment with a plan to put on a great racing program.

Fast forward to the winter of 2004-05: volunteers from the club and community were committed to letting SPSC shine; sponsors were about to be secured, enabling us to put in place all the elements needed for a topnotch event. With each successive meeting, it became clearer that an event to make SPSC proud was becoming a reality. Unfortunately, the event was almost over in the blink of an eye by comparison to the organizational efforts. However, over the course of seven days, boats were measured and re-measured, a dragon boat drummed down the creek, a cannon was fired, anthems were sung, media were broadcasting, dignitaries were hosted, food was served, blender wars were fought (with some casualties), ten effective races were run, two live bands



played, fun was had by all, and nary an Essex County thunderstorm squall came through.

SPSC boats didn't just participate, they competed -- at times intensely. Graham Andrews, John Baker and Tom Rindlisbacher were the top SPSC boat, finishing 4th. Mo Regnier, Vince Lehmann, Jane/Andrew and Ian Dawson also had many top 10 finishes. As for

the youngest crew in their first major keelboat regatta -- Darcy Fuller, Brett Massender and Dylan Dumont with a combined age of less than 50 had some brilliant mark roundings and solid boat speed finished a most respectable 27th.

The legacy of any event is only measured from the perspective of history. Throughout the week, competitors claimed that SPSC has hosted the best regatta in many years, if not ever. The entire organizing committee embraced the nature, culture and history of the club by always looking at the event as a total team effort without the need for an organizational hierarchy. This week was a great shot in the arm for the club; one that recalled the bustle and energy of its early years with the hope for the club that the teamwork and camaraderie between all the members will continue in the future. I suppose we shall see how we remember this in the years to come, but I am confident that SPSC will always look back in pride and that the Shark fleet will use our Shark Worlds as a standard by which past and future regattas will always be measured.

Ian Dawson

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Quotes (some approximate) regarding the Shark World Cup

- Thanks again for all of your hard work we ALL had a GREAT TIME
- I had a great time at your club, and think you all did such a wonderful job organizing and planning a fantastic regatta.
- Thanks for the great week. Had a great time.
- What a great regatta.
- Everyone I have spoken with has told me what a great regatta it was you guys put on in every respect. The Europeans especially had a really good time.
- This reminds me of the Invitational of 1972, except without the tent. This is great. It's been so long since there has been this kind of activity and energy at this club.
- I am so glad to be part of this. The way the club is pulling together reminds me of the way the club used to be, helping each other and putting on such a great event.
- I am just so touched by how much everyone is enjoying themselves. [hand to the heart gesture]
- Are the Sharks coming in yet?? Oh hang on, I need to fill my glass. What a great view of watching these boats sailing up the creek!
- Can you believe it? They changed the leeward gates and they were right on the money! I haven't seen a Race Committee do that in over a decade.
- Kyle: This lake is awesome to sail on. You guys should host a junior regatta or something. Ian: How many boats do you get for those?" [pause]
Kyle: A lot.
- That was a great regatta - bravo - you guys really pulled it off. Thank you for a fabulous (and challenging!) week of racing and parties. It's also great to know that the European competitors were delighted with your good meals, your perfect race committee and mostly with your warm hospitality. Thank you to you and your team
- I just wanted to thank you, South Port Sailing Club and your committees for an outstanding job at this year's Shark World's. While my crew and I have always felt welcome on our previous visits to South Port the past week was truly exceptional. I would have to say that this is the best Regatta I have attended in the past 25 years. Thanks again for a good time.
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- I am impressed at how this was done. You guys worked so hard to put on the best well run show. Everything ran so smoothly and we had the best time. I just wanted to let you know how happy we are to have gone.
- I sit here at my desk at work imagining it all again and it puts a smile on my face to just know that you guys ran this show and you did an amazing job. We are totally impressed. You guys rock.

Thanks from the Worlds Food Department

I wish to express my extreme gratitude to all the volunteers who made feeding those who attended the Shark Worlds a huge success. I do not wish to list names because I know I will miss someone, but to everyone, without your efforts we could not have achieved putting on the meals with such efficiency. Kudos to you all.

I must make mention of some exceptional people. Lynn Baker, Laura Lehmann and Manjit Shaw. Their support and sharing of the load went beyond the cause. A big thank you to Lee Ann Halpin for arising at the crack of dawn to help me make and serve daily breakfast. Her coffee was life blood to many. I cannot forget my BBQ boys: Bill Baker, Frank

Macdonald and Bruce Reid. Not one complaint was received about their skills on those fantastic new charcoal grills.

We are so fortunate at South Port to have volunteers who come forward when there is a need, and do what has to be done. I cannot thank you enough. The overwhelming applause I received at the Awards Banquet Friday belongs to you all. My reward is that everyone was satisfied with the menus, well fed, went away healthy and I accomplished my mission to the best of my ability.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank You.

Margaret Entwistle



Commodore's Corner, from Phil Peck

Wow, what a week. Judging by the comments from participants, our Shark World Cup was a big success. One veteran sailor told me it was the best regatta he had ever attended. I was very proud of how SPSC pulled together to host this event. It's a special accomplishment for our club to host a world championship regatta.

Two years ago, when we hosted the Shark Canadians, we proved to ourselves and others that we are capable of running a big event. We had extra help from our friends, neighbours, sponsors and the community. A number of club members spent countless hours serving on the committee that planned and oversaw the operation of the regatta. They looked after everything from facilities to food, accommodations, awards, sponsorships, entertainment, race management, registration and public relations. Even though each committee member had a specific responsibility, I know that many were involved in aspects of the regatta well beyond their job descriptions. Without that type of dedication SPSC would never have pulled it off successfully.

Sincere thanks not only to the committee members and the volunteers, but to every club member who did some of the small but important things that contributed to the success, such as relocating your boat to make room for the visiting Sharks, or foregoing your regular Wednesday night race.

We have to say thanks to people outside our club: to the sponsors for all their support and their generous contributions; to the judges and the race management people who did a superb job of running the races on the lake; to the Dragon Boat team and historic actors who helped with the opening ceremonies; to the town of Tecumseh for extra municipal services; to the town of Lakeshore for allowing us to dock boats at Belle River Marina; to our friends and neighbours who volunteered to help run activities.

I was proud to represent SPSC as Commodore, but the praise belongs to our club and its members. No one person is responsible for this success. You can all feel proud of this accomplishment.

A tip of the commodore's hat to you all.

Welcome Ryan

Ryan was born July 9. The happy parents are Tara and Robert Malone.



Any changes?

Please let Irene East (i.east@sympatico.ca) know when you sell your boat or acquire a new one. Same goes for any changes in telephone numbers or address. Please send address changes to Jackie Timothy as well (robtim@cogeco.ca), so she can update your mailing label for *Soundings*.

Summer Sunday Racing

Sunday's, from July 17th to August 28th there will be casual racing at SPSC. Races start at the centre mark of SPSC's race course where the RC boat will display the course number to be sailed. Once again it will be an open starting line between 1:30 and 2:00 pm.

Hope to see some new faces out there this year. For more info contact Chris Eagen (251.8067; ckeagen@tanzer75.net)

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World Cup gallery, photos by Alan Henderson





Be sure to take a look at these photos in full colour on the Web site at www.southportsailingclub.on.ca
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Mainstays, from Sue Bufton

- On Thursday, June 16th, a group of ladies enjoyed a Barbecue at the Club. We ate indoors, but managed to cook outside between the showers!
- The flowers around the clubhouse are growing well. If you see them looking thirsty, please give them some water to keep them blooming all summer.
- When the flags went up at the opening ceremony for the Shark Worlds there was a new Club burgee, the last one was looking very weather beaten. The new one has been purchased for the Club by the Mainstays.
- Charmaine Soutar has once again invited the ladies to a pool party at her home on Thursday, August 18th at 6.30 pm. She is a gracious hostess and we always have a fun evening. Bring a small snack or dessert, your favourite beverage and a chair. All ladies welcome.
- Our September meeting will be a pot luck dinner on Monday, the 12th at 6.30 pm. Ladies, members new or long time, please join us for an evening of friendship and good food.

Sailing School, from Renée Dawson

The sailing school started its first session on July 11, 2005. The start date was moved to much later in the season to accommodate the Shark Worlds. Once again there is a full slate of programs being offered including White Sail I, II, and III; and Bronze IV and V. Silver VI is not offered again this year due to lack of sufficient interest.

John Baker returned as head instructor of the sailing school. Joining him are Mike Baker, Sarah Bowsher, Jessica Bondy, Darcy Fuller, Brett Massender, and Pearl White. Rebecca Paul is joining the staff this year as a new instructor.

As part of a new initiative to branch out in the community, the sailing school is teaming up with the Optimist Club of St. Clair Beach. Ten children who might otherwise not have the opportunity to learn to sail were chosen by Optimist Club members to join the morning session of the Kidsail program. Should this initiative succeed, the Sailing School is looking to increase the number of children recommended by the Optimist Club in future years.

We are looking forward to yet another successful season!

33 Mirage for sale

33 Mirage, Rogue Star, set up with every comfort you need for cruising, including furling sails, a DRS, shallow draft, power winches, comfortable sleeping, a new GPS. Stored at Pud's Marina. Call Charmaine Soutar (969.2896) for more info.



Send in information on any of your for-sale or wanted items to *Soundings* (see page 3).

Ads are free for members.



Racing (other than the Shark Worlds!)

Chris Eagen 2nd in Solo Mackinaw

On June 18th Chris Eagen competed in his first Solo Mackinaw Challenge — fulfilling a dream he had even before he feared he'd never be able to sail again due to a severe workplace accident. The race started off with a physically demanding 50-mile beat to Goderich in 27 knots of wind and 5-foot waves and finished with a four-hour lull only 2.5 miles from the finish line. He and his Tanzer 75, Tia Lisa, arrived at Mackinaw Island after 67 hours 34 minutes.

"This was by far one of the largest accomplishments of my life," says Chris. "There are no words that I can use to truly sum up the experiences of my first Solo Mac. To say that I did this race entirely alone would be a lie. I could have never competed in this race without the support and encouragement from family and fellow SPSC members, for that I would like to say, thank you."



SPSC Invitational

PHRF A

- 1 Hard Attack Bill Stridiron
- 2 LionHeart II Len Strahl
- 3 Zamboni Alan Johnson

PHRF B

- 1 Dynamo Joe Davidson
- 2 Chinook John Murphy
- 3 Marmoset Andrew Barlow

JOG

- 1 Mai Toi Rene Brown
- 2 Kiwitea Lyn Domney
- 3 Skylark Jim Halpin

Once again our SPSC Annual Invitational Regatta was a success. With light winds and a clear blue sky, we completed the two races on Saturday June 25th.

Our pig roast was the highlight of the day and the live band kept everyone entertained.

I would like to thank Al Finch for the use of his boat for Race Committee and Matt Draisey for calculating the race results.

I would also like to thank Social Chair Jeff Labonte, Chris Eagen and Derek White for organizing the onshore festivities.








Kevin Mogyorody



Dave Robichaud 3rd in TRY Regatta

Dave Robichaud entered the TRY Sea Regatta the weekend of July 2, 2005, and came in third overall in Jog class, racing single handed Saturday, and with Jackie in her first race on Sunday. Congratulations to the HR 25 No Resistance! Thanks to Thames River Yacht Club for donating the wells to our boats, who docked at their club during Shark Worlds Week.

August 2005 SPSC Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun								
<p>Club House 1 Duties </p> <p>(July 31-Aug 6) M. Dugas*, Grayson,B&M</p>	2	<p>6:45 pm 3 Keelboat racing</p> <p>6:45 pm KS2R6 David Robichaud</p>	4	5	6	7								
<p>8</p> <p>(Aug 7-13) Edgley,F&C* Eagan,C </p>	<p>9</p> <p></p> <p>7:15 pm Executive Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Men's Lunch</p> <p>6:45 pm KS3R1 Tom Rindlisbacher</p>	11	12	13	14								
<p>15</p> <p>(Aug 14-20) Entwistle,J&M* Levasseur,M. </p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:00 Happy hr, then pizza at the club to visit with Tony & Walter Muenbeeld, longtime SPSC members <i>Rita Mann</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:45 pm KS3R2 Peter Soles</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 pm Mainstays pool party, Charmaine Soutar's</p>	19	20	21								
<p>22</p> <p>(Aug 21-27) Frank,B; Doyle,L* </p> <p>Hornby,A.</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>6:45 pm KS3R5 David Colborne</p>	25	26	27	28								
<p>29</p> <p>(Aug 28-Sept 3) Fuller,B&M* Lemay,K </p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>6:45 pm KS3R6 Derek White</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Club BBQ 4:00 Happy hr 6:00 BBQ 7:30 cards Contact: Lorne & Rita Mann</p>											
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