



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club*

June 2007

Sail-a-bration 2007



Saturday 9 June
Theme: Mardi Gras
Festivities start at 1:00 pm
Sail past is 2:30 pm
Dinner: 5:00 pm

Deadline for reservations is Monday 4 June. Drop off the enclosed reservation flyer at the club. We need to know how many meals to order from the caterer.

Doug Buckner art show

Enjoy and view the works of former Member and Past Commodore Doug Buckner at the Art Gallery of Windsor from June 10 to July 22nd. See insert for details.



The Launch - see inside for more photos



Shakedown Results

Congratulations South Port racers! South Port was represented by 10 boats in the Annual LaSalle Mariners Shakedown Regatta to Put n Bay. Twenty six boats competed in 4 classes. Eleven Flags were awarded, with SPSC taking six of them.

First-time competitors included Peter Soles, East of Midnight; Rene Brown, Mai Toi; Graham Cowen, DITS; Wesley Arthur, Marianna; and Brad Roy & Erica Krygsman, Sorceress.

Flags awarded:

JOG

2nd: Peter Soles, East of Midnight

3rd: Dave Robichaud,
No Resistance

PHRF C

1st: Luke Brockman, Loan Shark

2nd: Chris Eagen, Tia Lisa

PHRF B

1st: Joe Davidson, Dynamo Hum

2nd: Bob Fuller, Addendum



Leaving LMYC



The race is on!

From Property Chair, Peter Soles

Many thanks to all those who turned out for the post launch clean up work party. We achieved about 80% of our jobs list, which had been deliberately oversized to ensure we did not run out of work. A beer and pizza lunch was enjoyed by all afterwards. The following job were completed :

- clean up of debris in parking lot and yard
- hoses fitted to docks
- BBQ's fitted with new burners, cleaned and coals replaced
- shed cleaned out
- wood cut up for Fire Pit
- front door painted
- benches stained around harbour

- driftwood raked, cut up & stowed
- gravel raked over potholes in parking lot
- electrical sockets, lights & water standpipes all check
- weeded & dug front of ramp entrance to club
- weeded & dug bed at entrance
- weeded & dug barrels at clubhouse

Again, well done and thanks to all! To those unable to attend, and worried about getting in their work hours, there will be more work parties during the summer. Anyone looking for club hours contact Peter Soles and you can choose from the list of jobs outstanding.

Please use the sheets at the back of the binder in the kitchen, to notify the Property Chair of any maintenance items you may see and to inform him of supplies needed. If you write it on the cleaning sheet, he may not receive the information. Slip the form in the office mail slot. Thanks!

Mainstays, by Sue Bufton

Eight ladies braved the cold and rain on May 17th and planted the flowers around the clubhouse. Please enjoy them and if they look thirsty, give them a drink. Thank you also to Loretta Buckner and Manjit Shaw who came out on Clean Up day and prepared the beds for planting.

Don't forget the Wine & Cheese cruise on May 31st.

Our next get together will be on Thursday, June 21st. We will light the barbecues at 6:00 pm. Bring your own meat to cook, one ingredient for a Friendship salad (lettuce will be supplied) and a small dessert to share. All ladies welcome!

Alternate Saturday BBQs

Come out for a barbecue at the Club on alternate Saturdays throughout the summer beginning June 2 & 16 (not 30th, due to Shark Canadians)

Happy Hour - 5 pm

Barbecue - 6 pm

Cards - 7 pm

Come for all or part of the activities.
Bring your own food and drink and refreshments
Lorne and Rita Mann

2007 OPP Safety inspection

Unfortunately due to operational demands the OPP Marine unit are unable to attend the club for a formal full day inspection this year. Constable Lee Batte confirmed by email if there are members who would like an inspection carried out, she is prepared to swing by and look at your vessel and equipment by appointment.

Tecumseh O.P.P. - Community Policing Officer - 519-735-2424

Launch Cheques

Cheques post dated one month after launch were deposited early. If this has created a hardship for any Member, or if you were charged any type of service fee by your bank, please contact:

Bill Frank, Treasurer
519-979-1756 or email
bfrank@mnsi.net

Sailing instructor from Thunder Bay looking for accommodation

Kristin Thompson from Thunder Bay will be instructing at the South Port Sailing School this summer. She will be with us from approximately June 25, 2007 to August 17, 2007. Her hours will be from 8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Evenings will be available to her if her lodging is close enough to allow her to cycle home in the evening. If anyone in the Tecumseh/Lakeshore area (preferably east of Lesperance Road and west of Patillo) knows of an apartment or has a basement available for the dates above, please contact Bob Fuller at 519-735-7564 or 519-944-8023 or email Bob at fullerconstruction@on.aibn.com. Any leads or offers are greatly appreciated.

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Racing Report, from Chris Eagen

There will be a **Summer Sunday Racing Series** again this year. Once again, it will be a laid back format with an open starting line allowing skippers to start within a certain period of time.

The summer series will consist of three Sunday races on our modified Olympic course. Competitors sail once around the prescribed course finishing back at the RC boat. Both start and finish times are recorded by the RC. Winners are determined on best corrected time. **Dates will be announced on the Website in June.** Check the "Racing" section and the "Calendar."

In addition there will be a **cruising class** for both the **Invitational Long Distance Race** on August 11th, and the **Harvest Moon Regatta** on September 22nd. The Cruising Class will start before all other classes using the same open line format used for Sunday racing. Boats competing in this class will compete with the ERPHRF rating for their boat. No penalties will be assigned for boats without a racing certificate. Awards for the two regattas will depend on participation.

All are Welcome !!

Tuesday night dinghy racing in 420s

Five 420s are being made available to club members and sailing school members for Tuesday night racing. Each boat must have at least one sailor who can perform to a minimum of CYA Bronze 5 skill level. South Port Sailing School reserves the right to accept or reject any participant.

For the registration form, go to the SPSC Web site at www.southportsailingclub.com All forms must be submitted and paid in full no later June 20, 2007. Please indicate whether you would like to register for Series 1 or Series 2:

Series 1: June 26;
July 3, 10, 17
Series 2: July 24, 31
August 7, 14

If you have your own boat, there is no need to register, just come on out and join in.

"C" Course Regatta

South Port Sailing Club is again sponsoring the annual Detroit Regional Yachting-Racing Association's "C" Course Regatta on Saturday, June 16th.

Sailing instructions for "C" Course can be found at Drya.org and click on sailing instructions link in the top left. The warning signal will be sounded at 12:00 noon.

The Classes are as follows:

C-1 Flying Scot	C-5 Express 27
C-2 Crescent	C-6 Tartan 10
C-3 Cal 25	C-7 Melges 24
C-4 PHRF 2 (147 & greater)	



Race a dinghy on Tuesdays

Harbourmaster Report, from Jamie Halpin

It sure is good to be back in the water. Thanks to everybody who helped to get us there:

- Lynn Baker and her crew for running the kitchen (they even had a vegetarian meal for the Harbourmaster)
- Scott Turner for acting as recorder
- Andy Hellenbart, Duncan Hind, and Bob Fuller for directing the cranes
- Wayne Hind for driving the forklift and lending us his truck to move the trailered boats
- and everyone else who came out and lent a hand!

Thanks to Jim Halpin for collecting all of the Dockage Application forms and contacting all of the members who were late submitting their forms and/or cheques. Thanks also to Dave Robichaud and Stu Stratton for repairing the wiring on the small boat hoist and to Brad Roy and Jim Balfe for cutting up and removing the old wood from A-Dock.

We have sounded the harbour and entrance channel. There are serious concerns along F-Dock. The entrance channel is about five and a half feet deep if you stay in the middle. However, some members

have touched, so use caution. The placement of the marks was very good this year, but the channel is narrow.

Dredging is scheduled to begin after June 15th. This way we can dredge the entrance channel and the harbour at the same time. Water levels are up by about six inches and a large amount of sediment was washed out of the entrance channel during spring runoff. This has allowed us to decrease the scope of the dredging to free up funds for other projects around the club. The dredging plans have been designed to ensure that members will still be able to use their boats when the water levels drop in the fall.

A reminder that non-sailed boats must be off the property by June 1st, and masts must be off of the lawn by June 5th. Also non-folding cradles must be folded or off of the property by June 15th. There will be no exceptions. Please contact Pud's Place regarding storage of non-sailed boats and non-folding cradles.



**The Launch,
May 5th**

Introducing current members, by Jackie Timothy

Scott and Lynn Turner

Scott and Lynn Turner have been members of South Port since 1982. They are the owners of a Tanzer 26, Portmeirion II. Both are very active at the Club, and have handled the South Port Regalia for the past 10 years. They took adult sailing lessons, and their 2 children did as well. Scott was a former racer, and son Andrew raced at the club and in Georgian Bay. Scott assists the Treasurer with invoicing, and Lynn is a paddler with the Dragon Boats.



Bill and Lynn Baker have been members at South Port since 1980. They are the owners of a Tanzer 22 - Good News. Bill was Harbourmaster in the late 80s, and when he's not BBQing, he's your early morning news man on CBC Radio. If there's a function at the Club, look for Lynn organizing in the kitchen! She was chair of the Sailing School for three years and editor of Soundings from 1980 to 1990. Lynn is our current Rear Commodore and will move up to Commodore in 2008.



WYC & ILYA/DRYA

Windsor YC have a long-standing arrangement of reciprocity with SPSC that basically gives members of SPSC clubhouse privileges. WYC operate the bar and restaurant on a cashless chit system. At one time, SPSC'ers could charge their tab and WYC would send an invoice to SPSC. That system was abolished several years ago, but WYC will accept Visa or Mastercard for the restaurant or bar, but expect to have to produce your current SPSC membership card at the same time. WYC special events such as the Caribbean evening would require that you be a member or guest of a member. You can check their menu at www.windsoryachtclub.com

A similar reciprocity exists for most clubs around the area, as SPSC has memberships in the *InterLake Yachting Association* and the *Detroit River Yachting Association*, but courtesy and common sense suggest checking with the club management as you arrive by water or land.

John Bufton

Cruising notes, from Sue & John Bufton

The cruise to Thames River scheduled for May 26th had to be cancelled due to the wet weather. Alternative plans were made to have a Happy Hour at the club and to go out for a meal locally afterwards. The Happy Hour group were Lee Ann and Jim Halpin, Sue and John Bufton, Gord Richardson with Janet and Margaret and Jack Entwistle. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, June 2nd, we have scheduled an evening dinner cruise to the Sandbar Restaurant. This is a group cruise, no boat

necessary! We're planning to leave SPSC around 4:00 pm, dock at the Sandbar, have dinner and return to the club around 7:00 pm, so we'll be back before dusk for a social gathering. Sail your own boat, be a guest on a boat or come by road! Sign up sheet on the club board, or contact Sue/John Bufton at 519-979-1718.

Looking further ahead, we're planning an evening dinner cruise to Windsor Yacht Club in early July; details will be posted on the Club notice board. Again, it will be a group cruise, no boat necessary.

On Friday July 13th, we'll be cruising to La Salle Mariners' Club, overnighing there and joining them for their annual fun race/cruise to Pelee Island on Saturday, July 14th. An afterglow BBQ reception at the Anchor & Wheel inn is planned for the evening of July 14th. After the weekend on Pelee Island, plans are for a short cruise round the Ohio Islands area (Put in Bay, Kelly's Island, Sandusky) returning the weekend of July 21st. A sign up sheet will be on the Club board soon.

Welcome To Our Newest Members, by Rene Brown



David and Renee Hanifan recently became the owners of *Zap*, a Mirage 27. David, Renee and their two children, Lindsay and Alex, started exploring and cleaning their new water cottage on the hard prior to launch. David works at Chrysler and Renee works at Met Hospital. The family is new to sailing so lend them a hand or provide some words of wisdom when you see them.

David and Nora Walton, after a lengthy search for a boat, are the proud new owners of *Maidstone Cross*, a Mirage 25. David and Nora were power boaters in the past and are graduates from SPSC's Adult Sailing. David works at Canada Post and Nora works for Chrysler. David, Nora and their son Jeff are looking forward to logging some cruising hours this summer.

Thanks from the 505, by Renka Gesing

Although slightly fewer in number this year, the six teams who competed in South Port's ninth (?) Memorial Day weekend 505 regatta were enthusiastic about the sailing and wonderful race management. Many thanks to Chris Eagen and his team, which included Brad Roy, Erica Krygsman, Frank Edgley, Denis Rivet, and Darcy Fuller -- even if they made us sail out in pouring rain on Saturday.

In spite of worrying weather forecasts, we enjoyed great winds for the six races. Adam and I, as gracious SPSC hosts, were happy to show the way on most of the races. Katherine in Stephen Long from Chicago came in second, and Graham Alexander (Columbus), sailing with Carolyn Price (Cincinatti), came third. Mike Agrell from Toronto came without a crew, but Graham Andrews and Darcy Fuller had fun taking turns on his trapeze.








Darcy Fuller on the trapeze



More Launch shots

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
(May 27-June 2) Dolsen, M McGeorge, M 						Sandbar Cruise 2 SPSC BBQ 5:00 pm happy hour 6:00 pm BBQ 7:00 pm Cards
(June 3-9) 3 Edgley, F&C Young, R 	4	Women's 5 challenge lecture 6:30-9:00 WYC	6	Keelboat racing		Sail-a-bration: 9 Come join the fun on Saturday June 9th. Please submit those reservation forms ASAP!
(June 10-16) 10 Entwistle, J&M Gallie, K	11 7:15 pm Executive Meeting	12	13 Men's Lunch Keelboat racing	14	15	C-Course 16 Regatta SPSC BBQ
Fathers Day 17 (June 17-23)  Finch, A&J Helm, J	18	Women's 19 challenge lecture 6:30-9:00 SPSC	20 Keelboat racing Last race for Series 1	21 Mainstays BBQ 6:00 pm	22	23
(June 24-30) 24 Ginham, J&M Labonte, J 	25	26 Dinghy racing	27 Keelboat racing Fun race			30 TRYC Sea-Course Shark Canadians

Women's Challenge

It is not too late to register. Go to the South Port Web site for the application form. Deadline has been extended until the first group lecture, 5 June. Remaining events are:
 5 & 19 June, Group lectures
 10 July, First day of sailing
 24 July, First practice race
 28 & 29 July, Practice races and race day

South Port Web site

Upcoming events are all listed on the website calendar, and will be updated regularly. To check out the latest posts, simply go to:

www.southportsailingclub.com

Clubhouse cleaning reminder

Please remember if you are unable to fulfil your week, switch with another member. If you really can not find a replacement, contact Peter Soles, Property Chair. With the numerous events taking place at the club during the upcoming summer months, your attendance will probably be required more than once during your week. Completing the sheet in the kitchen binder will let the next member know what has been carried out the prior week. Thank you everyone!

July 2007 Clubhouse cleaning

(July 1-7) Grayson, B&M Laforet, M	(July 8-14) Grosshans, P&D Laforet, R	(July 15-21) Labonte, R&S Lair, G
(June 22-28) Howarth, D&E Lehman, V&L	(July 29-Aug 4) Langlois, E&E Lemay, K	