



# Soundings

Newsletter of South Port Sailing Club July 2008

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www.southportsailingclub.com



45th Annual Invitational

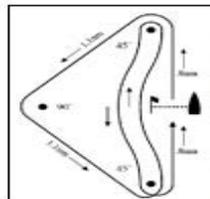
August 2 - 3, 2008



This is a sanctioned Essex County PHRF Association double counter regatta for Lake St. Clair and ECPHRF boat of the year.

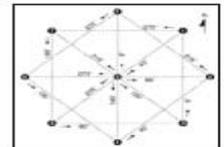
South Port Sailing Club invites all self righting, self bailing sailboats to participate in our Annual Invitation Regatta.

**Saturday's** long distance race takes place in the western portion of Lake St. Clair. Starting from the center mark of the SPSC modified Olympic course boats sail to R20, then to R6 and back to the start mark to finish. Total distance 13.9NM. Beer, snacks and socializing back at the club.



**Sunday** following a continental breakfast there will be two races using South Port Sailing Clubs modified Olympic course. Each race is 7NM, with a short break between races.

Please be sure to come back to SPSC for dinner. Dinner will be served at 1600hrs giving visiting boats lots of time to return to their home ports.



## Dragon Boat Races 2008



'Paddling for the Cure'

The ladies of South Port and crew in 'Maggie's Wings' will participate again this year on July 19 and 20th

We wish you success Ladies

## Message from the Commodore, Lynn Baker

Once again our Club was blessed with wonderful weather for our annual Sail A Bration. It was great to see such a good turnout, and once again thanks to Social Chair Derek for working so hard to pull things together. Thanks also to Derek's Mom, who must have previous experience at managing tickets...

I am pleased to report that a working committee has been set up to re-constitute the Pike Creek Water Levels Association. Last month, a group of our Pike Creek and Pilot's Cove neighbours approached us with an offer to help offset the cost of dredging this year. An offer we gratefully accepted.

The even better news is that these neighbours are anxious to work with South Port to devise strategies and lobby various levels of government to get assistance with the ongoing dredging of Pike Creek ....an advantage currently enjoyed by residents and businesses along the Puce River and Belle River.

We are reprinting the Dock Rules in this edition of Soundings. These rules are incorporated into the By-laws of South Port and as such, are probably not referred to all that often. These rules were developed to protect the people and the property of the Club, and I'd like everyone to take a minute and go through them.

There are plenty of racing and cruising events planned for the remainder of the season, and I invite members to take part in as many as you can. Cruisers are always welcome at Race events... and no racer was ever turned away from a Cruise event ! Have a great summer.

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## Carpet & Flooring

The new carpet and flooring is being installed on July 10 & 11. If you see the kitchen or main room cordoned off, please use an alternative route. It will take the installers from Floor Mart 2 days to complete the job.

Thank you for your co-operation !

See page 10 for volunteers request

## Derek and Rene's Great Pop Machine Adventure, by Rene Brown

Derek, our social chair, championed the great idea of having a pop machine at the club and found a service company that had machines for sale in St. Clements. St. Clements is a small town north west of Kitchener.

With the executive's approval for the purchase of a pop machine, a borrowed pickup, X-large Timmies and unseasonably warm and sunny weather Derek and I were off. We left SPSC at around 8:00 a.m. and were on our way back by 8:30 a.m. We traveled as far as Puce Road and were forced to turn back because of vehicle problems. Not being the type to cave in the face of adversity we moved to plan B. Call anyone else with a truck. A few phone calls later and Dave Robichaud was on his way to the club to lend us his new Dakota pick up. We were on the road again at 9:30 a.m.

The drive there was uneventful except for getting lost in St. Clements due to a navigational error. Derek was driving and I was navigating. Oops! When we arrived Josh showed us his machines which varied from 1 to 5 years old some simple and some complex. After selecting the fine piece of equipment we now call our own, Josh spent the next three hours setting it up and showing us how to use it. We thought we would just pick it up and go but it is a good thing Josh insisted we learn how to use it first.

Josh was able to load this 700lb machine onto the truck with the use of an industrial dolly and a hydraulic lift. With the shiny machine loaded and the transaction completed it was getting on to 5:30 p.m. already. On the way back we started to think that a GPS would have been nice. We had a second navigational break down leaving St. Clements. Oops ! We also were wondering how we were going to unload the beast once we got back to SPSC at 10:00 p.m.

A few phone calls later and we had nine willing and able volunteers ready to unload. As all nine of us will attest to that is one heavy machine. An industrial dolly and hydraulic lift would have come in pretty handy.

Thank you Derek White for your time and effort in bringing a pop machine to the club, Bob Fuller, Darcy Fuller & friends & Dave Robichaud for lending your vehicles and helping unload the beast.

Happy Sailing!

Club B.B.Q. alternating Saturdays  
during July & August



Happy hour 5:00 p.m.  
BBQ 6:00 p.m.  
Cards 7:30 p.m.



Everyone welcome..join us for part or all of the activities.. Dates may change if there are other Club Events. *July 5, 19 August 9, 23*

Contact Lorne & Rita Mann

Men's Lunch July 9

2nd Wednesday of every Month

John Novak for details

519-735.3737



Derek, Dakota & Dr. Pepper !!



# Sail A Bration 2008

Sail Pass Good News

**On  
The  
Water !!**

(1) Gesings approaching Good News in the 505



(2) Got our Wine



(3) OOPS ! Note: Wine Bottle still dry



Xanadu



Mai Toi coming at us !!



Caesars at Five



Wight Spirit



East of Midnight



Buckets of Water from Sniper!





Skylark



Firewater



Ruffian



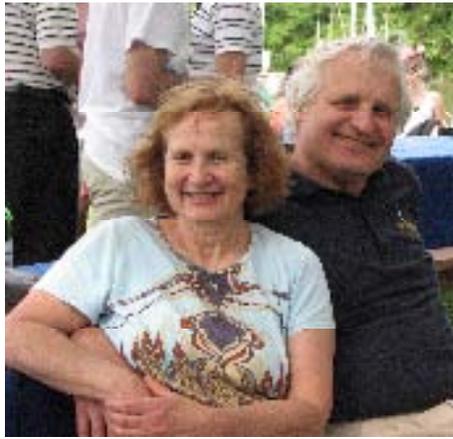
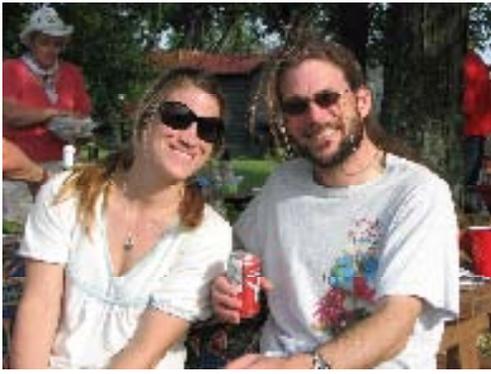
RC Boat

*On the Land*



Blessing of the Fleet







**153 Members & Guests enjoyed the day !!**  
**Thanks to Abars for the BBQ, Dennis Moore for the music, Lou Lou for the face painting, Father Bill Bradley for Blessing the fleet, Derek's Mom Pat for handling the tickets and our Social Chair, Derek White for another great Sail A Bration !!**  
**And..no one swamped the Tanzer**



**From Social Chair, Derek White**

**On behalf of the Social Committee I would like to thank the following people who assisted with the preparations for this year's Sail A Bration. Personal friends of mine donated the Jump house, Water whirly and Bubble machine. Abar's on the River donated 5 dinners, Sea & Ski, 2 gift certificates, Dave Palamides designed and printed the tickets and his wife Diane assisted my Mom Pat , with ticket hand outs. Friend Peter Sladic assisted with set up and clean up and passed out the children's grab bags as well as taking dinner tickets.**

**Special thanks to Sue O'Brien and her phone committee for confirming reservations, Paul Ramey for sending out the reminder email, Bob Shore and Dennis Rivet for yard clean up, Bill Baker and Alan Shearn for assistance moving the masts left on the tables and clubhouse cleaning, Renka Gesing for setting up the door prize table, and Dave Robichaud and Jackie Timothy for picking up the straw, ordering the wine and clubhouse and ground cleaning after the event. And a thank you to all members who brought desserts for the table.**



### Nautical Quote

*It is infinitely easier to shake out a reef when one is bored, than it is to try to tie one in when one is scared. Author Unknown*

### Cruising notes from Jack Entwistle

Well the cruising season got off to a shaky start. The cruise to Thames River was called off at the last minute because of the uncertain water depth in the channel and very cold sailing conditions out on the lake. However an impromptu barbeque was held instead so that we could do what we do best. What is that you say ! Why eat and drink of course. Thanks to Alan & Peggy Shearn for all their pre-cruise work.

The cruise to the Sand Bar was a great success with four boats sailing to Puce River and five people going by road for a total 21 people sitting down to dinner. Thanks to Tim & Denise Aeltine for organizing the event.

June 28<sup>th</sup> will see use doing another Dinner Cruise, this time to Windsor Yacht Club. A sign up sheet is in the clubhouse so get on board. Contact Jim & Sue Balfe for details.

July 12/13<sup>th</sup> is the LaSalle Mariners Peele Island Cruise/Race, several S.P.S.C. members will be taking part in this one. Entry forms are in the club house or can get them from the L.M.Y.C. website. South Port boats will be going down to L.M.Y.C. on Friday the 11th for a barbeque and sleep over before the Saturday race. John Bufton is the event Co-coordinator so any questions should be directed to him. Details on Page 10.

Finally keep the week end of Aug 2/ 3<sup>rd</sup> open for the cruise to Great Lakes Y.C. See details of this cruise, also on Page 10.

### Notice of Race

#### Sail For Heart Regatta/ Poker Run

**SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008**

### Windsor Yacht Club

**1. Eligibility - Open to all boats, those without assigned rating will be provided one by WYC/Sail for Heart race committee.**

**2. Fees - Registration fee is \$50 paid to HEART And STROKE Foundation. Further fundraising and pledge Information can be found at [www.heartandstroke.ca/fit](http://www.heartandstroke.ca/fit). To register your team for online fundraising or contact the above for pledge forms. [www.heartandstroke.ca/fit](http://www.heartandstroke.ca/fit) Incentives for each boat/crew which raise levels of funding can also be seen at Heart and Stroke Website.**

**3. Race Course - 3.1 Race will be in pursuit style race.**

**3.2 Participants will also be entered in poker run format. Each boat will be assigned a card, drawn at random, at each mark rounding. Cards will be handed out at finish of race and be played as a poker hand for prizes at awards following race.**

**4. Start - 3.1 Warning gun will be at 1300**

**3.2 Rating based start times will be posted on [www.windsoryachtclub.com](http://www.windsoryachtclub.com) or be available at WYC bar or on RC boats.**

**5. Course will be sailed on Lake St Clair, with a course length of approximately 7.0 NM**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVENT PLEASE CONTACT:**

**P/C ALAN JOHNSON: 519-257-3166—CHRIS WOODALL: 519-999-3381**

**Diane McKinley at Heart and Stroke Foundation: 519-254-4345 - [dmckinley@hsf.on.ca](mailto:dmckinley@hsf.on.ca)—[ryachtclub.com](http://ryachtclub.com)**



## ***A reminder to all Members of the Harbour and Dock Rules***

1. **All members shall moor their boats in a manner so instructed by the Harbour Master.**
2. Sound and adequate mooring lines, properly attached to eyes and posts are mandatory
3. Boats must be positioned in such a manner that no part of the vessel obstructs the dock or walkway. The docks must remain clear of hoses, mooring lines, power cords, and any overhanging pulpits and rigging.
4. All OWRC regulations and restrictions regarding dumping of refuse and waste must be adhered to.
5. There shall be no running or horseplay on the docks at anytime.
6. **Children should be accompanied by adults at all times. Young children MUST wear lifejackets while on the docks, boats, or near the water's edge.**
7. No BBQ's or fires are allowed on the docks or boats at any time.
8. **Unattended boats shall not be connected to shore services (electricity and water) overnight except under special circumstances as approved by the Harbor Master.**
9. Nothing may be fasted or attached to the wood deck of any docks. This includes storage boxes or bins, carpet or matting.
10. Transom hung motors shall be left in the down position at all times, and shall not project into the channel.
11. **Boats shall not enter or depart the harbor complex or Pike Creek under sail.**
12. Boat operators must exercise, at all times, the necessary caution to have their boats under full control in the confined space of the harbor, and observe the rules of courtesy for smooth and unobstructed operation of the facilities.
13. **The dinghy ramp shall be used by day sail boats only. Cars may not be used to launch or pull out boats. A winch is provided for this service.**
14. Members are requested to notify the Harbour Master when leaving on an extended cruise, or if their well is to be vacant for an extended period.
15. Wells temporarily vacated are to be used by the Harbor Master at his/her discretion.
16. Guest yachts will be docked by the Harbour Master in available space under the terms of the first night free to affiliated yacht club members. Additional nights may be charged at the discretion of the Harbour Master. The overnight charge shall be determined and reviewed by the Board of Directors.
17. Members must take the wells "as is"
18. Members will not be permitted to dredge individual wells or install posts themselves. If a problem exists, members should notify the Harbor Master.
19. Masts stored over winter on the club property MUST have spreaders removed. These masts MUST be removed from the clubhouse area within thirty (30) days of launch day in the spring. Fines will be levied for failure to comply.

**Non-sailed boats and cradles or trailers MUST be removed from club property by June 1st each year unless special permission is obtained from the Board of Directors.**

# July 2008 Calendar

This is the calendar displayed on our Web site. For details on each entry, please click on *calendar* on the Web site at [www.southportsailingclub.com](http://www.southportsailingclub.com) (the links are not active in *Soundings* but details are included in the newsletter)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Calendar of Events	1	2 <a href="#">Series 2 Keelboat Racing</a>	3	4	5 <a href="#">Club BBQ and Card nite</a>	6 <a href="#">Grayson B &amp; M</a>
	7	8	9 <a href="#">Keelboat Racing - Men's Lunch</a>	10	11	12 <a href="#">LMYC Pelee cruise/race</a>
14 <a href="#">Executive Meeting 7:15 p.m.</a>	15	16 <a href="#">Keelboat Racing</a>	17	18	19 <a href="#">Club BBQ &amp; Card nite/CIYC Maple Leaf Regatta</a>	20 <a href="#">Halpin J &amp; L</a>
21	22	23 <a href="#">Keelboat Racing</a>	24	25	26	27 <a href="#">Helm, J &amp; Gallie K</a>
28	29	30 <a href="#">Keelboat Racing</a>	31			

## August Clubhouse Duties



August 2 to 9  
Laird, J & R

August 10 to 16  
Howarth, D & E

August 17 to 23  
Labonte, R & S

August 24 to 30  
Laforet, M  
Laforet, R

August 31 to Sept 6  
Langlois, E & E

Sept. 7 to 13  
Lehman V & L

Sept. 14 to 20  
Macdonald, F & C

## Mainstays

Ladies Wine & Cheese Evening by Marg Entwistle

What a lovely evening.. May 29, 2008 the weather was hand picked and thanks to Lyn Domney and John Bufton, nine ladies were able to enjoy not only the wine and goodies, but each other's company out on Lake St. Clair. Seeing Charmaine at the helm of a boat was another reward ! A pleasant social hour followed the cruise and ended a lovely evening. Thanks again gentleman..

## Clubhouse Duties



For 3 weeks there were no entries in the kitchen binder to confirm the clubhouse had been cleaned? Please complete the sheets with your time in order for your hours to be credited, and to let the Property Committee know cleaning has been carried out. Filling out the sheets also lets the next person know what has been done the prior week. Thank you !!

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Please use the Recycle Bins



We continue to find bottles and cans in the garbage bags and pails..our goal at SPSC is to help the environment ..

## Upcoming Cruises from John Bufton

### **Lasalle Mariners Yacht Club 14th Annual Pelee Island Regatta & Cruise Saturday, July 12th 2008.**

South Port SC members are invited to join LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club for their **14th Annual Pelee Island Regatta & Cruise**. Overnight Dockage at LMYC available on Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> for SPSC visitors.

All boats that pay an entry fee are reserved dockage and receive a free gift at the after Beach Party at the **Anchor & Wheel Inn**.

**Entry Fee \$30.00 (Cdn.) or \$30.00 (U.S.) Entry forms are in SPSC Clubhouse.**

Make cheque or money order payable to Lasalle Mariners Yacht Club.

Mail completed entry form and entry fee to:

Lasalle Mariners Yacht Club  
2640 Front Rd. Lasalle Ont. N9J 2N1



All entries must be in by July 5th, 2008 to guarantee your reserve dockage at Scudder Marina. Entries after this day cannot be guaranteed dockage! Scudder is very busy at this time of the year, and no additional slips will be available.

Start at mouth of Detroit River (off Bar Point) directly to the finish off Scudder Marina. Spinnaker class start 10:00am and JOG start 10:05am

Race Chairman: John Vandereerden L.M.Y.C. (519) 978-2898  
Co-Chair John Bufton S.P.S.C. (519) 979-1718

### **Cruise to Great Lakes Yacht Club St. Clair Shores, MI August 2-4**



Depart SPSC Saturday Aug 2nd –

- Enjoy GLYC hospitality (Saturday evening hors d'oeuvres, with late evening ice cream social)
- SPSC group Nautical Mile restaurant dinner planned
- sunbathe, enjoy the pool, barbecue facilities available
- shop on Jefferson (West Marine & Mike's Marine within walking distance!)
- return Sunday Aug. 3rd. or Monday August 4<sup>th</sup>
- GLYC overnight dockage fee US\$25.00 per boat.

Sign up sheet at the clubhouse or contact John Bufton 979-1718

## Volunteers Needed

**The furniture from the main room needs to be moved to the sun porch prior to the carpet and flooring installation on July 10-11. If you can assist with this job, please contact Peter Soles, Property Chair as soon as possible.**

**The Invitational Regatta Aug. 2-3 needs a clean up crew following the event. This includes emptying the blue boxes to the side drums, emptying all garbage bins and taking them to the dumpster as well as a quick clean up of the kitchen area. If you are available that evening or early morning, call Peter.**