



Soundings

Newsletter of South Port Sailing Club

September 2008

Sail for Hospice SPSC

September 6th 2008



Registration forms & Pledge sheets
now available in the clubhouse

Welcome new members

*Roger Jaarsma
& children
Laura and Emily
C & C 27 Entrophy*

*Jason Turpin
Hughes 25 Pelican*

*Lorne Seeger and Paula Dugas
& children*

*Brandon, Amanda & Wesley
Bayfield 25 (no name)*

*Information and photos to follow
in the next issue of Soundings..*

Welcome to South Port !!

39th Harvest Moon Regatta

**September 20th
2008**



Registration forms and further details available on the
South Port Sailing Club website

Message from the Commodore Lynn Baker

We have been very lucky this summer to have relatively high water levels... and some financial assistance with dredging from our neighbours down the creek. However inevitably a number of people have run aground or hit bottom in the channel.....probably in areas that have silted in after the dredging was complete.

There are a couple of initiatives now underway which could assist with water levels in future years. On September 9, 2008 Lakeshore Council will hear a proposal to form a new Council Committee...called the Lakeshore Marina Advisory Committee.

The mandate of the committee will be to advise council such issues as sediment control, ice management, navigation issues, and habitat protection in the five rivers of Lakeshore. ERCA and the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority will both be part of the committee.

With the support of Council, it will be easier to access provincial and federal funding for projects to keep all the waterways open and navigable with a goal of promoting tourism (boating, eco, etc) and outdoor recreation. Although South Port is based in Tecumseh, half the creek is in Lakeshore so naturally we have a strong interest. In addition there is a good probability we will be able to access some funding through ERCA for dredging next year.

It's great to see Jack Entwistle and Dave Robichaud back in good health following their health scares.

Our thoughts and condolences are with Ora Reid and her family on their loss of Bruce this week, as well as Pam, Mike and Jane Weber. As you will read on page 2 of this issue, Stew and his family were long time and hard working members of the Club. A remembrance to Bruce will appear in October Soundings. We will miss both long time members and wonderful gentlemen..

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing by Duncan Hind
Stewart Weber
1942—2008



Stewart joined SPSC in 1972, and within a year or two he became a board member acting as Treasurer for several years. He was instrumental in the fund raising and canvassing of members that was necessary to purchase the island, and build the clubhouse that we enjoy today. Stew raced weekly at South Port for many years, sailed in DRYA for close to 20 years, and competed in 12 Port Huron to Mackinac races. The sailing club for years was an important part of Stewart, Pam, Michael and Jane's summer activities. As Stew and I sat and reminisced several weeks ago, he asked me to say a few words at his service and try to keep it light..and to keep it funny. Then with a great smile on his face declared 'It was a Great Ride', referring to the 20 some years that we had sailed and curled as a team.

I first met Stew and Pam in the summer of 1972. They arrived at my parent's home on Pike Creek, interested in purchasing the family sailboat. I quickly drew their attention to the Shark Class sailboat sitting at the dock that Sharon and I had just bought. With 4 bunks and a sink..it seemed like a yacht ! Within days, Stew had his own Shark # 619 and the sailing began !

The following summer, the Hinds and Webers took off cruising to Put in Bay, with a brief stop at Middle Sister Island. Stew arrived first and was awarded the 'First Place Bottle of Beer'. This would be the first of many Trophies over the years to come.

After sailing the Shark for 6 years and winning the 'Shark of the Year' Award, it was time for a new boat. Stew purchased a Kirby 25 that he named *Go Train*. This was one of the new lightweights, designed to go fast. An extra crewman was needed, so I quickly volunteered. We soon found out just how fast this boat could be. While racing in a thunder storm on Lake Erie with the wind howling, we reached steady speeds of 16 knots with the spinnaker up for 20 to 30 minutes.

My most memorable moment on *Go Train* was during the first race of a 3 race regatta. Stewart was helming, we had just started in heavy winds when all of a sudden, we were hit broadside by another boat. Stew's eyes looked like saucers as I pushed the boats apart. His first comment was "Are we going to sink?" My reply "Not if we keep the boat heeled to Port" Once we got to shore, in the true NASCAR tradition, with an old piece of plexi-glass, pop rivets, bath tub sealer and a large roll of duct tape, we were back in action by morning and of course, won the next 2 races.

In 1980, Stew and I purchased our first boat together, a green Kirby 30, named *Mr. Green Jeans*. The name was appropriate and our kids loved it ! This was the first of 7 boats over a 20 year period ,and the start of team Hind/Weber. With winning, comes celebration and after a long successful day of racing in Detroit, a dinner was planned at one of the Yacht Clubs. At the end of the evening coffee was served, and someone pointed to Stew. There he was drinking out of the gravy boat !

We did a lot of celebrating and not just for racing. The Halpins, Hellenbarts, Hinds and Webers were all in the baby business at the same time. Every time a baby was born, it was off to the Webers till the wee hours of the morning, and when the Noakes had twins, we were served doubles !

Sailing was not limited to just racing. Stew, Pam, Jane and Michael would spend a week or two sailing in Lake Erie during the summer and once in the north Channel.

In the late 70's Stew, Pam and Sharon and I started curling together in a mixed league on Friday nights. I was curling in the men's league and convinced Stew to join us. We curled regularly for 8 to 10 years and were fortunate enough to be men's Champion's twice. When the children arrived, mixed curling became the weekly night out, with the babysitters lined up every week.

Late in June Stew dropped by our house unexpected. When I opened the door, he was standing there with his tackle box, 2 fishing rods, and a landing net. He wasn't going to need them anymore, and I knew then time was running out.

For me, sailing will never be the same, but the stories and memories will last forever.
As Stewart said "*It was a Great Ride* "

South Port Invitational August 2/3

Results

PHRF A

1st	Mike Salter	SPSC	Boomerang	B-25
2nd	Bill Noakes	SPSC	Ruffian	C & C 25
3rd	Tony Hebert	CIYC	Anarchy	Ultimate 20

PHRF B

1st	Noel Brockman	BRSC	Blue Jay	Viking 28
2nd	Wesley Arthur	SPSC	August West	C & C 30
3rd	Bill Robbins	Lakeview	Red Sky at Night	C & C 27 Mk 1V

PHRF C

1st	Dave Robichaud	SPSC	No Resistance 11	C & C 27 Mk 111
2nd	Frank Edgley	SPSC	Bulldog	Mirage 27
3rd	Chris Eagen	SPSC	Karookakoo	Tanzer 7.5

JOG

1st	Len Strahl	RYC	LionHeart 11	S2 10.3
2nd	Rene Brown	SPSC	Mai Toi	Mirage 33
3rd	Lyn Domney	SPSC	Kiwitea	Mirage 30

SHARK

1st	Moe Regnier	SPSC	Spongeworthy
2nd	Andrew Barlow	SPSC	Marmoset
3rd	Darcy Fuller	SPSC	Cheers

Thank you to all the skippers and crew who participated in the 2008 Invitational.
We hope to see you back for the Harvest Moon Regatta on September 20th
For further information go to our Website www.southportsailingclub.com



Photos - Rene Brown
Left - Heading to R 6
Right - Presentations
Commodore-Lynn Baker
Race chair- Chris Eagen



At a Members suggestion, we will start listing changes to the roster to include changes in email, addresses, telephone numbers, new boat purchases and changes in Membership status. *This will appear on the hard copy of Soundings only on the calendar page, not the issue that appears on the website.* Changes in membership status are announced at the executive meetings, but if there are changes to any of the other items above, please call Jackie or email robtim@cogeco.ca and copy the Roster keeper, Lyn Turner at turnerlyn@mdirect.net Email addresses change, and people move..
Let us know where you are !

CRUISE NEWS from Jack Entwistle

The cruising seasons continues to be successful with visits to the Great Lakes Y.C. and Belle River in the month of August.

On August 2nd seven boats made the trip across the lake to G.L.Y.C. and one group travelled by road to make a party of 23 people for dinner at the adjacent Andiamo's Restaurant. After dinner we were made welcome to an Ice Cream Social back at the Great Lakes Clubhouse. Some sailor's returned to S.P.S.C. on Sunday with the remaining boats staying over till Monday to enjoy the pool and stroll the "Nautical Mile" to the marine stores. All in all it was a very enjoyable weekend thanks to Cruise leader's John & Sue Bufton.

The Belle River evening cruise and barbecue was held on August 16th with nine boats making the trip and 2 groups by road for a total of 44 people. The event became quite interesting when we tried to share the small Picnic Shelter with 30 sailors from the Catalina Sailing Club from the Clinton River. The Catalina Group had a Toga Party so it became quite amusing to watch all their gyrations and games. I would like to thank Alan Shearn for his invaluable help at the Barbeque and my wife Margaret who made sure that all the small details were attended to. A great time was had by all.

Great Lakes Cruise August 2, 2008 photos Tim & Denise Aseltine and Dave & Nora Walton





Mainstays from Sue Bufton & Sue Balfe
 Charmaine Soutar's annual mermaid party August 21st was as usual, a resounding success. The pizza delivery man acted as photographer and provided us with this record of the gathering. Margaret Entwistle entertained all by reading minutes of proceedings from 1979. Apparently some things never change. Thanks for a great evening Charmaine! We are told members should start setting items aside for the 35th Anniversary Garage Sale coming in the Spring 2009. The next Mainstays meeting is a Pot luck dinner Tuesday September 9th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish. All Ladies welcome especially new Members !



September 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 (the links are not active in *Soundings* but details are included in the newsletter)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3 Keelboat Racing	4	5	6 RACE FOR HOSPICE - Games & Card Nite	7 KEELBOAT Racing/Lehman V & L
8 Executive Meeting 7:15 p.m.	9 Mainstays Pot Luck 6:30 p.m.	10 Men's Lunch	11	12	13	14 FINAL Keelboat RACE/Macdonald F & C
15	16	17	18	19	20 HARVEST MOON REGATTA	21 Malone R & T
22 First Day of Fall	23	24	25	26	27 Games & Card nite	28 Rivest D & E
29	30					

October Clubhouse Duties



Sept. 28-Oct. 4
Rivest, D & E

Oct. 5-11
Martin, J & S

Oct. 12-18
Masse, R & Lair, G

Oct. 19-25
Mclean F & L

Oct. 26-Nov 1
Souliere, D & I

Nov. 2-8
Mogyorody, K & C

If you are unable to carry out your week, please contact Peter Soles to arrange for a volunteer to replace you ! Please fill out the work sheets in the Kitchen Binder .
Thank you



OOPS !



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A clip from *Windsong to Sea* - Part 5 - The Gaspé to Sydney

One of the facts of cruising is that you have to make life or death decisions before your morning coffee. The next morning I made a really bad one. The marine forecast covered such a huge area that it took a good 10 minutes to read through. It was repeated twice in English and twice in French. If you missed your area of the forecast it could be a half an hour before you would hear it again. As you may have guessed, I missed my forecast. Everywhere else in the Maritimes had west winds 15-25 knots shifting NW and dying. This would allow me to broad reach across Baie Chaleur to New Brunswick then the wind shift would give me a lift so I would be on a beam reach as I hardened up to follow the New Brunswick coast to Miramichi Bay. It was going to be a long day, with few options for running for cover, but the conditions looked good, so I unfurled the genny and went for it.

As my coffee took effect and my thoughts began to crystallize, the first thing I noticed was that I was sailing on a beam reach. This did not bode well for heading up when I reached New Brunswick. I reefed twice as the seas grew to nine feet and the winds built to gale force. I hankered down in the cockpit while the ship rolled 30° to each side. When I turned the forecast on again, I discovered that I was in the only place in the entire Maritimes with a gale warning. At this point I was three quarters of the way across the bay. I was sure that if I pressed on, having New Brunswick to windward would make the wind and waves die down. It was uncomfortable, but with a little patience, I could get through this.

New Brunswick was so low and flat that it did not appear until we were nearly on top of it. The flat land had no effect on the wind. It did make the waves fall to four to six feet but the water shallowed and they became much steeper. I furled the genny down to a jib before hardening up. Sheeting in with all of my strength could only get us to point 60°. The rail started to go under and the jerry can on the leeward side was washed overboard despite its lashings. Fortunately, it remained tied to the boat so I was able to drag it back aboard and throw it into the cockpit. The genny was not a storm sail, and it looked ready to burst. The whole boat was shuddering as she crashed into the waves and sent spray across the entire deck. At least Baie Chaleur had lived up to its name and was warm. Still, I didn't know how long the ship and I could withstand this kind of punishment.

My best bet looked to be Shippegan. It was another 15 miles, the bridge was only 47 feet high, and the water was shallow. I wasn't sure I could make it through the entrance in these conditions, and besides I couldn't point high enough to get there. The only option with deep water and no bridge was Miramichi Bay 50 miles away on the same point of sail. If I tried to bear off to a comfortable angle, I could perhaps make it to Prince Edward Island, also 50 miles away. Shippegan was a lousy option but it seemed like the only reasonable one. I decided to start the engine and pound straight into the wind to close the land to try to get out of the seas and get a better sailing angle for Shippegan.

That's when all hell began to break loose...

Go to the Website to find out what happened !!



The full story of Windsong to Sea Part 5 with colour photos is now available on Jamie's Website

<http://www./wincom.net/~jhalpin/Windsong.htm>

or go the South Port website under Forum "Sailors Abroad" click on Windsong and then the link

The website will document his trip and includes a chart showing his position.



**2008 Sailing School Instructors
left to right**

**Jyllian Lyppman
RJ Robbins
Darcy Fuller
Mike Baker
Luc Hartman**

Canadian Olympic Regatta Kingston

From Lynn Baker

More than 430 boats from around the world participated in the Canadian Olympic-training Regatta (CORK) in Kingston at the Portsmouth Olympic Harbor. This multiclass sailing regatta held off the shore of Kingston is the largest fresh-water regatta in the world. It's been a few years since the last batch of dinghy sailors went to CORK... but this year the tradition came back!

With Mike Baker along for organization, encouragement and coaching... instructors Darcy Fuller, Jyllian Lyppman, Robbins and Bronze 5 sailor Brandon Yuen packed up after the last day of sailing school and hit the road for Kingston. They hauled two 420's and a coach boat, while The Gesings (photo left) also competed in this Regatta with their 505.

There were three days of good wind...and a big 420 class - 57 in all. Competition came from all over North America.

Darcy and Jyllian wound up in a very impressive 10th place ! RJ and Brandon...who have never sailed in a Regatta before came out in 27th... a great showing for a first venture to CORK.. Adam and Renka placed 12th in the 505 Class. Congratulations !



The Gesings heading out with their 505

Volunteer your time

**Doing nothing is very tiring
Because you can't stop for a rest !**



***Dragon Boat Team 'A Breast or Knot'
Paddling for the Cure***



The boat paddled by the team out of South Port was decorated and entered in the Tecumseh Corn Fest Parade known as "The Largest Small Town Parade".

***The ladies are entered to race the 500 metre in Stratford September 13
Good Luck !***



Nautical Quote

A tourist remains an outsider throughout his visit ; but a sailor is part of the local scene from the moment he arrives..
Author Anne Davison

**Card & Games Nights
September 6 & 27**

7:30 p.m.



Everyone welcome..

Contact Lorne & Rita Mann
for further information

Men's Lunch

2nd. Wednesday
of every Month



John Novak for details

519-735- 3737

South Port Tees available



Men's & Ladies
S-M-L

\$10.00 each

To order

e mail Jackie at robtim@cogeco.ca

pick up at the club or delivered

Final Day of Sailing School 2008



LaSalle Mariners Fighting Island Regatta August 23, 2008

Results

A Fleet	Bill Noakes	Ruffian	7th
B Fleet	Joe Davidson	Dynamo Humm	1st
C Fleet	Darcy Fuller	Cheers	1st
	Mo Regnier	Spongeworthy	2nd
JOG	Rene Brown	Mai Toi	1st

37 Boats participated in the Regatta.

Congratulations South Port Skippers and crews for bringing home the flags again this year !

