



Soundings

South Port Sailing Club Monthly Newsletter



Paul Ramey,
Commodore

What's In the Soundings?

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From Louis, Social Chair

As a precaution, all social events at the club have been cancelled or postponed for the foreseeable future. Clubhouse rentals are also cancelled until things settle down. Please be safe and we will see you again when we get the all clear. Louise

From Erin, Property Chair

Water level predictions are improving.. You can keep track here.

<https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Monthly-Bulletin-of-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>

A Message from Commodore, Paul Ramey

This section of the April Soundings was to be a feature by Fred Eagen our Harbour master. He feels, given the unusual circumstances we find ourselves in it would best if I as commodore submit this section.

As you know the situation is constantly changing. We as the executive are attempting to plan the upcoming sailing season keeping in mind the safety of all concerned. You have received a notice from Fred regarding this year's plan for launch, summarized below. Assuming we can still launch our boats on that date. We have also closed the clubhouse for the foreseeable future. We don't have the resources to keep the club clean enough to combat the spread of the virus.

The executive will keep the membership informed as circumstances change. Be well and keep safe. Paul

The tentative launch date is April 25th starting at 7:30 am depending on the status of the COVID 19 emergency. To make this day successful the following has to be done prior to April 25th:

- Make sure your engine will start, run and is installed if necessary.
- Make sure all thru-hull fittings are closed.
- The life lines need to be loose.
- Guide lines should be hanging down.

To minimize the social interaction due to COVID 19 risks and expedite the launch process this year, only the launch crew will be working with the boats in the parking lot. When your boat hits the water, you should hop aboard and move it to your well. Someone will be on the dock to catch your boat and help you initially tie off. You can then take the time to secure your boat and ensure that everything is safe. Again, please minimize the number of people on your boat and on the docks in accordance with the social distancing recommendation.

If your boat is located south of the RC boat, please be at the club at 7:30am for launch. If your boat is located north of the RC boat, you should arrive for launch at 10am. There will not be any refreshments or lunch served this year. Please bring what you will need. Please keep in mind social distancing when you are waiting for your launch turn.

If there are any members that would like to opt out of this year's season, please let me know immediately as other arrangements will need to be made. Also if you cannot make it on launch day or are not comfortable with being around others at this time, please contact me.

As for your cradle, a small crew is needed on Sunday to fold and store the cradles. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. If you want to fold your own cradle, please do so on Sunday morning.

This year is a difficult one and poses a lot of challenges for the Harbour Committee. Please follow the guidelines described above. If you have any questions or are concerned that you will not be able to complete what was requested, please contact me. It will make a world of difference to the small crew dedicated to getting all of our boats launched safely this year! **This is a tentative plan for launch. We will keep you posted as the day approaches.** Fred

From Marie, Editor

In our community of sailors and friends, if you need help or support in any way please contact me. I am available as I am sure others are. 519-259-3261



Passing of Jim Balfe 1947 - 2019

Jim and Sue joined South Port in 1980 sailing a 'Nonsuch' and in later years moved to an 'HR 25'. He was an avid sailor, cyclist and motorcyclist. An active member of the club, Jim was always up for social events and a cruising weekend. He was elected Commodore in 1994. A Chartered Accountant by profession, he assisted with the club auditing for several years. The members send their condolences to Sue, his children Jennifer and Kate, his 4 grandchildren and family in the U.K.

Monthly Events

March 26 – Apr 4th: Clubhouse interior is being painted

Apr 25th: Launch

Important Links:

Calendar <https://www.southportsailingclub.com/calendar.html>

Website <https://www.southportsailingclub.com/>

Notices



LAUNCH April 25!

SAILABRATION - June 7th



We are a community to help. Let us know if you need anything at this difficult time! Call 519-259-3261



Our Club is a blessing to be cherished by all. It has always been open for members to use. When COVID 19 passes, please remember to clean up your kitchen mess and recycle your garbage.



April and May Calendar

Month	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 2020	29 Cancelled - no duties	30	31	1 Summer dockage forms due	2	3	4
	5 Robbins, RJ	6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10	11
Apr 2020	12 Brown, S	13 Easter Monday	14	15	16	17	18
	19 Soles, J	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25 LAUNCH 2020
	26 Cowan, G	27	28	29	30	1 May Day	2
	3 Brown, R&L	4	5 7pm-9pm SPSC Book Chat	6	7	8	9
May 2020	10 Mother's Day Mutas, B	11	12	13	14	15	16 2020 SHAKEDOWN
	17 Pearson, J	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
	24 Baker, A	25	26	27	28	29	30