



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
Jan/Feb 2024

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Commodore
Pam Morley Cooke

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday ! We are another month closer to launching our boats.

Our annual Membership Meeting will take place March 26th and we would love to see you come out to hear from your committee chairs on their goals for this year. We welcome any ideas or feedback you would like to share.

Invoices have been sent out by Canada Post. Please get these back to us in a timely fashion so we can ensure good cash flow through the spring, allowing us to properly fund planned projects.

Exciting news - we are in the process of getting a new website. We are working with WIX who is a website provider. Last year, a committee was created, and we have been working on the site for over 6 months. The committee members are, me, Matt Draisey, Jeff Kepran, Amanda Hunter and John Marentette.

The website will have a new look and feel, and will be easier to edit. It will allow multiple people to update, so it does not all fall on one person. A shout out to Matt Draisey who is the current webmaster, and will continue in this position. More information to come on this.

The 'soup cook off' Happy Hour is taking place this Friday the 2nd followed by the SPSC vs WYC hockey game Saturday the 3rd. Come out and cheer for our team.



Member Spotlight - Rick Souliere

I have been a member of South Port since 2018. Music has always meant a lot to me, and that is where the name Tupelo Honey comes from on my C&C 24. It just fit the boat. The classic Van Morrison song of the same name. When I listen to a great song, it almost feels as good to me as sailing (not quite) so I like the idea of associating music and sailing.

Besides sailing, I play bass guitar and sing in a rock and roll band called The Red Leafs. My chill out time is listening to music or playing the guitar. I am not a big sports fan, but I do cheer for the Leafs !

Annual Members Meeting

March 26th
Main Room 7:00 pm



SPSC vs WYC
Hockey Game & Food Drive
This weekend Feb 3rd
5:00 - 6:00 pm WFCU

Tentative
2024 Launch Date
April 20th

Notice to Membership Club By Laws

The By Laws & Articles of Incorporation have been updated and include the Safe Sport Policy, meeting the requirements of the ONCA. They will be filed with the Ontario Government prior to October 18, 2024. They include a separate section outlining the club Rules, Regulations & Policies.

Since the By Laws are available on the club website, the revised copy will not be mailed out. However, there will be a hard copy available in the foyer of the clubhouse on the white shelving unit for your reference if needed, and an extra copy in the office.

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Calendar of Events February 2024

Clubhouse duties



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	McGhie, C 29			1	Happy Hour 2	SPSC vs WYC Hockey Game Clubhouse Rental 3
4	Davidson, J 5	Executive Meeting 6	7	8	9	10
11	Baker, A 12	13	14	15	16	17
18	Aseltine, T 19	20	21	22	23	24
25	Ormslaw, W 26	27	28	29		

DRYA WINTER SEMINAR SCHEDULE JANUARY 2024 THROUGH MARCH 2024 WEDNESDAYS 7pm-9pm



DATE	#	TITLE	SPEAKER	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
10-Jan	1	Yachting First Aid	Dr. Marc Rosenthal	TOMPKINS	First Aid on the Water
17-Jan	2	Weather	Bob Blau	GPYC	Weather Tips for Sailors
24-Jan	3	Community Sailing in Detroit	Dir. Harry Jones	BYC	Detroit Community Sailing Program Highlights
31-Jan	4	Boat Radio Electronics & its Proper Use	Dr. Don Fiander	GLYC	Proper Use of Your Boat Radio
7-Feb	5	Radio Calling & Boat Safety Equipment	Tim McGuire	NSSC	Boat Safety Equipment & Radio Usage
14-Feb	6	VALENTINE'S DAY: NO SEMINAR			
21-Feb	7	Small Boat Transatlantic Crossing	Karl Aavik	BYC	Sailing a 36 ft Boat to Europe
28-Feb	8	Preparing to Win a Mackinac Race	Wally Cross	CSYC	Wally Cross Presents Winning Strategies
6-Mar	9	CPR 6pm start	Lisa Nieves	GPFBC	Limited 6-15 max. \$75 Cash or Check paid at the Door.
13-Mar	10	DRYA Scoring	Mike McGuire	TBD	Outline of DRYA Scoring System
20-Mar	11	2024 US Sailing Rules Seminar	Matt Bounds	GPYC	Presented by US Sailing Judge Matt Bounds
27-Mar	12	A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes	Ellen Kennedy	NCYC	Cultural/Historical impact of Piracy on the Great Lakes

Racing John Marentette

I hope everyone is enjoying their winter. Whether it is going south to warmer climates, or staying home and braving the cold here, I hope you find lots of things to do.

For me, *Spitfire* is in the shop getting a much-needed facelift. It has given me lots to do, both fibreglassing, filling and sanding (and repeat), and also inspecting and rebuilding all of her hardware. Winter is "maintenance season" for me.

We have listed preliminary dates for the SPSC regattas on the website. Please have a look and let me know if you see any obvious conflicts? I am meeting with the other Essex County clubs to finalize our calendars soon.

I want to thank all the members that came out to the Racing Social on 25Jan. Besides being a great time meeting folks that I have not seen for a while, we had some good discussion on a variety of topics around racing.

Some other small racing projects in the works:

- Adding solar-LED lights to our racing marks. I hope that this will make our racing after-dark less intimidating for all.
- Installing a much-needed Lake St Clair chart in the clubhouse, for easy reference for both cruisers and racers.
- Long-term plan for the "Trillium" RC boat. A small committee has been formed to make suggestions. If you have a thought on this topic, please let me know?

Hang in there – Spring is just around the corner!

Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart

With the nice weather we are now having, we should start thinking about working on the boats and summer sailing.

The proposed Launch date has been scheduled for April 20th.



The request for wells will be going out in the next few weeks, to be returned by April 1st, allowing us to work on the well assignments

Social Committee

Welcome to 2024 ! Let's start the year off with a warm bowl of soup and some good friends. Please join us at the club Friday, February 2nd for the years first HAPPY HOUR. If you would like to enter a pot of soup for tasting, you could win a fun prize!

As the year progresses we will have many more fun events for you to participate in, so keep an eye out for upcoming announcements.

Mark your calendars now for June 16th - It's our annual summer kick off party. This years Sail A Bration will be Jimmy Buffet themed ! Fins up !

Hope to see you around the club.



