



# “Sounding

The newsletter  
of South Port  
Sailing Club

June 2002

## Commodore's Corner :

Congratulations and thanks to all those who either attended or helped organize this year's Sailabration. We had a great day, great weather, good food and good company. More detailed thanks are elsewhere in this issue, but thanks particularly to Laura Lehman and her Group for organizing the food and feeding the multitude who attended. Also thanks to all those members who helped entertaining the children.

John Bufton deserves credit for risking his pride and joy as a floating wine distribution centre. The Commodore also thanks those who generously cooled the wine team off while out on the Lake. SPSC is grateful to Father Larry Brunette for blessing both the food and our Fleet.

Our best wishes go to Irene East, a Founding Member, who is passing on some of her duties as Roster and Archivist.

**Race Responsibilities.**—SPSC prides itself on encouraging skills in sailing while maintaining safety of all participants. However skippers must always remember that in inclement weather, or when inclement weather threatens, particularly where there is visible lightning, it is the responsibility of the individual captain and crew to decide whether to sail on the Lake.

The Race Committee can elect to delay or cancel a race due to weather risks at their discretion, after which any boat venturing out is not racing or supported by SPSC. The Racing Chair, currently Ken Blyth, is available for consultation and opinion by the Race Officer if this is requested.

Safety is a priority.

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## 2002 Shark Canadian Championships at South Port, July 21

As SPSC did such a fantastic job hosting the Shark Canadians in both 2000 and 2001, the fleet is making the road trip to Windsor for a third consecutive year. As always, a regatta of this size requires a lot of coordination and support from the membership.

People are needed to help out with Race Committee duties, Protest Committee duties, keeping the troops fed and hydrated, finding dockage and arranging billeting. We are expecting a reasonably large turnout as the Canadians is the last regatta before the Shark World Cup gets underway on August 4. If you can help out with the social efforts, please let Jane McArthur know (258-7660). If you would like to help out with the racing efforts or are willing to offer our guests accommodations on board a boat or in your home, please let Ian Dawson know (944-3728).

Finally, if you know that your well will or can be vacant between the afternoon of July 19 and the afternoon of July 21, please let Andrew Barlow (258-7660) know so we can arrange dockage for our visitors.

**“Soundings” plans to go to press by the 20th of each month. Get your news, notes, or announcements to John Bufton (Email; [bufton@mnsi.net](mailto:bufton@mnsi.net) or phone (519) 979-1718**

- We're always looking for interesting items about the club, its members and friends, or sailing in general; don't be shy, we need your contribution !

**South Port's Executive Team 2001/2**

Commodore Robert Smith  
Vice Commodore Ian Dawson  
Rear Commodore/ Membership Committee Chair Al Finch  
Sailing School Committee Chair Paul Bowsher  
Social Committee Chair Laura Lehmann  
Cruise Committee Chair Bob Layfield  
Race Committee Chair Ken Blyth  
Property Committee Chair Bob Linton  
Harbour Committee/ Harbourmaster Andrew Barlow  
Secretary Brenda Petro  
Treasurer Bill Noakes

**Property Notes Bob Linton Chair****Cradles**

We currently have five members who will be ordering new cradles from Marine Cradle Shop in Markham. If you want to join this group please contact Len Webber who is negotiating the best deal

**Mainstays****Susan Bufton Chair**

The Mainstays enjoyed a pleasant outdoor barbecue for their meeting on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

The handsome quilt hanging in the Clubhouse, was designed and made by Sue Balfe with help from the Mainstays. We are holding a members' only raffle for the quilt. If you want to buy a draw ticket, please contact one of us. The tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The draw will be at our pot luck dinner on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and tickets will be on sale until then. We are selling the tickets to club members only as we would like to know that the quilt will be enjoyed by a sailing family. All funds raised will help a Club project, as yet to be decided.

**Cruising Notes****Bob Layfield Chair**

Lake Erie cruise leaving South Port July 8. returning in about 2 weeks. Everyone is welcome ,come out and join the fun, there is a sign up sheet in the club

Our cruise to North Star Sail Club saw 8 boats sail/motor, with some boats crossing over on Friday and stopping at Metro Beach en route to North Star . We sailed home on Sunday in light airs, so some motoring was necessary. Happy Hours at North Star and South Port were great and we enjoyed a good meal Saturday evening at Pier III Restaurant. A beer run was made via the Bill Davidson beer taxi, and Bill and Jean joined us for dinner Saturday evening . A good time was had by all.



### **Forthcoming Events**

Annual Long Cruise July 8/20 (Lake Erie!)  
SPSC hosts Shark Canadian Championships July 20/21  
SPSC Open House/Open Boats July 28

#### **Open Boat Sunday – July 28<sup>th</sup> - 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

A reminder that the Mainstays are organizing an open house to show our club and our boats to the public. It is a chance to let people know more about our club and hopefully attract some new members and also to publicize the Sailing School.

It is also an opportunity for you to take a look at other boats in the club and get some ideas for improvements, or perhaps you are thinking of changing your boat. Also get to know some more members.

Tickets will be \$10 per adult, or \$20 for a family. Refreshments will be included. Please help this day to be a success by offering to open your boat to visitors. A mat will be provided to each participating boat to ensure clean shoes to prevent any damage. Streamers will indicate participating boats. There will be a sign up sheet in the Clubhouse or phone Judy Finch by July 20<sup>th</sup> if you wish to join in.

### **Racing Notes**

Volunteers Needed! If anyone would like to participate and earn work hours, please contact Margaret Entwistle, Ian Dawson or Jane McArthur for the upcoming Shark Regatta July 20th & 21st.

On June 15th and 16th a handful of sharks attended the Ontario Provincials in Hamilton. 27 boats competed, and after two days of racing, the South Port team of Mo Regnier, Hal Ebert and Graham Andrews won the regatta. Congratulations!

#### **Social Chair Sailabration**

On Sunday, June 2nd over 164 members and their families and guests came out to soak up the sun, have their boats blessed and enjoy a wonderful feast. Such a superb party could not have been possible without the many volunteers. Thanks go to Father Larry from St. Anne's Church in Tecumseh for our traditional blessing of the fleet, Bruce Reid for providing the wine, David Colborne for entertaining our little ones with games, the O'Brien family for setting up the slippery slide, and the many fabulous ladies of South Port who out did themselves with distinctive side dishes; salads and desserts! In the kitchen, Stefanie Anderson and Jeff Labonte washed all the dishes. Thanks to Doreen Bauld for helping me get everything organized. For the many others that came out for that day and helped out, it was very much appreciated.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Clubhouse duties P &amp; D Soles R &amp; J Somerville</i>	2 <i>Dinghy Series 2 Race 4</i>	3 <i>Series 2 Race 2 J Shaw</i>	4	5	6
7 <i>Clubhouse duties D &amp; I Soullier B &amp; G Steel</i>	8 <i>Long Cruise to Lake Erie</i>	9 <i>EXECUTIVE MEETING Dinghy Series 3 Race 1</i>	10 <i>Series 2 Race 3 I Dawson MENS LUNCH</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>Clubhouse duties D &amp; G Stephenson S &amp; W Stratton</i>	15	16 <i>Dinghy Series 3 Race 2</i>	17 <i>Series 2 Race 4 P Soles</i>	18	19	20 <i>SHARK CANADIAN REGATTA AT SPSC</i>
21 <i>Clubhouse duties W &amp; S Stridiron D &amp; M Watson</i>	22	23 <i>Dinghy Series 3 Race 3</i>	24 <i>Series 2 Race 5 B Layfield</i>	25	26	27
28 1pm-4pm <i>OPEN BOAT DAY Clubhouse duties A Szekely, B Utley J &amp; K Watson</i>	29	30 <i>Dinghy series 3 Race 4</i>	31 <i>Series 2 Race 6 K Mogyorody</i>			