



Soundings

Newsletter of the South Port Sailing Club

July 2005

Steelback Shark World Cup

On Friday 1st July South Port started welcoming competitors in the 40th Annual Shark World Cup Regatta. Please note the following:

- Because there will be a lot of RVs, trailers and a BIG tent in the parking lot, there won't be much space for cars. Volunteers are encouraged to car pool whenever possible...or park somewhere legal off site. On Sunday, opening day, parking will be allowed on Brighton Road, but only on the Sunday.
- If you're moved your boat to leave a well free for competitors and need a lift back home, contact Mo Regnier.
- Meals will be served to competitors on most days as part of their registration. Volunteers will be fed only on the days they work.
- Members wishing to attend the Closing Ceremony and Awards Banquet will be able to buy a meal ticket for \$25.00. This is a catered meal - that's our cost. Please let Manjit Shaw know in advance if you are planning to attend. We want to make sure there's enough food.

Thanks to all members for their patience and support leading up to and during the regatta. We know that all SPSC members will be proud of what they have been able to offer in the way of a world-class regatta.



Stuffing worlds grab bags at the Dawson's, June 24th



Phil Peck & Bill Noakes hoist the new club burgee at Sail-a-bration. See page 4 for more photos.

Inside

Canada Remembers	2
In Memoriam: Mary Jane Miernicke	2
Commodore's Corner	3
Harbourmaster Report	4
Cruising Notes	4
Sail-a-bration	4
C-Course regatta	5
July Calendar	6

Canada Remembers, by Jackie Timothy



Jackie Timothy and her father, Leonard Timothy, at remembrance ceremonies in May.

It has been 60 years since the war ended in Europe, and this year “Canada Remembers” our veterans, those who returned and those who gave their lives. My own father, who is now 84, fought in the Italian Campaign from 1943 to 1945. This was one of the longest and most fierce struggles, with our Canadian soldiers at the centre of it. Those young men and women from across Canada became exporters of peace and freedom when they joined the Canadian Forces. Some 100,000 served in Sicily and elsewhere in Italy during this campaign. Almost 20,000 of those men and women were wounded, and nearly 6,000 gave their lives. World War II started in 1939 and ended in 1945. For many of the veterans who returned to Holland and Italy for the services this past year, it was a very emotional time.

They left their homes and families to stand up for what Canada as a country believed. They went to war to stop aggressive nations, not to fight for power, influence, or territory. They served because they believed that everyone has a right to freedom, truth, justice, knowledge and peace. Because of them, the belief in freedom and fundamental human rights for all people, is a part of our everyday lives. For many of us, conflict is something that happens somewhere else, far away, and we will never know the experiences of war.

Throughout Canada, dinners and luncheons and memorial services to honour these Canadians are being held. These are to remind us “never to forget” the contributions of those in World Wars I and II and Korea who fought so valiantly. It was their courage and bravery that gave us the freedom and liberties

we enjoy today. Teach your young children about the sacrifices and achievements of all Canadian veterans. Take them to the ceremony at your local cenotaph each year. The only way to repay them is through remembrance.

If you or a family member fought for the freedom we enjoy today, please send their name to Jackie Timothy by email (robtim@cogeco.ca). South Port Sailing Club “will remember” in a future issue of Soundings.

In Memoriam Mary Jane Miernicke

Unfortunately, and quite unexpectedly, South Port lost one of its long time members early last month. Mary Jane Miernicke suffered a heart attack and passed away in the afternoon of the 3rd day of June. The wife of late SPSC member Leo Miernicke, Mary Jane joined South Port in 1979, where she and her



husband became enthusiastic supporters of and competitive participators in the sailing and racing community. Having recently lost Leo to cancer, Mary Jane had endeavoured over the past few years to restore Mariana, their C&C 30', to its past glory. She had hoped to campaign Mariana over the upcoming sailing seasons in memory of her husband. Although she was ultimately unable to see the end results of this painstaking process, her effort and dedication is clearly evident in the present condition of her boat. Indeed Mariana may now serve as a tribute to both Leo and Mary Jane Miernicke together. We are deeply saddened to lose Mary Jane, who for many years was a smiling and friendly face around SPSC and within the St. Clair Beach community —she will be truly missed by the SPSC family and those who came to know and love her.

Wesley Arthur



Commodore's Corner, from Phil Peck

"How should our commodore look?" some members asked; i.e. what should I wear. Specifically, what should I wear at the opening ceremony for the Shark World Cup? Initially, the idea was to have the SPSC commodore look like a dapper ship captain - a blue blazer with a bold club crest on the breast pocket, well pressed grey flannels and a crisp commodore's cap. Problem is, hey, first you had to work with me, the guy who's happiest in the shorts and T-shirt. Time for a compromise.

"It will be a hot July afternoon," I argued. "I would be melting in a blue blazer and grey flannels." Good point, they conceded. The compromise: a clean white shirt with a club crest. I could work with that.

I was persuaded to get a commodore's hat, which it turns out is easier said than done. Lots of yacht club commodores have hats; it must be simple to get one. After questioning a few former SPSC commodores, the most helpful response was you can get them at a uniform shop in the Detroit area.

I asked commodores from the DRYA. The best clue was this answer: "You can get them at (blank) the Tailor." Try finding a store when you don't even have a name. Well, I can report this success, thanks to the helpful woman at the Bayview Yacht Club. *Douglas the Tailor Uniforms* is at 28561 Gratiot Ave in Roseville Michigan (It's north of the I-696 and 11 Mile Rd), in case you ever need to buy a commodore's hat. They don't have them in stock, they stock the parts and you can wait while they assemble the parts, or you can drive back to Roseville to pick up your hat, later.

So, if you see somebody at the Club looking slightly uncomfortable in the Commodore's hat, that's me. Say something nice about the hat, won't you.

Meanwhile, I have to tell you about an idea that our rear commodore John Shaw had about the commodore's hat. He suggested that it be passed from one commodore to his successor, in a manner similar to the way we pass on the commodore's flag. Good idea and maybe while we're passing the hat everyone can throw in spare change to pay for it!. Just kidding...tip of the Commodore's hat to you and happy sailing!

Welcome new members

- Paul Domney - 613 St. Charles St., Belle River N0R 1A0; 796-9824
- Stephen & Karen Zsargo - 1664 Fieldcrest Lane, Tecumseh N8N 4Z8; 735-0939
- Mike Dolson/Margo McGeorge - 210 Flanders Rd., Lakeshore N8N 3G3; 739-0793 bus 973-7400
- Bruce & Marianne Grayson - 389 Edgewater, Tecumseh N8N 2G9; 739-3266 bus 416-272-1515
- Glynis Lair/Chris McGuire - 158 First St., PO Box 197, Belle River N0R 1A0; 728-4086



Happy birthday, Andrew! Laura and Vince Lehmann hold their son Andrew, who was born 28 June 2004. A contender for the next Shark Worlds?

Soundings

is the newsletter of the
South Port Sailing Club

210 Brighton Rd.
Tecumseh, ON N8N 2L3
979.7772

www.southportsailingclub.on.ca

We attempt to go to press by the 20th of each month. Please get your contributions to:

Renka Gesing
254.5015

renka@gesingconsultants.com

from the Harbourmaster, Jamie Halpin

Dredging of the entrance channel and F-Dock was completed in the first few weeks of June. The dredging was successful and considerably less expensive than anticipated. Paul Hotte really went the extra mile in convincing ERCA to allow us to dredge F-dock early so that the harbour would be back to normal in time for the Shark Worlds.

We were forced to make the channel slightly narrower than usual to keep the cost down and there are still a few lumps that need to be smoothed out. The lumps should be taken care of by the end of the month. I would like to thank Jim Halpin for all of the hours he put in supervising the operation.

Cruising notes, from Margaret Entwistle

Even though the official Peche Island Cruise was cancelled, a small group anchored off the island for Happy Hour and continued the repast until dusk. We were joined by the new boat purchased by Brian Labute, who sailed over from WYC with Fran & Dave Webb and Bob Shore. This was the end of a very long episode of unforeseen events, which you will have to ask them to relate. The end result was a good party, good company and gorgeous weather.

What we learned was, regardless if something is or not officially organised a few people just get together and do your own thing. There are too few weekends in the summer, so lets make the most of them. Three boats and you have a group!!

Sail-a-bration, 5 June: The chase after the wine bottle



C Course Regatta, by Phil Peck

For over 30 years, South Port Sailing Club has hosted one of the races in the Detroit River Yacht-racing Association's (DRYA) series. The 31th edition of the SPSC 'C' Course Regatta was run on Saturday June 18.

Each year, it's the duty of the SPSC rear commodore to be race committee. In addition to providing a committee boat for the Race Management Committee from DRYA, the rear commodore arranges for food for the large group of people who help run the regatta.

This year, the duty of race committee (R-C) was aptly handled by Rear Commodore Lyn Domney. (That's means the R-C was our R-C.) Lyn arranged for Jim Balfe to take Horse Feathers to work as a lured mark boat with help from Bob Young. Lyn also

enlisted the help of past, present and future Commodores (Al Finch, Phil Peck, John Shaw) to help on the RC boat along with his Son, Paul, a crewing member at SPSC. Lyn's wife Jan volunteered her expertise in the preparation of a variety of sandwiches and suggested the refreshments.

Lyn and crew set out from SPSC at 8 am, travelled to Bayview Yacht Club, picked up the DRYA committee and their gear before going to the starting line of the regatta. More than two dozen boats showed up to race, including three Sharks from SPSC.

After the races, Lyn dropped off the committee members at Bayview and headed back to South Port. Another SPSC 'C' Course regatta goes in the history books -- as a successful, fun day of racing, no doubt.



R-C R-C Lyn Domney



Loan Shark



Racing Sharks

July 2005 SPSC Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	
<p>Club House Duties </p> <p>(June 26-July 2) Brown, R&D*, Brockman, L.</p>	<p>August 2005 Club House Duties</p> <p>July 31-Aug 6 Aug 7-13 Aug 14-20 M. Dugas Edgley, F&C* Entwistle, J&M* Grayson, B&M Eagan, C Levasseur, M</p> <p>Aug 21-27 Aug 28-Sept 3 Frank, & Doyle, L* Fuller, B&M* Hornby, A Lemay, K</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>TRYC Cruise</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>Sail measurement</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 pm Opening ceremonies</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Steelback 40th Shark Worlds Cup</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Racing 4-8 July</p>							
<p>(July 3-9) Shark Committee </p>							
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>(July 10-16) Colborne, D&C* Carrington, M. </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>7:15 pm Executive Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>6:45 pm Keelboat racing</p> <p>6:45 pm KS2R3 Sarah Bowsher</p>	14	15	16	17	
<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>(July 17-23) Daoust, P&C* Szekely, A </p>	19	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>6:45 pm KS2R4 Rene Brown</p>	21	22	23	24	
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>(July 24-30) Davidson, J&B* Zatyko, R </p>	26	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>6:45 pm KS2R5 Mike O'Brien</p>	28	29	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>Club BBQ Happy Hour at 4:00 followed by barbeque and cards. Contact: Lorne & Rita Mann</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> </div>	31