



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club*

Aug. 2007

South Port Sailing Club

44th Annual Invitational Regatta
Saturday August 11 and Sunday August 12th 2007

Registration Fee \$30.00

This is an Essex County PHRF Counter Regatta with each day's racing counting toward one of the four necessary to compete for ECPHRF Boat of the Year.

Forms and all information regarding course rules and dockage are available on the web site at www.southportsailingclub.com

Beer and pizza will be served Saturday following racing. Sunday all competitors are invited back to the Club for dinner, to be served approximately one half hour after the final race.

This Regatta is open to all keel boats in JOG, PHRF or Shark classes.

**HARVEST MOON
REGATTA**
22 September

**Final keel boat
event of the year**

Details to follow in
September Soundings

Final Furl

Save the date:
Final Furl will be held
10 November 2007
at the
Windsor Yacht Club



Pelee Island sunset, by Rene Brown.
See more great photos inside.

August work party

There has been a mid-August work party scheduled to erect fencing at the south east corner of the clubhouse. This area will house blue boxes, and recycling materials, and improve the aesthetics of the grounds. Arrangements are also being made to cover the awning over the entrance.

Anyone interested in assisting contact petersoles@gmail.com
or call 519-739-0263

New Year's Eve at SPSC?

We are considering a Winter Fest and New Years Eve at the club this year. Prior to making any arrangements for these events, the Social Chair needs your input as to whether there is enough interest.

Please email
dawhitey1@cogeco.ca with your
comments.

Meet our 2007 executive



**Lyn Domney,
Commodore**



**Lynn Baker,
Vice commodore**



**Rene Brown,
Rear commodore/
membership**



**Chris Eagen,
Race chair**



**John Bufton,
Cruise chair**



**Derek White,
Social chair**



**Peter Soles,
Property chair**



**Jamie Halpin,
Harbour master**



**Bob Fuller,
Sailing School chair**



**Brenda Petro,
Recording secretary**



**Bill Frank,
Treasurer**



**John Shaw,
Past commodore**



**Start collecting your pledges.
The 21st Annual Sail for Hospice will be
Saturday, September 8, 2007.**

Mainstays pool party

The Mainstays Annual Pool Party will take place August 16, 2007. Your hostess Charmaine Soutar invites all ladies to attend.

The fun will start at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dessert and beverage and your Toonies to contribute to your share of the pizza.

The party goes on rain or shine unless you are otherwise notified.



SPSC Ts

Men's & Ladies Tees \$10.00 each. To request email robtim@cogeco.ca or call Jackie at 971-9699



Sail-a-bration thanks from Derek White, Social chair

I would like to thank all who attended Sail-a-bration this year. We had approximately 200 members and guests in attendance. A special thanks to Jackie Timothy and my Mom for all their hard work in helping me pull this event together.

Thanks to Chris Eagen and his computer skills for making the wine labels, as well as helping me bottle all the wine. My thanks to Bob Shore for cleaning up the grounds for us all to enjoy. Abars on the River came through again with a great job catering the dinner.

Special thanks to Father Bill Bradley for blessing the fleet. Lou Lou did a fantastic job and was a big hit with the kids, big and small with her face painting and balloon art.

And a big thank you goes out to Commodore Lyn Domney and his crew, for not having any wine casualties in the lake.

A great time was had by all! I'm looking forward to our next event. Final Furl in November is already in the works, and I hope to see you all there!

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Missing tarps

Two blue BBQ Tarps are missing from the grounds. If you borrowed them or stored them away, please return the tarps to the BBQ porch area. They were purchased to avoid rusting of the units due to exposure. Thank you!

New member

Richard Sove has joined South Port Sailing Club as our newest Junior Member. Richard attended the South Port Sailing Club Sailing School and sails a Hobbie 14. Welcome to South Port, Richard.



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300 miles from Port Credit to SPSC, by Allen Shearn

On July 6, 2007, Allen Shearn and two of his friends took the Hunter 33 that he bought in Port Credit near Toronto on the 300-mile 85-hour trip to South Port. Here are some highlights from Allen's diary.

We started out on a beautiful morning. We were headed SE and there were 10 knot winds from the S so we raised the sails and sailed for about 2 hours. Although we were going slightly out of the way, we were going as fast as 6 knots. The boat sails beautifully. We lowered the sails and motored the rest of the way to the entrance of the Welland Canal. This canal allows boats to move from Lake Ontario at 200 feet above sea level to Lake Erie at 500 feet above sea level. This 300-foot difference is what makes Niagara Falls so impressive. At the entrance of the canal we learned that they no longer take credit cards. The fee is 200\$ and I only had 100\$. Fortunately crew members Shawn and Bruce had some cash. There are 7 challenging locks and one easy one at the end.

When you enter, the top of the lock is about 40 feet above you. The workers drop 2 lines. One of us held a line at the bow and one held a line at the stern. The idea is to keep the boat near to the wall without crashing into the wall. When they let the water into the lock your boat starts to rise. At the top of the lock you are level with the surrounding land. Lock 2 was particularly violent. Shawn and Bruce were manning the lines and trying to keep the boat straight but it kept crashing towards the wall. At 20:00 we passed through the 7th of the 8 locks.

Lock 8 only raises you a few feet so we were able to motor through it without tying up. About 23:30 we entered Lake Erie. We motored through the night. At noon we raised the sails. Our goal was to sail as much as possible to conserve fuel. A next place to get fuel was Leamington. We hoped to get there by dawn on Sunday. The wind was not cooperative. By 17:00 on Sunday the wind had not changed direction. We had been motoring for hours. We were not sure that we enough fuel to get to Leamington, so we decided the prudent thing to do was to head instead for Port Stanley. Prudence became the motto of our trip. Port Stanley took us further north than we wanted to go but provided us with wind off the beam so we could sail again. We were sailing about 6-7 knots in beautiful weather and the boat was doing great. We arrived in Port Stanley at 18:30.

The next day the wind was again on our nose out of the SW at 14 knots so we motored through 2-5 foot swells. We were hoping to keep going through the night, but the wind picked up to 15-20 and the swells got as high as 10 feet. Surprising to me few of the marinas ahead sold diesel. There was no diesel at Pelee Island, Colchester, Amherstburg or LaSalle. We knew Leamington had diesel; our plan was to detour there if we had to. By this time the wind had moderated and there was only a 1-2 foot chop. If the wind had been in any other direction we would have had a beautiful sail.

During the night the wind strengthened again, so we headed for Leamington. We reached Pelee Passage at 02:00 on July 9th then headed north. Now we had that strong wind on our port quarter. We pulled the jib out and shut off the motor. Using just the jib we sailed at ~5 knots. When we approached Leamington Harbour we pulled in the jib and were still going 3 knots with the engine in neutral! After we passed the outer breakwater, there was supposed to be red and green flashing lights to mark the harbour. Instead there was a weak steady green and no red. This was the scariest moment of the trip. We were going fast, it was pitch black and we could not see the entrance of the marina. With a search light we were able to see an unlit day marker on the red marker that should have been flashing. Whew. We docked finally at 04:30 at the end of a series of docks.

The Leamington Marina is beautiful and even more impressive because it is a municipal marina. We got fuel and a pumpout at 06:00 and were off by 06:30. Unfortunately we could not sail again that day. The wind was on our nose at 10-15 knots with 1-3 foot swells. We reached the channel of the Detroit River about noon and motored up the river all afternoon.

Our highlight of the day was seeing Peggy waving to us from under the Ambassador Bridge at about 17:00. We reached SPSC and docked the boat for the first time in our well at about 19:00.



Sailing School Soundings

The Sailing School is in full swing, with 46 junior sailors in both sessions, 24 in the Kids Sail program for the week between the two sessions, and 23 adults in the evening program.

Introducing the instructors

Head Instructor, **Mike Baker**, is currently going into his 3rd year of Political Science and Business at the University of Windsor. This is Mike's second year as head instructor of South Port, and his 8th year coaching overall.

Katlyn LeMay is in her second year coaching the White Sail program at South Port. Katlyn will be entering her first year of at Western majoring in Psychology.

This is also **Alistair McKay's** second year coaching the White Sail program at South Port. Alastair plans on attending University of Windsor to attain a degree in History, and move on to Law School.

Darcy Fuller has been coaching at South Port for six years, and is currently coaching the Bronze Sail program. Darcy is a student at University of Windsor majoring in Political Science.

Kristin Thompson is new to South Port this year and is coaching the Bronze Sail program. She resides in Thunder Bay and is entering her 3rd year of Kinesiology at Lakehead University this fall.

Luc Hartman is also new to South Port, having received his Green Instructor's certification this spring. Luc is coaching the White Sail program and is entering grade 10 this fall.

Jyll Lippmann has been coaching at South Port for two years and is teaching the White Sail program. She is currently enrolled in Kingsville High School and will be entering grade 10 this fall.



Kids Sail sailors - these are the six- to nine-year-olds who enjoyed the week-long introductory sailing program

(We did have a photo of the instructors, but someone picked up the camera. If you find a digital Nikon camera, please return it to the club.)

New 420s for next year

Bob Fuller, sailing school chair, is pleased to announce approval of the School's application to the Ontario Trillium Fund, allowing the purchase of four 420s for the club.



Left: Belle River cruise sunset



Right: Rene Brown on Mai Toi, Pelee Island race

Cruising Notes, by John Bufton, Cruise chair

Since the last issue of "Soundings", SPSC cruisers have been active:



WYC Cruise 7-7-7

Four boats (Aurora, Horsefeathers, Nimue & Wight Spirit) visited our sister club. With others arriving by road, 22 members and visitors (including 7 past commodores for 7 July 2007) enjoyed an excellent meal and



a friendly reception. The evening was ideal for sailing, with a favourable five-knot breeze and as we effortlessly sailed home on a beautiful sunny evening, everyone felt it was trip to remember.

LaSalle Mariners' Yacht Club Race/Cruise to Pelee Island, 14 July

The 13th annual race was also a trip to remember, but for different reasons! A southwesterly breeze gusting over 30 knots blew the fleet in record time to Scudder Marina. Forty-seven boats from LaSalle Mariners, Cedar Island YC and SPSC were entered for the race, but only 22 made it to Scudder. Wind over current conditions at the mouth of the Detroit River produced 10-foot seas (see Rene Brown's photos on the next page), causing many boats to retire while others were late starting.

Eleven boats from South Port entered the race (August West, Cecilia, Ruffian, Aurora, Wight Spirit, Schwanky, Mai Toi, Outta the Blew, Horsefeathers, Zephyr, &

Rogue Star). Among South Port boats, Ruffian had steering gear and engine problems forcing retirement into Kingsville, while Zephyr retired into Colchester with a torn sail. More serious problems were encountered by 2nd Wind (Brian Casey, LMYC), losing her rudder and engine power about 5 miles from Pelee Island which necessitated a tow from Canadian Coastguard.

To give an idea of conditions, Aurora, Horsefeathers, Wight Spirit & Rogue Star, all with reduced sail, completed the 26-mile course in 3 1/2 hours, exceeding theoretical hull speed for the smaller boats, with GPS instruments indicating surfing at over 9 knots! SPSC stalwart Duncan Hind acted

as finish line on the Scudder dock with his van, and afterwards SPSC visitors were hosted by Sharon and Duncan for a happy hour at their beautiful cottage. Thanks Sharon & Duncan!

A rather tired fleet of sailors enjoyed a great evening of food and entertainment at the Anchor and Wheel Inn, with South Port boats Mai Toi and Wight Spirit receiving flags. Overall winner of the Bar Point/Scudder course was St. Pauli (Manfred Albrecht, LMYC).

Pelee Cruise, photos by Rene Brown



Belle River Cruise, held 28 July, by Jackie Timothy



Five boats cruised to Belle River for a Saturday-afternoon BBQ. Close behind our Cruising Chair, John and Sue Bufton in Wight Spirit, were Jack & Marg Entwistle in Whitefin, Dave Robichaud &



Jackie in No Resistance, Jim & Sue Balfe along with Bill & Lynn Baker in Horse-feathers and our new members Allen and Peggy Shearn in their Hunter 33. It



was a port tack all the way, with favourable wind. We were warmly welcomed on arrival by the Belle River dock staff. Twenty-one members attended by water and road, and set up in the covered BBQ area. Appetizers, shishkabob, salads and desserts were enjoyed by all. Two boats stayed over and three enjoyed a sunset cruise home to South Port. Thank you John and Sue, for organizing another wonderful cruise!



Lake Erie Cruise, 16-22 July

South Port cruisers Aurora (Gord Richardson), Zephyr (Lorraine & Frank McLean) and Wight Spirit (Sue & John Bufton) stayed on Lake Erie after the race, and enjoyed a week of cruising and sightseeing. We explored Pelee Island, and visited Put in Bay and Kelley's Island. At Put in Bay, Perry's Monument is undergoing extensive masonry repairs, and National Park Superintendent Andy Ferguson provided us with a most interesting overview of how about US\$25 million is going to be spent repairing the edifice in time for the 2014 Bicentennial.

Put in Bay now boasts an excellent waterfront restaurant, Axel & Harry's, which we recommend. On Kelley's Island we found that "The Country Store" provided excellent service and good meat for our group barbecue. The Anchor & Wheel Inn on Pelee Island is a pleasant spot, with good food and friendly service.

All week the weather continued to be uncooperative, with rain dampening our visit to Put In Bay, and while on Kelley's Island a Southerly overnight gale brought down trees, and severely interrupted sleep on the

visiting yachts! As the forecast was for the wind to go around to the North, we used the light Southerly airs to sail back to Pelee Island, only to face another night of fitful sleep as heavy Northerly winds blew into Scudder!

However, wind and lake conditions diminished to reasonable sailing weather, and we enjoyed a quick sail across to the Detroit River, overnighing with our hospitable friends at LaSalle Mariners' YC before returning to South Port. While we did not enjoy the best of weather, it was a great cruise!

Upcoming events

August 16th: Midweek Cruise to Metro Beach linking with

August 18th: Weekend Cruise to North Star Sail Club.

September 1st : Weekend Cruise to Thames River YC.

Details on these events will be posted in the clubhouse.

Canada Shipping Act (CSA 2001) is now in effect

Transport Canada encourages members of the marine community to familiarize themselves with the new legislation and its supporting regulations. Key changes in the CSA 2001 will apply to the operations of the Following vessel types:

- Pleasure Craft
- Large & Small Commercial Vehicles
- Passenger Vehicles
- Fishing Vehicles
- Tugs & Barges

The CSA 2001 represents an updated streamlined version of the original Canada Shipping Act (CSA), making it clearer and easier to understand. The act will greatly assist the marine community to operate in a manner that is safer, more efficient, and environmentally sound, and responsive to the needs of Canadian in a global economy. It is the result of extensive consultations with a wide range of marine

stakeholders. The CSA 2001 applies to Canadian vessels operating in all waters and all vessels operating in Canadian water.

By operating your vessel in compliance with the CSA 2001, you are contributing to a safe marine culture in Canada.

The CSA 2001 replaces the former Canada Shipping Act (CSA) as the enabling Legislation governing safety in marine transportation and recreational boating as well as protection of the marine environment.

For more information about the CSA 2001 and how it applies to you and your Vessel please visit:

www.cmac-ccmc.gc.ca You may also contact your local Transport Canada centre or call toll free 1-866-879-9902.

*Transport Canada Public notice –
Windsor Star July 2007*

Regatta News

TRY Sea Regatta

South Port was represented by three boats in the two-day regatta on the July 1st weekend at the Thames River. Sixteen boats competed in three classes. Kevin Mogyorody and crew in



Sniper took first place in PHRF B and the TRYC Trophy for 1st overall (trophy presented in photo above by Judy Dufour, TRYC Commodore).

Wes Arthur and crew in *August West* (boat on right in top photo) placed 3rd overall in PHRF B. Dave Robichaud and crew in



No Resistance took 3rd overall in JOG class

(photo below). The Saturday night rib BBQ was well attended, and the hospitality of the Thames River Club was enjoyed

by all. For more photos and results go to www.thamesriveryachtclub.org



Sailing Instructors race in Mississauga

Alastair McKay, Luc Hartman, Kristin Thompson and Darcy Fuller traveled to Port Credit Yacht club July 21- 22 to compete in the annual Four Sisters Regatta. Both teams (Darcy/Kristin and Luc/Alastair) were racing sailing school 420s against a group of up-and-coming racers from the Lake Ontario region.

Luc, Alastair and Kristin, participating in their first competitive dinghy event ever, were eager to race. Lake Ontario produced light and fluky wind conditions all weekend, making racing difficult. Darcy and Kristin finished in 4th place, due to a mix up in buoys on the Saturday and resulting in inconsistent results. Alastair and Luc sailed very consistently, finishing better every race, and ended up 22nd overall.

505 Canadians

Renka and Adam Gesing participated in the 505 Canadian Championships, held in Kingston over the Canada Day weekend. They were thrilled to have placed 4th in one race in the 23-boat fleet, and were 11th overall. Other participants known to SPSC from our SPSC 505 regattas were Katherine and Stephen Long, who placed 4th, and Deborah Ashby and Dave Adams, who placed 13th (but they missed a couple of races to feed their new baby).

Shark Provincials

Eighteen boats were at South Port for the Shark Provincials July 7th and 8th. Luke Brokman and Vince Lehmann were 2nd and 3rd after the first day. Final results for the top local boats were 6th place for Vince, 7th for Mo Regnier, and 9th for Luke Brockman (and crews, of course).

Laura Lehmann sends her thanks for all the on-ground support: "I would personally like to thank the following individuals who came out to serve food at the Shark Regatta.

They were Cheryl Colborne, Marianne Grayson and her daughter Meghan, Cindy MacDonald and Fanny. A special thanks to Pat Andrews, who served Sunday's wonderful leftovers with Cheryl and who assisted with clean up. Special mention to Flings on Wyandotte Street W for preparing a fabulous pig roast and sides, and Jimmy Ging of Jimmy's G Bar for delivering our feast. This was the best team I have ever worked with!"



Mackinac 2007

Congratulations to the local boats that entered and completed the 2007 Bayview Mackinac Race this July:

Andy Hellenbart C&C 35 class - Firewater - SPSC
Robert Bingham C&C 35 class - Praeceptor - LMYC
Michael Lippman Cruising Class C - Bears Mistress - CIYC
Bill Stridiron IRC F Class - Risky Business

Bill Stridiron and crew, including SPSC head sailing instructor Mike Baker, came in first in their class. This was Bill's 23rd Mackinac Race and his first win. In the photo, from left to right, are Bill Stridiron, Larry Haras, Rick Lowery, Mike Baker, Leo Chartier and Tim Depotter.



Introducing current members, by Jackie Timothy

Wayne and Nancy Hind joined South Port in 1984. They are the owners of a Mirage 25 - Xanadu. Wayne, who was commodore in 1990, competes in the Wednesday night keelboat racing, and they enjoy attending the various cruising events.



Dave and Elaine Howarth became SPSC members in 1980. Owners of a Mirage 27 - Nimue, they also attend the various cruising events.



Catalina 22 Nationals, North Cape Y.C.

Marc Laforet competed in the Catalina 22 National championships 23-27 July. Marc was the main crew member chosen by John Handler of Chicago, a former 2nd place finisher in the Gold series. After seven races in the Gold event, Marc and John placed 9th, after a 2nd-place finish in race 7, and finished 4th in the spinnaker series.



The boats came from as far away as Texas, Florida and Alabama, with the winner hailing from Georgia.

Marc credits his success to the South Port Sailing School and Wednesday night crewing for Peter Soles. We understand Marc now speaks with a southern drawl.

Al and Judy Finch became members in 1984. Al was commodore in 2004. They own a Westerly 29 - Eldolon, and are also active with the cruising group.



August 2007

This is the calendar displayed on the Web site. For details on each entry, please click on *calendar* from <http://www.southportsailingclub.com> (the links are NOT active in *Soundings* but details will be included in the newsletter.

Aug. Clubhouse cleaning

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Race	2	3	4	5 clubhouse-Lehman F & K / M Lukaniuk
6 Civic Holiday	7 Dinghy racing	8 Race	9	10	11 SPSC Invitational 11 & 12TH.	12 Race Day 2-clubhouse-F&K MacDonald/M Regnier
13 Exec. meeting 7:15 p.m.	14 Dinghy-Final race series 2	15 1st. Race series 3 - Metro Beach/North Star Cruise	16 Mainstays Pool Party	17	18 Visitors from TRYC	19 clubhouse-Malone/C Noakes
20	21	22 Race	23	24	25 Fighting Island Race LMYC	26 clubhouse-J & S Martin-B Noakes
27	28	29 Race	30	31		

Sept. & Oct. 2007 Clubhouse cleaning

Sept 9-15

McClinton,B
Macdonald,B
Shore,R

Sept 16-22

Halpin,J&L

Sept 23-29

McLean,F&L

Sept 30-Oct 6

Mendossa,R&R

Oct. 7-13

Mogyorody,K&C

Oct.14-20

O'Brien,M&S

Oct.21-27

Peck,P&R

Oct.28-Nov. 3

M& J Fischer

Clubhouse duties

Thanks to those who are now completing the duty sheet in the kitchen binder. These sheets are used to inform the members scheduled the following week what has been carried out, and confirms you as a member have fulfilled your responsibility. Summer is a busy time with all the events taking place, and everyone's assistance is appreciated.

Also, please check your scheduled week, as there have been some changes made due to a couple of resignations.