



Soundings

Newsletter of South Port Sailing Club

January-February 2009



Message from
The Commodore

Rene Brown

The snow and ice are not for sailing but as long as it keeps falling the water levels keep rising. We have joined the Association of Lakeshore Marinas in order to support lobbying efforts for the maintenance of the waterways on the south shore of Lake St Clair including Pike Creek. With a bit of luck we could receive some assistance with organizing and funding of dredging operations as early as this coming spring.

Chairpersons of the committees are busy developing their budgets for 2009. A great deal of effort is being invested in planning events, offering a new sailing school class, beautifying the property and club house. Come on out to the Annual Member's Meeting on Feb. 24th to hear what they are planning. There will be snacks and socializing following the meeting.

Just because it is winter doesn't mean the club is silent. Check out the calendar for ongoing activities. The Wednesday Sailor's Night Out continues in February with an interesting program.

A travel hoist for the club has been the topic of much discussion, investigations and input for the last 3 to 4 months. After careful consideration the decision was made not to proceed with it at this time. Thank you for the time and effort from all involved.

Sadly with the passing of Lyn Turner we say good bye to a friend and a long time active member. She will be missed by all of us at SPSC.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday February 24, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Meet your 2009 Executive and listen to what they are planning for the upcoming Season
Snacks and Socializing to follow

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From the Harbour Master,

Wesley Arthur



Launch has been scheduled for May 2, 2009. Included with this Months Soundings is the Summer Dockage and Release Form with a calculation sheet on the reverse side. To those Members who are receiving Soundings by email only, you will receive this form by mail.

Complete and return with payment attached to the

'Attention of The Harbour Master' no later than April 4, 2009.

Please make note of the following change to the form. There is now an additional line asking whether you are going to use the small boat hoist (a.k.a. the 'shark hoist') If you are indeed going to be launching or hauling your boat out via this lift at any point during the upcoming season, please include an additional \$100.00 + 5% GST with your dockage payment. This is a new fee that has recently been implemented to offset maintenance and inspection costs. It will be charged once yearly. Any questions regarding this form and/or summer dockage, please contact The Harbor Master, Wes Arthur.



Jessie Evelyn "Lyn" Turner

1944 - 2008

It is with sadness we inform you of the passing of member Lyn Turner on December 9, 2008. Lyn and Scott have been members of South Port since 1982. She was an active member of our club over the years, holding the position of secretary, a member of the Mainstays, Editor of Soundings, and involved with the Dingy fleet when they owned a Wayfarer. She was also keeper of the Regalia and most recently our Roster Chair.

She was very proud of her English heritage and her early years in India, often speaking at group functions about her family life.

Lyn was a volunteer at the Hospice of Windsor as well as The Windsor Cancer Centre. Her love of water sports, including sailing, encouraged her and two other breast cancer survivors to initiate the physically demanding Dragon Boat Racing in the Windsor area. She became a calendar girl for Breast Cancer, along with other members on her team raising approximately \$80,000.00 for the cause.

Lyn was Fondly known as "Mumsee" by the team, because she was always trying to keep everyone in line. When she made up her mind to do something, she did it and did it well. She will be missed by husband Scott, children Andrew and Martha, grandchildren Teagen, Braedan, Adrianna and Emma and all her friends at South Port.

Highlights of AGM

November 25, 2008, 7:15 p.m.
Commodore Lynn Baker called the Annual General meeting to order with 36 members in attendance. Minutes of the 2007 were read by secretary, Brenda Petro and accepted by the Members.

Paul Bowsher headed the Auditing Committee along with Margaret Entwistle and Sue Bufton. The committee examined the 2008 financial records for SPSC. The report was accepted as submitted by the Treasurer, Jan Graybiel.

Report of Committees were as follows:

Harbour Master, Wesley Arthur

During 2008 the boards were replaced on C/D docks, Launch and Haulout went well due to the coordinated efforts of the general membership as a whole. Wesley made special mention of those who went above and beyond in

assisting him. Dredging efforts were concentrated between the entrance channel walls and the second set of channel markers. Due to reasonably high water levels we were able to avoid dredging within the harbor. He thanked those members on F dock who at times fought through the mud. This afforded us considerable savings with respect to the budget costs in 2008. We received a small contribution from some of our Pike Creek neighbours that helped to widen the channel at the first set of marks. Next year dredging as always will be a primary concern. The club is planning to join an alliance of public and private marinas and groups whose interests parallel that of South Port. It is hoped this provide us with a stronger voice when applying for grants and procuring competitive dredging bids.

Property, Peter Soles

The work parties were well attended and 80 to 90% of the tasks set out

were completed. One accomplishment this year was an improvement in the clubhouse cleaning rate. The addition of a 50% premium on work hours and the call committee helped on this item. The main room and kitchen carpet and tile was replaced, and several other minor projects were carried out.

Junior Sailing, Bob Fuller

Another successful season took place. The program was successful in securing funds through The Summer Jobs Program. Tuesday night 420 dinghy sailing was popular having 6 to 8 participants each week. Our sailing instructors went to CORK to race 420 dinghies along with 1000 other sailors from all over. This was our first return since 2004. Four instructors had never been and it was a great experience. The new sailing school building not only looks good, but has proven to be very functional as well.

We have enjoyed the benefit of a number of charitable donations in 2008. The school is very grateful for the generosity of the sailing community.

Cruising, Jack Entwistle

Thanks to all members who assisted with the cruises. All events were well attended and greatly enjoyed by all. One cruise to the States had no problems from Homeland Security. Perhaps a return of once popular cruises to Metro Beach and North Star may be a consideration again. Several new members took up the cruising challenge for a good season.

Membership, Bill Frank

There was a net loss of 7 family memberships and increase of 8 new members. Currently the club stands as follows:

Family	86
Crew	4
Junior	7
Associate	0
Senior	24
Life	7
Non-resident	3
Honorary	8
Intermediate	1
TOTAL	140

Social, Derek White

The new pop machine is being used by the Members. We had another successful Sail A Bration with 150 people in attendance. Unfortunately Final Furl was down to 66 guests this year., while the previous year 161 attended the event. The committee stayed under budget for the year.

Racing, Chris Eagen

There was a drop in the number of boats participating in the Wednesday night racing series this season, averaging 15 boats compared to 21 in 2007.

2 events were lost, the 505 Regatta and the Shark Regatta, both due to lack of interest a/o participation. There was no reduction in the number of boats competing in the Invitation and Harvest Moon Regattas. The race equipment has been inspected and all is in good order for 2009. Chris thanked his brother Fred and wife Kim for acting as regular race committee on both Wednesday nights and during our Regattas. He will not be returning in 2009 and the new Race Chair will be looking to the membership for someone who may want to get out on the water on a regular basis. Chris will assist the new Race Chair this season.

Nominating Committee, Chair Jim Halpin, Dave Robichaud & Lynn Baker

Mike Salter reported nominations of the 2009 Executive has been proposed and posted according to SPSC by laws section 3 and 4. Mike Salter not as an officer but as required by by-laws 15(a) asked secretary Brenda Petro if there were any further nominations. Confirming there were not he welcomed the new executive for 2009.

Commodore: Rene Brown
 Vice Commodore: Bill Frank
 Rear/Membership: Jim Halpin
 Sailing School Chair: Bob Fuller
 Social Chair: Derek White
 Cruise Chair: Nora Walton
 Race Chair: Brad Roy
 Property Chair: Allen Shearn
 Harbour Master: Wesley Arthur
 Secretary: Brenda Petro

Commodore, Lynn Baker

Lynn touched on the accomplishments of the club this past year by the executive. She hopes for further progress with the Marina Association and neighbours of Pike Creek , with respect to assistance financially with dredging in the future. There are economic challenges coming in 2009, but we have a strong executive now in place. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

From The Property Chair, Allen Shearn

PAINTING WORK PARTY



On the weekend of March 7 and 8th there will be a work party to paint the main room and hallway of the clubhouse, if we get enough crew. If you can help, please let me know whether you are available Saturday, Sunday or both days.

Telephone 519-962-6529
 Cell 519-980-7530
 email bio_cals@jhu.edu

The first 'Sailors' Night Out' on January 14th was well attended !! The race committee has scheduled the dates for the Wednesday Racing Series, which will appear on the website calendar once the Regatta dates have been confirmed. Watch for details in upcoming Soundings and at www.southportsailingclub.com



SPSC Essex County PHRF Champions 2008

Lake St. Clair Spinnaker Champions

1st.	Moe Regnier	Spongeworthy
2nd.	Dave Robichaud	No Resistance
3rd.	Wesley Arthur	August West

Lake Erie Spinnaker Champion

3rd.	Chris Eagen	Karookakoo
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Lake St. Clair JOG Champion

1st.	Rene Brown	Mai Toi
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Congratulations to our Skippers & Crew

Thank you to the Entwistles & Buftons who organized New Years Eve at South Port for the 30 Members and guests who signed up to attend. Following appetizers, a delicious roast beef and salmon dinner was served with pot luck vegetables and desserts. Everyone enjoyed the fun quiz, prizes, and bubbly at midnight. And a small surplus was turned over to the SPSC Treasurer!



John Carved !!



Greetings from *Windsong*

Jamie and Spot spent Xmas in Nassau. This photo was received December 25th as a cold front went through the area. 77 F !!

He sends wishes to all members for a Happy and Prosperous New Year !

The Elbow Reef Lighthouse below was built in 1864 to a height of 89 ft. above ground level. It is the most famous light in the Bahamas. It is one of only 3 lighthouses in the world still burning kerosene and turned by a hand wound clockwork mechanism. The keeper must climb 101 steps every 2 hrs. during the night to wind it.



Windsongs last posted position Sunday Jan 11, 2009 Black Point, Bahamas 'laundry stop'

Mainstays by Sue Bufton



On December 8th, 27 ladies enjoyed an excellent dinner at Lilly Kazzily's on Riverside Drive. Small Xmas gifts were exchanged and \$130.00 was collected for this year's chosen Charity, The Salvation Army. Many thanks to Nancy Hind for organizing the evening.

Our next meeting will be Monday February 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

Sailors' Night Out February 2009



- February 4 A Look Back.. with Alan Henderson
 February 11 Intro to Racing..start a race and finish intact
 February 18 Race management.. with Terry Henry and Ann Gouch
 February 25 Sail Trim with.. Brad Boston

From Matt Draisey

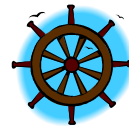
<http://snow.sailclub.ca/> is the address of the Wiki to accompany the Sailors' Nite Out programme on Wednesdays from January 14th through March 25th. It is somewhat sparse now, and I haven't the complete schedule, but it will fill out in time.

A Wiki is a website you can edit directly, without the complications of setting up an account, simply by hitting "Edit" at the top left under the tabs. Suggestions, comments, accolades, critiques, grammar corrections, style corrections, weather commentary: all are welcome. I have started the <http://snow.sailclub.ca/RacingHotStove> page. I hope the wiki may be as eventful as the night itself.

Because anyone can edit these pages, occasionally some undesirable will, but right next to "Edit" is "Info" which will allow you to revert to any previous version.

Nautical Quote

"Life's a reach, then you gybe" Author unknown



Soundings alternative

Several members have requested Soundings by email only. Any member who does not wish to receive the 'hard copy' of Soundings, please email Jackie at

robtim@cogeco.ca

You will be removed from the mailing list, but in order to continue receiving the monthly newsletter Paul Ramey our Communications Chair must be kept up to date with email addresses. Should yours change during the year, please email Paul at

paulramey@cogeco.ca

Thank you

Soundings Editor

Front door Sign
from the Isle of Man
Compliments John
Bufton



February 2009 Calendar

This is the calendar displayed on our Web site. For details on each entry, please click on *calendar* on the Web site at www.southportsailingclub.com (the links are not active in *Soundings* but details are included in the newsletter)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Calendar of Events						1 Soles, P&D
2	3	4 Sailors' Night Out	5	6	7 Games & Cards Nite	8 Souliere, D & I
9 Executive Meeting 7:15	10	11 Sailors' Night Out	12	13	14	15 Staley, J & B Cruising Potluck Lunch
16	17	18 Sailors' Night Out	19	20	21 Games & Cards Nite	22 Steel, B & G
23	24 General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25 Sailors' Night Out	26	27	28	

March 2009 Clubhouse Duties



March 1-7
Stephenson, D & G

March 8-14
Tousignant, W & M

March 15-21
Zatyko, R

March 21-28
Zsargo, S & K

March 29-April 4
Allum, P


If you are unable to carry out your week, contact Alan Shearn to arrange for a volunteer to replace you! Please fill out the work sheets in the Kitchen Binder and make note of your total hours.



Card & Games Nights
February 7 & 21
7:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome... Contact Lorne & Rita Mann 948-9004 or Wayne & Nancy Hind 974-3905

Men's Lunch
2nd Wednesday of every month



John Novak for details
735-3737

Mainstays Yard Sale
May 9, 2009

Please set aside any items you wish to donate. More information will follow at a late date.

Thank you



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2008 at South Port



2008 AGM



Winter Dock Work Party



Preparing for Launch Day !



Spring Fling



Launch 2008



Shakedown



Sail A Bration



Windsor Yacht Club Cruise



New Sailing School Bldg.



Sailing School in progress



Belle River Cruise



Work party.. new BBQ



Great Lakes Yacht Club Cruise



July 1 BBQ



Invitational



Pelee Race



Thames River Cruise



Sail for Hospice



Haul Out



Women's Challenge



Harvest Moon



Final Furl



Out on the Lake



New Years Eve



Work Parties



Sept. 27 cruise to The Thames



Only 14 weeks to Launch



South Port Sailing School

2009 Adult Sailing



Learn to Crew

Fee \$190.00

June 1-4-8-11-15-18-22



Learn to Sail

Fee \$190.00

Course for Beginning Sailors aboard Vanguard 420's, Sharks and C & C 25

Session 1 June 29-July 2-6-9-13-16-20

Session 2 July 23-27-30 August 3-6-10-13

**For further information on courses above
& The 2009 Youth Sail and Kidsail**



**Contact Lynn Baker 519-945-7834 or check our website
www.southportsailingclub.com**

Program Chair Bob Fuller 519-979-7772

For details on the Boat Pro Class contact Ken Blyth and Jeanne Marchand
519-727-6317 or email kblyth@cogeco.ca

You require a card *now* if you operate a motorized boat and : You were *born after April 1, 1983* or The boat is *under 13.1 feet (4 meters)* in length (yes, that includes personal watercraft or "jet skis") *All operators* of motorized boats require their card by September 15, 2009. The operator of a sailboat is required to have proof of competency if the boat is fitted with an auxillary motor, even when under sail.



PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS CARD

Windsor Power and Sail will be holding a Boat Pro class at South Port Sailing Club at 210 Brighton Rd. Tecumseh on February 10,12 with the exam being held Feb. 17 following a brief review. The classes and exam will start at 7:00 p.m. This course is open to the General Boating Community.

The course fee is \$60.00

Those that are confident in their knowledge of the regulations, can challenge the exam on Feb. 17 for a \$30.00 fee.

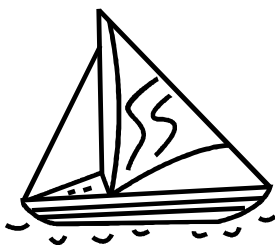
As a special offer to South Port members, they are invited to challenge the exam one time for \$20.00 on the night of the exam. Please book ahead to ensure that enough exam materials are available.

The course fee includes the booklet, class time, the exam and a lifetime Pleasure Craft Operators Card. The full course and \$30.00 challenge allows additional rewrites in needed.

The booklet may be purchased at local stores for \$15.95 plus tax or through the Power Squadron at the same price, tax included.

As a bonus to South Port, for every 6 members that take the full course, The Windsor Power Squadron will donate a gift certificate to the club that can be used for other courses.

Calling all Cruisers !
From the Cruise Chair, Nora Walton



We are excited to kick off this year's cruising season with a potluck lunch followed by a planning meeting on Sunday, February 15th at 1:00 p.m. Bring your ideas! Let us know where you would like to cruise this year. But most importantly, come out, bring a bite to share and have a mid-winter visit with your fellow sailors. All members are welcome.

If you are unable to attend, and you have some input to the cruising season or if you would like to volunteer to coordinate a cruising event, please email Nora at david_walton9@sympatico.ca