



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
April 2023

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Message from Commodore Gord Richardson

There's lots happening at the club when the boats are still on the hard ! Here are just a few of the things discussed at the latest Executive meeting.

The dredging of Pike Creek and the club harbour has been suspended until later this summer. (Although there was an extension until April 1st, the weather didn't cooperate for Hotte & Co, and they were only able to complete the channel to Lake St. Clair)

This delay will affect both well allocation and possible installation of some new docks. (A joint dockage/harbour committee is coming up with a plan for new docks adjacent to the small boat hoist)

John Baker, our avid Shark racer, bird watcher and renaissance man, has resigned from the club and moved to Vancouver. John has been a full member since 2014 and prior to that spent many years at the club under his parents membership. We thank him for his 2 years as Race Chair and wish him well !

If you would like to be considered for the acting position of Race Director for the remainder of 2023 or feel you can help with any of the program needs, please contact any member of our Racing Committee : John Marentette, Kelly Johnson or Jim Halpin.

Great news from the Junior Sailing School ! They have rolled out a brand new website, that's unique and separate from the club website. It's clear, uncluttered, and easy to use. They would love to have it volume tested by the membership after April 6. Please visit the site if you can (click on 'Sailing School site' on the SPSC club website) Send your feedback to the Sailing School chair, Ed Hickey at spschair@gmail.com

As well, the existing club website will be modified and updated over the next few months to allow all committee chairs to post and edit their own content.

Pam Morley-Cooke our Vice Commodore, has taken on the task of being the Safe Sport Lead for the Ontario Sailing Safe Sport policy. She will have lots of information to share with the membership as we proceed with integrating this new code of conduct with our existing club Code of Conduct over the next few months.

Remember Launch day is Saturday April 22nd. Got your bottom painted ?

Summer Reminders



The main parking lot is open for member parking. Additional parking is available on the south side of the driveway.



As a courtesy to our neighbours, tighten your halyards when you return to dock.

If you are leaving your car for an overnight or extended cruise, please park by the cedar hedges on the west side of the lot, and notify the Harbourmaster or Property you will be away..

And last but not least, please slow down when entering and exiting the property.



Saturday April 22nd

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Race Planning Meetings

NON RACERS WELCOME !

John Marentette is currently overseeing the Race Planning for this season. He is in need of volunteers to carry out tasks prior to the start of 2023 racing in May. There will be two meetings held to plan and assign preparation of the race marks, inspection and preparation of the Trillium, race committee schedules and finalize dates of Regattas. If you can help, please come out to the meetings or contact John directly.

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MEETING DATES in the clubhouse

Wednesday April 5 and April 12th 7:00 pm

Social Louise Marentette

As the boats go in the water this month, everyone will be spending more time at the club. Be sure to keep an eye out for fun events this season like the monthly Happy Hour, and our big 60th Celebration - Open House June 10 and Sail A Bration the 11th. Fun days on the water and another cruise-in are also on tap to add to the fun ! Check the website calendar on line and Soundings for dates and details. I hope to see you all again this summer !



**Happy
Hour
March 31st**



Harbour Andy Hellenbart

As I write this note for the newsletter on April 1st, it is thundering and hailing outside (not an April Fools joke) I hope the weather breaks soon so we can start working on the boats and get them ready for April 22nd launch !

The dredging of the channel is completed, so we should have no problem getting out to go sailing. The balance of dredging will be done in the summer. The boats presently assigned dockage on 'F dock' will be accommodated in the main harbour, or along the wall until final dredging is completed.

Just as a refresher, pages 6 & 7 of this issue are the DOCK RULES. Special notice should be taken under Item #8. The electrical system on the docks is intended for hand tools and occasional charging of batteries. It was not intended for boats to be continuously connected to run trickle chargers or refrigeration units.

2023 Racing Registration is now available on the club website at www.southportsailingclub.com
Summer Regattas will be published following the planning committee meetings in April !

Weekday Events



Monday-Night Series

No certification required and a rolling handicap computed from your previous performance.

[Register Online](#)



Thursday-Night Fall Series

May 11th thru Jun. 29th & Aug. 17th thru Sept. 28th

PHRF A & B handicapped, JOG modified olympic handicapped racing and Shark windward/leeward one-design racing around a fixed octagon of marks.

[Register Online](#)

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SPSC Open Series

Thursday Jul 6th – 27th, Aug 3th & 10th

Six weeks of the best racing Lake St. Clair has to offer. Open to all comers.

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Cruising

Join us Wednesday April 19th for a presentation by Erin & Marie Bates on their trip 'Sailing the Atlantic' from Canada to Scotland following the Viking route, on their Baltic 42 'Northern Brees'

7:00 pm
Main room

Property Jackie Timothy

The ground water in on and available for your use. Hoses are in the shed. The outside washrooms will remain closed until the floors are painted. The signs will be removed when completed. To those who volunteered to do some painting, now the weather is milder, I will be in touch soon. The decks need painting this season and the picnic tables stained/painted. I will be reaching out for volunteers once they are power washed and the weather is suitable. The clubhouse and sailing school will be scheduled for power washing a few weeks after launch, and our grass cutting service will start in May when the masts are off the lawn. The clubhouse cleaning roster schedule for 2023 has been posted in the clubhouse and is also available on the website calendar.

All inquiries regarding Junior or Adult lessons can be sent to the Sailing School directly at sailingschool@southportsailingclub.com

Registration at <http://southportsailingclub.checklick.com> (on website)

South Port 2023 Junior Sailing Program

CANSail (ages 9-18)

Participants will learn to sail according to Sail Canada's CANSail standards in a fun environment. No experience is necessary to start in CANSail 1. Sailors will start with learning the basics of boat handling and safety. As they progress through the levels, more advanced topics are introduced. Sailors at the CANSail 5/6 levels will have opportunities to race at local and out-of-town regattas. All levels use our fleet of 420 sailing dinghies.

CANSail

Sessions are 9am-4pm daily.

Session 1: July 3 – 14

Session 2: July 17 – 28

Session 3: August 7 – 18

Session 4: August 21 – Sept. 1



Program Fees

CANSail 1/2 \$525

CANSail 3/4 \$550

CANSail 5/6 \$575

Discount of \$50 for children and grandchildren of Full SPSC members.

KidSail (ages 6-8)

Kid Sail is back for the summer of 2023. This is for kids under 9. A fun, memorable summer activity on the water with an introduction to sailing aboard our school dinghies. We are limiting enrollment to 21 students, since, for this course we have a higher Instructor to student ratio. This creates an increased level of supervision due to the age of the group.

Program Fee: \$290

To register for SPSS programs:

Registration for all programs can be made using our online registration system, <https://southportsailingclub.checklick.com>.

South Port Adult Sailing Program

Adult Sailing 2023

Our adult learn to sail program uses our fleet of 420 dinghies. The 420 is a responsive boat ideal for learning.

With our experienced CANSail instructors helping you along, dinghy sailing is a great way to learn to sail. Sailing on a dinghy gives you the chance to be active and hands-on with everything happening on the boat. The boat is small, easy to handle and can provide an exciting sailing experience, but that also means you will get wet and hopefully have fun learning the sport of sailing.

We are offering 2 Adult courses this summer.

Weekend Course

June 17, 18, 24, 25:

10am to 4pm each day.

Evening Course

July 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 25:

Sessions are Monday and Wednesday evenings 6-9pm.

Program Fee \$525 for either course.

SPSC HARBOUR and DOCK RULES

All boats arriving by water or land to SPSC, must contact the Harbourmaster or the Commodore for permission to remain at SPSC facilities. Boats should obtain permission prior to arrival or at the first practical opportunity. This includes any type of vessel, trailer, or storage equipment (ie. cradle), accommodation (tents, motorhomes etc.)

1. All members should be able to moor their own boat. If improper member(s) will be instructed by Harbour Master.
2. Sound and adequate mooring lines properly attached to eyes and posts are mandatory. Minimum ½ inch dock line required.
3. Boats must be positioned in such a manner that no part of the vessel obstructs the dock or walkways. The docks must remain clear of hoses, mooring lines, power cords, and any overhanging pulpits and rigging.
4. All applicable regulations and restrictions regarding dumping of refuse and waste must be adhered to.
5. There shall be no running or horseplay on the docks at any time.
6. Children under the age of 10 should be accompanied by adults at all times. Children **MUST** wear a lifejacket while on the docks, boats, or near the water's edge.
7. No BBQs or fires are allowed on the docks or boats at any time.
8. Unattended boats shall not be connected to shore services (electricity and water) overnight, except under special circumstances approved by the Harbour Master.
9. Nothing may be fastened or attached to the wood deck of any dock. This includes storage boxes or bins, carpet or matting. Board aids only approved by Harbour Master.
10. Transom hung motors shall be left in the down position at all times, and shall not project into the channel.
11. Keelboats shall not enter or depart the harbour complex or Pike Creek under sail.
12. Boat operators must exercise, at all times, the necessary caution to have their boats under full control in the confined space of the harbour and observe the rules of courtesy for smooth and unobstructed operation of the facilities.

13. The dinghy ramp shall be used by dry sailing boats only. Sailing school takes priority. Other uses are at the risk of the user. Use of the ramp for members only at the discretion of the Harbour Master.
14. Members are requested to notify the Harbour Master when leaving on an extended cruise, or if their well is to be vacant for an extended period.
15. Wells temporarily vacated are to be used by the Harbour Master at his discretion.
16. Guest yachts will be docked by the Harbour Master in available space under the terms of first night free to affiliated yacht club members. Additional nights may be charged at the discretion of the Harbour Master. The overnight charge shall be determined and reviewed by the Board of Directors.
17. Members must take the wells "as is".
18. Members will not be permitted to dredge individual wells or install posts themselves. If a problem exists, notify the Harbour Master.
19. Masts stored over winter on club property MUST be taken down and have spreaders removed. These masts MUST be removed from the clubhouse area within thirty (30) days of launch day in spring. Fines will be levied for failure to comply.
20. Dry sail crane is only to be used by club members and crew after they successfully completed of South Port training course. There must be two (2) people in place with lifting a boat when using the crane.
21. Non-sailed boats on cradles or trailers MUST be removed from club property by June 1st each year unless special permission is obtained from the Board of Directors.
22. Halyards are to be tied back to prevent noise when boats are moored or on trailers.
23. Tenders are allowed on site three (3) days prior to departure and three (3) days after return of an extended cruise. All tenders must be kept clear of any thruways and cannot interfere with another vessels ability to navigate the channel or water between docks. Any changes will be at the discretion of the Harbour Master.