



# Soundings

## Monthly newsletter of SPSC

### July 2020

[www.southportsailingclub.com](http://www.southportsailingclub.com)

Message from  
Commodore Paul Ramey



Needless to say, this season was difficult opening the property and harbour due to Covid 19. I would like to thank the Executive and the Membership who have stepped up to meet the challenge. Jackie Timothy will be acting Property Chair for the balance of this season, and Andy Hellenbart will be handling the work hour recording starting in July. The boats are in the water, the crane is upgraded and operational, the docks are looking great and maintenance of the property is ongoing.. Please continue to follow the Provincial directives with regard to Social Distancing and group gatherings on the grounds. As the summer moves forward, if further restrictions are lifted, we will keep you updated by email.

#### SPSC welcomes 2 new members

*Dana Byrne* is no stranger to South Port. Daughter of Jim & Lee Ann Halpin she spent many years at the club in her younger years. Dana and her children Sommer, Ireland and Piercen will be sailing a Laser out of our harbour. She is employed by Windsor Regional Hospital as an Anaesthesia Assistant. Dana participated in Junior Sailing from 1985 to 1992. Dana was a Sailing School Instructor for one summer season.  
Welcome home !

We also welcome *Victor Minin* and his children Ilsa and David. Victor has taken over ownership of a familiar C&C 27 in our harbour *Vagabond*. He is self employed in Real Estate Improvements. Victor took Adult Sailing in Sausalito CA. and will be cruising out of the club this summer.  
See you on the water !

#### Summer Reminders



Please slow down  
When entering &  
exiting the property



If you leave the club for an over-  
night or extended period, please  
park by the cedar hedges  
on the west side of the  
parking lot



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

The main lot is open for member  
parking. Inform your guests (when  
the time comes) additional parking  
is available along  
the south side of  
the driveway



Thank you for your co-operation!

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- Editor : Jackie Timothy [robtim@cogeco.ca](mailto:robtim@cogeco.ca)

**Wayne Parent 1940-2020**



Long time members, Wayne & Anna Mae were very active in the early years of our club racing, cruising and socially. Wayne was elected Commodore in 1980. Following his retirement from Chrysler, during the summer when he returned from Florida, he visited the club on a regular basis. He was an avid sailor and motorcyclist for many years.

A celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

South Port members send condolences to his wife of 47 years, Anna Mae, his children Eva and Cindy, his four grandchildren and many friends.

From Cruising Catherine McGhie

Although Covid 19 is stopping us from crossing the border, we can still enjoy sailing. For now, it's picnic lunches on our boats. Hopefully as restrictions are lifted we will be able to have some events around the club and they will help bring us together, apart !

Thinking ahead to a possible cruise/raft at Peche Island or over by the 'swimming hole', or a 'cruise in' on the boats in the harbour. Perhaps a "Harbour Happy Hour' with Social distancing on our own boats? If you have any suggestions, let me know.

From Social Louise Marentette

All Social events, gatherings and Clubhouse rentals remain cancelled until Government restrictions are lifted. I look forward to seeing everyone later in the season.



From Sailing School Jeff Kepran

With our area moving into Stage 2, sailing session CanSail 5 will take place the week of July 6th. Regular classes will commence the week of July 13th. We will not be using any indoor space, and plans have been developed that will allow us to follow the guidelines set out for summer camps. Areas will be set out for picnic table use during classes.

The clubhouse remains closed but the indoor washrooms will be opened for members use during class times 9 - 4 pm Monday through Friday. More information will follow on gaining access to the clubhouse via email from the Property chair this upcoming week.

2020 staff

Head instructor-

Jesse Davidson

School Coordinator/instructor-

Emily Spengemann

Instructors-

Emerson Wells

Ross Darocy

Jaden Davidson

Thomas Paine

From Property Jackie Timothy

June was a busy month ! To the members who assisted with cleaning up the grounds, moving the furniture back into the main room, moving, repairing and staining the picnic tables, cutting the lawn until our service could be started for the season, replacing the fan motor in the men's outside washroom, and the door on the ladies, mulched the gardens, planted the flower pots, replaced wood on the benches, weeded out the areas at the harbour gobie mats, F dock & the range light rock garden, the tree trimmers, brush that was taken by truck to the dump, the plumbing repair in the men's washroom and finally 'the gravel' crew at the Saturday parking lot work party

## THANK YOU !

Clubhouse duties remain cancelled pending approval from the Province to re-open the building. Help with keeping the garbage pails emptied at the harbour and dropping your boat garbage in the bin in the driveway on your way out would be appreciated.

Gloves and masks are located on the north deck in a bin and available for your use. Please continue 'social distancing' and follow the Covid 19 instructions in the outside washrooms.

From Harbourmaster Fred Eagen

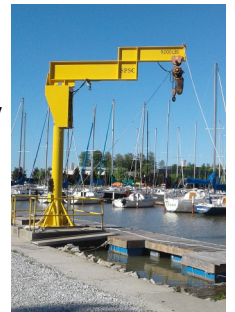
To the volunteers who helped finish the docks pre launch, and volunteered with dock tasks in June. Thank you !

Launch was a success even with the restrictions placed on us this year. Special thanks to the scheduling by Tim Aseltine and the onsite direction of Andy Hellenbart.

Another big thank you to the team of volunteers who worked with the guide lines, assisted with getting boats to their wells, and the members posted on the docks who helped skippers tie up quickly to allow the next boat owner waiting, to enter the lot, AND also to the Sunday volunteers who helped move the cradles to summer storage.

Wayne set up a mast raising schedule and all masts have been stepped.

The crane is operational thanks to our electricians Dave Robichaud and Nick Takacs. The painting was carried out by John Baker, and Kelly Johnson climbed the scaffolding to add the final touch, the decals.



We have started work on F dock. Upgrades will be continuing throughout the season..

### Work hours reminder

Due to the fact work hour slips have not been available, we ask members to email their hours to the Committee chair to have their time recorded. If you have not submitted your time, please do so as soon as possible. This will allow us to post the 2020 summary to the end of June.

Fred Eagen - harbour Jackie Timothy - property  
LoneSeeger - racing Jeff Kepran - sailing school

In March of 2018 an executive decision was made, *work hour slips must be submitted within 30 days of the task being carried out to receive credit.* When the summary is posted if you feel there is a discrepancy, please contact Andy Hellenbart who will be handling the work hour recording starting July. (See pg 7 of this issue for the work hour policy)

### Social Distancing



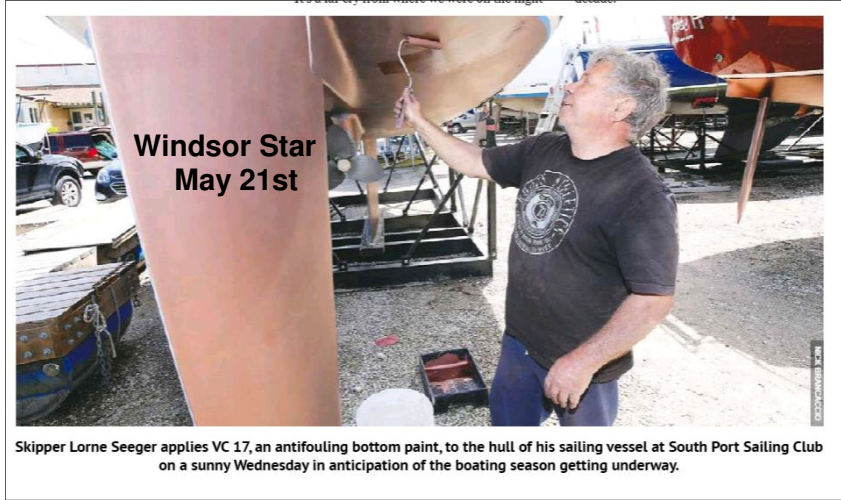
Nature @ SPSC



Turtles and ducks in the harbour



Robins in the rafters



Bunnies on the lawn



And of course...



WINDSORSTAR.COM

No-boat zone from Windsor shorelines increased to 61 metres



**Ben Wixon of Grosse Pointe Sail Club at Windmill Pointe started a Facebook Page approximately 3 years ago 'Lake St. Clair Sailors'**

The members to date have increased to 2000 sailors from both Michigan and Ontario. Postings are open to members that can include photos, tips, maintenance questions or suggestions, items for sale and updates on Regattas and events. 'Anything sailing' Check the page and join in!



**Great Lakes Sailboat Classifieds is another page offering boats and items for sale**

For photos and updates on our club, our Facebook page is under **South Port Sailing Club** or you can reach it from the main website page [www.southportsailingclub.com](http://www.southportsailingclub.com)



DETROITNEWS.COM

Bayview Port Huron-to-Mackinac race set to sail in July



### Our friends on the Creek



### Urban Surf 55E Pike Creek Rd

*excerpts from thetecumsehlocal.com*

This year, however, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected how this season will operate.

"In a nutshell, for us, we are just not doing any group classes, summer camps, or events," says Mingay. "We have added more sanitization and disinfection measures. We're also only booking about 40 per cent capacity and have 50 per cent less staff."

Despite this, Mingay reports that their opening weekend was incredibly busy, even with capacity limits and social distancing in place.

Urban Surf Co. offers a wide variety of activities and services, including stand-up paddleboarding, single and double kayaking, canoeing, sunrise and sunset paddles, adventure paddles, water and land fitness classes, custom events and parties, a smoothie bar, Lake St. Clair Lifestyle apparel, and seasonal boat slips.



### Man Overboard, by Bill Steel



I knew that this was no ordinary Man Over Board drill the moment I hit the water. I watched my unmanned boat head away under power and with sails up in the middle of Lake St. Clair. The first emotion was panic, then thoughts of losing loved ones, and then anger for being so stupid. I was not wearing my PFD.

It all started on a beautiful fall Saturday, sailing solo to Great Lakes Yacht Club. The sun was out, the wind on the nose, but 'hey', I was still sailing a week away from haul out. I was at least a half a mile east of Grosse Pointe Yacht Club when my tiller extender slipped overboard. It was bobbing vertically and I circled back to pick it up. I started the engine at slow speed, but didn't change the sail set.

As I approached, I held onto the lifeline and reached down in time to grab the extender. Just one more inch and I've got it...that's when my fulcrum shifted and the full weight of my body was leaving the boat, my grip was backwards without enough strength to hold me back.

All I could think of was, this was it for me and that it was my own fault. There I was treading water with the \$80 extender in my hand, without much hope of swimming to safety. As I looked around for other boats, I spotted my trusty Rubaiyat circling back towards me...I couldn't believe my luck. Fortunately, I picked the right side of the boat to stay on and didn't get run over and cut up by the prop. The other piece of luck was actually sloppy line coiling where a loop from my safety throw ring was hanging lower than the rest and within reach.

With a final lunge, I was able to grab the line and now, at least, be towed behind the boat. Getting back on board wasn't so easy. Using the toe rail as my next grip, I was able to get one foot on top of the rudder ( which, of course, was swinging freely). Even then, I was way too low and heavy to haul my self up. With strength ebbing, but adrenaline flowing, I made a desperate reach for the top of the stern rail, then got one foot over the toe rail, and then inch by inch, over and into the cockpit. I was bruised and shaking, but back on the boat. I said a prayer of thanks for getting another chance.

The reason I'm writing this is not to share a wild adventure. There are several important lessons that I have painfully learned and want to share with others so that there are no accidents or drownings:

1. Despite the many reasons why "I" didn't need to wear a PFD ("I'm only in the cockpit", "I'm a seasoned veteran", "what could go wrong on a nice day?"), **YOU MUST ALWAYS WEAR A PFD WHEN SAILING SOLO. STUFF HAPPENS!**
2. In the unlikely event that you are overboard, **YOU NEED TO HAVE A LINE OR ACCESSIBLE LADDER WITHIN REACH FROM THE WATER**, in order to get back into the boat.

Please do not reassure yourself that this could never happen to you and take chances...your life could depend on doing the safe thing. I wouldn't count on your boat circling back for you.



# South Port Sailing Club

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## **WORK HOUR POLICY** (Summarized March 2018)

1. Work hours will be accumulated between January and December.
2. Work hours are to be recorded using the slips provided in the foyer, with the exception of Clubhouse Duties that are recorded in the kitchen binder. Members are to fill out the nature of the work performed and check off the committee it is concerning.
3. All work hours must be recorded and submitted in the work hour box within 30 days of performing the task or risk forfeiting the hours worked.
4. No third party can work on behalf of a member and receive credit.
5. Hours can be worked in the areas of Harbour, Property, Sailing School, Racing and Cruising as well as clubhouse repairs and cleaning.
6. Members shall consult with the various committee chairs for a list of eligible activities entitled for work hours outside of any sanctioned work parties scheduled for the year.
7. Members are responsible to check the schedule posted on the bulletin board or the website calendar for any clubhouse duties that may be assigned.
8. Cradle moving, Launch and Haul-out are not eligible for work hours for those launching a boat unless approved by the Harbourmaster. Any member that dry-sails or doesn't not have a boat is encouraged to participate.
9. Where the membership category permits, any work performed in cooperation with your spouse will count twice (Clubhouse duties 2 people - total 2 hrs x 2 = 4 ).
10. The executive reserves the right to audit any hours submitted.



# NOTICE of RACE

## 2020 (Pandemic)

### Thursday-Night Series

Venue & Organizing Authority  
 South Port Sailing Club  
 210 Brighton Road  
 Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 2L3  
 (519) 979 SPSC  
 www.southportsailingclub.com  
 Racing Director: Lorne Seeger  
 Series Organizer: John Marentette

### 2020 Series Calendar

Racing to be every Thursday evening, from July 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Due to the late start this year, there will be only one Series to decide the 2020 Club "Series Championship".**

### Start Times

The first warning signal will be at 1845.

## 1 Rules

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**As necessary, the series will also be governed by the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit's pandemic rules.**

The *Harold Asselstine Memorial Trophy* document details how overall placing in a spinnaker division applies to the awarding of the trophy.

### Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions and any additional documents are available either in the clubhouse or downloadable from the web site. Any changes to the Notice of Race will be incorporated into the online version and posted as a notice to competitors.

### The Official Notice Board

The official notice board is on the window of the clubhouse's enclosed porch. Notices will be mirrored on the web site within 48 hours of being posted

## 2 Racing Classes

### 2.1 Shark One-Design

Canadian Shark Class Association rules are in effect.

### 2.2 PHRF Handicapped

Essex County PHRF Association rules are in effect except that there are no minimum crew limits.

Time-on-Time Corrected times will be calculated using time-on-time handicapping.

**JOG** There will be a single JOG class.

**SPINNAKER.** There will be a single "Spinnaker" class. (Note that at time of writing Ontario Sailing is not allowing spinnakers when racing.)

### 2.3 Class Flag colours

JOG	White
Shark	a Shark
Spinnaker	Green

### 2.4 Certificates

A current valid measurement or rating certificate is not required. This changes rule RRS 78.1. Getting and maintaining a proper rating certificate is encouraged.

### 2.5 Registration

Please complete the online registration form as early as possible. A \$20 annual entry fee must be delivered to the Race Office before racing. Non-member boat fee \$30 for the year.

## 3 Racing Area

The racing area shall start at Mark S, 0.5 nautical miles at 030° magnetic from outside the Pike Creek channel on Lake St. Clair. **Marks are arrayed differently this year, in 2 triangles, for simplicity.**

Marks are numbered white can buoys.

### Coordinates

Mark	Latitude	Longitude
S	42° 19.958'N	82° 50.346'W
1	42° 21.945'N	82° 50.659'W
2	42° 21.795'N	82° 49.277'W
3	42° 21.152'N	82° 48.182'W
4	42° 20.189'N	82° 47.668'W



## 4 Courses

Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions and on the SPSC website Racing page.

## 5 Participation Requirements

To be eligible for this award a boat must be entered by a South Port Sailing Club member.

## 6 Scoring

Per RRS A9

## 7 Prizes

For the 2020 Thursday-Night Series, prizes will be awarded in each class, with the number of awards depending on class size.

1 to 3 boats = 1st place award

Up to 5 boats = 1st and 2nd place awards

Over 6 boats = 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards

**Awards this year, may not be Flags, due to budget restrictions.**

SPSC perpetual trophies will be awarded in each class. The series will count towards the awarding of the Harold Asselstine Memorial Trophy for outstanding performance in a spinnaker class. All prizes will be presented at the Awards Banquet.



## 2020 Thursday Night Race - Sailing Instructions



**Rules:** The racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, and all Covid-19 based rules/laws of Ontario Sailing and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit applicable on the day of each race.

**Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SPSC Bulletin Board (temporarily – a Sunroom porch window) before 17:45 on the day that it will take effect.

**Racing Dates:** Racing to be every Thursday evening, from July 2nd, to Sept 24th. Due to the late start this year, there will be only one Series to decide the 2020 Club "Series Championship".

**Radio Communications:** The RC will attempt to monitor VHF channel 68.

**Starting and Class Flags:** (See over for info on Starting system using lights)

- RC Boat positioning: to the starboard end of the Starting Line, at approximately 90 degrees to the first course. Opposite end of line at S Mark.
- Start Times: First warning signal approx 18:45. First start approx. 19:00.
- Subsequent starts to be approx 5 minutes apart
- Class Flags: Jog class = White / Shark class = Shark flag / Spinnaker class = Green

### Permanent Marks:

The racing area shall be centered at Mark S, 0.5Nm @ 030° magnetic from outside the Pike Creek channel on Lake St. Clair. Marks are arrayed differently this year, in two 2.0Nm triangles, for simplicity. Marks are numbered white can buoys.

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S	42°19.958'N	82°50.346'W
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F	42°19.762'N	82°50.555'W



**Courses** (headings given in degrees magnetic)

<p><b>Course 1 Outer Marks to Starboard</b>                      Start (Mark S) - 0deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark 1 (to stbd) - 120deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark 3 (to stbd) - 240deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark S (to port) - 225deg for 0.25mi                      Cross the line between RC and F mark</p>	<p><b>Course 2 Outer Marks to Starboard</b>                      Start (Mark S) - 30deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark 2 (to stbd) - 150deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark 4 (to stbd) - 270deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark S (to port) - 225deg for 0.25mi                      Cross the line between RC and F mark</p>
<p><b>Course 3 Outer Marks to Port</b>                      Start (Mark S) - 60deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark 3 (to port) - 300deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark 1 (to port) - 180deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark S (to stbd) - 225deg for 0.25mi                      Cross the line between RC and F mark</p>	<p><b>Course 4 Outer Marks to Port</b>                      Start (Mark S) - 90deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark 4 (to port) - 330deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark 2 (to port) - 210deg for 2.0mi                      Round Mark S (to stbd) - 225deg for 0.25mi                      Cross the line between RC and F mark</p>

**Time Limits:** Boats finishing 30 minutes or more after the lead boat in their fleet will be scored DNF.

**Warnings / Prohibitions:** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes and shall avoid interfering with the boats preparing to start. Boats shall stay clear of the start/finish line while racing, and shall not pass through that line except when finishing. Boats may be protested for violating this instruction.

**Protests:** Normally as per RRS Sec A. Note that at time of writing, Ontario Sailing has spec'd that there will be NO protests. This does not dismiss racers from their responsibility of racing safely and fairly.

## 2020 Thursday Night Race - Sailing Instructions

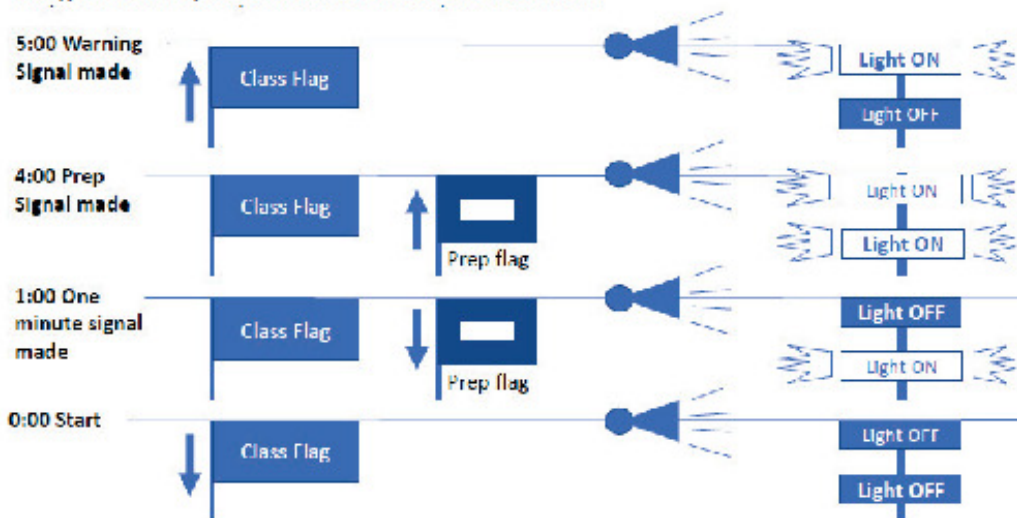


This year we are experimenting with a new semi-automated light system that is intended to greatly simplify the work on the Race Committee boat.

We will continue to use the flags on the RC boat during the starting sequences, but the automated system will sound the horns, and signal the RC as to when the flags go up and down.

The automated system will also light two stacked lights on a pole mounted on the RC Boat, as shown below.

Our typical 2020 sequence for each class start will look like this:



There are clubs that use only the lights for starting races, having done away with starting flags.

Note that even with a fully automated starting system, flags will still be used to signal which class is starting, and to signal events such as postponements and recalls (individual and/or general).

Please forward any questions on this new starting light system to:

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