



Soundings

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South Port Sailing Club

July 2019

From the Commodore – Tim Aseltine

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Welcome to summer! It appears it has come in with hot temperatures and HIGHER water, incredibly! The water level remains high. We have had discussions on what to do with the docks. Our harbour is full except for one small well.

The sailing school is up and running. Adult classes started in June, and the kids at the beginning of July. Thank you John and Louise.



Sail A Bration was well attended, with many family members and children. Due to the uncertainty of the weather, we had fewer boats for the sail pass. We expect more members will have their water guns ready for next year.

Great Lakes Yacht Club is coming up the Civic holiday weekend. There may be a shortage of wells, therefore dockage will be based on availability. Land cruisers are always welcome. A sign-up sheet will be posted at club mid-July.

We wish Andy and his crew a fast and safe Mackinac Race.

We are traveling with other boats on our maiden voyage to the North Channel. See you WHEN we get back!

From the Social Chair – Louise Marentette

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Sail A Bration was a big success again, thanks to all those who brought salads and baked goods and helped with serving and clean up. This year we had lots of kids join us and it was fun seeing them have fun with the bubbles and games.



We are now ready for summer to begin! It is time to get out on the boats and enjoy the club. We will kick things off with July's Happy Hour on **Friday the 5th**. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase and games will be out on the lawn. BYOB.

Many members are cruising in July and August will be a busy month for racing, with 3 regattas in a row; but we will slow things down and all come together on **August 24/25** with a South Port Cruise In. Come spend the afternoon/evening at the club, stay on your boat and join your fellow sailors for breakfast in the morning. Check out the flyer for more details.

Enjoy the warm weather and I hope to see you out at the club, Louise

Happy Canada Day!



Happy Hour!

Friday July 5th

5:30 pm



SPSC BOOK CLUB



July 30th @ 7pm

Book this month:

Becoming

From the Cruise Chair – Catherine McGhie

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Tentative Cruise to Metro Beach for July is being **temporarily cancelled** due to high water levels there. But we are on track for the Great Lakes Yacht Club Cruise in August Civic Holiday weekend. Watch for further updates and the sign up sheet will go into club foyer around the middle of July. Catherine

From the Harbour Master and Property Chair – Fred Eagen and Erin Bates

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Thanks to all that helped on clean-up day before the Sail A Bration! The response was great and the results were outstanding!

BEWARE! Day by day the docks could be underwater. THEY ARE VERY SLIPPERY.

Notice our friendly turtles and ducks on the docks! Good news is the snake population has reduced since the turtles moved in!

For those looking for hours, in addition to gardening, we would like paint the steel entrance doors on the club house. There is a quart of paint labelled with my name and "doors", in the storage room. Grab a brush and take charge! See you around the club! Fred and Erin.

From the Sailing School Chair – John Marentette

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June has been a very busy month for the Sailing School. The Instructor staff are back and have been working to prepare for the season.

Head Instructor – Katie Butler (returning)

Race Team Instructor – Jesse Davidson (returning)

CanSail Instructors – Ross Darocy, Nina Mussio, Emerson Wells, (returning)

And welcome to Emily Spengemann who is working into her first year as an Instructor.

We are also hoping to see Zach Ublansky on the team this year, but Zach is currently recovering from a (non-sailing) injury. Please join us in wishing him well.

We got through our first Adult sessions successfully, and the registration numbers caused us to utilize all three of the school Sharks. Each of these well-used boats are in need of ongoing maintenance work, so if you are capable, feel free to hop aboard and look for something that can be improved. A new 6hp Suzuki motor was purchased this month to allow one of the older motors to be removed and sidelined.

The 420 dinghies are all rigged and ready to go for the youth CanSail and KidSail sessions, which are also full this year. We have had to sand-bag the launching ramp to prevent erosion due to the high water levels. Ironically, the high water makes launching and retrieving the dinghies easier.

The new RHIB coach boats are now sitting on a new-to-us floating dock setup that was purchased from soon-to-be-closed West Port Marina in Lasalle. It is hoped that having a safe out-of-the-water docking location for the RHIBs, will lengthen their service lives.

This past month, the Sailing School received a wonderfully gracious donation in the form of a pristine J22 sailboat from a past member. This small boat is widely raced around the world. There are over 1,600 J22's now sailing in 65 active fleets in eighteen countries on three continents. At this time, how best to use this resource is still being considered.

Several club members have stepped up to volunteer to work on refurbishment of the Shark trailers. This is much appreciated and will increase the service life of the trailers, as well as just sprucing up the appearance of our equipment.

Arrangements are being made for the Dinghy Regatta in August. A regatta planning sheet is now posted in the clubhouse. If you have any time to donate towards these events, please sign up with whatever jobs you feel you can handle? The more help we get, the easier it is on all of us.

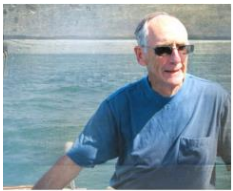
Please let us know if you have any suggestions for improvement of the sailing school operation. Thanks, John



Meet our Members – Welcome our new member!

Ben Margerison has been accepted as Junior Member of South Port. This will be his 4th summer at our sailing school. He is a Can Sail 3 graduate, recently achieved his Bronze Medallion in swimming and was an Instructor in training the 3rd session last summer. Ben is currently taking Saturday afternoon pre-season training at the club and will be racing Tuesday nights. He was a Junior Nationalist at Point Pelee for 7 years, and this year is volunteering there. He is also an ECO team member at Essex Public School going into Grade 8 in September. He will be applying for the International Baccalaureate program in Leamington. In addition to his love of sailing, Ben is a four time Soapbox Derby Champion and plays house league soccer with SWYSC. Welcome to the club!

Passing of Past Commodore Frank Macdonald – June 1, 2019



Life members Frank and Cathy Macdonald joined South Port in 1965. Frank was born in Prince Edward Island, the youngest of 8 children. He obtained a B.Sc. degree from St. Dunstan's University PEI, then a Master's of Social Work from Carleton, Ottawa. His chosen profession in Social Work led him to Windsor in 1963 as a counsellor at Catholic Family Services. He became Executive Director, and held this position for 30 years until his retirement in 2001.

Frank was an avid sailor. As a child he sailed on the family boat on Cardigan Bay, PEI. At South Port he sailed a Y flyer and eventually purchased his Shark 'Pursuit'. He raced in the Club series on Wednesday nights, and continued sailing through the 2012 season. He was a very active member of South Port during his 54 years as a member, serving as Commodore in 1984. Frank skied the slopes of Michigan as often as possible during the winter months, and spent many hours in his basement workroom crafting wood pieces, including toys for his children, some of them still entertaining his grandchildren.

Frank was one of our original members who contributed to the growth of our club. South Port members send condolences to his wife Cathy, his children, David & Gillian, 4 grandchildren, family members and many friends.



Racing Results! Congratulations!!

May 25 – 26 2019 Shark Trillium

6th place	Scallywag	Racer John Baker
11th place	Cheers	Racer Darcy Fuller
14th place	Aspen	Racer Alex Baker

June 7 2019 Detroit Nood

2nd place	Spitfire	Racer John Marentette
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June 29 – 30 Canadian Championships

Darcy Fuller and John Marentette competed. Results are not yet in.

June - Aug 2019 Calendar

Follow this link to a calendar where individual meeting notices can be copied to your own personal calendar!

<http://www.southportsailingclub.com/calendar.html>

Month	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Jun 2019	30 Cooke-Morley	1 Canada Day 9am-12am Session 1 Can Sail 6:45pm-9:45pm SPSC Monday Series	2 Session 1 Can Sail 7pm-9pm Exec Meeting	3 Session 1 Can Sail	4 Session 1 Can Sail 6:45pm-9pm SPSC OPEN SERIES	5 12am-4pm Session 1 Can Sail 5:30pm-9pm HAPPY HOUR	6	
	7 Arthur, W	8 9am-12am Session 1 Can Sail 6:45pm-9:45pm SPSC Monday Series	9 Nunavut Day Session 1 Can Sail	10 Session 1 Can Sail	11 Session 1 Can Sail 6:45pm-9pm SPSC OPEN SERIES	12 12am-4pm Session 1 Can Sail	13 Chicago Macinac	
Jul 2019	14 Baker, J Chicago Macinac	15 Chicago Macinac 9am-12am Session 2 Can Sail 6:45pm-9:45pm SPSC Monday Series	16 Chicago Mackinac Session 2 Can Sail	17 Session 2 Can Sail	18 Session 2 Can Sail 6:45pm-9pm SPSC OPEN SERIES	19 12am-4pm Session 2 Can Sail	20 Bayview Mackinac	
	21 Bayview Mackinac Cooke, J	22 Bayview Mackinac 9am-12am Session 2 Can Sail 6:45pm-9:45pm SPSC Monday Series	23 Bayview Mackinac Session 2 Can Sail	24 Session 2 Can Sail	25 Session 2 Can Sail 6:45pm-9pm SPSC OPEN SERIES	26 12am-4pm Session 2 Can Sail	27	
	28 Souliere/Takas	29 2019 KIDSail classes 6:45pm-9:45pm SPSC Monday Series	30 International Friendship Day 2019 KIDSail classes	31 2019 KIDSail classes	1 2019 KIDSail classes 6:45pm-9pm SPSC OPEN SERIES	2 2019 KIDSail classes ILYA Bayweek (Put-In-Bay Ohio)	3 2019 Ontario Sailing Regional Championships (SPSC) GLYC Cruise weekend ILYA Bayweek (Put-In-Bay Ohio)	
	Aug 2019	4 2019 Ontario Sailing Regional Championships (SPSC) Bhattacharjee/Pearson GLYC Cruise weekend ILYA Bayweek (Put-In-Bay Ohio)	5 Civic Holiday GLYC Cruise weekend 9am-12am Session 3 Can Sail 6:45pm-9:45pm SPSC Monday Series	6 Session 3 Can Sail	7 Session 3 Can Sail	8 Session 3 Can Sail 6:45pm-9pm SPSC OPEN SERIES	9 12am-4pm Session 3 Can Sail	10 Hal Ebert Memorial Regatta

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Clubhouse Duties





Please see the binder on the kitchen counter for all the information to complete the duties. If you have any questions or see any repairs/supplies needed, please contact Jackie at: robtim@cogeco.ca

Upcoming Events

South Port Cruise-In

Saturday August 24 to Sunday 25th
At South Port Sailing Club

Arrival & casual social time from 3 – 5pm

 Happy Hour (BYOB) 5 - 6pm 

Potluck Dinner 6 – 7pm

Cruise out into the lake to watch the sunset



Bonfire at the club after cruise



Stay overnight on your boat (or in a tent)

Breakfast Sunday morning 8-9am (\$5/person)

Do you enjoy a good book!

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If you have questions contact me at

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SPSC Invitational Regatta

August 17th and 18th

Ontario Sailing Regional Championships at SPSC

Aug 3rd and 4th

Out of town guests will arrive Aug 2nd.
Awards will follow the race on Aug 4th.

Hal Ebert Memorial South Western Ontario Shark Championships at SPSC

Aug 10th and 11th



LMYC Annual Fighting Island Regatta

August 24th

