



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
July 2023

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Message from Commodore
Gord Richardson

Many thanks to all of you that attended the sixtieth anniversary Sail A Bration BBQ party. The weather kept all the boats in the harbour and we had to cram into the club house to celebrate, and celebrate we did! I'd like to formally thank my friend Paster Brad Watson for a thoughtful, well-researched and well received blessing of the fleet. I hope too, that you had a chance to drop in for the open house on Saturday to view the archives, many of which had been assembled and maintained over the years by our former archivist,



Irene East... I took this picture of Irene last July when she organized and presented the South Port archives during the Tecumseh Centennial weekend. Later in July she sat me down at the club and gave me her thoughts on a reorganization of F dock. In September, she died. Irene missed being able to celebrate her sixtieth year as a SPSC member, but will never be forgotten. To honour Irene, we will hold an annual women only pursuit race. The 2023 Irene East Regatta and BBQ party will be held at South Port on Saturday, August 19. Paul, Jin and I will be visiting some of our fellow sailors at their clubs on their race nights, to advertise and generate interest in putting

together teams and competing. For any racers that cannot reasonably sail their boats here, we will provide South Port members' boats for the race. We need lots of support from you to make this possible. The owner must be aboard the boat (insurance requirement) but cannot skip or crew the boat if a male, but can definitely explain the rigging, helm the boat out from the club and helm it back in. We also need volunteers for the usual regatta needs. Check out the Notice of Race on our website and get your teams registered!

Irene was a very lucky young girl. In January, 1945, Russian torpedoes sank the Wilhelm Gustloff. Of the 10,000 refugee women, children, sick and aged, over 9,400 died in the bitter Baltic. Irene and her younger sister were survivors, came to Canada and lived happy lives. Unless the war in the Ukraine becomes global, I think we can rule out being hit by a Russian torpedo on Lake St Clair. However, say you've packed a picnic, sailed out a mile or two, and you trip on your way up to drop the hook, catching your toe on a cleat. Desperately flailing for a grip on something you slash your wrist on a forestay meathook and you somersault into the water: bleeding, with no lifejacket. Everyone in the cockpit is playing video games. No one else but you knows how to operate the boat. Scarey? Crazy things do happen. Please plan ahead and sail safely.

Family Fun Day

Sunday July 2nd
On the water and land

Bring a picnic lunch &
enjoy the day !



Monday July 3rd

Sailing School
classes Monday to
Friday 9-4 ending
September 1st

Happy Hour
Friday July 7th



50th SPSC
Invitational Regatta
Saturday
July 8th

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July Calendar of Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Souliere, R</i>			Final Race Spring Series		
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Family Fun Day	<i>Kitsos, S</i> Sailing School classes start Racing	Executive Meeting		Open Series Racing	Happy Hour	Invitational Regatta Metro Beach Cruise
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<i>Martin, D&C</i>					
9	10	11	12	Racing	13	14
	<i>Woodfall/Hall</i>					Cruise in Weekend
16	Racing	17	18	19	Racing	20
	<i>Gadoury, J</i>					
23	Racing	24	25	26	Racing	27
	<i>Jackson/Parent</i>					
30	Racing	31	1	2	Racing	3
						4
						5

Congratulations to members Tim Aseltine & Catherine McGhie who competed in the Windsor Yacht Club, Canadian Club overnight race June 16th in Jam class !



Start Time: 19:00
 Distance: (nm) 17.50
 1st Finish Time: 21:44:06
 TLE at: 05:00

CLUB JAM - Race 1

Place	Sail #	Boat Name	Owner	Club	Race Rating	Type of Boat	Finish Time
1	73355	PRIVATE IDAHO	Alan Johnson	WYC	117 / 0.97451	Beneteau 405 First TM SC	21:44:06
2	51634	KRAKEN THE WINE	Tim Asteltine	WYC-GUEST	117 / 0.97451	C&C 35.5	21:55:43
3	8	NAUTI DOG 2.0	Catherine McGhie	WYC-GUEST	162 / 0.91292	Mirage 33	22:22:01
4	48	PAINKILLER	John Malcolm	WYC-GUEST	159 / 0.91678	Beneteau 411	22:51:04

Congratulations to Junior member Ben Margerison on placing 2nd in the LaSalle Mariners Spring Dinghy Regatta - Open Class.

- Open Class
- 1 - Ryan Bennett
- 2 - Ben margerison
- 3 - Hayden Walker / Eithan Graham
- 4 - Westly Pink / Noah Bartholomew

Social Louise Marentette

We kicked off the sailing season in style with our annual Sail A Bration, despite the uncooperative weather ! Thanks to everyone for being so flexible. As summer progresses we will have a few more events and Happy Hours to keep us busy.

Sunday July 2nd is going to be our first Family Fun Day. It's just a casual drop in day with water activities and land games, topped off with a 'bring your own picnic'.

The July 7th Happy Hour will be part of the Invitational weekend, so come out and join in the fun.

July 23-24th will be our Cruise In weekend. There will be a 'cruise' on the lake with food and activities at the club. You have the option of staying overnight on your boat, and enjoying a yummy group breakfast the next morning. More details will follow.

Be sure to keep an eye out for updates, and get out and enjoy the summer sailing season.
Below are a few photos taken at the 60th celebration June 11th.
To see all the photos go to the South Port Sailing Club Facebook page.

Blessing of the Fleet indoors by Pastor Brad Watson



Commodore Gord Richardson & Jan



Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart & Doris



Treasurer John Shaw & Manjit



Communication Chair Paul Ramey & Ann



RC extraordinaire Wayne Hind & Nancy



Racing John Marentette (interim director)

Some of my fondest summer memories are of times spent at various sailing events, with friends. Many of these not even while sailing !

Our 50th annual SPSC Invitational is coming up on Saturday July 8th, kicking off with a fun 'welcome to the club' party at the Friday evening Happy Hour. This years Regatta features a long distance race (NOR available on the club website) followed by a fun social dinner at the club.

This year we have some additional subjective 'competitions' added, for all boats registered, even if you are not racing. These will include :

- 'best presented boat' : decorate your boat & try to win a prize
- 'best dressed crew' : get yourself & your crew into this for a chance at an award
- 'best après-race cocktail' : win over the judges with the best cocktail

Remember, these are all subjective so play up to the judges !

We are also in need of volunteers for the weekend, to help with the on-water and on-shore activities. If interested, please let me know.

The intent here, is to have something fun for every boat at South Port, as well as visiting boats to participate on the weekend.

On a final note, we are still looking for a volunteer to take over Racing for the club. Someone is needed who can organize and run the Race Committee, and report to the Executive. I am happy to help and am not going anywhere. Please contact the Commodore if you are interested.

Property Jackie Timothy

New *bar stools* were ordered for the barrel tables in the sunporch. This brings the seating from 16 to 22. Thank you to Tim & Richard Staley for picking up the order and assembling the stools.

Sailing School classes start Monday July 3 and will run until the end of August. Classes are on from 9:00 - 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Please use the inside facilities leaving the outside washrooms open for the students during the day.

**Metro Beach Cruise Weekend
July 8th**



Paul Ramey has confirmed there are plenty of wells available on a first come first serve basis.

The North marina charges \$10.00 for 12 hours of dockage, no power or water. The South marina has complete services and newer washrooms. The daily charge is according to the Metro park fee guide (included in his email of June 15th)

Please contact Paul at paulramey85@gmail.com by July 2nd if you plan to attend, or need further information

Paul & Ann are heading out Saturday morning if you would like to sail over with them, or head over at your leisure and spend as many nights as you choose.