



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
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Message from Commodore Doug Crowe

Happy April to everyone and I hope you are all keeping well.

Spring has finally arrived, and launch is only 3 weeks away. The weather has not cooperated very much, however I'm sure it will improve to allow time for everyone to get their boats ready for the season.

Launch will be much the same as last season, so a team will be assembled to orchestrate the launch and put the cradles away. Further details will be sent out as we get closer to the date.

The Social Committee did an amazing job and pulled off our first event of the year with a BBQ March 12th. It was too cold and windy to sit out for a campfire, however it was great to reconnect with fellow members after a long winter. It was well attended, and great to meet some new members. Our first Happy Hour is this Friday Night, April 1st. I hope to see a great turnout.

I would like to welcome our newest member, Andrew Gaasenbeek and his family to our club.

Covid protocols have been relaxed but it is still around us, so please be mindful of fellow members when in a social gathering on the grounds.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the club as we prep our boats for launch.



Summer Reminders

The main parking lot is open for member parking. On Race night or during a Regatta please remind your crew & guests, parking is available for their vehicles on the south side of the driveway.



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

If you leave for an overnight or extended period, please park by the cedar hedges on the west side of the lot.



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

Thank you !

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New Member

Approved for membership in March were Andrew Gaasenbeek and Felicia Cristofaro and their son Lincoln. Andrew learned to sail on a dinghy at his family cottage. He is a self employed Real Estate Investor with International Compass Land, as well as a member of Windsor Squash & Fitness and Crunch Fitness. Andrew and Felicia look forward to cruising on their Pearson 27 *Mystic* this season.



Canadian Power & Sail is offering a Recreation Vessel Courtesy Check Inspection to be held at SPSC after launch.

This boat inspection is to help skippers identify and determine deficiencies in basic equipment and documentation as the season begins.

If there is enough interest CPS will schedule some of our people to come out and look over your boat on a 'a date to be determined'. After the examination, you will be issued a Safety Inspection sticker stating you have the required equipment aboard.

If you are interested Contact Ken Blyth arcflash@hotmail.com
or Jeanne Marchand ceejay2190@gmail.com
This will allow us time to plan for the day.

Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart

While writing this note on March 26th it is snowing outside ! I hope the weather breaks soon so we can start working on the boats and get them ready for April 23rd.

Additional details will follow by email regarding launch, and hopefully the restrictions that have been lifted (Covid 19) will remain in place.

I would ask members to review the dock rules on page 21 of the By Laws on the website as a refresher, specifically Rule 8 below. The electrical system on the docks was intended for hand tools and occasional charging of the batteries. It was not intended for the boats to be continuously connected to run trickle chargers and refrigeration units.

Weather permitting, the small boat hoist will be installed in the near future. John Marentette has revised the training program for the use of the new hoist, and the training should start once it is installed.

8. Unattended boats shall not be connected to shore services (electricity and water) overnight, except under special circumstances approved by the Harbour Master.

Cruising Ken Blyth



Cruisers Ready ???

Launch is coming up very soon. Time to get those boat bottoms prepared, blisters patched and faired, and to service every through-hull to ensure you won't need to haul out midseason when a tiny defect allows unwanted water into the boat. Best to replace a marginal component now than in the middle of the lake.

Who has plans to go cruising this season and where would you like to go? Any plans to replace equipment, upgrade, or add to the boat to increase comforts aboard?

It looks like the US may be more open this year, but ArriveCAN will have to be used to return. As far as I can tell, vaccinated travellers will only face minor red tape to enter Canada. There will be a customs and border information session at Windsor Yacht Club soon, but I am not sure of the date yet. NEXUS renewal is a problem with only one office accepting appointments in Missouri if you need to go.

Canadian Power Squadron is planning an AIS (automatic identification system) course or information presentation on line. An email will follow with the date. Anyone who desires to talk to me about AIS is more than welcome to contact me. I have been using AIS information since 2012. Several of our members have AIS either class B or receive only. The added safety and peace of mind the information offers can be invaluable.

I would like to plan an overnight cruise to anchor off Peche Island to start us off. Contact me if interested. See you down at the club soon.

Property Jackie Timothy

As you all know as of March 21st mask restrictions were lifted by the Province, but a supply has been left in the foyer should you choose to use them.

The main room and sunporch are now fully open for your use, and things are back in place ! Thank you to our flooring contractor and the member volunteers who installed new baseboards in the main room, painted out the sunroom fireplace, and sanded and installed new vinyl on our inside picnic table. The fireplace is now on automatic and only the one wall timer is needed to operate it.

New wiring and boxes have been installed in the sunporch to accommodate 2 ceiling fans that should make hot summer days more comfortable inside this season.

As an update, we will be upgrading our surveillance system inside and outside the property, as well as our internet service over the next few months. Thank you to member Ryan Masse who is overseeing the project.

Just a reminder, if u dispose of any large items in the driveway bin, please break them down or for disposal of tarps, roll them up before placing in the bin. No garbage in the recycle containers please, and dispose of trash on your way out. Thank you for your cooperation.

When the weather breaks, I'll be in touch as future property tasks become available.

Racing John Baker

2022 South Port Sailing Club Racing Schedule

Thursday Night Spring Series
May 12th to June 27th

Thursday Night Fall Series
August 18th to September 29th

Monday Night Spring Series
May 16th to June 30th

Monday Night Fall Series
August 15th to September 26th

Invitational Regatta
July 16th - July 17th

Thursday Night Open Series
July 7th to August 11th

Ontario Sailing Regional Dinghy Championships
July 30th and 31st

Hospice Regatta
September 11th

Shark North American Championship
August 26th, 27th and 28th

Harvest Moon Regatta
September 17th



Social Louise Marentette

Spring is slowly arriving, along with the boats! It's time to get back outside and see how your fellow sailors fared over the winter. Come out to the club this **Friday April 1st** (no joke) after 5 pm for the first **Happy Hour** this year. As an added bonus, if you have a remote controlled sail boat and want to get out on the water a little early, dust it off and go sailing in the harbour while it is free. Tacos (beef & chicken) will be available for purchase for \$5.00 per person at 6 pm. If the weather cooperates the bonfire will be going so you can hang out inside or outside, wherever you are comfortable.

Next month the **Happy Hour** will be **Friday May 6th** and your executive will be on hand for a **Meet and Greet** and to talk new ideas for the upcoming season. Hope to see you at the club !

Club Duties April thru May



Mar 28-Apr 3
Bates, E

April 4-10
Seeger, L

April 11-17
Brown, S

April 18-24
Nagorsen, R

April 25-May 1
Cowan, G

May 2-8
Minin, V

May 9-15
Van Beek, W

May 16-22
Hunter, N