



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
May 2023

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Message from Commodore Gord Richardson

The harbour is chock-a-block full, and though the rainy windy weather has slowed the stepping of masts, the sight of all the boats newly washed and waxed is a great way to tell our neighbours that the club has come out of hibernation and is raring to kick off its 60th season.

I'll be bringing my boat up from a Lasalle boatyard later this month (love to have some crew) and can't wait to get back to South Port. For those of you who haven't spent time making repairs or refitting off the club property, you may take for granted what a great facility and what great people we have to help each other make the most of our sailing experience.

On behalf of the membership, I'd like to thank all the unsung volunteers that ensure our infrastructure is always there. The easy access to power and water, internet, club facilities, landscaping, harbour maintenance are part of the daily tasks that just get done. All the people like Jackie, Andy, Stu, Dave, Jimmy, Tim, Fred and Ernad.

Our 60th racing season will also be a busy one!

- Ed and Mo are organizing the return of the Regional Championship Dinghy Regatta in August which should be an exciting weekend.
- Catherine, Tim, Pam and Paul are bringing back women's racing with the Irene East Women's Regatta in August as well.

Please see John's article in this issue. By the way, special thanks to John for mentoring in the interim until a new Racing Director is appointed.

Matt, thank you for preparing the racing applications on the website for 2023, and for your great work maintaining the results and reporting.

Louise and her committee have big ideas for celebrating our 60th. Come out to Happy Hour on Friday May 5 to start, and read her article about Sailabration in June. Thank you so much, Louise!

Last but definitely not least, South Port Sailing Club would also like to thank our neighbours Mrs. Bell, Mr. Jorgenson, and Dr. Paterson for their generous donations towards the dredging of Pike Creek.



60th Anniversary
1963 - 2023

Monday May 1st

Cruisers Meeting

6-7 pm

Monday Nite

Racers meeting

7-9 pm



Happy Hour
May 5th

LaSalle Mariners
Yacht Club

Shakedown Race

to Put n Bay

May 20th weekend



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May Calendar of events

club duties



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Takas Cruise Meeting 6-7 pm Monday Racers Meeting 7-9 pm	Executive Meeting 7 pm	WYC North Channel presentation 7 pm		Happy Hour 5:30 pm	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	Van Beek	8	9	10	11	12
				Spring Series Racing		
14	Hunter Monday Racing	15	16	17	18	19
				Spring Series Racing	LaSalle Mariners Shakedown Weekend Put n Bay	
20						
21	Steel Monday Racing	22	23	24	25	26
				Spring Series Racing		Dinner Cruise
27						
28	Malone Monday Racing	29	30	31	June 1	2
				Spring Series Racing	Happy Hour 5:30 pm	

Social Louise Marentette

Welcome to the Sailing Season ! A variety of fun activities have been planned for the membership this summer, so check out the club website calendar, and keep an eye out for updates.

The first big event is the Annual Sail A Bration June 10-11th. Included in this issue is the flyer on page 6 with details of the weekend. Please RSVP as soon as possible for dinner on Sunday the 11th.

This Fridays Happy Hour will feature beef and chicken tacos to celebrate Cinco de Mayo !

I hope to see you out at the club.



Registration available on LMYC club website

2023 - LMYC 47th Annual Shakedown Race
LaSalle Mariner s Yacht Club
5/20/2023

Document: Notice of Race - 47th Annual Shakedown to Put-In-Bay

Document: Registration Form - LMYC 47th Annual Shakedown to Put-In-Bay

47th Annual Shakedown Race to Put-in-bay , Hosted By LMYC

49th Annual WYC Overnight Race is scheduled for
Friday June 16, 2023.



Event is open to all boats that have applied and paid the applicable fee to race. Registrants in the DRYA Counter Series, and all boats owned by Clubs or members of associated Clubs (as guests).

New for 2023 Canadian Club/Windsor Overnight Race.

- Registered DRYA Counter Series Competitors do not need to register on Yacht Scoring for this race.
- Guests and non DRYA members must register, pay, provide proof of insurance, and MWPHRF rating for this race on Yacht Scoring by 1700 hrs Tuesday June 13, 2023.

Wednesday, May 3 7:00PM

Location - Windsor Yacht Club

Cruising the North Channel

Come and listen to both Power and Sail enthusiast who have travelled to the North Channel....the pros and Cons of making such a journey.

Open to all

Sponsored by the Windsor Power and Sail Squadron



TRYC is hosting a Great Lakes Regatta on Labour Day 2023 and is excited to welcome the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, as well as members from other neighboring clubs to come race with us, spend the weekend, BBQ, and have a great time! Charts will be published closer to the event. For more information please use the contact us page.

Harbour Andy Hellenbart

The launch was held Saturday April 22nd. The first boat hit the water at 7:30 a.m. and the last boat completed launch at 11:30 a.m. We launched 48 boats and two were set up so they can be moved from the club property. Using the designated launch crew worked extremely well. I would like to thank the crew for their hard work making this years launch a success. There were a few glitches that were quickly overcome.

We had a new crane operator and a different crane this year, which created challenges with the proposed launch schedule, early start and the crane operators sequence based on the best rotation of the crane. Numbers of boats were being launched before the owners arrived, or they were running down the parking lot to catch up to their boat. Sorry for the confusion.

On Sunday the cradle moving took place with a select crew that worked very well together. On Nathan Hunter's recommendation, we used a small bobcat to stack the cradles and save the back breaking work of the crew. The large fork lift was used to move them into the storage area, and also used to launch the floating docks for the sailing school.

Thanks everyone for another successful launch !

Sailing School Ed Hickey



The school has a new website available on the SPSC main page. Adult, Can Sail and Kids Sail Classes for 2023 are published and registration is available. The school has added 3 new 420's to the fleet, and a new coach boat. It has been a busy winter leading up to spring. Thank you to the volunteers who have assisted to date. Our instructors are looking forward to a great season !

Mo Regnier is overseeing and bringing back the Regional Championship Dinghy Regatta to South Port this year. It will be taking place the weekend of August 12-13th, and we look forward to hosting both local and out of town sailors. More information will follow closer to the date.

Cruising Wayne Bellemore

The May 27th Dinner Cruise will take place at The Harbour House, 9550 Riverside Dr. E. at 4:30 pm. There will be some wells available for docking, and 4 to 5 choices of dinners available on the menu. Boats will leave the SPSC harbour at 3:00 pm. Land cruisers welcome !
RSVP to Denise Aeltine to reserve by May 20th.



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Hello everyone.

Our racing program, and the Shark fleet will be missing John Baker this year, as he moves out to British Columbia. John did a great job as Race Chair over the past couple of years, and we wish him all the best.

I am filling in temporarily, until the Club can locate a new volunteer for the position. If you are interested, please let us know!

The racing program at South Port has many participants, but it also takes many supporters to keep it going. Some of those that I am grateful for this year are:

Alex Baker – Trillium anti-fouling prep for the season
Bev Pryce – Trillium engine maintenance
Wayne Hind – race committee “on-water” volunteer
Matt Draisey – race results and website
Kelly Johnson / Jeff Kepran – regatta scheduling and season planning
Erin Bates / Dave Woodfull – race marks & anchors seasonal prep
Gary Nikota / Ken Blyth – Trillium safety equipment inspection
The Shark fleet – race marks launching
Jeff & Tyler Gadoury – Trillium fuel supply
Joe Oldridge – Trillium monthly wash



We have launched! (thanks Andy & crew!). Be sure to get registered for racing.

I have been racing sailboats for many years and am a strong believer that it makes us all better sailors. If you are new to sailing or racing, please talk to someone about possibly bringing your boat out to the Monday night races - its a great way to learn.

If you have some experience with Mondays, or are looking for more of a challenge, sign up for Thursdays. We are always learning something new about sailing, boat handling or crew-work, while racing.

We live in a fantastic area for boating, sailing, and racing. Windsor YC's Wednesday night race program is fantastic, as is the Detroit Regional Yacht-racing Associations annual list of regattas. Please consider all these events in your seasons plans. Even just watching the finish of the WYC Wed evening races from Lakeview Park on a windy evening with all the other spectators is a lot of fun.

If you have any suggestions or questions on our SPSC race program, please contact me.

Here's looking forward to a great season!

John Marentette

Property Jackie Timothy

As I type this all I can say is rain, rain, rain, but it looks like the weather is going to warm up soon, and I will be reaching out for volunteers to assist with spring tasks. It's going to be a busy summer with Sailing School classes, Racing, Regattas and the Open House & Sail A Bration June 10-11th. I hope during the Regattas and events you will all help the member on club duty by way of picking up any debris on the grounds and assist with the recycle boxes and garbage pails when needed.

Please remember to drop off garbage in the driveway bin whenever possible, and boat trash during the season. Only recycle boxes will be available at the harbour, no trash pails. When the weather decides to cooperate, and the masts are off the lawn, we will start the lawn service. Thank you !

Sail A Bration 2023

June 10th & 11th, 2023



Come out and celebrate our 60th year!



Saturday June 10th 1 – 4pm

Displays of photos and memorabilia from the past 60 years
will be showcased in the main clubhouse.

Enjoy the grounds and wander the docks to admire all the great boats!

Sunday June 11th

Get in the 60's spirit and dress up in your grooviest outfit



(prizes for best costumes!)

Sail past 2pm

Hoist your flags and head out to the lake,
sail past our commadore and receive your bottle of wine.
Be warned, water fights may ensue (or better yet, be prepared)

Activities on the grounds 3-5pm

For those who aren't sailing there will be groovy lawn games and activities available for the
young and young at heart on the grounds.

Musical entertainment.

Dinner 5pm

Scotties BBQ will be serving up delicious BBQ fare including burgers and pulled pork.
Salads and dessert included.

Hot dogs available for the kids & vegetarian options also available.

Cost is \$15 per person / kids under 5 free / 5 – 10 years \$5

Please RSVP to spsc.socialdirector@gmail.com or call 519-995-2964 by May 21st.

Please indicate the number of adults and kids (both free and 5-10 years old) that will be having
dinner. Please also specify if you need a vegetarian option.

Monies will be collected on the day or can be dropped off at the office beforehand.

Keep an eye out for further updates!