



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
Jan/Feb 2023

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Message from Commodore Gord Richardson

Sadly, it was difficult for many of us to have a traditional celebration with our families this past holiday season. We had to overcome the obstacle of a freezing continental blizzard that closed the 401 over Christmas, and then we scrambled to make last minute travel arrangements due to air and rail cancellations and delays New Year's Day.

Fortunately, you have a chance coming up on Saturday February 4th to get together and cheer our hockey team to victory over WYC, then head back to the club for chilli and hot chocolate to renew our comradeship for 2023.

In December and January, John Baker was ably assisted by the Marentettes, who hosted two well attended racing webinars. (There are two more to follow in February and March) As well, your new cruise director, Wayne Bellemore, organized a pre-season cruising seminar.

Coming up, the 2023 membership information meeting on February 21 will have some critical items to be reviewed, besides the 2022 financial year.

-How will the club respond to financial pressures from inflationary increases for contracted services such as crane and dredging costs ?
-What progress has been made with the SPSC dredging application, and what will the scope of dredging be ?

Some of these questions may be answered elsewhere in this issue, for the others please participate and attend the meeting.

Be in good health, and wish good luck to our team on Saturday !

SPSC vs WYC
Hockey Game
Saturday February 4th 7:15 pm
Forest Glade Arena

Annual Members Meeting

Tuesday February 21
Main room 7:00 pm

Meeting

The 2023 Roster is going to print in 2 wks
Any changes to your information
please notify

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Proposed Launch Date
2023

Saturday April 22

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New Member

In December Kyle Luck was accepted as an Intermediate member. He is looking forward to bringing his Zim C420 to the club in the spring. Kyle attended the South Port Sailing School and plans to participate in racing this upcoming season. He is attending St. Clair College in the Business program, and is a member of Riverside Minor Hockey.

Welcome

In addition to our SPSC Race Webinars February 16th and March 16th, LMYC are also offering presentations in February through March

Please join us for a variety of upcoming

Racing Seminars

Dave Dellenbaugh videos and live webinars will be presented at the club

Monday, February 6	8pm	 LIVE	Racing Essentials: Steering
Thursday, March 2	7pm	 Pre-Recorded	Racing Essentials: Tacking
Monday, March 6	8pm	 LIVE	Sail Trim Secrets - Trim Principles
Monday, March 20	8pm	 LIVE	Sail Trim Secrets: Jib and Genoa Trim
Monday, March 27	8pm	 LIVE	Sail Trim Secrets: Spinnaker Trim



LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

JOG racing starts Monday, May 15
PHRF racing starts Wednesday, May 17
47th Annual Shakedown Regatta • Saturday, May 20



Contact Race Director Susan Brosseau at lmracing@gmail.com for more information

Clubhouse Duties



February 2023 Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<i>Fuller, D</i> 30	Cruise Meeting 6:30 pm 31	1	2	3	SPSC vs WYC Hockey Game Forest Glade arena 7:15 pm 4
5	<i>Dolsen, M</i> 6	Executive Meeting 7pm 7	8	9	10	11
12	<i>Baker, A</i> Cruising discussion 7pm APPS 13	14	15	Racing Webinar 7pm 16	17	Meeting with Pike Creek Neighbours Main Room 12-2 pm 18
19	<i>Masse, R</i> 20	Members Meeting 7pm 21	22	23	24	25
26	<i>Ormshaw, W</i> 27	28				

Jennifer Pisani-Donga
January 17, 1975 - December 2, 2022



The Donga family joined South Port the summer of 2021, sailing their restored Cal 22, *Ogygia*. Jennifer was a Human Resource Professional and managed her own consulting firm. The members send condolences to Jelle, children Cassia, Chole, Logan, Lucas, her family and many friends.

Mary Elizabeth Fuller
February 5, 1954 - December 3, 2022



The Fullers joined South Port in 1979. Mary was a graduate of The University of Windsor (B. Comm) where she met Bob. She enjoyed sailing with the family in earlier years, and many vacations to Anna Maria Island. We are told she was an avid reader and shopper. South Port sends condolences to Bob, Darcy & Kristyn, her grand daughter Lilly, family and friends.

Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart



Harbour Fee changes 2023

Fellow Members

This year the executive have reviewed the summer dockage, winter storage & crane rates for 2 reasons

- 1. Increased costs due to outside contractors union agreements
- 2. The water levels in the Great Lakes have started their downward spiral. Maintenance dredging of the channel, harbour and docks is needed

To date, we have received a dredging permit from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and ERCA, as well as authorization from The Town of Tecumseh and Municipality of Lakeshore. We are anticipating the approval from The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in the near future. In the meantime we are going to obtain dredging prices and work schedules from the appropriate contractors.

There will be further discussion on this matter at the Members meeting February 21st.

Property Jackie Timothy



The 2023 seasons 'to do' list has been prepared and in the spring, I will be reaching out to members to volunteer for these tasks allowing you to get some work hours in.

While many of the suggestions received in the Membership Survey are open for consideration, the larger items will be put on hold considering the dredging needed this year.

Last season several larger projects and repairs were completed including the new surveillance system, replacing the internet router, upgrading the floor base in the main room to allow for installation of new plank flooring and trim and additional spring maintenance of the trees on the grounds.

My goal is to keep the property budget in check this year, carrying out all the necessary maintenance, along with a few upgrades, but setting aside the 'wish list' for now.

Thank you again to all who stepped up last season and volunteered for property tasks.

I look forward to working with you again this year.

Race Chair John Baker



TENTATIVE Race Schedule 2023

Spring Series	May 11 to June 23
Summer Open Series	June 29 to August 3
Fall Series	August 10 to September 28
Invitational	July 15 & 16
Dinghy Regatta	July 29 & 30
Sail for Hospice	September 10
Harvest Moon	September 23

Additional details will be available on the racing section of the club website

Sailing School Ed Hickey



New to the position of Sailing School Director, to those I have not met, I would like to introduce myself. I have been a member of South Port since 2009, and sail a C&C 32 *Olivia*. I am recently retired from my 25 year career as an airline pilot.

With Jeff and my committees assistance preparations are underway for the 2023 season. We plan to offer both Junior and Adult classes this year.

The 2022 schedules listed on the Sailing School page of the website are for reference only, as the dates and fees will be changing. Schedules & online registration will be available in the spring.

This year we will be utilizing the skills of local sailor, former student & head instructor Mike Weber. He will be focusing on instructor development. Our head instructor this season is Thomas Paine, former student and current instructor. Thomas is currently enrolled in college taking Aviation Mechanical Engineering, and will be working on the coach boats over the winter.

We look forward to another successful year at the school !

Social Louise Marentette



I hope everyone had a good holiday and has had time to recover from all their festivities. 2023 is South Port's 60th anniversary, so we have a few special things planned throughout the year to help celebrate this special milestone.

To start the season off we have the annual SPSC vs WYC hockey game this weekend. Come out and cheer on our team and after the game, come back to the club to continue the fun. We are also hoping to get an afternoon bowling event organized for February. We'll confirm the date and full details when it's available later this month.

March will see the return of the monthly Happy hour on the 3rd with a beer tasting and tacos, April will be held March 31st, May on the 5th and June on the 2nd.

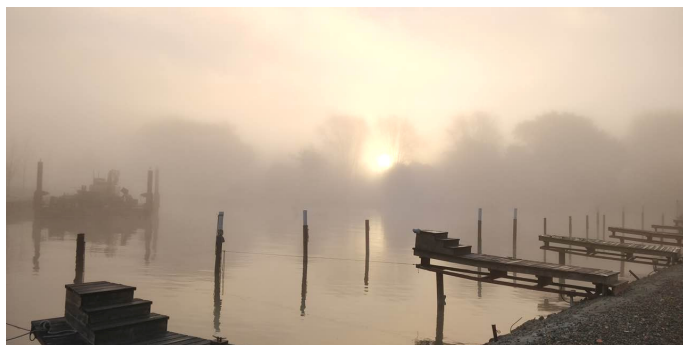
Mark your calendar for an Open House at the club June 10th and Sail A Bration Sunday the 11th.

A new idea for this season is to hold 'Family Fun Days', aimed at getting members and their families out on their boats for a fun day on the water and on land. Tentative dates are July 9th and August 27th.

More details on these events will follow by email as we get closer to the dates, all are posted on the website calendar and full details will be available in the monthly newsletter.

I really hope to see you at some of these events !

End of year 2022
Follow the South Port Facebook page for photos of
events throughout the summer months



Foggy Haul Out



Afternoon Painting party



Christmas 2022 Happy Hour



December - 1st of 4 winter race webinars

Below is the work hour policy set out by the executive in 2018. There still seems to be a bit of confusion by new members as to where to record hours. The binder in the kitchen is for 'clubhouse cleaning only' (no work slip is needed) Leave your sheet in the binder. Work slips in the foyer are for 'all other tasks' carried out, and deposited in the time sheet box.

Lee Ann Halpin is taking over recording the work hour summaries this year. Thank you to Tim Asetline who held this position the past 2 years.

Just a reminder to everyone to submit your work hour slips immediately following the work to be certain your hours are recorded, and there is no question at year end which could result in an error on billings.



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, Social, 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.