



# *Soundings*

**Monthly newsletter  
South Port Sailing Club**

**May 2022**

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## **Message from Commodore Doug Crowe**



**Sailing season 2022 is officially underway !**

**Launch Day was delayed a week due to cool and wet weather, however I am sure that everyone appreciated the extra time to finish getting their boats ready. Congratulations to Andy and his team in executing the launch with precision. Just when you think that it can't get any better, it does. Thank you to all the members who worked so hard all day.**

**There has been a lot of work going on preparing the clubhouse for this season. Dave Robichaud and Ernad Ceramagic installed new electrical lines and boxes in the porch, and 2 ceiling fans have been installed. We hope this will make it more comfortable on warm sunny days. Wes Arthur finished painting out and installing the new base in the main room, and all the furniture is back in place.**

**We are up and running with our new provider, MNSI which will provide a much faster speed and quality of service. The club telephone number and Wi-Fi password remain the same.**

**I would like to take this opportunity to give a big shout out to member (Past Commodore 2018) Ryan Masse who took the lead on upgrading our surveillance equipment both in the clubhouse and on the grounds. From researching the equipment, to ordering, picking up and installation to date, we thank you. One more outlet is needed in the stockroom to accommodate the new Wi-Fi system, and once the final cameras are set in place, we have a state of the art security system that will last for many years.**

**We are looking forward to having a wonderful sailing season, and here's hoping the weather co-operates !**



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Club Duties

# MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <i>Minin, V</i>	3 Exec meeting	4	5	6 	7
8	9 <i>VanBeek, W</i>	10	11 	12 Spring Racing series	13	14
15	16 <i>Hunter, N</i> Monday race series	17	18	19 Racing	20	21 LMYC Shakedown
22	23 <i>Steel, B</i> Racing	24	25	26 Racing	27	28
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### Property Jackie Timothy

With the boats in the water and masts going up soon, we should be in a position to start grounds clean up within a week or so. When you remove any debris/lines/wrapping from your mast please dispose of it in the driveway bin. Plastic wrap is not accepted in the recycle bin.

In the meantime, if anyone would like to remove the chairs from the shed, hose them down and set them out on the back deck, please feel free to do so.

The water is turned on at the docks and hoses are available inside the shed on the west side, lower shelf (nozzles in the box above) The longer hoses are for the front, south side of building and gin pole area taps. Work hour slips are available in the foyer.

As property tasks come up, emails will be sent out for volunteers.

The ice machine will be turned on and the first delivery will take place the week of May 9th. The pop machine has been restocked and is available for your use.



Vice Commodore Gord Richardson

### SPSC Health & Safety Report May 2022

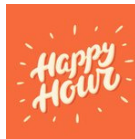
The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit developed a template to document how an organization will keep workers and other people safe at their workplaces and venues during the Covid-19 pandemic. This template was used by the SPSC Health & Safety Committee to develop and maintain a Covid-19 safety plan specific to the use of the club's grounds, main clubhouse & sailing school building.

The committee members are the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore & Harbour-master, who meet bi-monthly to review any changes in restrictions imposed by the Canadian government (local, provincial and federal) The changes are reflected in the Safety Plan, and the updated plan is distributed to the membership and must be posted at the clubhouse entrance. Since December 2021 there has been at least one major change per month, 2 in both January & February.

Although the Provincial Government has lifted most restrictions, we must remember that Covid-19 is still present in our community and there will probably be more mutant strains to deal with in the future. If there are new restrictions, please heed the Safety Plan.

### Social Louise Marentette

The boats are in, and the weather is warming up..it's time to get social once again ! This summer will be a busy one with celebrations and regattas that I hope you get a chance to participate in and enjoy.



**Happy Hours** will continue throughout the summer on the first Friday of the month. Stop by for a visit, or stay for a quick dinner and enjoy the company of your fellow sailors. **Friday May 9th** many of your executive will be on hand to answer questions and hear your suggestions for the coming season. We will be dishing up pizzas from the BBQ for \$5.00 per person as well as some yummy desserts.



**Sail A Bration**, our annual kick off to the summer is scheduled for **Sunday, June 12th**. There will be a sail past where the Commodore will pass out the ceremonial bottle of wine from his boat; after which you can hang out on the lake for the afternoon, or at the club on the grounds where there will be games and activities for all ages. Dinner will cap off a fun day. Keep an eye out for more details by email and the reservation form in next months Soundings.



**The Town of Tecumseh** is turning 100 this year and South Port is helping them celebrate. We are hosting a sail past/boat parade on **Saturday July 2nd** off Lakeshore Park, followed by a celebration back at the club with dinner and fun activities. Let's try to get as many boats as possible out on the water and give the people in the park a real show ! We encourage you to spend the night on your boat, and join us for a hearty breakfast Sunday morning.

I look forward to seeing many of you out at the club this summer now that we can mingle outdoors, and take advantage of our beautiful grounds and the water that surrounds us.

## Sailing School Jeff Kepran



The first session of sailing school will start on July 4. There has been much more interest in the program than we can handle. Registration for junior sailing filled up very quickly this year with all CANSail 1,2 sessions having a waiting list. If any members are planning on registering children, please do so as soon as possible. Register online for the waitlist of your desired session(s) and then send an email to [sailingschool@southportsailingclub.com](mailto:sailingschool@southportsailingclub.com) so we can fit you in.



### Sailing School History

There is a plaque on the sailing school building from 2008 in memory of Shelly Hind and Dr. Harold Asselstine. Many of us may not have known them, or be aware of their important contributions to the sailing school and the local sailing community.

Thanks to John Marentette, Ken Blythe and Matt Draisy for the following information about these two sailors.

#### Dr. Harold Asselstine

Harold was one of the founding members of the club. SPSC began life as a dinghy club run off the beach and Harold, like all the founding members, was a dinghy sailor at heart. When the club dug out its harbour off of Pike Creek all those founding members traded in their Flying Dutchmen for small keelboats. Harold's ownership of a Mirage 24 was short lived -- the Mirage was too short canvassed for a gentrified dinghy sailor so that boat was almost immediately replaced with a Kirby 25 and then with the Kirby 30 which Harold sailed for the next twenty years. Although Harold thoroughly enjoyed the ease and comforts of sailing a moderately heavy thirty foot keelboat, the handling and feel of the Kirby 30 was all dinghy when under sail.

The sailing school was a natural outgrowth of a club whose founders considered themselves dinghy sailors first and foremost. All of them raced their boats and the sailing school seemed essential to the long-term survival of the club, the sport of racing and the avocation of sailing. But beyond his support of the sailing school Harold also invited dozens of junior members to crew on his Kirby 30. With so many teachers on the regular crew, Wednesday-night racing became a rolling classroom for young sailors. And Harold was one of the only owners I know who wanted

everyone in the crew to have a go at helming the boat. He positively encouraged the crew to race the boat on days he couldn't make it out; and took delight in being able to tempt crew out for a sail on non-race days.

Finally, Harold's boats were infamous for having incomprehensible names; or rather a single name in an incomprehensible series "prn", "prn ii", "prn iij", "prn iv", "prn v" and "prn vi". The name was an inside joke; pharmacists thought it hilarious and they would translate the prescription pad abbreviation "prn" into english as "Take as necessary". To Harold, regular sailing was clearly necessary for a healthy lifestyle.



## Shelly Hind

Shelly was an avid local sailor active in the sport she loved. A woman eager to compete with men on equal terms in a male dominated arena. She actively sought to promote the sport for women in the Windsor area. Seeking to elevate the status of women and reduce the male centered bias prevalent among male dominated crews. In all woman racing, demanding that the name be changed from "Powderpuff" to the "Women's Challenge" to reflect the efforts women put into the competition.

Always looking to improve herself she sought to gain the experience to compete in more prestigious competition with a dream of someday competing in a race such as the Whitbread. Shelly was always eager to accept a challenge.

Sadly, Shelly passed away doing what she loved. While racing a 40-foot catamaran in a double handed race on the boat Great White with her skipper Guy Hornet, they capsized during a storm on Lake Huron with the loss of two lives. Shelly's efforts to promote the sport among women will be greatly missed.

Crescent Sail Club in Grosse Pointe, holds the annual Hind-Hornett double handed regatta in honor of Guy Hornett and Shelly Hind. This regatta is on May 14 2022 and is open to boats without a DRYA rating. <https://www.crescentsail.org/event/hind-hornett-memorial-doublehanded-regatta>



## Notice of Race

### “49th Annual Shakedown Race”

May 21, 2022

Hosted by the LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club (LMYC) LaSalle, Canada

This is to invite all sailors in and around the Detroit River,  
Lake Erie and Lake St Clair area, to participate in our  
Annual “Shakedown Race” to Put-In-Bay

