



Soundings

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South Port Sailing Club

April 2019

From the Commodore – Tim Aeltine

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As I write this today, today's temperature has risen to 12 degrees. Now is the time to start working on our boats. Five weeks until launch and coming fast. I have noticed more cars at the club, which is a sure sign of spring!

A number of work hours have been offered this past month. Harbour has had 3 work parties, replacing dock boards. As a portion of one dock is remaining, work hours are still available. Property has had many; as work is ongoing to complete the kitchen makeover. Also, the carpet has been cleaned and the chair/sofa covers washed.

Louise outdid herself at this month's chili cook-off. We had a good turnout for this event. Congratulations to the winners. Our Annual Membership meeting was well attended with some good discussions.

Catherine our Cruise Chair is hosting a wine and cheese Thurs. April 4, to discuss upcoming summer cruises. All members are welcome to attend.

I look forward to seeing you around the club prepping your boat for launch.

From the Social Chair – Louise Marentette

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As things start to warm up our thoughts are turning back to sailing and South Port. In March we had the membership meeting and the re-scheduled Chili Cook-Off. We had 9 amazing chili's to sample; Pam Morley Cooke was the big winner with Doris Hellenbart taking second and Bulent Mutus in third. Thanks to all who participated, it was another fun evening.



To start the month of April

there will be a **Happy Hour on Friday April the 5th**. Join us for some tasty food from 5:30 to 6:30pm and then stick around for a fun evening of trivia starting at 7pm. Do you know your music, super heroes and villains, the Great Lakes and other "useful" facts? Then grab a couple friends or crew

LOOKING FORWARD



weekend link party



April 5th
See U there



and try to outsmart your fellow sailors. Cost is only \$2 per person and the winning team splits the pot with the house. Teams of 4 to 8 players recommended.

Remember to mark your calendars for this year's **Sail-A-Bration on Sunday June 9th**. Hope to see you out at the club this Spring, Louise

From the Harbour Master – Fred Egan

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Thank you all who have helped with replacing the dock boards and the Gin Pole area boards. We have had three work parties with great success! One more to go, and all the docks will be complete.



Launch is scheduled for April 27th.

The Summer Dockage and Release form (with the calculation form) is available in the March **Soundings**. Since this form is used to calculate dockage fees, all members of the club that have a boat should complete the form, even if you do not require crane services. **Dockage fees are due April 1st**. It also gives me adequate time to properly assign well locations.

The first boat will be launched between 7:00 and 7:30am on April 27th depending on the crane arrival time. Please do not park in the driveway until after the crane is onsite. After the crane arrives, parking is limited to the north side of the driveway only.

Please remove any trailered boats that are not being launched from the property prior to launch day. Have your guide lines in place. If you plan to paint antifouling on the bow and stern pad areas when your boat is lifted, have the paint and roller in hand!

As always, safety is of the utmost importance. Stay clear of the crane and pinch points. Do not walk under the overhead lift. Should you have any questions during the day, please speak directly with people wearing orange vests. I will be onsite also.

Finally, cradles will be folded and stored as we launch. Please bring the tools necessary to collapse your cradle. Any non-folding cradles used for winter storage should be left at a location that will allow them to be removed from the property for the summer.

If there is a delay on the date of the scheduled launch, you will be notified as soon as possible by email. If you have any questions, please contact me by email or telephone. 226-246-2493. Fred.

From the Property Chair – Erin Bates

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Our kitchen refresh is nearly completed! Many thanks to all of the individuals who have made this happen. We'll be finished in the next week.

Our tasks now move to the outside of the club house, getting ready for the actual sailing season. We'll schedule a work party for the Saturday following our launch date to get the grounds in shape. Placing water hoses on the docks and grounds, garbage and recycling containers, and general yard and parking lot cleanup will be on the list of items to be completed.

Our outside water will be turned back on around April 5th, pending a weather forecast that is free of frost. The club trailer has structural issues and will be decommissioned. **Please do not put anything into the trailer going forward.** Looking forward to seeing all of you again now as the weather improves.
Erin.

From the Cruising Chair – Catherine McGee

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I would like to announce a **'Cruise Wine and Cheese Night' Thursday, April 4, 7-9 pm.** Let's talk about where you want to cruise! Catherine.



Hour Opportunities!

Harbour Master – Fred Eagen – Dock board replacement – Last ONE!

Meet our Members – This month we are meeting our current members!



1 John and Louise Marentetta

We have been members of South Port since 2015; but John, who grew up on Pike Creek, has been around the club since he was a youth taking sailing lessons followed by dinghy racing and crewing for other members for many years.

Our first boat was the Viking 28 "Vamoose". We now own the boat Spitfire, which is a Melges 24 that John loves to race here at the club and at one design regattas around the province and in the US.

Both our children took lessons here at South Port and our son was an instructor for many years. Our daughter lives out of town, so she doesn't do too much sailing, but our son, Ian, is still an avid sailor, crewing on Spitfire and other South Port boats as well as larger boats in Detroit.

We are both excited to be involved in the club, John is the director of the sailing school and Louise is the social chair. We love being members at South Port, it is a great place to sail and meet some amazing people.



2 Erin Bates and Marie Mann

In 2016 we wandered into South Port Sailing Club to take adult sailing lessons. 8 weeks later, we completed our lessons, bought a boat, and became members! Our boat is the Ouray. She is a wonderful Mirage 27 that we enjoy more than we could have imagined. We love cruising and spending evenings taking in the sunsets that Lake St. Clair offers.

In addition to sailing, we enjoy alpine skiing and diving. We love animals and being outdoors. You will likely see our dog "Dutchess" chasing the geese this summer.

The club has embraced us and we thoroughly enjoy being a part of the comradery. Erin is the Property Chair and Marie edits the Soundings. It is a joy meeting new people. See you at the Club!



3 Catherine and Jim McGhie

I bought the Nautidog in 2014, with no other sailing experience than having done the Women’s Challenge a few years prior to that. My husband and I had a small power boat that could go really fast, but we wanted to start going slower.

The first summer brought lots of questions, and we were quite the nuisance to every other member of the club! Eventually we started to show up on race nights, where other skippers would offer suggestions as they sailed past. We

have improved a bit since then, thanks to everyone’s advice and mentoring, and one day hope to actually win some races.

My husband, Jim, is retired and I will be joining him as of this summer. Jim enjoys working with Army Cadets and I enjoy diving and flying when we aren’t on the boat. Hope to see y’all around the club!!

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March - June 2019 Calendar

Follow this link to a calendar where individual meeting notices can be copied to your own personal calendar!

<http://www.southportsailingclub.com/calendar.html>

Month	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 2019	24 Tepe, K	25	26	27	28	29	30 9a - 5p Ontario Sailing Race Management Course
	31 Howarth 9a-4p Ontario Sailing Race Mangement Course	1	2	3 7p-9:30p Executive Meeting	4 7p-9p Cruising Wine & Cheese Get Together	5 5:30p Happy Hour - Trivia Challenge	6 10a-12p Drysail Crane Course
	7 World Health Day Seeger, L	8	9	10 7p-9p Drysail Crane Course	11	12	13
Apr 2019	14 Wood, C 10a-12p Drysail Crane Course	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20
	21 Easter Sunday Magee, G & D	22 Easter Monday	23	24	25	26	27 7a-3p 2019 LAUNCH
	28 Cowan, G	29	30	1 May Day 7p-9p Drysail Crane Course	2	3	4 Spring Clean Up
May 2019	5 Robbins, RJ	6	7	8	9	10	11
	12 Fuller, D & K	13 6:45p-9:45p SPSC Spring Monday Series	14	15 6:30p-9:30p WYC Spring Series (Windsor Yacht Club)	16 6:45p-9:45p SPSC Spring Thursday Series	17	18 GLYC Leukemia Cup (Great Lakes Yacht Club) LMYC Shakedown Regatta
	Mother's Day						

Clubhouse Duties



Please complete the sheet in the binder located on the kitchen counter and note your total work hours on the lower right.

Supplies are in the stock room. The key is marked and hanging on the wall in the kitchen. If you have any questions please email

robtim@cogeco.ca

If you see a repair or supplies are needed, sheets are available at the back of the binder.

Please send any requests for the May Soundings to Marie Mann at spscnews@gmail.com by Apr. 24th.

Upcoming Events

Trivia Night

7pm, Friday April 5th

Get a team together or just join one that evening.....

teams of 4 to 8 people

Cost \$2 per person

Winning team splits the pot with the house!

Past and current music, superheroes and villains,
the hidden treasures of the Great Lakes...plus
other fun categories.



Get warmed up

at the monthly Happy Hour starting at 5pm with food from 5:30
– 6:30pm

BYOB

Do you enjoy a good book!
Coming in the spring!

SPSC BOOK CLUB



**First Get Together
May 7 @ 7pm**

There is not a limit to the
number of participants. One
member will pick the book
each month.

If you are interested, drop in
on May 7th!

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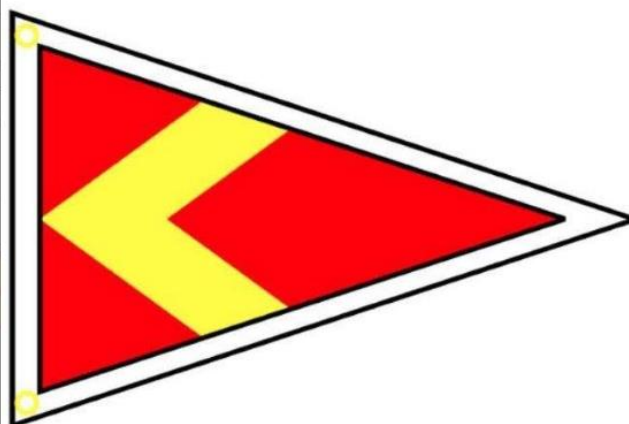
Everyone is WELCOME!

ANNUAL CRUISE AND DINNER:
MAY 25TH!

MORE TO FOLLOW IN NEXT
MONTH'S SOUNDINGS!



Shakedown Regatta May 18th



Details to follow