



# Soundings

Monthly newsletter  
South Port Sailing Club  
August 2023

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## Message from Commodore Gord Richardson

Two board of director vacancies due to resignation were filled in July. It took half a year to convince John to take the reins as Racing Chair, but we are glad that he has accepted. John is very active in both the club and the sailing school and his extensive experience should be helpful getting more non-racers racing. Ann, our new Cruise Chair, is a past commodore, experienced racer and cruiser, and was quick to offer her much needed help. Thank you John and Ann and congratulations on your appointments and dedication to South Port!

It takes a community effort to get all the chores and maintenance done at our club. I'm amazed at how many work hours are available on the committees, especially property and harbour. When our property chair sends out an email, our members step up and volunteer. Thank you Jackie, and thank you members!

Another big thank you to Paul for sticking with the Irene East Women's Regatta committee and overcoming the frustration of date changes. Paul, Jin and I made several visits to our neighbouring clubs in Essex County on their club race nights, and generated interest from their women skippers and racers. Speaking of which, the Irene East Regatta flyer is in this issue of Soundings. We still need volunteers and more importantly, we need race teams from SPSC. Please get involved August 5!

Welcome to Julia and her family and Tim and Abbey from everyone at South Port! (Please read the thumbnail bios on our two new family memberships.)

Enthusiasm is high this season, and our Junior sailors represented South Port at the Sail Fest in Sarnia July 8-9 and last weekend at the Four Sisters Regatta in Port Credit. I understand the Sailing School students are enjoying their time on the water and on land thanks to our capable instructors. (As I'm writing this I'm watching the students perform "capsize recovery" drills!)

Almost a month ago a small tornado ripped up the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway at Beach Grove and headed northeast across Riverside in a narrow strip that left trees mangled and destroyed in its wake. It was only about 20 seconds and I watched it head across the lake lifting the water up in small curtains as it went. It took two days for us to clean up. What if it had been a couple of hundred metres to the east? We were very lucky it wasn't. At the very least, quite a few members could have had their furled sails damaged. One observant member pointed out to me that some boats have the sheets from the furled sail hanging loose and not wrapped around the sail at least a couple of turns to prevent damage in a blow. Thanks, Ernad! While you're adjusting your sheets, please check that your halyards are not banging on the mast. (Clipping them onto your pulpit or simply tightening them is an easy fix). When the wind picks up, our club is making quite a racket. Let's be good neighbours.

## Happy Hour

August 4th



## Upcoming Regattas

Irene East Women's Race  
SPSC  
Ontario Sailing Championship  
SPSC

LMYC Fighting Island Regatta  
TRYC Labour Day Regatta

Sail for Hospice  
SPSC Sept 10  
Harvest Moon  
SPSC Sept 23

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## August Calendar of Events

Clubhouse duties



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	<i>Jackson/Parent</i> Monday racing 31	Executive Meeting 1	2	Open series racing 3	Happy Hour 4	Irene East Regatta 5
Clubhouse Rental 4-9pm 6	<i>Staley, T&amp;M</i> Monday racing 7	8	9	Open Series racing 10	11	Ontario Sailing Dinghy Regatta Weekend 12
13	<i>Ceramagic, E</i> Monday racing 14	15	16	FALL series racing 17	18	19
20	<i>Ferrato, P&amp;C</i> Monday racing 21	22	23	Fall series racing 24	25	LMYC Fighting Island Regatta 26
Family Fun day 27	<i>Pearson, J</i> Monday racing 28	29	30	Fall series racing 31	TRYC Labour Regatta 1	Day weekend 2

### New Members

Julia Meconi was approved for Family Membership in July. Her daughter Emily Spengemann has been a Junior member since 2017, and now we welcome the entire family including her brother John. Julia's position with Avanti Wealth/Credential Securities is a Wealth Coordinator. She took Adult sailing lessons at SPSC and is crewing race nights on Kraken the Wine.

You have probably seen Tim Cooke around the club the past few years.. He and partner Abbey Stotts joined as Family Members in July. Tim is a grower at Mucci Farms. He took Junior sailing lessons at SPSC and will be cruising out of the club. Tim is a member of the Ocean Cruising Club.

**Welcome**



**SPSC 60th Invitational Regatta July 8th**



**1st Jog Whippet SPSC**



**2nd Jog Old 97 SPSC**



**Best dressed crew - Gilligan's Island**



**1st PHRF Momentum TRYC**



**2nd PHRF Bermagui TRYC  
best Apres-race cocktail**

**2023 Sarnia Sail Fest July 8-9**

**3 crew of Junior sailors represented SPSC in the 14 boat fleet of 420's.**

**1 Junior represented SPSC in a 26 boat fleet of Laser Radials.**

**Congratulations to all who participated !**



**Junior member  
Ben Margerison placed  
9th in a fleet of 26 Lasers**



**On our club 420's  
Charlie Lilly & Charlie Winnie  
Blake Glazier & Cody Smith**



**Liam Mullins & Kenneth Lamb**

**Four Sisters Regatta Port Credit Yacht Club**

**3 of our Junior Teams competed in the Four Sisters Regatta 420 Spinnaker class July 22-23. In a fleet of 40 boats they represented South Port and brought home great results !**

<b>Charlie Lilly &amp; Charlie Winnie</b>	<b>4th place</b>
<b>Liam Mullins &amp; Blake Glazer</b>	<b>17th</b>
<b>Kyle Luck &amp; Alysha King</b>	<b>21st</b>

**Congratulations from all the members at SPSC !**

**Bayview Mackinac  
July 15, 2023**

**204 nautical miles**



**Underdog  
Windsor Yacht Club  
3rd in class  
C&C 35 shore course**

**Left to right  
Mark Kopel, Andrew French,  
skipper Cameron Paine,  
Anissa Noakes, Lee Shuckerow,  
John Hreno & front Steve Conger**

**Firewater  
South Port Sailing Club  
C&C 35 shore course**

**Left to right upper  
John Howitt, Jay MacDonald, John Byng, Chris Barron  
Left to right front  
Jeff Byng, Jeff Kepran, skipper Andy Hellenbart, Paul Ramey**

**This year Andy competed in his 46th Mackinac race.  
The 'Old Goats' who have raced in more than 25 Mack's  
John Howitt, Jay MacDonald, John Byng, Paul Ramey  
& Andy !**



**LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club  
Welcomes you to our  
60th Annual Fighting Island Regatta  
August 26, 2023**

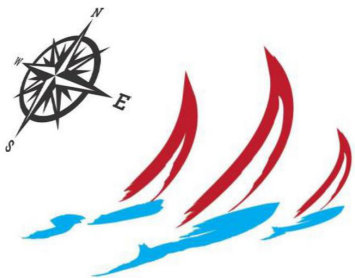


TRYC is hosting a Great Lakes Regatta on Labour Day 2023 and is excited to welcome the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, as well as members from other neighboring clubs to come race with us, spend the weekend, BBQ, and have a great time! Charts will be published closer to the event. For more information please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



# Irene East Women's Regatta

## Pursuit Race



## Notice of Race

### Saturday, August 5, 2023

#### 1. Rules

The event is governed by the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

#### 2 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available no later than noon on August 17th. Any supplementary SIs will be posted on SPSC official noticeboard in the clubhouse sunroom.

#### 3 Communication

All boats must carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channels 16 and 69. Courtesy broadcasts will be made to competitors on Channel 69.

#### 4 Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to all JOG boats, with female skipper and crew. Boats must register for the event in advance, using the South Port Sailing Club Registration portal. If the boat owner is male, he may be aboard but not participate directly during racing.

#### 5 Entry Fee

\$30 per boat, payable by cash, cheque or eTransfer on the day of the regatta, between 10am and noon, at the regatta registration/check-in desk, located in the SPSC clubhouse.



# 2023 Ontario Sailing Regional Championships Western Ontario



South Port Sailing Club — Tecumseh ON  
Saturday – Sunday, 2023 August 12 – 13



Welcome to the eighth annual Western Ontario regatta hosted by SPSC for Lasers, Radials, Bytes, Optimists, Force 5's and Club 420s

SPSC is a great sailing venue on Lake St. Clair. Competitors and their families are welcome to camp and make use of the club showers, kitchen, BBQs and fire pit.



## Accommodations

Free camping on the club grounds and limited billeting available.

Campers are asked to pre-register for camping.

Campers under 18 must have an adult supervisor on site

## Registration

Please read the Notice of Race below and fill-in the online registration form.

## Info Contact

### Chair of Organizing Committee

Mo Regnier.....mo@greatadventuretours.com  
.....519 992 0010 (cell)

## Other Contacts

### Chair of Race Committee

Jin Frati.....spsc.rear.commodore@gmail.com

### Race Officer

Matt Draisey.....rc@southportsailingclub.com

## Schedule of Events

### Friday

1800 – 2100 Registration & Welcoming

### Saturday

0900 Breakfast

1000 – 1100 Registration

1130 Skippers' meeting

1200 Harbour start

1300 First warning signal ...

1600 ... no warning signal after

1800 Dinner at SPSC

### Sunday

0700 Breakfast

0915 Harbour start

1000 First warning signal ...

1400 ... no warning signal after

1530 – 1600 Awards



**Racing John Marentette**

Halfway through the season !

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful sailing weather !There have been some great weekends, and evenings to go for a sail or even just a swim in the lake. Be sure to get out there..February is coming !

Congrats to all the locals who safely raced the Bayview Mackinac this year. I can't wait to hear the stories.

There are Regattas coming up at SPSC that can use some volunteers if your are looking for work hours. The inaugural Irene East Women's Regatta is still looking for more participation. The annual Dinghy Regatta is always a favourite. The Sail for Hospice is coming up early September and the Harvest Moon not far behind.

Here are some thoughts on starting and weather on Race days.

- Be sure to have your motor off when your class flag is up, signalling your class is in the starting sequence. It is a good way to get tossed out of the race if protested by another competitor.
- On race days where the weather is questionable, it is up to every skipper to determine if they can safely sail. This includes the skipper of the RC boat for that race. If the RC boat does not feel they can safely head out, then there will be no official racing. If the RC boat is on station and starts the race, it is open to any skippers and crew who feel they can safely participate. That unfortunately means that boats that do not go out, are scored as 'Did not Start'

There is lots of great sailing and racing going on all around us. Be sure to enjoy it!

**Social Louise Marentette**

Summer is in full swing and everyone is busy with friends and family, but don't forget to include South Port in your summer plans. Get out and go sailing, enjoy the grounds and come out to the events and regattas at the club. Happy Hours continue throughout the summer on the first Friday of the month. I hope to see you out at the club.

**Cruise Ann Ramey**

The weekend cruise August 5th to Great Lakes Yacht Club is cancelled. Unfortunately there are no wells available. If anyone is looking for a place to cruise that weekend, Milliken State Park & Harbour in Detroit have some well availability. You can contact them at 310-396-0217. A recreation passport is required at all Michigan parks. You can visit Michigan/Gov Recreation Passport for more details.

**Property Jackie Timothy**

The rain in June and July resulted in rescheduling of grounds maintenance, but we are back on track. The tree service attended, our lawn service is cutting bi weekly, and several areas were weeded and cleared by volunteers. A big thank you to John Ginham who took on the task of painting all the interior doors in the sunporch and hall, that now blend in with the wall paint. Member volunteers lowered the flag pole last month, carried out repairs and the flags are flying again. Staining of the back deck has been cancelled twice due to weather. Hopefully there will be a Saturday mid August with no rain !



# Sail for Hospice 2023

**Sunday September 10th**

**30.00 entry fee**

**Donations over & above accepted with thanks**

**Pledge form Page 9**

**Collect donations or make a donation on behalf of your boat.  
If you prefer to donate on line rather than on race day go to:**

**[www.thehospice.ca/fundraisingevents](http://www.thehospice.ca/fundraisingevents)**

**click on link & scroll down to Sail for Hospice**

**Please include 'South Port Sailing Club' & your boat name**

**This will give us the total of a boats donation for awarding the Dove Flag**

**Presentation of Flags including the Dove flag for the boat who raised  
the most money as well as the 50/50 draw will take place on the  
lawn immediately following the race**

**BBQ burgers & hot dogs will be available for purchase after the awards.  
Please bring your own beverages & side dishes.**

**11:00 - 14:00**

**Registration, Donations collection &  
50/50 ticket purchase**

**13:00**

**Skippers meeting**

**14:00**

**Race start time**



**This is a fun pursuit race ! No racing experience is needed and we encourage  
everyone to come out. All instructions will be provided at the skippers meeting.**

**Coordinators: Kelly Johnson & Andy Hellenbart**






# SPSC Annual Sail for Hospice

*Sunday September 10th*

*South Port Sailing Club  
& LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club*

## PLEDGE FORM

Cavasser		Boat		Club		
Donor Name (please print)	Street Address	City	Postal Code	Pledge	Paid	Tax Receipt
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 <b>The Hospice of Windsor &amp; Essex County</b>		<b>Thank you for your Support!</b>		<u>Complete Address and Postal Code</u> must be provided to issue tax receipts for pledges of \$10.00 or more.		<b>Total Pledges Collected</b>
				<b>Total Received</b> (for office use)		

For donation or tax receipt information please call The Hospice 519-974-7100 visit us at [www.thehospice.ca](http://www.thehospice.ca)

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