



Soundings

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South Port Sailing Club

Jan/Feb 2019

From the Commodore – Tim Aseltine

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As I start to write this letter, we've experienced a mild winter with no snow or frigid temperatures. As we left for the boat show Saturday January 19, the first winter storm of the season hit hard. Winter has arrived!

The Toronto Boat Show offered a Women's Day of classes for the first time. There were a number of classes to choose from, such as, Boat maintenance and repair, Provisioning, Basic Safety, Knots, Anchoring and the like. Denise and Marie(Mann) attended and were quite pleased with the information provided. Snacks, lunch and hors d'oeuvres (& wine) were served, along with raffle prizes.

The invoices for the annual dues have been mailed out. Please send your payment out as quickly as possible, as we depend on this cash flow for future projects for the club. Fred, our Harbour Master, has been waiting for the creek to freeze, so he can schedule a work party to replace dock boards. Erin, our Property Chair, is making plans for a work party also. Information is to follow.

It's hard to believe that we're already halfway between haul out and launch. Before too long our boats will be in the water.

Don't forget, our next Happy Hour is Friday February 1 and Euchre tournament starts at 7:00.

Chili cook-off is February 16. Please contact Louise if you're planning on bringing chili.

On Behalf of the Treasurer – John Shaw

treasurer@southportsailingclub.com

The 2019 membership invoices have been mailed. Payment is due 30 days upon receipt. 2% is added for each month not paid.

Payment can be submitted through the Canada Post, dropped off at the SPSC office mail slot or by Interact e Transfer.

If you prefer e Transfer, please follow up with an email to John Shaw to confirm the security question answer. (see email above) If you are away for the winter and would like your 2019 invoice sent to an alternative address, please send a request to Brenda Petro – Billings at bgn.petro@gmail.com

What is coming?



Happy Hour & Progressive Euchre Tournament

Friday February 1st, 2019

Food available from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Warm up with a selection of soups (\$2.50 / bowl)



Euchre starting at 7pm (\$2 per person)

South Port Chili Cook-Off

Who makes the best Chili at the club? Let's find out!



Saturday February 16th

5:30 – 6 pm, arrival and set up of chili

Tasting begins at 6pm



Annual Membership Meeting

March 19th!

Mark Your Calendars

From the Social Chair – Louise Marentette

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Happy New Year and welcome to another year of fun activities happening at the club!

For those of us not lucky enough to be down south in the warm sun, February's Happy Hour should help take the chill off. Join us for a hot bowl of soup and some fun playing Euchre. The euchre tournament will be a fun evening, with new partners every game and a chance to win 1/2 the pot. It only costs \$2 to play, and depending on the numbers, should last about 1 to 2 hours.

Another opportunity to heat things up happens on Saturday Feb. 16, with the annual Chili Cook-Off.

See the Soundings for more details. I hope to see you out at the club this winter, Louise

From the Property Chair – Erin Bates

property@southportsailingclub.com

The property committee has taken on the request to refreshen the kitchen during the winter months. Quotes are coming in for flooring and countertops. We'll also be painting. Anyone interested in hours for the months of February and March, please contact me at bateserin@aol.com

From the Racing Chair – Ken Blyth

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As some of you may have found out, your RC Chairman is holed up down in Florida until late March. Do not fear, though, as I am working on some planned changes to our racing format for Monday and Thursday nights.

For Monday's; after sending out a question to the members on this topic the rolling ratings system we had been using, will not be in effect this year. The results you receive will be truer to the rating for the actual boat. Last year I noticed that most of the racer's finished tighter together which seems to indicate that all are getting better at sailing their boat. The other change designed to encourage competitors to come out each night, is to adhere to the rules in appendix A. All boats are scored according to the registered boats in the fleet, sitting on the porch while a couple boats go out to sail will penalize the boats that remain at the dock while rewarding those that make the effort. These are the only significant changes to Monday's racing.

For Thursday; we will be trying out a windward/leeward format using our existing race mark system. Upwind and downwind legs will be 0.75 mile long. There will be no long reaching legs designed to separate the fast from the slower boats. Tactics such as covering and breaking cover and position on the course in relation to your competition will be very important. The boats should remain tighter together and the competition more intense and fun. Options to alter the course mid race can be used in the event of serious wind shifts later in the series once all have had some time to get into the W/L racing. The committee boat will have more to do as well monitoring the conditions and the competitors rounding the turning mark.

Busy committee boat, busy racers, your competition never far away, should make for fun and exciting racing this year.
Ken Blyth

From the Sailing School Chair – John Marentette

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Ontario Sailing – Race Management Course at SPSC

In case you are not aware, I am trying to schedule some Race Management courses at South Port this spring. The intent is to make us all better racers, through more knowledge about Race Committee work.

We are proposing to run two sequential courses on one sat/Sun weekend.

The Assistant Race Officer courses run on one day and participants earn their ARO certification.

The Club Race Officer prerequisite seminar encompasses the second day. This allows participants to apply to the Ontario Sailing Race Committee for their Club Race Officer certification. CRO certification requires participation in the 2-day course as well as regatta participation as an official.

The proposed dates will be March 30/31, but this has yet to be ratified by Ontario Sailing (it will be presented by their volunteers). I have welcomed our neighbouring clubs to send interested students as well and have signed up quite a few.

If you have not done already, and are interested, let me know!

Cheers

Hour Opportunities!

Painting walls and ceiling – contact Erin (Property Chair)

Laying flooring – contact Erin

Painting cabinets – contact Erin

Hanging a new fan – contact Erin

January – March 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>

~ February 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 5:30p-7:30p Happy Hour-Soup Selection 7p-10p Euchre Tournament	2
3 Ginham, J & M	4	5 Chinese New Year	6	7	8	9
10 Dolsen, M	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 National Flag of Canada Day	16 5:30p-9p Chili Cook - Off (SPSC Clubhouse)
17 White, D & L	18 Family Day	19	20	21	22	23 Private Event
24 Baker, J	25	26	27	28	Notes:	

~ January 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 3p-9p Private Event (Clubhouse)	5
6 Hind, W & N	7	8	9	10	11 Sir John A. Macdonald Day	12
13 Baker, B & L	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Edgley, F & C	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Ceramagic, E	28	29	30 7p-9:30p Executive Meeting	31	Notes:	

~ March 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Regnier, M & F	4	5	6 7p-9:30p Executive Meeting	7	8 International Women's Day	9
10 Arthur, W	11 Commonwealth Day	12	13	14	15	16
17 Soles, P & D	18	19 Annual Membership Meeting	20	21	22	23
24 Tepe, K	25	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Events

Let's turn up the heat
South Port Chili Cook-Off

Who makes the best Chili at the club? Let's find out!



Saturday February 16th
5:30 – 6 pm, arrival and set up of chili
Tasting begins at 6pm

Bring a crockpot of your homemade chili for a chance to win the
title of

Chili Champion

along with some fun prizes.



Cost: 1 crockpot of chili (covers entry & tasting for 2 people)
If you plan on bringing a pot of chili, please let me know ahead of
time!

Or

\$5 per person for tasting and judging



Invite your crew for some off season fun!



BYOB

Clubhouse Duties



March 3-9
Regneir, M&F

March 10-16
Arthur, W

March 17-23
Soles, P&D

March 24-30
Tepe, K

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.

2019 Huron Doublehanded Challenge.
Sarnia Ontario to Roger's City Michigan
June 29, 2019

Registration is open at Yachtscoring.

If you are tired of finding crew, want to get your boat north for cruising, use
this as part of your delivery to Chicago or just want the challenge of
doublehanded sailing, come and try this great event.

Ken Colborne
Sarnia Yacht Club

*Please send any requests for
the March Soundings to Marie
Mann at spscnews@gmail.com
by Feb. 24th.*