



Soundings

Monthly newsletter of
South Port Sailing Club
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Message from Commodore Wayne Bellemore

I would like to thank all our members for their cooperation and patience during these challenging times.

Rest assured, your executive is working hard trying everything in their power, so we have a sailing season. I am in contact with the Commodores of both LMYC and CIYC, as we are all in the same boat. Please see the Harbourmasters report on pg 2 for details of launch day. Your committee chairs are all working to prepare for post launch activities when they are allowed.

Jeff is doing a great job with the Sailing School. At this time he is concentrating on the youth programs, but is looking for assistance with the adult sailing program. Information on his request is in the Sailing School report on Pg 3.

The Town of Tecumseh have reached out to us looking to see if we would like to help celebrate their Centennial celebrations in 2022. I will be asking the executive to put a committee together and we will be looking for volunteers and ideas.

Stay safe everyone

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LAUNCH RESCHEDULED Saturday May 22nd



Welcome New members

Andrew and Melanie Janisse-Barlow have rejoined the club as Full members. Andrew was a former member from 1998 until 2012 when he moved to the GTA. During his membership he was involved in numerous club activities, and served as Harbourmaster for 3 years. An avid Shark racer he has raced the Canadian circuit since 2000, competed internationally and crewed on Firewater in several Bayview Mackinac races. He is still a member of the National Yacht Club where he keeps a wood hulled 1971 Egg Harbor 37', and served as Vice Commodore of marine operations from 2016 to the end of 2019. Andrew is continuing to work for the City of Toronto at the island water treatment plant as an industrial millwright mechanic, and returns home to Windsor on the weekends. Melanie lives and works in Windsor full time as a professional artist painter and writer. They are looking forward to the upcoming season, racing and cruising their Shark *Marmoset* and excited to be back.

Welcome home !

Matthew (Gary) Bauld



August 30, 1925 - Mach 29, 2021

Gary & Doreen (2016) joined South Port in 1965. A 56 year member, Gary was active in many projects and served as Commodore in 1971. He sailed and raced his Mirage 24 for many years and crewed for John Green on his shark. He was at social events, and stopped by the club regularly until a few years ago.

June of 1986 Gary purchased what was to be his cruiser, the *Flying Scott* a C&C 27 Mk III. He sailed it until 2003 when it was turned over to his daughter Heather. The *Flying Scott* was brought back to our harbour in 2007 when it was purchased by club member Dave Robichaud, and renamed *No Resistance*. Gary was proud to turn over the 3" binder of information he had collected on the boat over the years to the new owners.

South Port members send condolences to his daughters Barbara & Heather, his seven grandchildren and many friends in Canada, South Africa, Australia and Scotland.

We have lost several *Life* members over the past few years, but will always remember them for their contributions to SPSC in the early years, leading to the club we have today.

Property Jackie Timothy

In light of the current Covid situation & restrictions, there will be no 'group' Work Party after launch. Rather than have the usual gathering, when the time comes I will be looking for a few members at a time to carry out the various spring tasks. Requests for volunteers to earn work hours will be sent by email. In the meantime the clubhouse is being monitored regularly and any emergency maintenance is being carried out.

All clubhouse duties have been cancelled until the end of May. If there is any change over the next 4 weeks, I will update you.

Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart

At the present time this years LAUNCH has been rescheduled to May 22nd. Launch day will follow the same procedures as last year to meet the COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

Since the last COVID restriction announcement we have received permission to work on the boats, as per the schedule being compiled by Wayne Bellemore. Take this opportunity and get your boat ready to launch. If the restrictions are changed, we may be able to launch sooner. If this happens the boats will be launched ready or not. Any interior work can be done once the boats are in the water.

Volunteers are needed to paint the cart that is used to move the boats. Please let me know if anyone is interested in clocking early work hours.

A yellow JACK STAND is missing from the property. If anyone borrowed it to work on their boat off the club property, could you please bring it back.

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Sailing School Jeff Kepran

We are still hopeful that restrictions will be lifted and that we are able to run sailing school this summer. We have 3 new instructors this season that need to finish their in person training this spring at various sailing clubs in the GTA area. Fingers crossed that these courses are not affected by provincial restrictions.

Registrations have been coming in steadily, so as long as we get past these couple hurdles, we should have a good year.

It was recently announced that the sailing school was successful in our application to the Canada Summer Jobs Program. This provides a significant wage subsidy for providing students with summer jobs. Thank you to Jon Cooke for his assistance with this.

We have had about 20 people inquire about adult sailing this season. For now we are just taking names and not registrations because there are too many uncertainties with adult sailing. I would like to get some members together to gather input on what we want the adult program to be this year, and in the future. We may need to be creative this season to be able to offer an adult program. There seems to be a fair amount of interest from the community, and this could be a good source for new members or sailors/crew members. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of these discussions.

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April 12, 2021



Dear DRYA Members,

USCG has a new law regarding engine cutoff switches (ECOS). This law applies to boats less than 26 feet OAL.

The law was passed in January 2021 and is in force on April 1, 2021. The March 17, 2021 USCG press release stated "Operators of recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length will be required to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS)..."

There was a Q&A associated with the press release that took three pages to clarify the leading sentence in the press release. The law applies to any boat that has a ECOS system installed, regardless of age. The term "Use" in the press release refers to, if you have an ECOS system, you must maintain and use it or be subject to fines. The law does not require retrofitting ECOS systems to boats and/or engines. Manufacturers and dealers have requirements to install ECOS systems on some new boats or engines, but boat owners are not required to retrofit them on boats without a ECOS system.

US Sailing also has a recommendation for ECOS systems. Their recommendation is for safety boats and all should have ECOS systems regardless of age (see attached).

Brian Geraghty serves as the DRYA US Sailing Representative.

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**From DRYA delegate
Andy Hellenbart**

**US Coast Guard
- new law regarding
engine cut off switches**

South Port Sailing School

In 2012 former member Roger Renaud gifted a plaque to the club, to be presented annually to the Junior sailor/sailors who had noticeably improved over the season a/o contributed to the sport, by way of competing in both local & out of town race regattas representing South Port.

The plaque is named the 'Fauvette' award after the boat Roger raced for many years 'back in the day'. He is a strong supporter of junior sailing and felt it was important for them to be recognized. On page 5 is an article he wrote for a local sailing newsletter back in 2012. Many of the recipients below went on to become certified instructors at SPSC and have also taken on the position of head instructor.



2012 Amelia Dolsen



2013 Jesse Davidson



2014 Gorturk Tepe



2015 Katie Butler



2016 Uygur Tepe & Ross Darocy



2017 Nina Mussio & Emma Schincariol



2018 David & Kevin Tebbens



2019 Jaden Davidson & Thomas Paine



2020 Tamsyn & Alysha King

In Support of Junior Sailing

Roger Renaud 2012

Sports help kids get involved in something active and provides the exercise that all of us need. Sports help children be apart of a group where they not only need to work hard to make themselves better but teaches them how to work to make their team better as well. Sports help children develop physical skills, make friends, have fun, learn to play fair and improve their self esteem. It teaches them about winning and losing. It can also help them realize that they can rebound from a loss to win the next time. Sports can help kids to tackle complex problems at an early age. It helps them develop a hard working attitude.

While I think all sports offer children a lot, the one that I believe offers the most is sailing. Sailing is a sport that is accessible to almost everyone. You don't have to be tall, large, or strong, although you can be. It is equally accessible to boys and girls. You find very young children and senior citizens sailing – it is a life time sport. It is a sport that uses physical skills but also your intellect to a much greater aspect than other sports. It is a sport that requires the sailor to take responsibility for himself/herself, his/her crew and for his/her boat. It is a sport that teaches you to be sensitive to nature and how to be more attentive to it. It is a sport that requires one to be attentive to changing conditions and how to react to them.

I have learned a lot about life through sailing. I have had to adjust my attitudes to take wins and losses more in stride, never getting too high or too low. Sailing has also taught me about the Corinthian Spirit.

The way in which junior sailors learn the rules of sailing and are very competitive in racing, but they never forget that sailing is also a sport to be enjoyed. You will face the same competitors again time after time in your life, so that treating each other like you expect to be treated is very important. It is about honor. It is about lifelong friendships. It is about continuously learning and helping each other. In other sports you shake your competitor's hand and leave but sailing is one of the few sports I've seen where you can work with your competitor to make you both better. - Hunter Farris

**The view
we are all
looking
forward to
seeing soon !**

