



Soundings

Monthly newsletter of
South Port Sailing Club

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Message from Commodore Doug Crowe

Welcome to the 2022 season !

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and are raring to go into the new year. We are just finishing the most recent lock down, and I hope that many of our members can get outside to enjoy our beautiful property, either skating in the harbour, taking a walk along Pike Creek or just sitting by a warm bon-fire sipping your favourite beverage.

Our club relies on the participation of our members, and many go unrecognized for the work they do. In this case, I would like to take a moment to give a big shout out to our webmaster, Matt Draisey. Matt is now in his 7th year monitoring the performance of our website, and upgrading content as needed. I would like to acknowledge his ongoing commitment not only to the site, but his contribution to our racing program. Matt has been an active member of SPSC for 43 years, sailing and racing. He has never owned his own boat, but everyone wants him as crew !! Thank you for the great work you do.

Traditionally, SPSC has held a General Membership information meeting in February each year however, due to ongoing attendance restrictions, we are looking to schedule in March. The date will be communicated to you shortly.

It's exciting to see the days are starting to get longer, and we are one month closer to launch.

Have a great February, and stay safe.

February 2022

Clubhouse Duties

Jan 31-Feb 6	McGhie, J & C
Feb 7-13	Dolsen, M
Feb 14-20	Byrne, D
Feb 21-27	Masse, R
Feb 28-Mar 6	Baker, A

If you will be out of town or cannot make your week for any reason email robtim@cogeco.ca to be rescheduled

2022 Launch Tentative date Saturday April 23rd



The 2022 Roster is completed and going to print shortly. You will be receiving it via Canada Post along with your 2022 Membership cards within the next few weeks. Any updates to your information during the year, please notify

Brenda Petro or Jackie Timothy

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Loss of 2 Life Members

Vera Sitar



On November 25, 2021 Life member Vera Sitar passed at the age of 98. Nick (2019) & Vera joined South Port in 1970 a year after they moved to Canada from Czechoslovakia. They found the sport of sailing, and raced for many years. Vera worked as an Administration Assistant in the Geology Department at the University of Windsor until her retirement. They were active members of the club and attended club activities into their late 80's. The members send condolences to sons Nick Jr. & Tom and her 4 grandsons.

Ernest Lorne Mann



In December SPSC lost Life member Lorne Mann, who served as Commodore in 1975. Lorne & Rita joined South Port in 1966. They were avid racers starting out with a shark, moved to an HR 25, then a C&C 27 and eventually purchased their CS 33 *Caprice*, they cruised during their retirement years. It remained in our harbour until 2010. At 50 years of age Lorne changed careers, and obtained his Registered Nursing degree. He was an active member of the club for many years. We send condolences to his wife of 68 years, Rita, his 3 children, 5 grand children and 5 great grandchildren.

Let us never forget our early members who came before us, and shaped the club into what it is today

Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart

If you have been at the club since haul out, you might have noticed that the small boat hoist had been removed. The hoist was taken in to be serviced and the results were not very good. Your executive decided to investigate the replacement for the hoist. To replace with the same capacity, would be cost prohibitive. Based on the number of oats that could use the hoist, it was decided by the executive that the hoist be downsized to a 3 ton (6600 #) that could accommodate 80% of the boats in the club. Despite the cost of a 3 ton which is still high, the board has decided to proceed with the purchase of a new hoist. It will be ready by the beginning of the upcoming sailing season.

The good news is we have scheduled a tentative Launch date for April 23rd. Hopefully the Covid restrictions will ease and make this possible.

The Summer Dockage and Release forms will be sent out the end of the month, and must be returned by April 1st to allow adequate time to assign dock locations. We require a copy of your boat Insurance with the form, to confirm your coverage is up to date.

Note to skippers whose boats are stored at the club; you should take a drive out and check on your boat because a number of tarps are flailing in the wind and not doing what they were intended. They could also damage adjacent boats.

Cruise Ken Blyth

Our cruise seminar is scheduled for Feb 1 at 7:00 pm after some Covid delays. We are limited to 10 people inside, so indicate your interest if you wish to attend.

Time to start preparing the boat for the summer. Parts and pieces are proving to be in short supply or delayed and or hard to get with the closed borders.

I would love to know what our members plans are for the upcoming season. Some have indicated they are planning longer journeys and one member is planning a North Atlantic crossing. Most will stay a little closer to home. Trips can still be planned for cruises to close-by Canadian ports. Our plans are to head to the North Channel mid July. With enough interest we can try for a rendezvous somewhere in the Channel.

Our seminar will include topics on planning, anchoring, provisions and destinations. I hope to see a few of you on Tuesday.

Rear Commodore/Membership Pam Morley-Cooke

The following forms have been updated on the club website to reflect the recent by-law changes.

Schedule of Due and Charges

New Membership Agreement package

Summary of Fees, Privileges and Obligations

My thanks to Brenda Petro and Matt Draisey for preparing and loading to the site.

Property Jackie Timothy

Regular maintenance tasks will begin in the spring. This upcoming season we have volunteers who have stepped up to strip and repaint the flagpole, and replace the halyards. The front & rear decks & steps need to be power washed, rolled/stained prior to the start of Sailing School classes in July. I am planning to locate and set out covered garbage & recycle containers in an attempt to alleviate the bee, wasp & fly issues at the back deck area. We are also looking into installing ceiling fans in the sunporch. Unless there is a threat of rain, keep the windows open and it will be much more comfortable with the air movement. There are other upgrades on my 'wish list' that will be considered depending on the needs of other committees, such as changing out the balance of the aluminum siding on the building to vinyl, as well as possibly upgrading some of the main room furniture. Last year I was in discussion with various individuals about the drainage in the driveway, and we hope to solve the problem this year. I'll keep you updated and reach out for volunteers as needed. The full year clubhouse duty schedule will be printed in the next issue. If there is any issue with the week you are slotted, please let me know and you will be rescheduled.

Social Louise Marentette

I hope you are all managing to stay warm on these cold Covid winter days. I know we are all looking forward to warmer weather and the summer, so we can get back out on the water, and with restrictions lifting enjoy some social gatherings.

On the Canada Day long weekend this year the Town of Tecumseh is celebrating it's 100th Anniversary with all kinds of events throughout the town. They reached out to South Port and asked if we would like to be a part of the festivities. Your social committee is excited to help celebrate this special occasion, and are looking for some extra hands to help put things together. So far we have a boat parade (early evening) on Saturday confirmed, and would like to make it a fun event back at the club with a dinner and other activities to follow.

If you would like to help plan and organize this fun weekend, let me now. We will start meeting mid to late February to brainstorm some ideas, as the town would like scheduling details finalized by the end of March if possible. These hours can be submitted toward your club volunteer work hours for 2022.

A few highlights of the 2021 SEASON



Harbour Skating Feb 2021



Launch May 15

**South Port Sailing Club Open Series Racing
July 8th - August 12th**



Open Series July 8 - August 12



**Sailing School classes
July-August**



Upgrade to school docks



**OSA Dinghy Regatta
July 31 - Aug 1**



**Sail A Bration
August 8**

**Cruise In
Aug 28**



July 9 & August 13



**Monday Club Racing
Aug 16-Sept 27**



**Thursday Fall Series
Club Racing
Aug 19-Sept 30**



**Hal Ebert Memorial Shark Regatta
Aug 14-15**



Happy Hour Sept 10



**Land cruise to Sandbar
Sept 11**



**Sail for Hospice
Sept 12**



Harvest Moon Sept 18



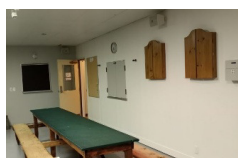
Sept 10 - Oct 1



Fall Furl Oct 23



Haul Out Oct 30



**Work
Parties**



**2021 AGM
Tuesday November 23rd**