



Soundings

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



The boats have launched and the season has officially started !

I would like to thank our Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart, his launch crew, the members at our Covid screening sign in table, and all the members for their cooperation May 15th.

We had a beautiful long weekend May 24 and some members were lucky enough to enjoy time on the lake.

Hopefully, club racing, cruising and social events will start happening in the very near future.

With some luck and continued progress, members Erin & Marie will be able to start their sail to the east coast and beyond. Let's wish them smooth sailing and a safe voyage.

It's been a long winter and spring with all the restrictions and safety protocols in place. Let's all look forward to a brighter summer.

Happy Sailing !

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Articles from the membership are welcomed. If you find something interesting, took a vacation members would like to hear about or find a sailing article of interest, send it over !

As a courtesy to our neighbours, please remember to tighten your halyards



A successful 2021 Pandemic Launch Day !



Photos - Catherine McGhie

New members

Rick & Kimmi Nagorsen and their children Tyler & Brandon are among our newest members to join the club. They bring to our harbour an Alberg 22, *Elusive*. Rick is employed by AC Metal Fabricating as a welder/fitter. They also have a side business installing and repairing Garage doors & openers. The family enjoy backcountry camping, and are new to sailing. Rick is open to receive any advice offered on sailing, and has plans to take our Adult sailing classes. They are looking forward to cruising the lake this summer.



Dennis Martin & Cheri Wilson and their children Alex & Colin will be cruising out of our harbour on their C&C 25, *Hydro Therapy*. Dennis is a truck driver employed by Ground Effects and Cheri works for Community Living Essex. They have wedding plans for September. Their blended family also includes 2 sons, Corey & Casey who are in the Navy and reside in B.C. as well as a grandson Benjamin. Dennis and Cheri are new to the sport of sailing and looking forward to the upcoming season.

Race Chair John Baker

Though the 2021 race season remains in postponement, I'm hoping restrictions loosen up enough to allow racing to begin sometime in June. For those still on the fence about racing this season, consider registering for the JOG fleet on Thursday nights. JOG allows you to sail with less crew while still enjoying the same level of competition as the PHRF fleets.

I have received emails from a few non-members who are interested in racing. If you are looking for crew, let me know and maybe we'll try to work something out.

Finally I would like to thank Bev Pryce, Alex Baker and Rick Souliere for their hard work preparing the Trillium for launch. The boat is running great and looking great too !!

Property Jackie Timothy

Another late start to the season, but we are moving along with spring tasks. The lawn service will start the week of June 7th. I would like to ask everyone to check the area where their mast was situated and remove any lines, wood or debris from the grass.

The plywood at the gin pole dock area is a temporary repair. The ground directly in front is going to be dug up and stabilized. We are also dealing with the carpenter bee situation at the front entrance, and hope to have it resolved soon.

If you are on clubhouse duties, a reminder that at this time to meet the WECHU guidelines attendance is required 2 X weekly for the washrooms. Thank you to everyone for following the Covid sign in direction when entering the clubhouse.

I will keep you posted on any changes, and work hour availability. Thank you !

Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart

With the Commodore and Executive's diligent work we were able to launch the boats a week earlier than originally expected. Following the Covid restrictions, I would like to thank all the club members and particularly the Launch team for their hard work making the launch successful, despite a crane glitch, requiring us to extend it to two days.

With the number of new members that have joined this season, the harbour is now full and there are no wells open. We have also added boats to our dry sail area.

Now the boats are in the water, please rig your boat so the lawn service can be started, the grounds can be made presentable, and the picnic tables relocated for use. Please remove ladders, mast stands, cradle pads and any debris from the property by June 5th.

The lock on the small boat crane has been changed. To obtain the new key you must take a refresher course on the operation of the crane and submit a Drysail Crane Operation agreement to the Harbourmaster, to exchange the old key for a new one. To take the virtual refresher course, please contact John Marentette at jmarentette99@gmail.com or 519-996-1656

Volunteers will be needed for some painting on the docks. Please let me know if you are interested in clocking some work hours.

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Rear Commodore-Membership Gord Richardson

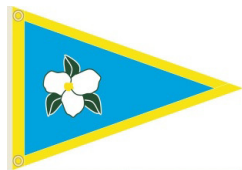
I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members and their families who joined the club this year, on behalf of all South Port members. Our thanks go out as well to our members that are their sponsors. As the pandemic restrictions ease, I hope we can all get together for a meet and great wine & cheese or sunset cruise in the near future.

Sponsorship is more than a signature on an application form. Sponsors should be mentors to our new members and be available to answer questions about the culture of the club, and with their introductions to members.

Last year there were quite a few Temporary members that even after the sailing season had not met many of our current members, making it difficult for them to find sponsors for their transition to a Full membership. This year, there are 3 Temporary members and it would be great if we made the effort to meet them and introduce ourselves so they have sponsors ready for their transition to Full later this year. (Julie Bonello just acquired a CL 16. Rick & Kimmi Nagorsen own *Elusive*, an Alberg 22 and Dennis Martin & Cheri Wilson own *Hydrotherapy a C&C 25*)

Our total membership including all categories is now 116 !

Did you know ?



The original club burgee is on display in the club showcase.
It was block printed by Jacques Merian and Andy Hellenbart in 1974.



Windsor Star article - November 18, 1963



Matta's Park 1964

CLEAR SAILING

Plans for the 1964 sailing season were discussed Saturday night when members of Windsor Sailing Club got together for a post season meeting. From left - Mrs. EH Loaring, Dr. Norman Hillary, Ray East & George Richardson

Bill Maybee (Director) assisting Bill Colborne (Commodore) rig the Tempest

South Port (originally known as Windsor Sailing Club) started out in a rented building at Matta's Park in 1963. The club moved to Puce in 1970 and the members built a clubhouse. The building was moved to our forever home on Pike Creek in 1972 and in use until our current clubhouse was erected in 1986.

This year we celebrate 58 years as a club

Have a great season everyone !

