



Soundings

Monthly newsletter of
South Port Sailing Club
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Message from Commodore

Paul Ramey



Well, it has been an interesting start to the sailing season. Late launch, pandemic restrictions and all however, we shall overcome.

The sailing school is operational and the students seem to be having a good time. Some of our members are cruising the North Channel and Georgian Bay, while others are cruising Lake Erie.

Hopefully we will be able to have some Social and Racing events, if and when we reach Stage 3.

There were some changes to the Executive in June. John Marentette is now Race Chair and Jackie Timothy has taken Property Chair.

I hope everyone is enjoying the season thus far and I am looking forward to what August will bring.

Garbage & Recycle at Harbour



Until clubhouse duties resume, please help out by tossing your boat garbage in the bin on your way out the driveway. If you notice the pail is full at the harbour, replace the bag and take it to the bin. Full blue boxes can be emptied at the recycle area the south east corner of the building . We are asking for your help until things return to 'normal'

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The week of August 24th when Sailing School classes end, power washing of the club has been scheduled. An email will be set out asking you to leave the parking at the front of the lot open to allow the mobile unit in, and to keep clear of the area around the building while they are on site.



General Maintenance July



From Race Chair John Marentette

Regatta cancellations this year are the norm. Our usual Melges 24 fleet activity has seen cancellations at Muskegon, the Youngstown Can-Am regatta, the Lake Huron Challenge, and even the Bayview One Design has been postponed to August.

Our normally active South Port racing season, is also very different this year. Restrictions by Ontario Sailing, and the Essex-Windsor Health Unit, have caused us to make changes to our Thursday night racing..

To date, everyone is "racing" with smaller Covid-19-bubble crews, on simplified courses, taking their own start and finish times, and there is very little of the normal boat-v-boat racing activities.

That said, it is a great year for all sailors, from beginners to experts, to come out and try new things, in a zero-pressure environment, going around the race course. The 2 mile-long legs are a nice little challenge navigationally, and we have 4 courses, and you are open to pick the course that evening that suits your boat.

We have had some simply gorgeous evening sails. As we go forward, optimistically seeing us get to Stage 3, we will change the courses slowly back to more normal course racing.

I am also working on how to do our Invitational, Hospice Race and Harvest Moon races. They probably will also be different from years past, but at least, hopefully, we will be sailing. Of course, our normal regatta socialization will also take a big hit. Let's all play nice and work together to get to Stage 3 as soon as possible, so that we can get back to normal! (Spitfire and Slippery may then be able to participate in the Crescent Sail YC Melges 24 Regatta in September!)

From Sailing School Jeff Kepran

Junior Sailing has been running since July 6th by following the Provincial Summer Camp Guidelines. Everyone is divided into groups of 10 and need to remain separated. This is the reason for the rope separations on the back lawn. The rope needs to be in place during sailing school, 9-4 Monday through Friday. It can be moved out of the way if needed for any club activity. Parents, kids and instructors have been cooperative in following the restrictions set in place, to ensure we can continue to operate safely. As long as this continues to be the case, we should be able to offer sailing lessons for approximately the same number of students as last year into the week of August 17th.

Adult Sailing was modified requiring participants to sign up with someone from the same household. This has resulted in more of a family sailing lesson, which from what I have heard has been very well received. Getting more families, and not just individual adults interested in sailing, could be a beneficial side-effect of our Covid-19 changes.

From Harbourmaster Fred Eagen

Harbour has three projects we are planning to complete this year. One is to run new hydro and water to F dock. Second, to make the docks match those in the main harbour. The other item is to try and remove the finger docks along the parking lot that have been under water for two seasons.

Contact me if you are interested in volunteering for a *few small tasks* that still need to be done.

From Property Chair Jackie Timothy

When and if we reach *Stage 3* and the clubhouse is reopened, Provincial directives will remain in place for your safety and the safety of others including social distancing a/o use of masks when necessary, continuing with Covid 19 cleaning instructions in the washrooms and the use of hand sanitizer in the building.

Most all major property tasks have been completed. The shed has been partially cleared out, and there are 2 new chairs on the deck.

Thank you to the members who have volunteered.

No Plastic Bags



This is not acceptable !

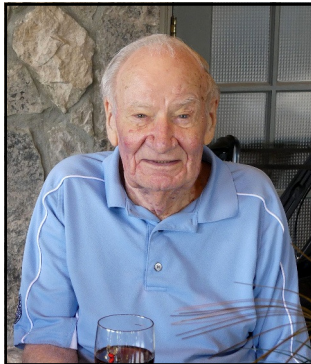
P-L-E-A-S-E do not throw plastic bags with a combination of cans & garbage in the recycle bins!

Loss of 3 former Members



Keith Brown 1932 - June 24, 2020

Keith & Denise joined South Port in 1986 and spent 32 years (2018) as active members of the club. He was an electrical engineer, having worked at Ford, GM and Giffels before becoming an instructor at St. Clair College. Following retirement Keith & Denise spent many years travelling to places the world over. He spent his time golfing, tending to his garden and working in his shop on countless projects. Every spring pre launch, you would see Keith at the club working on *Mai Toi*, a Mirage 33 currently owned by his son Rene Brown. The members send condolences to his wife of 60 years, Denise, members Rene & Lisa, his daughter Jo-Anne, son Mark, his 4 grandchildren and many friends.



Keith Gallie 1927 - July 8, 2020

Keith joined South Port in 1969 and spent 47 years (2016) as an active member of the club. He was a math teacher at Herman Secondary and retired teaching Computer Science at Centennial Secondary. He pursued many interests including model aircraft, woodworking, boatbuilding, piano, clarinet and was always up on current events. Keith designed the dock ladders when they were needed due to low water levels many years ago. He sailed his Tanzer 22 *Caribbean Queen* for many years until he became a Senior Member in 2011 at 84 years of age. The members send condolences to his nephew Stuart , wife Lynn, their children and his friends.



Richard (Dick) Whittle 1939 - July 17, 2020

Richard joined South Port back in 1985 and was a member for 9 years. He was a successful business man, avid golfer, sailor, gardener and member of Beach Grove, the Rotary Club and several other clubs. Many long time members will remember his Mirage 25 *Sweet Caroline*.



Lake St.Clair Sunset July 18, 2020



Welcome 4 new Members

Spencer LIGHTFOOT is adding to our Shark Fleet. We welcome him and his wife Noella as Family members. Spencer is in sales at Nature Fresh. During his time crewing at South Port, he completed the training course to operate the hoist/crane. He will be dry sailing his Shark out of the club.

Sean DELMORE and wife Jenny and children Gavin & Ian have been approved as Temporary Family members. He has taken over ownership of a C&C 27 Mk III in the harbour. Sean is a Maintenance Supervisor at the Greater Essex County District School Board. His son Gavin has taken Adult Sailing Classes at SPSC. He is a member of CERV, the Red Cross, Air Force Club and the Auxiliary Police.

Peter FERRATO and wife Caroline, children Jack, Claire & Ben have been accepted as Temporary Family members. Peter is a steamfitter with Haller Mechanical. He took Power Squadron and will be dry sailing his CL16 out of the harbour.

Julie BONELLO and husband Joe along with children Kaela & Lydia have also been approved as Temporary Family members. Julie is employed by Sobeys as a Community co-ordinator. She took Adult Sailing classes at SPSC and brings to the harbour a 16.5' Catamaran Sail # NJ-0893 FF, she will be dry sailing.

Members Cruising the North Channel

Halpins at anchor Thomas Harbour



Blyths at Beardrop Harbour



Halpins & Aseelines wild blueberry picking



North Channel Sunset



AUGUST 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 CIVIC Holiday TOMORROW August 3rd	3 CAN SAIL classes 9-4 Monday thru Friday	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 CAN SAIL classes 9-4 Monday thru Friday	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 CAN SAIL classes 9-4 Mon- day thru Friday	18	19	20	21	22
23 Clubhouse Power Email to follow	24 Power Washing this on date	25 week.	26	27	28	29
30	31					

NEXUS/FAST

NEXUS and FAST enrollment centres in Canada and in the U.S. will remain closed until at least August 10, 2020.

To reschedule your NEXUS or U.S./Canada FAST appointment, please log into your online [Trusted Traveler Programs \(TTP\) System](#) account. NEXUS and U.S./Canada FAST members who submitted an application for membership renewal prior to the expiry date on the card will maintain their membership for 18 months beyond the expiry date. ←

[Temporary lane closures at NEXUS land ports of entry](#) have been implemented until further notice.