



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
June 2023

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Message from Commodore Gord Richardson

Great news! Three recently purchased brand new 420 dinghies were picked up at the border and delivered to the sailing school by a volunteer team this past week. Congratulations to Ed Hickey, our sailing school director, for planning this ongoing renewal of the fleet. The purchase was arranged through our local chandlery, Dan's Nautical Shop. Tim, who works for Chris (the owner) negotiated with Ed on the purchase and facilitated an incredibly generous deal with Chris, who waived his commission on the sale as a gift to the sailing school. On behalf of the entire membership of South Port I'd like to thank Chris again for this wonderful gift. Everyone please do consider Dan's Nautical Shop first when you need supplies or services for your boats. You'll get the best prices and at the same time keep this incredible symbiotic relationship strong!

The club house looks great, and the grounds are spruced up, as everything is being made ready for the Sail A Bration weekend. Thanks again to our volunteer corps! Don't miss the open house on Saturday and of course the annual sail past, water fights and BBQ party on Sunday!

The Cruise committee organized our first trip of the year last Saturday. Two boatloads of revelers and many more carloads travelled to Harbour House restaurant for a great meal and renewal of old friendships. The depressing post-pandemic blues seem to be more a thing of the past and we all had a great time. A big thank you, Denise!

Please extend your hospitality to the Canadian Melges skippers and crews that will be launching their boats and staying at the club to compete in the Bayview One Design races June 3 weekend.

On a more sombre note, I'd like everyone to be aware that the Ontario Sailing code of conduct was woven into the South Port Sailing Club's code of conduct with a policy change voted in by the executive at this month's meeting. Please (re)read the expanded code of conduct. Last year several members posted disparaging remarks on social media towards our club and Ontario Sailing. If these comments were made this year, and reported, sanctions such as expulsion from the club could be a reality. I strongly urge those people to, at the very least, remove the offending posts (if they still exist), and in the future resolve their conflicts in a less drastic manner. Remember, anyone in the country seeing these published comments can report them. Abuse is no longer tolerated.



June 2
5:30 pm

**60th weekend
celebration**

June 10-11th

Family Fun Day

**Sunday July 2nd
On the water and land**

Full Details to follow

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Clubhouse duties

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Malone, R 29			Spring Racing 1	Happy Hour 2	3
4	Falkingham, A Monday Racing 5	Executive Meeting 6	7	Spring Racing 8	9	Open House 10
Sail A Bration 11	Bonello, J Monday Racing 12	13	14	Spring Racing 15	WYC Overnight 16	LMYC dinghy regatta Adult sailing classes 17
Adult Sailing Father's Day 18	Norton, A&J Monday Racing 19	20	21	Spring Racing 22	23	Clubhouse Rental 3:00pm Adult sailing classes 24
Adult Sailing 25	Souliere, R Monday Racing 26	27	28	Last Spring Race 29	30	

www.free-printable-calendar.com

Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart

Now the sailing season has started, listed below are a few things to keep in mind.

- please tighten your halyards to keep them from banging around
- check your mooring lines and secure your boat properly
- be courteous to your neighbour and use bumpers

When the channel was dredged it was dredged to 30'- 0" wide. The channel has sloping sides, so try to stay in the middle. The coast guard placed the channel markers too close to shore, therefore you should not cut the corners when entering or exiting. You should go for at least 100 meters.

Property Jackie Timothy

Thank you to everyone who has responded to my emails, and volunteered to carry out various spring tasks to date. Special thanks to Jimmy Martin who oversaw the major job of rebuilding the lower north wall & side of the sunporch, with the assistance of Stu Stratton, Ernad Ceramic, and Erin Bates, and to Bill Steel who re caulked all the windows. The north door frame had to be rebuilt and reinstalled..again Jimmy stepped up. The 2 main sprinkler areas by the harbour were dug up to replace 2 valves. Thanks Dave & Jimmy (keepers of the system) The sprinklers are now programmed for the season.

There is an issue with bees at the entrance door again, and we have uninvited guests in the porch. The Pest Control is scheduled to spray Wednesday evening the 31st and no entry is allowed in the sunporch for 24 hrs. It will reopen Thursday morning at 7:00 am. Please keep the doors closed during the season, open the windows and feel free to use the ceiling fans (switch beside fireplace)

There are still maintenance jobs to be carried out, but let's take a short break !

Social Louise Marentette

Happy summer everyone ! It's finally here. Come out to Sail A Bration June 10th & 11th to kick things off in groovy style. On Saturday there will be a display of photos depicting our journey over the past 60 years. Come out to the club and see how we started and how we have grown.

On Sunday don your grooviest 60's outfit, take your boat out and participate in the annual Sail Past, and pick up your bottle of wine from the Commodore's boat. Enjoy the water or head back to the grounds for some fun and socializing. If you didn't sign up for dinner, you can still do the Sail Past enjoy a sail, and socialize. We will have a blessing of the fleet this year, to be held just before dinner.

Happy Hour will take place this Friday June 2nd with burgers and hot dogs for sale, and a Family Fun Day to end the month.



Display of the past 60 years – 1963 to 2023
Saturday June 10th
1:00 - 4:00pm

Sail A Bration
Sunday June 11th

Sail Past	2:00 pm
Activities on the grounds	3 :00 - 5:00pm
Blessing of the Fleet before dinner	
Scotty's BBQ, salad & desserts	5:00pm



Racing John Marentette

The 2023 racing season has kicked off and is looking good.

Monday and Thursday evening racing is in full swing (golfing joke), and the regatta season is starting.

The 47th Annual Shakedown Regatta to Put-In-Bay was held over last weekend and SPSC was well represented. In the JOG class, "Katabatic" sailed by Robert Malone of SPSC claimed first place. In PHRF C, Jeff Kepran and "Ceilidh" of SPSC finished in first place. Sincere congrats to both crews! (*Other clubs boats claimed other lesser finishes in other classes.*)

That same weekend, "Spitfire" and "Rush" raced in the annual Spring Midwest Championship regatta in Muskegon Michigan. We had a great time racing in a hot 26 boat fleet, but our finish positions were not quite as impressive as the Shakedown crews above.

DRYA racing has also begun, with the annual Detroit YC Memorial regatta. Check out their racing calendar here. <https://www.drya.org/schedule-and-results>.

On the June 3-4 weekend coming up is the Bayview One Design regatta on Lake St Clair. Some of the Canadian Melges 24 fleet will be staying at SPSC for the weekend. Please stop by and say hi to the visiting crews.

A reminder to check for your RC Duty dates on the SPSC Racing website. If you wish to change your date, I ask that you pick another date and work it out with the person assigned to that date. I want to try and stay out of the scheduling business!

Let me know if you have any racing-type questions. I am happy to share what little I know, and always ready to learn!

Looking for volunteers
 Volunteers are needed to touch up the paint on our SPSC
 race committee boat "TRILLIUM". Supplies will be provided.
 If interested, please contact John Marentette
spsc.racing.director@gmail.com
 or 519-996-1656

Harbour House dinner Cruise Saturday May 27th



Burgee exchange Muskegon Yacht Club



Metro Beach Cruise July 8th weekend

It's just around the corner ! Metro is a very busy place, so If you plan to attend, please contact Paul Ramey as soon as possible so he can reserve dockage.

paulramey85@gmail.com or 519-816-8337

**Congrats to Junior member Ben Margerison
 Laser Radial (ILCA 6)**

Ben represented South Port and participated in the 52nd Ice Breaker Regatta at Toronto Sailing & Canoe Club the weekend of May 20-21st. It was cold and windy but he completed all 8 races in a fleet of 26 boats.

The weekend of May 27-28th he competed at the Lilac Festival Regatta at Royal Hamilton Yacht Club. Ben took 2nd place after 7 races in a fleet of 5 boats in his class. He was coached by Jack Bruce of Port Credit YC.

With school at an end, he will be in training at Bayview Yacht Club Monday thru Friday until mid August.

Good luck the rest of your season !