



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
April 2024

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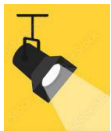
April is finally here, and we launch in 3 weeks ! The beginning of March we saw the weather warming up and then snow again along with rain. Let's hope we get some decent weather for the next few weeks to get our boats ready for launch.

Our Harbourmaster has his team ready to go on Saturday morning April 20th. The cradles will be put away the on Sunday. More information on this will be sent out in an email to the membership.

The new website is coming along. The training for the people who will be updating it had to be postponed in mid March, that held back the launch of the site for a couple of weeks. The training took place March 28th and it should be up and running by mid April.

March 26th was our Annual members Meeting. The executive chairs gave their reports on plans for the upcoming year. Thank you to everyone who came out, We did get to see our current financial position, and there was information given on the dredging and permits.

I hope to see everyone at the club over the next few weeks.



Member Spotlight - Dan Wells & Alexis Everitt-Wells

Dan and Alexis will have been members at South Port for 15 years as of this summer. They purchased a Bayfield 23 after taking adult sailing school lessons. Their 3 children Emerson (21), Anson (18) and Imogen (12) have all participated in the sailing school program over the years. Dan is a publisher and bookseller, owner of Biblioasis Press and Bookshop and Alexis has a wealth management business with CI Assante. She is currently secretary on the SPSC executive board.

Between work and having a young family, finding time to sail has been difficult, but in the last few years they can be seen setting sail most weekends and often after work during the week. In 2019 they purchased an Island Packet 31, *Mast Confusion* and have lots of fun with family and friends on the water. The whole family enjoys traveling, tennis, sailing and being part of the SPSC family !

Friday April 5th



Anytime after 5:00 pm
Food served at 6:00 pm
Pasta & Salad
\$5.00 per person



2024 Launch
Saturday April 20th

Cradle moving
Sunday April 21

Summer Reminders



The main parking lot is open for member parking. Additional parking is available on the south side of the driveway.



As a courtesy to our neighbours, tighten your halyards when you return to dock.

If you are leaving your car for an overnight or extended cruise, please park by the cedar hedges on the west side of the lot, and notify the Harbourmaster or Property you will be away..

And last but not least, please slow down when entering and exiting the property.



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Calendar of Events April 2024

Clubhouse duties



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Lightfoot, S 1	Executive Meeting 7:00 pm 2	3	Executive Website Meeting 7:00 pm 4	Happy Hour 5	6
7	Brown, S 8	9	10	11	12	Bowling Playdium Lanes 4:00 - 6:00pm 13
14	Arthur, W 15	16	17	18	19	LAUNCH 2024 20
Cradle moving to storage area 21	Cowan, G 22	23	24	25	26	27
28	Blyth Marchand 29	30	1	2	Happy Hour 3	4

Social Committee

Upcoming Social Events

Friday April 5th Happy Hour

Saturday April 13th Rock n Bowl at Playdium Lanes 5 pin 4-6 pm
4985 Wyandotte St. E
Cost: \$8.00 per person Includes shoes & tax
Food and drinks available for purchase



If you are interested please let Louise know your numbers by Wednesday April 10th
lmarentette65@gmail.com

Friday May 3rd Happy Hour

Cruising Ann Ramey

We had a very successful Cruise meeting the past Thursday evening. It was well attended and we received many ideas.

Ideally a member would take responsibility for one of the cruises. This would entail organizing the events and participating. You wouldn't be responsible for booking wells, as each cruiser would book and pay for their own well.

We came up with a tentative calendar of events for the 2024 season.

Saturday May 25th	Dinner cruise to the Sandbar Restaurant
Saturday July 13th	Metro Beach (Paul & I will organize)
Saturday July 27th	Cruise in at South Port
Saturday August 3rd	William G Milliken Harbour
Saturday August 31st	Thames River Yacht Club



Other suggestions brought forward.

Lunch or dinner at Watermark Bar & Grill in St. Clair Shores
Cruise to Boblo Island
Cruise to Leamington Harbour
Catawaba Island Ohio & take ferry to Put-n-Bay
Cruise to Pelee Island
Cruise to Cedar Point
Cruise to Alganac
Cruise to Wallaceburg

So as you can see, we have lots of available options for cruising !

Racing John Marentette

Its Spring, and my thoughts are turning to,... boat launching!

Spitfire is still in the shop getting her facelift, and I am hoping to begin assembling her soon. I hope that all of our boat owners are likewise planning their time, and the work needed to prep boats for launch.

Note that with the elimination of the VC17 bottom paint, for environmental reasons, some boats will need some additional work on their hulls to allow use of different paint. Please give this some thought, ahead of launch time.

I want to give a shout out to Nathan Hunter for his work on the Trillium. He has been cleaning the hull to allow a better judgement of the metal thickness and health.

Our racing schedule is on the clubs Google Calendar:

- Monday evening JOG racing starts on May 6th.
- Thursday evening racing starts on May 9th with a practice race.
- The classic LMYC Shakedown to Put-In-Bay is on Sat May 18th.
- A new Tuesday evening Dinghy racing series starts on June 11.

This year our racing marks will be fitted with white flashing lights to improve their visibility after dark.

If there are any suggestions for our 2024 racing season, please let me know!

Sailing School Ed Hickey

The Sailing School Instructors will be serving breakfast wraps & coffee for \$5.00 launch morning.

Net proceeds will go to the school to assist with costs of out of town Regatta events.



WED, APR 24 AT 7 PM

Border Crossing Information Night

Windsor Yacht Club

