



# Soundings

Monthly newsletter  
South Port Sailing Club  
August 2024



Commodore  
Pam Morley-Cooke

We are now 'in the heat' of the sailing season. Racing is in full swing with the Monday Night Series, Tuesday Dinghy Series & the Thursday Summer Series. Please reach out to our Race chair, John Marentette and offer to assist with any of the aforementioned, or upcoming Regattas.

Congratulations to our 2 local skippers & crew who raced the Bayview Mackinac. See page 3 for full details. And a big shout out to our Juniors sailors on their accomplishments representing SPSC last month, in several out of town regattas listed on page 5.

Both our Social & Cruising Chairs have been busy with events. To all our member volunteers whether it be working with social, cruising, sailing school, racing, harbour or property, thank you all for your time and dedication to the club.

Sail for Hospice is coming up in September. The flyer and pledge sheet are available in this issue. Start collecting your pledges now and help us make it another successful year for SPSC.

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far, and I am looking forward to what August will bring !



Member spotlight - Joe & Lisa Oldridge

Lisa and I along with our sons, Colin, Nathan and Andrew have been members of South Port since 2021. In my professional life, I have been an educator for 27 years and am currently the Principal of Essex Public School. In addition to sailing, interests include skiing, wilderness canoeing, going to the gym and reading (light fiction is my favourite) and travel.

Sports are really big in our household with all three of my sons being involved in hockey and lacrosse and I played hockey until the torn meniscus in my left knee prevented me from safely playing anymore (although my skill level 1 was never totally safe to begin with) I am a Maple Leafs fan, and a big fan of NFL and NCAA football.

As anyone who has sailed with me knows, misfortune follows me. Being new and unskilled does not help. Many funny things have happened in my short sailing time which include close calls to falling overboard, some more than close calls when racing (sorry Doug) and constant calls from my wife to stop heeling ! Our first boat Nauti Buoys, named after our sons is still in the harbour and the name remains on the back. Our current boat Kazz, a Mirage 27 maintains the name of the previous owners. I heard somewhere that it is bad luck to change names. Perhaps we will consider it in the future.

## Upcoming Events August & September

Dinghy Regatta Aug 16-18  
Sail for Hospice Sept 8  
Harvest Moon Sept 21



## Summer reminders

Kidsail is on for the next 2 weeks. Please slow down in the lot..little people on the grounds.

Don't forget to tighten your halyards when u dock as a courtesy to our neighbours.

## Save the Date!

August 24th, 2024

61st Annual  
LMYC Fighting Island Regatta

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**Club  
Duties**

**August 2024 Calendar of Events**

| SUN | MON                              | TUE                                | WED | THU | FRI               | SAT  |    |
|-----|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|--|----|
| 28  | Staley, T 29                     | 30                                 | 31  | 1   | 2                 | 3  |    |
| 4   | Crowe, D<br>Mon Racing           | 5<br>Exec Meeting<br>Dinghy racing | 6   | 7   | 8<br>Club Racing  | 9  | 10 |
| 11  | Parent/<br>Jackson<br>Mon Racing | 12<br>Dinghy racing                | 13  | 14  | 15<br>Club Racing | 16<br>Weekend Dinghy Regatta<br>Regional Championships | 17 |
| 18  | Crowe, D<br>Mon Racing           | 19<br>Dinghy racing                | 20  | 21  | 22<br>Club Racing | 23<br>LMYC<br>Fighting<br>Island Race                  | 24 |
| 25  | Nagoren, R<br>Mon Racing         | 26<br>Dinghy racing                | 27  | 28  | 29<br>Club Racing | 30   | 31 |

*Homemade*



Metro Beach Cruise

**Cruise Chair Ann Ramey**



July 12 - 14th 4 boats sailed over to Metro Beach. The park is beautiful, nice wells, clean up to date washrooms, mini golf, a 3 par, splash pad, pool & beach and a nature walk. They also provide a free shuttle service to nearby restaurants and we had dinner at the River Rat. It was a great cruise weekend.

This past weekend 5 families joined us for the Cruise-In at the club. Paul & I, Marentettes, Woodfulls, Oldridges & the Dolsens. 2 families spent the night. A good time was had by all.

**Cruise-In**



Hanging out at sunset

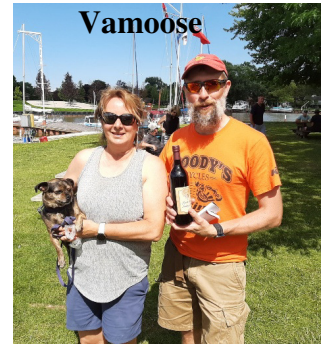


Later a Bonfire



Morning coffee

## Racing



July 6 , 2024

Thank you to all that participated in the Annual South Port Invitational Regatta. Lake St. Clair served up some beautiful “champagne sailing” for our 3 “around-the bouys” races on Saturday. Our fantastic Social Committee served up a delicious taco bar for all competitors following the race.

Congratulations to the Viking 28’s *Whippet* and *Vamoose* that dominated the Jog Fleet, with *Swept Back* capturing 3rd place. Congrats also to *Ceilidh* and *No Resistance*, first & second in Spinnaker class.

I would like to thank Tim Labute (WYC) who assisted me with the on-the-water RC, and to Matt Draisey for the scoring help.

Race Chair, John Marentette



Firewater Crew - Bayview Mackinac 2024

Upper L to R  
Jay MacDonald, Sean Grayson, John Howitt, Chris Barron  
Lower L to R  
John Byng, Jeff Byng, Andy Hellenbart, Jeff Kepran



Congratulations to Member Andy Hellenbart and his crew, on completing the 100th Bayview Mackinac Race the weekend of July 20th in the C&C 35 class. Andy’s first Mack was in 1977 making this his 47th !!

SPSC also sends congratulations to our friend Cameron Paine and crew on Underdog ( WYC ) for placing 1st in the C&C fleet.



## Junior Sailing Results



### Sarnia Yacht Club Sailfest 2024 July 5-7

3 Club 420's represented South Port in this years 2024 Regatta. Congratulations !!

- 3rd place - Liam Mullins & Blake Glazer
- 4th place - Charlie Lilly & Charlie Winney
- 9th place - Kyle Luck & Cody Smith



### Sail Central Ashbridges Bay YC Toronto Central Regional Championships Seahorse Regatta July 11-14

Junior member Ben Margerison represented SPSC in the ILCA 6 division placing 12th in a fleet of 40. Congrats Ben !



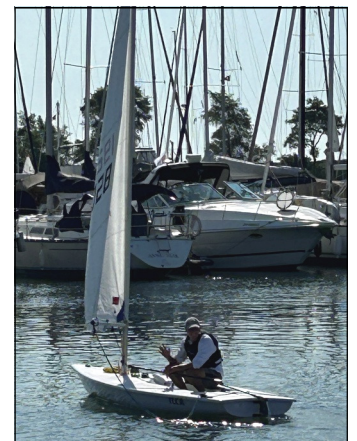
### 65th Steerers' Invitational Port Credit Yacht Club July 18-19

Ben Margerison also competed at The Steerers' in the ILCA 6 fleet of 27 placing 6th

### 2024 Four Sisters Regatta Port Credit Yacht Club July 20-21

Photo left  
South Port Sailing 420 Team

Photo right  
Kyle Luck practicing before  
entering his 1st ILCA  
competition



Racing on the club 420's our teams of Charlie Lily & Charlie Winney placed 13th  
Liam Mullins & Blake Gazer placed 21st. They competed in a fleet of 76 boats.

In the ILCA 6 fleet of 34 competitors, Ben Margerison placed 5th and Kyle Luck 26th

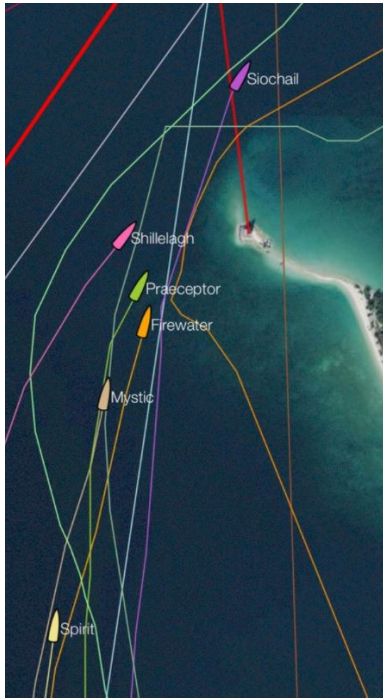
**Congratulations to all our teams in all events !!**



On the water photo credit: Alan Henderson



Member Wesley Arthur represented SPSC on *August West*, in the 2024 Grosse Ile Yacht Club Downriver Race on Saturday July 27th placing 2nd in Jam class. His crew included his son Elliot & daughter Vivienne. Congratulations !



### Harbourmaster Andy Hellenbart

I would like to start by thanking all the people who followed our progress in the Mackinac race on the Yellow Brick website, and sent us encouragement to boost our spirits. Unfortunately, we did not see the emails until our return home when I got to my computer. Thank you again.

It was a good race, there were no injuries and everyone had a good time. The race had light and variable winds and all dependant where you were at the time. The start was delayed due to 'no wind', the first half we had about 7km apparent easterly winds (nice sail), but the second half started with doldrums and parking lots. The exciting thing came at the finish. See the screenshot to the left of the last 6 boats in the C35 class fighting for the 8th,9th,10th,11th,12th & 13th position after sailing 240 miles !

There is a lot of room for improvement until next year!

**Hello Everyone !**

This is a reminder the club's next major event is the Annual Sail for Hospice taking place Sunday September 8th. This is a fun pursuit race and we should support it by participating and pledging donations. You can register for the race online on the club website, or at registration the day of the event.

We all have been affected by Cancer either directly or indirectly, therefore, it is very important that we support The Hospice of Windsor and Essex County for the excellent work they perform.

Last year the club raised \$17,517.25, our best year ever for Hospice. Let's try and beat that amount this year. *Nauti Dog II* (Catherine McGhie) was presented with the DOVE flag for raising the most donations; who is going to be the recipient this year ? LaSalle Mariners are also holding their race the same day to support Hospice, so let's make sure that they do not raise more money than we do !

The last 2 pages of this newsletter include the program and pledge sheet. Start getting your pledges now and fill it up !! (additional copies of the pledge sheet are available if you need them)

Andy Hellenbart & Kelly Johnson Coordinators

## Race Chair John Marentette

I am writing this update on racing, the day after announcing the cancellation of the 2nd Annual Irene East Women's Regatta. On a good note, it frees up our Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. On a much sadder note, I will miss the second edition of what was a really fun day last year.

The cancellation of the I.E. regatta brings us to a lack of participation in many of our summer events. Perhaps we have too many events in our summer calendar, but both participation and folks volunteering to help put them on, is remarkably down. Is this an after-effect of Covid? Please feel free to think about this, put your thoughts in writing, and forward these to me or any of the executives?

A big item in SPSC racing is the troubles with the Trillium. These have kept our RC boat out of service for a couple of weeks now. To sum these up:

- The engine has been running very poorly for some time now, and our current diagnosis points to a worn-out carburetor. A new one is due to arrive and will be installed. We hope that this will correct the engine starting, idling and driveability issues.
- The sterndrive reverse-lock has been failing. This failure allows the sterndrive to "kick-up" when in reverse, effectively eliminating any reverse thrust. (When you are heading towards something that you do not want to hit, this thrust is more commonly known as BRAKES.)

I have been inundated with suggestions on boats to replace the Trillium, and while thankful for all the input from members, the purchase of another RC boat, while justifiable to some members, is absolutely not justifiable by others. It would be a capital expenditure, way above what a Race Chair would do without executive and perhaps general membership approval. To address this, I am trying to put together a committee to look at options when it comes to replacing the Trillium with a new boat. Update in the next Soundings.

On a much brighter note, our Tuesday evening dinghy racing season is going strong.

- We have a Scratch Sheet with 5 ILCA 7's (Lasers), 3 of which are regularly racing.
- We have 29 sailors listed racing C420's, with 9 boats racing in the last Series.

A big shout out to Ed Hickey and Mike Weber, and the Sailing School staff for helping make this a fun, successful and safe event.

If any keelboat sailors wish to donate some time (work hours) helping to run the RC boat, or a safety boat on these evenings, please let me know?

Some fun upcoming racing events to note:

- Edison Boat Club (DRYA) regatta – August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual SPSC Dinghy Regatta – August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Sail for Hospice - Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>
- 55th Annual Harvest Moon Regatta - Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>

Our complete 2024 racing schedule, as well as RC Duties are listed on the clubs Google Calendar.

If there are any suggestions for our 2024 or 2025 racing seasons, please let me know. Get out on the water and start sailing!



# 2024 Ontario Sailing Regional Championships Western Ontario



South Port Sailing Club — Tecumseh ON  
Saturday – Sunday, 2024 August 17 – 18



Welcome to the ninth annual Western Ontario regatta hosted by SPSC for ILCA 7s, Optimists and Club 420s. Other classes can be supported by special request.

SPSC is a great sailing venue on Lake St. Clair. Competitors and their families are welcome to camp and make use of the club showers, kitchen, BBQs and fire pit.



## Accommodations

Free camping on the club grounds and limited billeting available.

Campers are asked to preregister for camping.

Campers under 18 must have an adult supervisor on site

## Available Sailing School 420s

South Port Sailing School will make a best effort to ensure that boats are available to students registered in a sailing school course at no cost beyond that of the entry fee. This offer is extended to SPSC members (and their dependents) at a lower priority and for a nominal fee of \$25 per boat per day.

Please contact the Sailing School [spsschair@gmail.com](mailto:spsschair@gmail.com) to reserve access to a boat. Boats may be switched-out during the regatta to ensure fairness.

## Registration

Please read the [Notice of Race below](#) and fill-in the online registration.

## Info Contact

### Chair of Organizing Committee

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## Other Contacts

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### Race Officer

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## Schedule of Events

### Friday

1800 – 2100 Onshore Check-In & Welcoming

### Saturday

0700 Breakfast

0800 – 0900 Onshore Check-In

0900 Coaches' meeting

0930 Skippers' meeting

1000 Harbour start

1100 First warning signal ...

1600 ... no warning signal after

1800 Dinner at SPSC

### Sunday

0700 Breakfast

0900 Harbour start

1000 First warning signal ...

1400 ... no warning signal after

1530 – 1600 Awards





## **Sail for Hospice 2024**

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**\$30.00 entry fee**

**Donations over & above accepted with thanks**

**Pledge form is attached**

Collect donations or make a donation on behalf of your boat.

If you prefer to donate on line rather than on race day go to:

[www.thehospice.ca/fundraisingevents](http://www.thehospice.ca/fundraisingevents)

**click on link & scroll down to Sail for Hospice**

Please include 'South Port Sailing Club' & your boat name

This will give us the total of a boat donation for awarding the Dove Flag

Presentation of Flags including the Dove flag for the boat that raised the most money as well as 50/50 draw will take place on the lawn immediately following the race

Dinner will be available for purchase at a nominal price after the awards

Please bring your own beverages & side dishes

11:00 – 14:00    Registration, Donations collection & 50/50 tickets purchase

13:00    Skippers meeting

14:00    Race start time

**This is a fun pursuit race. No racing experience is needed and we encourage everyone to come out.**

**All instructions will be provided at the skippers meeting.**

**Coordinators: Kelly Johnson & Andy Hellenbart**





# SPSC Annual Sail for Hospice

Sunday September 8th, 2024

South Port Sailing Club  
& LaSalle Mariner's Yacht Club

| COMPETITOR                |  | PLEDGE FORM    |      | CLUB        |        |      |             |    |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|------|-------------|--------|------|-------------|----|
| DONOR NAME (please print) |  | STREET ADDRESS | CITY | POSTAL CODE | PLEDGE | PAID | TAX RECEIPT |    |
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| TOTAL PLEDGE          |  |  |
| COLLECTED             |  |  |
| TOTAL RECEIVED        |  |  |
| (for office use only) |  |  |



Thank you for your Support!

Complete Address and Postal Code  
must be provided to issue tax receipts  
for pledges of  
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visit us at [www.thehospice.ca](http://www.thehospice.ca)

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