



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
July 2024



Commodore
Pam Morley - Cooke

Thanks to all who came out for the Sail A Bration festivities on June 9th. The weather kept the boats in again this year, but we still had good food and good times. Another great job by our social committee.

I hope everyone is getting out on the lake in spite of the heat, as we have had some good wind. The club grounds look great, and you just can't beat the views from the clubhouse or out in the lake. Sailing School classes start July 1st and Ed and his team have worked very hard to come up with the summer programs.

Interested in cruising? Don't forget to check out our website for more information and dates on cruises set for this season. Racing dates and Regattas are also available on the club site. Watch for email reminders from the race chair.

Don't forget to sign up for the Members only section on the website. You will find this under 'Members' - Members only - 1. We are currently working on this section and would like to know what you would like to see there. Send us an email at webmaster@southportsailingclub.com

We wish Andy Hellenbart and his crew a fast and safe Mackinac race the weekend of July 20th. To members planning a short or long cruise, have a great time and have a safe and happy Canada Day weekend !

Upcoming Events July

July 5
Happy Hour

July 6th
SPSC Invitational Regatta

Jul 12-13
Metro Beach Cruise

July 27th
Cruise in Weekend



Metro Beach Cruise



Weekend of July 13th. Several boats are sailing over the 12th to spend 2 nights. Dinner is planned at the River Rat on Saturday evening. If you would like to drive over and join us, please contact Ann Ramey - Cruise chair in order for her to arrange for the number of reservations.

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29370 SOUTH RIVER RD,
HARRISON TWP, MI

River Rat

Club Duties							JULY 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Kitsos, S Racing SS classes (July 1-Aug 30) 1	Executive Meeting 7pm Dinghy Racing 2			Summer Series Racing 4	Happy Hour 5							SPSC Annual Invitational 6
					Racing 11	Clubhouse Rental 7 - 10 pm 12	7	Rindlishbacher Racing 8	Dinghy Racing 9				Metro Beach Cruise 13
				Club Rental 1:30-3:30 17	Racing 18		14	Woodfull-Hall Racing 15	Dinghy Racing 16				100th Bayview Mackinac race 20
					Racing 25			Gadoury, J Racing 22	Dinghy Racing 23				SPSC Cruise In 27
Cruise in Breakfast 28	Crowe, D Racing 29	Dinghy Racing 30			Racing 31								



Sailing school classes begin July 1 to Aug 30. Please pay extra attention to the 'slow down' signage in the parking lot.

Between 9:00 and 4:00 pm Monday to Friday, please use the inside facilities, leaving the outside washrooms available to the students.

Thank you



51st Annual Invitational Regatta

**Come for the weekend!
Racing on Saturday, July 6th**

Pick from:

- JOG or Spinnaker racing
- PHRF or one-design Shark
- Multiple "around the buoys" races, or a medium-distance race for single or double-handed crews.

See Notice of Race at
<https://racing.southportsailingclub.com/racing.html>

Sail fast!



2024

Irene East Women's Regatta Pursuit Race

Saturday August 10




Racing



Our 2024 racing season is well underway, and it is a busy one.

The Monday night JOG races have been well attended with 13 boats on the Results sheet. If you have ever thought about racing your boat, as a way to get out on a regular basis, and learn more about boat handling, this is a great way to go.

Although most of the younger sailors are still in school, we have started Tuesday evening dinghy races with 3 boats competing in the ILCA 7 (Lasers) and 420 classes. We are hoping this expands as they hit the summer break and sailing school starts. If any keelboat sailors wish to donate some time helping to run the RC boat on these evenings, please let me know?

The Thursday night race program has 7 boats in the Spinnaker class, 5 boats in JOG, and 6 Sharks regularly competing.

SPSC also has boats racing the Windsor YC Wednesday evening races this year. Catherine Thomson McGhie and her crew on *Nautidog 2.0* are racing the JOG class, and *Spitfire* is racing in PHRF B. If you are looking for something to do on a Wednesday evening, going down to Lakeview Park Marina, or the WYC to watch the finishes can be a lot of fun – especially when the wind is up!

Some of our racers have been doing well in other area regattas:

- Jeff Kepran raced on the Olsen 30 *Roadkill* (LMYC) in the Toledo YC "Mills Trophy Race".
- Joe Soles raced *Vamoose* to win the JOG class in this years LMYC "Shakedown Race" to PIB.
- At the Shark Trillium regatta, Andrew Barlow raced to 7th on *Eager for More*, while Alex Baker raced his *Aspen* to 8th place.
- 4 SPSC boats raced in the annual WYC "Canadian Club Race" this year. Tim Aseltine's *Kraken the Wine*, Wayne Bellemore's *Eclipse*, Andy Hellenbart's *Firewater*, and Catherine Thomson McGhie's *Nautidog 2.0*.

Some fun upcoming racing events to note:

- LMYC Womens regatta – Saturday June 29th
- 61st Annual SPSC Invitational regatta - Saturday July 6th
- CIYC Maple Leaf regatta - Saturday July 6th
- Shark Canadian Champs – July 13th
- Shark Golden Horseshoe regatta – July 20th
- 100th Bayview Mackinac Race – Saturday July 20th
- 2nd Annual Irene East Women's Regatta Pursuit Race - Saturday August 10th
- Edison Boat Club (DRYA) regatta – August 16th.
- Annual SPSC Dinghy Regatta – August 17th & 18th.
- Sail for Hospice - Sunday September 8th
- 55th Annual Harvest Moon Regatta - Saturday September 21st

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!

John Marentette Race Chair

Spring Series Race Results - Summer Series starts July 4th

▼PHRF B

#	Boat	Name	Owner/Team
1	75	SNIPER	Kevin Mogyorody
2	50	Ceilidh	Jeff Kepran
3	14031	Shenanigans	Shenanigans
4	619	No Resistance	Dave Robichaud
5	4154	Vamoose	Joe Soles
6	198	Cagair	Hunter Racing
7	4207	Firewater	FIREWATER

▼JOG

#	Boat	Name	Owner/Team
1	64065	Restless	Restless
2	44120	Whippet	Whippet
3	147	Skylark	Jim Halpin
4	8	Nautidog 2.0	Catherine Thomson McGhie
5	421	Against the Wind	Lorne Seeger

▼Shark

#	Boat	Name	Owner/Team
1	1454	Cheers	Darcy Fuller
2	1037	Spon	Mo Regnier
3	1474	Jesse's Girl	Jesse Davidson
4	1028	Aspen	Alex Baker
5	307	Blue moon	Jin Frati
6	1105	RedRum	SPENCER LIGHTFOOT

South Port Cruise-In

Saturday July 27th to Sunday 28th
At the South Port Sailing Club

Arrival & casual social time on shore or
Sail / raft out on the lake from 3 – 5pm



Happy Hour (BYOB) 5 - 6pm



Dinner 6 – 7pm

Burgers provided, bring your own sides and snacks

Cruise out into the lake to watch the sunset



Bonfire at the club after cruise



Stay overnight on your boat (or in a tent)

Breakfast Sunday morning 8:30-9:30am (\$5/person)



If you are interested please let Louise (social) or Ann (Cruise) know by July
24th.



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 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

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Chair of Sailing School Committee

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SPSC Racing Director

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Race Officer

Matt Draisey.....rc@southportsailingclub.com

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



Harbour Andy Hellenbart

If you noticed, the hydraulic trailer is back in its usual spot ready for use this fall. Replacing the split rim wheels was cost prohibitive. On the advice of the professionals, we installed new tires and inner tubes and the bearings have been inspected and greased.

The club has been planning to extend the floating dock at the small boat hoist ; finally all the components are in place. The lumber has arrived and frames will be built. Once this is done Jin Frati will be organizing a work party to install the floats and decking.

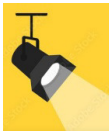
Wayne Ormshaw is preparing applications for next years dredging (if required). Hopefully we receive approvals earlier than we did this year.

Property Jackie Timothy

As you probably all noticed, the new rails on the front deck and stairs have been installed. Thank you to Jimmy Martin & Lorne Seeger for all their work.

The back deck is finally painted ! The front will be next, once we have a weather window with no rain. Thanks to Shalaina Kitsos & Kimmy Nagorsen for volunteering. Maintenance is ongoing all season as we are all aware, and Property thanks our members for their continued support.

Contact was made with the Town of Tecumseh mid May regarding the trees/logs that we have pulled from the creek and taken on the responsibility of disposing of. I am happy to report we received an immediate response from the town's Drainage Superintendant. Apparently both Tecumseh & Lakeshore are working with the property owners on the creek in an attempt to remedy this situation.



Member Spotlight - Gary & Corinne Sutherland-Nikota

Corinne and I joined SPSC in 2019. We have one son Ben, who teaches Latin in Washington DC. Corinne is a happy retired immigration lawyer and I worked as a crown prosecutor for 30 years or so, and now a few days a month I work as a member of the Ontario Parole Board. So, after all the years trying to have some people sent to jail, I now spend some of my time trying to figure out when it's safe to let them out !

We came in late to sailing. After leaving the Crown's office, buying a sailboat was on my bucket list. One day while Corrine was out for coffee, my brother called and told me there was a 27' C&C available at a great price. I jumped at the prospect and when Corrine returned home, she discovered we were the proud owners of a sailboat.

Buying the boat was a perfectly sensible and logical decision, apart from the fact we knew nothing about sailing, did not have a boating license, did not know if the boat was seaworthy, if it needed repairs, if it was insurable and did not have the foggiest idea how we would sail the boat from Bayfield to SPSC. And so, the adventures and misadventures began.

The boat named R & R stands for Rest & Recreation, but arguably might also stand for Restless Retirement. Those who have seen me trying to back out from my well might also believe that R & R stands for Rescue & Resuscitation or Rescue & Recovery !

We both enjoy the wonderful social gatherings at South Port.

For your information if anyone is interested in volunteering !

PIKE CREEK COMMUNITY CLEANUP

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

July 17, 2024 6PM-8PM
55 E Pike Creek Rd, Lakeshore
Pike Creek Watershed

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<https://www.essexregionconservation.ca/PikeCreekCleanup>

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Volunteer Opportunity! You're invited to ADM & Friends Pike Creek Watershed Cleanup in Lakeshore! 🌞💧 The cleanup will be hosted in the evening on July 17. Volunteers will be supplied with all necessary cleanup supplies, equipment and water. Public parking is available onsite. All ages are welcome, so bring your friends and family along! Learn more on our website and register today <https://www.essexregionconservation.ca/PikeCreekCleanup>

Such a special thank you to ADM Cares for sponsoring the cleanup project and providing the support to accomplish this great work in the watershed.

There will be ERCA canoes available, with PFDs, buoyant line, whistles, bailers, and paddles for in-water cleanup works. Canoes will be launched from the Urban Surf Co Canoe Launch. Please contact Ineufeld@erca.org to reserve your canoe.