



“Soundings”

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The newsletter
of South Port
Sailing Club

August 2002

Commodore's Corner :

I am pleased to announce that SPSC has been accepted to host the 2005 Shark World Cup. This is both an honour and a challenge for the Club. It acknowledges our ability to organize and run events and status as a sailing club.

Similar sized clubs to SPSC have hosted this Cup in the past successfully, and I am confident that we can also. The Executive will be organizing a group soon to start advance planning. The Shark World Cup will be self-supporting and not be funded by SPSC.

Our Invitational Regatta had limited attendance by both our Members and outside Clubs. The change of venue failed to increase interest, so our Race Chair needs your help in planning the event for the future. What type and length of Regatta do Members want? Please write to Racing Chair Ken Blyth or drop a note into the SPSC Office.

Your Executive has adopted a policy regarding advertising: Anyone wishing to advertise their business or services can put an advertisement in Soundings for a small fee. The Email addresses that members provide to the Club roster are for personal communication only. Members have expressed strong opposition to receiving advertising Email from other members.

Lastly, on behalf of South Port Sailing Club Members, I offer our sympathies to Paul Bowsher and his Family on their recent loss.

Mainstays Chair Susan Bufton

On August 22nd 15 ladies enjoyed a Pool Party at Charmaine Soutar's home. Despite the forecast rain, we had a warm, dry evening for swimming, eating, drinking and socializing! Thanks to Charmaine and Hank for once again welcoming us.

The Open Boat/Open House July 28th was not as well attended as hoped. Unfortunately it was a very hot and humid day. Those who attended enjoyed themselves and some members made new friends. Thanks to all members who made their boats available for showing and to the ladies for the snacks and refreshments, which were appreciated.

Next meeting: Pot Luck Dinner, Monday, September 9th at 6.30 pm. All ladies welcome, join us and share news of summer activities, it doesn't have to be sailing related!

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“Soundings” plans to go to press by the 20th of each month. Get your news, notes, or announcements to John Bufton (Email; bufton@mnsi.net or phone (519) 979-1718

- We're always looking for interesting items about the club, its members and friends, or sailing in general; don't be shy, we need your contribution !

South Port's Executive Team 2001/2

Commodore Robert Smith
Vice Commodore Ian Dawson
Rear Commodore/ Membership Committee Chair Al Finch
Sailing School Committee Chair Paul Bowsher
Social Committee Chair Laura Lehmann
Cruise Committee Chair Bob Layfield
Race Committee Chair Ken Blyth
Property Committee Chair Bob Linton
Harbour Committee/ Harbourmaster Andrew Barlow
Secretary Brenda Petro
Treasurer Bill Noakes

Shark Worlds 2002

August 4th to August 9th was the 37th Annual Shark Worlds at Toronto's Mimico Cruising Club. Sixty-eight boats competed, a record attendance. The travelling Shark caravan was represented by five boats from South Port. Congratulations to Mo Regnier who placed fifth, Graham Andrews who placed sixth, Ian Dawson sixteenth, Andrew Barlow thirty-six and Vince Lehmann, placing fortieth. We look forward to hosting the 2005 Shark Worlds!

SPSC Burgees, Hats & Shirts

Dave Webb has assumed sales duties for the club. He's planning an order for new inventory, and may be running a sale on some of the older stock. If you'd like a new shirt, burgee, hat, etc., give Dave a call (948-9282) and place your order, it will make restocking easier for him. Thinking a little ahead, SPSC's finery makes ideal Christmas gifts for that hard to please member of your family or crew!

Could your crew save you?

A recent sailing tragedy in England occurred in light airs and good weather, close to shore in sheltered water. During the evening sail, an unanticipated jibe on a 30ft cruiser knocked the experienced skipper overboard. His crew, all inexperienced, did not know what to do. Somebody had a cell phone and called the coastguard. The coastguard was on the phone, trying to establish the vessel's position, and asked that they use the VHF. Nobody knew how. The skipper was being left astern, but nobody knew how to start the engine and turn the cruiser around. It started to get dark, and so the coastguard asked the crew to turn on lights so that rescuers could see them. Nobody knew how. The skipper's body was recovered next day. Alcohol was not a factor. **Does everyone on your boat know what to do in an emergency?**

Memo: From the Galley To: The Borrowers

All those who borrowed knives from the SPSC kitchen, sharp or blunt, large or small, for cutting ropes, sandwiches or whatever, please return them! Some were only recently purchased and it's difficult to serve food without them!!!

Also if any ladies have taken tea towels home to launder, could they please bring them back? Mainstays will be reassessing kitchen supplies in September and need to know what we have.



Forthcoming Events

Cruise to Thames River YC August 31-Sept 2
Race for Hospice September 7th
Mainstays Potluck Supper September 9th
Ladies Makeover Party September 12
Harvest Moon Race, September 21

Social Chair

Laura Lehmann

Saturday, August 17th was South Port's annual Invitational Regatta. We enjoyed good wind and sunny skies. Race skippers sought out and stole crew as many members and crew regulars were on vacation or at CORK. The fabulous race committee started three races for 15 boats. Hats off to Bill Noakes and Stephanie Anderson as race committee! It was good to see visitors sailing from LaSalle Mariners Club. Much appreciation goes out to Jane McArthur for selling food tickets.

The chicken and ribs event went off without a hitch thanks to Gloria and Dave Stephenson who spent 2 hours making wonderful salads, Stephanie Anderson for collecting tickets and helping serve as well as Ian Dawson for washing dishes. Bob Young enabled me to pull the behind the scenes work together with ease...thank-you from the bottom of my heart. Also a note of thanks to the awesome Rock and Roll/Jazz band that played at the Invitational. They were Rocky Ieraci's band, Hootie and the Who Dos....which rocked the night away.

Make-Over Party

On Thursday, September 12th a representative from Mary Kay Cosmetics will be at South Port Sailing Club giving two sessions. The first session starts at 5:30 pm and the second session starts at 7:30 pm. Have fun with some of the girls and get a smashing new look. Reserve your spot before Sept. 8th by either e-mailing at vlehmann@cogeco.ca or calling 979-7569.

Property Chair

Bob Linton

Picnic Tables

Our picnic tables are in need of repair, I am looking for a volunteer who could assist in bringing these back to life.

Ladies Washroom

I am still working on the ladies washroom wall, we know what the water problem is, it is due to condensation over time in the attic from inadequate ventilation.: we just have to work out a way to fix it.

If you can assist with either of these projects please call me (979 5085). Also, if you need help getting your work hours in before the end of our club year, again please call me!!!

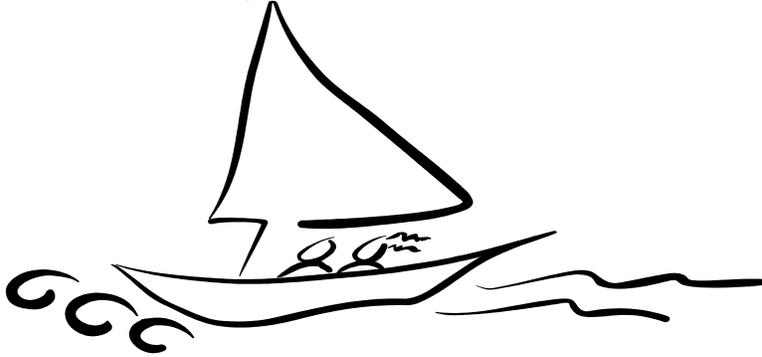
Mainstays Quilt

Last chance to buy draw tickets for the Mainstays quilt raffle! The draw will take place on September 9th. To buy tickets call Susan Bufton at 979-1718 (this is a members only draw)

September 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>G & V Boivin</i> <i>K Brixia</i>	2	3	4 <i>Series 3 Race 4</i> <i>C Noakes</i>	5	6	7 <i>Race for Hospice</i>
8 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>K Brown L Brockman</i> <i>Series 3 Race 5</i> <i>P Ramey</i>	9 <i>Mainstays</i> <i>Pot Luck Dinner</i> <i>6.30pm</i>	10 <i>Executive meeting</i>	11 <i>Men's Lunch</i>	12 <i>Ladies Makeover</i> <i>party</i>	13	14
15 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>G & P Andrews</i> <i>M Carrington</i> <i>Series 3 Race 6</i> <i>T Illi</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Harvest Moon race</i>
22 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>D & L Buckner</i> <i>D & C Colbourne</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>J & B Davidson</i> <i>G Cowan</i> <i>Series 3 Race 7</i> <i>F MacDonald</i>	30					

The sailing season is almost over!
Please don't forget...



16th Annual Sail for Hospice Regatta **Saturday, September 7 @ 2:30**

This is a short and easy race. All money raised will go to the Hospice of Windsor and Essex County. Last year we raised almost \$8,000.00. This year we hope to raise a lot more and in the spirit of competition, more than LaSalle Mariners or Cedar Island.

I would like to extend a special invitation to any sailor new to racing to come out and give it a try. Don't worry about a rating, don't worry about the start, we can help you with that. Just come out and have a good time. Maybe you would like to try crewing on a boat. Why not?

Please don't forget your pledge sheets. This year, with every \$125.00 in pledges, you will receive an embroidered fleece blanket. The blanket will read "Sail for Hospice 2002". These blankets would be great for the boat, the car, or the house. And, they would make lovely Christmas presents for the sailor on your list. (Less than 4 months to Christmas.)

There will be a wonderful dinner available after the race. Everyone is welcome to join us for dinner.

For more information please call Anne Marie Ofner @979-0714.

And the last Regatta of the year...

THE HARVEST MOON REGATTA **Saturday, September 21**

Mark your calendar now!!!

There will be refreshments to follow after the race. Maybe chilly?

This is the only way to end the sailing season.