



“Soundings”

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The newsletter
of South Port
Sailing Club

April 2003

Commodore's Corner :

The Spring Fling on April 12th was a great success and by all accounts everyone had a very nice evening with excellent food, wine and camaraderie. A huge thanks also to Manjit Shaw for organizing the affair and to John who no doubt got voluntold into helping out as well. Ray and Irene East celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary that day. Congratulations to them from SPSC.

Not to let Manjit off the hook too soon, she is now working on the Sail-A-Bratton scheduled for June 1st. For newer members who may not know about the event, it is our first official on-site event that includes the blessing of the fleet, a sail-past, boat-to-boat water battles, a BBQ, games for the young and it has always been a great party that's enjoyed by all members. Manjit will need lots of help, so please let her know you'll pitch in.

SPSC's first major racing event is the Invitational which is scheduled for June 21st. this year. Ted Illi needs your help with its organization and your support through participation. With many hands, the work and responsibility is light.

Paul Bowsher is continuing to build up the Jr. Sailing's 420 fleet and intends to make them available to members for Tuesday night racing. Details will follow.

Lastly, a special members' meeting has been scheduled for May 27th at 7:00pm to vote on Harbour Implementation strategies. This subject is of interest and concern to all members, so your participation is strongly encouraged.

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Mainstays Chair Susan Bufton

On April 14th 18 ladies enjoyed a lasagna dinner at the Club, followed by an informative talk from Diane McVitie of the Alzheimer Society. Thank you Judy Finch for organizing this event including the lasagna and delicious dessert.

Dates to Remember : **Wednesday, May 14th** – flower planting, 10.00 am.

Thursday, May 22nd - Wine & Cheese cruise, 6.00 pm prompt at the Club. Bring a life jacket & something to drink or snacks. If the weather is bad or the water low we will meet on shore. **Monday, June 9th** – Barbecue at SPSC; 6.30 pm. BYOB and food, the barbecue will be lit to cook your own meat. **All ladies welcome to these events.**

Doreen Bauld has graciously knitted and donated an Afghan for Mainstays to raffle, as a fundraiser for Craig Noakes & Nick Beaudoin Olympic aspirations. Tickets are \$2 each and 3 for \$5. Tickets will be on sale from launch day, May 3rd until Sailabration, June 1st, when the winning ticket will be drawn.

“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 2002/3

Commodore	Ian Dawson
Vice Commodore	Al Finch
Rear Commodore	Phil Peck
Sailing School Committee Chair	Paul Bowsher
Social Committee Chair	Manjit Shaw
Cruise Committee Chair	Lorne Mann
Race Committee Chair	Ted Illi
Property Committee Chair	Robert Linton
Harbour Committee/Harbourmaster	Andrew Barlow
Secretary	Brenda Petro
Past Commodore	Robert Smith
Treasurer	Bill Noakes

Are you receiving "Soundings"?

If any member is not receiving "Soundings" each month, something is wrong!!

Most members should be getting the Email version; if you are not receiving your copy, please call Communications chair Paul Ramey (519) 963-3081. If you do not have Email and need to receive a regular mail copy call Anne Marie Norton (519) 979-0714.

"Soundings" is also posted on our website www.southportsailingclub.on.ca

2005 Shark World Cup July 3-827 months & counting.

SPSC is hosting the 40th Anniversary Shark World Cup. The organizing committee had its first meeting April 3rd. Meet the Committee:- SCA/SPSC Liaison Commodore Ian Dawson; Race Management, Bill Stridiron; Property, Mike O'Brien; Registration, Pat Andrews, Food and Entertainment, Margaret Entwistle; Public Relations: Lynn Baker.

Hosting a regatta of this size is a huge honour...& responsibility; a lot of fun; a lot of work. Can you help? If there is a committee you would like to work on - contact us

Property is a priority: where do we put the boats, people and trailers? [As we develop our plans, we'll pass proposals to the membership, and we want to hear from members with ideas or concerns.](#) The Sailing School has agreed to defer its program by a week to make space. SPSC was asked to host this event because of our reputation for outstanding hospitality and because we run really good regattas. With your help we can [enhance](#) that reputation. We will keep members informed as we countdown to the Shark Worlds.

Social Chair, Manjit Shaw

Sailabration is Sunday June 1st.; as usual, I need volunteers to help with ticket sales, set-up, serving, clear – up, organizing children's activities and general kitchen duties. Please call me (966-0757) if you can help, it's an easy way to get some work hours in!

Catering for Sailabration is made a lot easier if I have an approximate idea of numbers; please call me by May 27th. if you are coming and let me know how many in your party (adults & children)

Dragon Boat Update: Lyn Turner

Hello Everyone

What excitement. Please look at the following website, you will see a picture of our team.

www.DragonBoatsForTheCure.com



Forthcoming Events

Launch Day	May 3rd
Mainstays Flower Planting	May 14th
Spring Clean up	May 24th
Mainstays Wine & Cheese Cruise	May 22nd
Special Meeting	May 27th
Sailabration	June 1st

Racing Notes

Matt Draisey

Racing members should preview the new Sailing Instructions in the racing section of the club's website. There are several changes for the coming year including:

- * ***a new octagonal mark layout***
- * ***perhaps one long distance course per series***
- * ***a shorter course for JOG B boats and a combined start for all JOG boats***
- * ***life-jackets are no longer compulsory at the start***

There are a few other minor changes. The S.I.'s have gone on a diet and lost some of the verbiage that had accumulated over the years and the Instructions have been re-ordered into a more standard and hopefully more easily understood form.

I have also made up a Notice of Race which can be distributed to any interested party. It includes a few goodies such as a table of lat/longs for the new marks and an entry form for non-members.

All will be printed soon and will be available in the clubhouse, and I will then post final versions to the website for people who may like to print their own. I am also considering posting separate printable versions of the table of headings and the mark and course diagrams.

Property Chair Bob Linton

If you need to contact the Property Committee, the following are this year's Members:

Bob Layfield, John Novak, Wayne Hind, Bill Noakes, Bob Linton.

Donations: Any member who wants to donate an item to the club must review their gift with the property committee beforehand! Could the owners of the washing machine left in the storage room please contact Bob Linton.

Launch Day: As we now have removed the bush and scrub between the cradle area and the driveway, please park on the North Side of the driveway.

Job List: Posted in the clubhouse is a list of short and long term jobs that are under review or planned. Please let the property committee know if you are interested in taking over one of these projects.

Garbage: Please remember that the club has to pay to handle all garbage so please take home any that you can. The club cannot dispose of batteries and oil. Please take these items home and dispose of them yourself.

Spring Clean up Saturday

The annual spring clean up Saturday is May 24th. We start at 8 am and plan to be finished before lunch. As last year, members who work will be treated to a free breakfast!

May 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Launch Day</i>
4 <i>Clubhouse duties D & G Stephenson S & W Stratton</i>	5	6	7 <i>Race Committee Meeting</i>	8	9	10 <i>Spring Double Handed Regatta</i>
11 <i>Clubhouse duties W & S Stridiron</i>	12	13 <i>Executive Meeting Experimental Wind- ward/Leeward series</i>	14 <i>Mainstays Flower Planting Mens Lunch Series 1 Race 1 R Smith</i>	15	16	17 <i>Cruise TRYC\</i>
18 <i>Clubhouse duties A Szekely, B Uitley S & P Weber</i>	19 <i>Victoria Day</i>	20 <i>xSeries Race 2</i>	21 <i>Series 1 Race 2 P Soles</i>	22 <i>Mainstays Wine & Cheese Cruise 6.00pm</i>	23	24 <i>Spring Clean Up Day 505 Warm Up Regatta SPSC</i>
25 <i>Clubhouse duties D & M Watson D White</i>	26	27 <i>xSeries Race 3 Special Members' Meeting 7.00pm</i>	28 <i>Series 1 Race 3 J Halpin</i>	29	30	31