



“Soundings”

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Sailing Club
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Commodore's Corner :

Is the sailing season almost over?? How did that happen? All that's left aside from a handful of racing events and those beautiful fall afternoon sails is the Awards Banquet. This year's event will be at the Serbian Center on November 8. Purchase tickets from Manjit Shaw or Lynn Baker. See Page 2!

A hot topic of frequent conversation recently has been the cleanliness of the clubhouse. Please don't forget to check the schedule for clubhouse duties which is posted monthly in the club kitchen, and also included in Soundings. If you can't work the week you are scheduled, you must make arrangements to trade hours with another member. Which segues into our work hours survey.

Each membership is required to put in 10 hours of clubhouse duty per year (5 for junior members). For any work performed, fill out the form at the south end of the clubhouse foyer, noting your name, date, what task was performed and how many hours were used.

Unstinting thanks must go to the many members who contribute far beyond the minimum, without them our club would not be what it is, and we ask that they still fill out the forms so we can get a sense of how much is truly involved in running our club. Any hours that remain unfulfilled as of December 31 will be billed at \$22/hour. If you don't know where you can contribute hours, contact any of the committee chairs (Race, Property, '05 Worlds, Mainstays). They need volunteers. Anything that is needed around the club can count as work hours (excluding clubhouse duties and Wednesday night RC duty) including administration, taking out the blue boxes, planting flowers, being race committee, cutting weeds, etc., etc.

On a sad note, condolences on behalf of SPSC to Phil Kurtz and family on the passing of Mary Kurtz, an active member since 1965 who will be missed.

Harbour Reconfiguration Update

Robert Smith

1. A survey of the S.P.S.C property has been completed, establishing the dimensions and confirming the feasibility of the proposed plan. (The survey was a necessity for future plans of any type.)

2. Preparation of the Bidding Package for submission to Contractors is under way.

In response to suggestions, minor adjustments of the dock dimensions have been made to allow more turning space for larger boats.

No expenditures are made without the approval of the Executive Committee.

Regular updates will be published in Soundings and posted on the S.P.S.C. noticeboard in the Clubhouse. Continued Member input is appreciated.

Please leave any questions for the Harbour Reconfiguration Committee in writing at the S.P.S.C. Office. These will answered in Soundings /on notice board.

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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 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

Social**Chair Manjit Shaw**

Awards Banquet: Saturday Nov. 8th., Serbian Centre, 6770 Tecumseh Rd. East. \$25.00 per person
Menu features roast chicken, salad, vegetables and dessert, tea/coffee and two bottles of wine per table of eight, and a cash bar.

Reservations by November 1st., please call Manjit Shaw (966-0757) or Lynn Baker (945-7834) to book your space. Cheques payable to SPSC can be left at the club office or mailed to Manjit.

Come out and enjoy a fun filled evening with old and new friends.

Cards Evenings

Rita Mann reminds us that winter cards evenings will resume alternate Saturdays this Fall commencing October 4th., at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome for an enjoyable social evening.

Mainstays**Chair Susan Bufton**

Our September Pot Luck Dinner was well attended, once again we enjoyed an excellent meal. We are looking for speakers. Are there any ladies who are not regular attendees of the Mainstays meetings and who have interesting careers or fascinating hobbies which they would like to share with us? We would love to have an hour of your time one month to hear about it. Please contact Sue Bufton or any Mainstays member.

Our next meeting is on Monday, October 6th at 7.30 pm. Make a Thanksgiving or Halloween decoration (bring your own ideas and supplies) and enjoy some good company!

We particularly welcome new members!

Cruising Notes**Chair Lorne Mann**

August 2-4th. **Cruise to Great Lakes Yacht Club.** Only one cruiser made the trip this year to GLYC, which was a disappointment to our host club, who had reserved prime marina space for several boats.

The four visitors from South Port were made most welcome, with a happy hour and a late evening Ice Cream Social; we also enjoyed the Jefferson Beach cuisine and marine store shopping. Sailing conditions in both directions were perfect, with a nice breeze and lots of sun; a great long weekend that was too short!

Aug.23-24th. **Cruise to Metro Beach.** Six boats & one car travelled to Metro Beach for pot luck with a Spanish theme. There were headwinds going and coming. A good time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Dave & Francine Webb were the Cruise Captains.

Sept.13. **Mystery Cruise-** John Novak & Lorette Drouillard. Ten cruisers met at the Club for a Happy Hour. We left in two boats for Lilly Kazilli's where we had dinner. Enjoyed a good sail back to the Club where we played cards and had coffee & goodies. A good time was had by all.



Forthcoming Events:

Cards Evenings	October 4th and 18th
Mainstays	October 6th
Haul Out	October 25th
Awards Night	November 8th

Racing Notes

2003 Alexander Keith's Shark Canadians Another Success.

The SPSC sharkies offer a hearty thanks to the entire club for allowing us to host our friends from afar yet again this year and to everyone who helped out with organizing and running the event. It really helps prove to the rest of the Ontario sailing community that we have a special thing happening down here and it couldn't be shown without the gracious ambassadors that are our fellow members. For the third consecutive year, the event has turned over to the club a healthy profit. This year, we purchased three handheld VHF radios for our racing program in addition to handing Bill Noakes about \$350.00

The 2005 Shark Worlds are now less that two years away.

South Port may well be one of the smallest clubs to host this event. but your organizing committee isn't letting that get in the way of making this regatta one of the most memorable. Our aim is to make this a family oriented event with lots of involvement from the South Port community as well as the community of our municipalities, DRYA member clubs and our neighbours.

Our club is known in regatta circles - as being one of the most hospitable and enjoyable clubs to visit. Just ask anyone who's been to our Laser, Shark or 505 events.....That's largely because of the way our members and the community always get involved. The International Shark Council awarded this regatta to South Port based on the success of the Shark Canadians. How many of our members know that not only did South Port run a great regatta.... the event made nearly a thousand dollars.

Our various Shark World committee Chairs have already lined up dozens of volunteers from inside and outside the club. We'll be getting help from the Windsor Yacht Club. Windsor's Dragon Boat Team will be helping with food; so will the Mainstays.

The DRYA Race Committee will be running the races. Corporate sponsorships are being lined up.. So what do we need from our members?

First off, we'll need homes to billet visiting sailors. They'll be coming from around North America, and probably Germany, Austria and Switzerland.. A great opportunity for a cross-cultural experience...and a chance to make new friends. Our guests are an easy going lot. All they really need is a bed, a shower and maybe a small corner of the fridge... Maybe you have a friend who would have room for a guest or two. Some guests may be bringing campers so they'll be looking for a spot to park for a week. Your driveway??? We may need volunteers to ferry sailors from their billets to the Club..

We need to borrow a filing cabinet for a week. And there will probably be a need for other ' stuff' like that. If you know someone who might be willing to offer a sponsorship or make an in-kind donation to the Regatta, talk to Jane McArthur or Mo Regnier. Donors will get their names on the T-Shirt!!!!!!

We'll be looking for ' goodies' for the Skippers kit. Any ideas???

Send your ideas to "worlds@southportsailingclub.on.ca. Or talk to any of the committee members: Mo Regnier, Ian Dawson, Jane McArthur, Andrew Barlow, Pat Andrews, Lynn Baker, Brenda Petro; Bill Strid-iron, John Shaw, Mike O'Brien..... We'll be keeping you posted.

Shark Worlds Organizing Committee

October 2003

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Cards Night</i> 7.30pm
5 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>R & C Ieraci</i> <i>C Hickey</i>	6 <i>Mainstays</i> 7.30pm	7	8 <i>Mens Lunch</i>	9	10	11
12 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>R & S Labonte</i> <i>A Hornsby</i>	13	14 <i>Executive Meeting</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Cards Night</i> 7.30pm
19 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>E & E Langlois</i> <i>D Howarth</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Haul Out</i>
26 <i>Clubhouse duties</i> <i>V & L Lehman</i> <i>J Labonte</i>	27	28	29	30	31	