

Sailabration

Sunday 5 June Sailpast at 2:00 pm Dinner at 4:30 pm

Participate in the sailpast and receive your bottle of wine from Commodore Phil Peck, who will be on board 'Inka Hoots'. Afterwards the Bishop will bless the fleet in the harbour. Dress your boat and come and share in the fun!

A hamburger and sausage dinner. Each family attending, please bring a favourite salad or desert; we need to have enough to serve everyone. Leave it in the kitchen on your way to the sailpast.

Tickets are \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children under 10. Please contact Jeff Labonte by

phone (971.5447) or

e-mail (*jlabonte@cogeco.ca*) as soon as possible. We need to know how many will attend.

We need lots of help to make this event a success.

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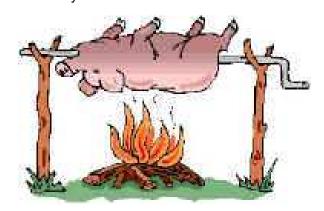
SPSC Invitational

Saturday 25 June
Racing: first signal at 10:00 am
Dinner following racing

This year's Invitational promises to be a great one with a **Pig Roast** and **Live Entertainment** by the **Eccentrix**. In an effort to revive this event we will be selling dinner tickets at a cost of \$12.00 each. All are invited to come race or just come for the dinner and live entertainment.

If you are coming to race registration is \$35.00, this includes one dinner ticket and a bottle of wine, additional dinner tickets may be purchased at time of registration. If you are coming just to enjoy the food and music you can use the registration form to reserve dinner tickets in your name (see SPSC Web site, www.southportsailingclub.on.ca, click on "racing").

We are working hard to make this an Invitational to remember, this can not be done without the support of the membership. If you are planning to race or attend the festivities, register or buy your tickets early.



Shark Worlds Report

from Lynn Baker & Margaret Entwistle

Hard to believe the first organizational meeting for this event was two years ago...and now the Regatta is just a month away. Over the two years, the committee has had the most amazing support from local and out-of-town businesses. That support has come in the form of cash sponsorships and gifts for raffle and door prizes. Our latest "in-kind" sponsor is Mount Gay Rum.

Thanks go to Jane MacArthur for all her hard work and success in rounding up these sponsors, including our lead sponsor Steelback Brewery.

The response from South Port's membership has also been outstanding. So many people have volunteered to help out in many different ways. Serving meals, cleaning up, billeting out-of-town guests, race committee....and so much more. However, we can also use more help. If you would like to volunteer a few hours here or there, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Jason Helm (735.0302; jhelm13@msn.com).

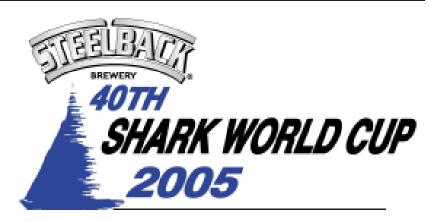
Also, if you have somewhere else you could keep your boat during the week of July 2-8 (TRYC, for example. See pg. 4), it would be a great help. Again, contact Jason, if your well will be free.

If you can offer up a driveway for and RV or a bed for a sailor..please contact Cathy Macdonald, our housing coordinator.

Worlds Volunteer jobs to be filled

- 2 strong guys for R.C.
- 2 for help with Saturday morning registration
- 1 to sell raffle tickets, 2 hours each evening
- 2 to drive with competitors (Fri. evening & Saturday) to show trailer parking location

Contact Ian Dawson or Jason Helm if you can help



Opening ceremonies are Sunday, July 3 at 5 p.m. Members are invited to this event. Meal tickets will be available for \$10.00 – a bargain at twice the price. Other meals will be on sale during the week at a reasonable cost. For some we will need advance sales to confirm numbers. We hope to have this information posted at the club. Like all events at South Port, this one is open to club members, but because of limited facilities, we may need to restrict numbers of meals available at certain events.

Since there will be a very big tent, two trailers and a number of RVs in the parking lot, and some spaces reserved for volunteers, parking for members will be limited. However there will be parking in the driveway and on Brighton Road. Tecumseh has offered to "cover up" the no-parking signs during the Regatta. After July 9th normality should return, and all these inconveniences will be a memory.

Many thanks to those who have already donated old towels and unwanted toiletries for use at the Shark Worlds. Keep them coming.

Someone mentioned either loaning or donating some of the large metal salad bowls. Margaret regrets that she cannot remember the name. We will definitely need them. Please leave the bowls with her name taped on them, and if you want them back, put your own name on the bottom as well.

All equipment at the clubhouse will be in full use during the Shark Worlds, especially fridges and freezers. Unless it is absolutely essential, please do not leave anything belonging to you in the fridges. If you do, please mark it well or its safety is not guaranteed. The ice freezer will be used for ice only.

This is shaping up to be a great event. The Committee is looking forward to your participation.

Commodore's Corner, from Phil Peck

Most people I know think boating is more fun when you don't run aground. Agreed, it can be "exciting" to watch the Coast Guard rescue a boat that has run aground, but it's probably not much fun for the rescued boater. I hope we don't need any more "rescues" this season.

By the time you read this, channel dredging should be completed from the end of the sea wall to the first markers. This stretch presented the biggest navigational challenge to the largest number of boats and thus was our first priority. We're also considering dredging other areas in the channel and the creek. What we do depends on cost and available funds. The date for the Shark World Cup is approaching quickly. It's certain to be a big event and a big success. The organizing committee has been working for many months to make sure the competitors have world class racing and a first class time at South Port. Good luck to all.

Any club member who wishes to help with the races during the first week of July should contact the organizing committee.

I hope everybody has a nice summer, good winds and fair weather. Enjoy your sailing.

The Spring Clean up, from Bob Linton

This day was a great success. Many members came out and helped clean up the property. Lots of wooden cradles were cut up and wood debris collected. This year I had arranged for the City of Tecumseh to do a special wood pick up and this has been done.

Following the mud removal, the parking lot was graded and new gravel added.

Please remember to chase away the Canadian geese when you are at the Club.



A big thank you to John Ginham & Keith Gallie

for making two new charcoal-burning Barbecues for South Port Sailing Club. Even with the gas barbecues there are times when we need a bigger surface for grilling. We hope to continue to hold regattas at the club so these new additions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much indeed for all your time and effort. As our Statement of Purpose, states we are a self-help organization and John and Keith help us remain that way.

from Margaret Entwistle

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Cruising Notes, from John Bufton

We have four cruises coming shortly – Pike Creek channel water levels permitting!

Peche Island Cruise – June 11/12

Lorraine & Frank Mc Lean (Zephyr) are organizing an overnight cruise to Peche Island. Lorraine advises that there will a sign up sheet on the club board shortly, with full details of what she has planned. Sounds like a fun weekend, especially good for anyone new to cruising!

North Star Sail Club - June 18/19

Nancy & Wayne Hind (Xanadu) are coordinating this event. NSSC always make us most welcome. The weekend will feature a group potluck/barbecue or a restaurant visit. See the notice board or contact Nancy or Wayne.

If you're new to cruising, or aren't familiar with the route, we can arrange for a "buddy" yacht to sail alongside as you travel to NSSC and back.

TRYC Cruise – **July 1**st (Canada Day)

Rita & Lorne Mann (Caprice) are organizing our cruise to Thames River YC. The following day (Saturday), TRYC are holding their annual regatta and all visitors are welcome to participate. In addition to a serious racer class they are having a "cruiser" section for non-racers. Following the racing there will be a barbecue and social evening and hot tubs will be featured. Another fun weekend!

The TRYC cruise has been designed to get as many non-Shark yachts as possible out of South Port's basin prior to the Shark Worlds, which will start on July 2nd. To assist us TRYC have very kindly agreed to provide free docking to any South Port members for the week of July 4th, and we are planning a return cruise to SPSC on July 9th. Rita and Lorne are planning group road transport back to SPSC on July 3rd, returning to the TRYC on July 9th.

If you're new to cruising, or aren't familiar with the route, we can arrange for a "buddy" yacht to sail alongside as you travel to TRYC and back.

TRYC needs to know in advance how many visitors need a dock, and the size of your yacht.

To reserve docking at TRYC, either sign up on the sheet on the club board or call Lorne Mann (948.9904) as soon as possible. Also, let Jason Helm (735.0302) know that your well will be free.

Annual Long Cruise

Ora & Bruce Reid (Alibi) are organizing this event, which will either go to Lake Erie or Lake Huron, depending on weather patterns. Departure date is flexible, but sometime around July14th is planned. Contact Ora or Bruce if you're interested in venturing outside Lake St. Clair.

from the Harbourmaster, Jamie Halpin

Thanks again to everyone who helped us to set a new record for launch. And my apologies to Andy Hellenbart whom I neglected to thank in my last report.

We had all of the boats in by 1 pm and most of them were floating. Thanks also to George Petro for making the new sheave for the gin pole.

Unfortunately, the bottom has come up even faster than the water levels. But thanks to Bob Fuller and his quick work, we have been able to start dredging the entrance channel already. Weather permitting, we will have dredged from the outer walls to the innermost set of marks by Friday, May 27. Dredging of F-dock is planned for the fall.

The old dredgings have finally been removed from the property thanks to Past Harbourmaster Doug Watson. This has created a wonderful new storage area and parking area for crew. With this in mind, please store any trailers and boats not currently being sailed in the new parking/storage area on the far side of the shed. This will maximize the amount of parking close to the clubhouse and harbour.

Also a reminder that all masts are to be off the lawn and all non-sailed boats are to be off the property by June 1. Trailers stored on the property will be subject to the same storage fee as a non folding cradle.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Mainstays, from Sue Bufton & Margaret Entwistle



Betty Layfield, Anna Mae Parent, Karen De Vries



Charmaine Soutar watching Jan Domney

On Wednesday, May 18th, 9 ladies were busy planting the flowers around the clubhouse. Please enjoy and if you see any drooping, please spare a few moments to give them a drink of water.

Our next meeting will be a Barbecue on Thursday, June 16th. We will be lighting the grills at 6.00 pm. Ladies, please join us. Bring your own meat to cook and a salad or dessert to share.

The Mainstays (Ladies of the Club) are responsible for serving dinner on Wednesday, July 6th for the Shark sailors. We need help, if you can do so please contact either Margaret Entwistle (739-2061) or Sue Bufton (979-1718).

Annual Wine & Cheese Sail

A big thank you to Phil Daoust and Al Finch for taking out the Mainstays on May 26th for their Annual Wine & Cheese Sail. Once again the weather was very cooperative with good temperatures and gentle breezes. To be able to sit outside afterwards on the South Port lawn as the sun goes down, and make sure we have eaten all the food and drunk all the wine is definitely a signal that the "sailing" season" has begun. Thanks again gentlemen, not only for the loan of your boats but for your patience.







Enjoying the after-sail wine & cheese are, from left to right: Karen De Vries & Nancy Hind, Charmaine Soutar & Anna Mae Parent, and Candice Daoust & and Irene East (who took most of the photos).

Membership activity in 2005, Lyn Domney

- The Strattons, Don and Doreen changed from Family Membership to Senior Membership.
- The Majors, Paul and Mary changed from Family Membership to Nonresident Membership.
- Irene East changed from Family Membership to Senior Membership and at the same Executive Meeting was appointed to Life Membership.
- The Mayors of Tecumseh and Lakeshore, the MPPs of Windsor St.Clair and Essex, the MPs of Windsor Tecumseh and Essex, and Barry Zekelman were made Honorary Members for 2005.
- The DeVries, Harry and Karen changed from Family Membership to Senior Membership.
- Matt Baker's Intermediate Membership was extended for one year.
- Nick Beaudoin's Intermediate Membership was terminated because he attained the age of twentyfive in 2004.
- Marc and Mary Ellen Livingston have resigned from the Club.

- Frank and Donna DeMarco have resigned from the Club.
- Paul Domney has been approved as a member in the Crew Member classification.
- Stephan and Karen Zsargo have been approved as Family Members of the Club. Please welcome them and their two year old daughter Katie when you see them arrive on their Northern 25 "ALLEGRO".
- A Club policy regarding Senior Members wishing to change back to Family Membership has been approved by the Club Executive. It reads "A Senior Member may apply to regain his/her resigned Family Membership by paying the difference in annual membership dues between the classifications for his/her time as a Senior Member. This amount shall not exceed the new Family Membership Initiation Fee. Then on the approval of the Board the applicant may be returned to the Family Membership classification."

OPP vessel safety inspection

The OPP Marine unit held a voluntary vessel safety inspection at the club on Saturday 28 May. The officers checked all the safety equipment on boats of club members and others who brought their boats on trailers.

Those who passed received a compliance sticker. Photos by Irene East and Phil Peck.



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June 2004 SPSC Calendar								
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun		
Club House Duties (May 29-June 4) Brixa, K&C*, Braidford, E		6:45 pm Keelboat racing 6:45 pm KS1R4 Wayne Hind	2	3	4	Sail-a- bration 2:00 pm sailpast 4:30 pm dinner		
(June 5-11) Watson, D&M* Shore, R	7:15 pm Executive Meeting	Men's Lunch 6:45 pm KS1R5 Chris Eagen	9		Peche Is	12 sland Cruise		
(June 12-18) Sarlow, A & McArthur, J* Young, B.	14	6:45 pm KS1R6 Kevin Mogyorody	6:00 pm Main- stays BBQ	17	_	ar S.C. Cruise		
(June 19-25) Tousignant, W&M* White, D	21	6:45 pm KS2R1 Frank Macdonald	Games 23 Night 4:00 pm Happy Hour, then BBQ & Cards. Come for all, or part. Info: the Manns	24	SPSC 25 Invita- tional Huron Double- handed	26		
(June 26-July 2) Brown, R&D*, Brockman, L.	28	6:45 pm KS2R2 Bill Stridiron	Shark Coll	lub Hou ly 10-16 borne,D& arrington,N	July 17-23 C* Daoust,P&	.C* Davidson,J&B*		