



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club*

Aug.-Sept. 2006

2006 South Port Invitational

August 12 and 13

Racing:

Evening race on Saturday night followed by
2 races Sunday on the
modified Olympic course

Dinner:

Sunday at 5:00 pm. catered by Abars
Cost \$10.00

Tickets available @ time of registration
To attend dinner only Sunday,
please use registration form to
purchase tickets in advance

Registration:

Forms and info. available on the Web site and
in Clubhouse



20th Annual Sail for Hospice Regatta

Saturday, September 9, 2006
3:30 pm

Area sailors have been raising money for the
Hospice of Windsor and Essex County for the
past 20 years.

This year's regatta will be just a little race, about
9 nautical miles in the afternoon followed by a
wonderful dinner. To make it a little more fun, we
have a pursuit start. The money is raised through
entries and pledges. Anyone can collect pledges.

With \$150.00 in pledges, you will receive an
embroidered jacket and hat. (Check for sample in
the clubhouse). There is a special flag for the boat
that raises the most money. Best corrected time
receives a trophy. Following the race there is a
wonderful dinner available at the club.

The race will also be held the same weekend at
LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club and Cedar Island
Yacht Club. We hope to be the club that raises the
most money.

Mark your calendar. Start collecting pledges. Get a
crew together. Have some fun. Raise money for the
Hospice. Let's make the 20th the biggest year ever.

For more information please contact
Anne Marie at 519.979.0714.

37th Annual Harvest Moon

Saturday, September 30th
3:00 pm



Cost \$25/boat
Free chilli and beer in the
Clubhouse after racing

Registration forms available on the Web site or
in the Clubhouse after August 13th

Stewart Odell, 9 October 1924 - 2 July 2006

Stew joined SPSC in 1964 and was treasurer when the property was purchased. The executive enlisted the added expertise of Ken Pye and Dick Walker and set out to raise the money. Stew shared in many chores that followed wearing splashes of green paint on most of his clothes from long hours of dock construction. He served as property chair the last year in the big old house.

Because Stew worked at Hiram Walker, he was asked to arrange liquor permits for dingy regattas. Because his name was on the permit, he and Harold Asselstine stayed until the last racer retired for the night. (He really didn't mind being last to leave the party.) Stew was the first cruise chair, sailed in the first LaSalle Mariners race to Put-in-Bay and the first Harvest Moon Race. Cruises to Lake Huron with son Jim, and others with daughters Pat and Margaret and wife Fran, including one to Boblo with five on a Shark, created many wonderful memories for Stew and his family.



Pelee Island cruise, 14-16 July, from the Buftons

Eight boats from SPSC joined La Salle Mariners' Club for their 12th annual regatta event to Pelee Island. Opinions differ as to whether it's a race or cruise, but it's a light-hearted weekend, and lots of fun! The prize for every boat was two bottles of Pelee Island wine.

South Port was represented by: Shorething (Bob Shore), Mai-Toi (Lisa & Rene Brown), Breezin (Betty & Bob Layfield), Xanadu (Nancy & Wayne Hind), Schwanky (Derek White), Tia Lisa (Chris Eagen), Dynamo (Brenda & Joe Davidson), and Wight Spirit (Sue & John Bufton).

The weekend commenced with a Friday evening rendezvous of South Porters at La Salle Mariners' Club. In addition to the boat owners, members Margaret & Jack Entwistle & Ora Reid visited La Salle by road, while John Novak/Lorette Drouillard crewed on Breezin, and Bruce Reid assisted Shorething on the downriver trip.

An early morning departure was necessitated by the 10.00 am start off Bar Point. The weekend was consistently hot, with bright sunshine. On Satur-

day, a light south westerly breeze at the start produced PHRF class spinnakers, which many boats carried all the way to Scudder's Marina. The JOG fleet started 5 minutes later. The relatively quick trip was finished off the breakwater with a horn for each boat from SPSC stalwart Duncan Hind's minivan.

Sharon & Duncan Hind have a cottage on Pelee Island, to which all SPSC visitors were invited for a cold drink after the race. Also on the island was Anne Marie Norton with her two children, enjoying a visit to her brother's cottage. Anne Marie, Sharon & Duncan provided an impromptu jitney style taxi service for their fellow members delivering us all to the Pelee Island Winery reception center for the Saturday evening barbecue for the fleet. LSMC Regatta chair John Vandereerden led a talented group of musicians who provided entertainment for the evening.

SPSC visitors were invited by Sharon & Duncan Hind to a barbecue at their place on Sunday July 23rd, and while some sailors had to leave early to get back across the lake, eight members had a most enjoyable afternoon at the Hinds' cottage. Thank you Sharon & Duncan!!!



Our race committee volunteer, Brandon Fitch, has been out on the water in his 4 Winnds, DEEDS, this season during the Wednesday night keelboat races and will be assisting with the other racing events, throughout the season.

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Please get your contributions for the next issue by 20 September to Jackie (519.971.9699; robtim@cogeco.ca)

Wanted: SPSC Web master

South Port needs a Web site designer and Web master. Preferably the Web site designer would also be the Web master.

However the tasks could be separated.

If you have any interest in this position please contact me for further details,

John Shaw

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Cruising Dates

We were hoping to organize a cruise to Great Lakes Yacht Club on August 26th, but that club has a conflict with a "members only" event that weekend.

Alternative dates could be August 12 or 19th, but a concern is that last year only two boats participated. Obviously we'd like to see more skippers interested before we approach GLYC. If anyone is interested in a cruise on either of those dates, please contact Cruise Chair John Bufton (519.979.1718).

Our next scheduled cruise is to Thames River YC on the Labour Day Weekend, Saturday September 2nd. Last year was a great party weekend at TRYC which we shared with US visitors from Grosse Pointe YC. There will be a TRYC barbecue and other entertainment. There was a shortage of wells, which is like to be repeated this year, and we may have to limit numbers. The sign up sheet will be on the Clubhouse board shortly, get your name down early, or call John Bufton (519.979.1718).

Why my boat is best

We're hoping to include a small write up and photo for the next three issues: October, November and December/January.

Please consider sending in some details at your earliest convenience to Jackie at:

robtim@cogeco.ca

Thank you !!

Glamourize your Gobi - And help eliminate chemical use

The Problem

The Executive has been debating how to control the weeds on the Gobi mats. Spraying chemicals around the harbour isn't good for the creek, the air, the fish, the children, or the fox snakes. But as long as there is soil between the rocks...something will grow! So let's see if we can find an alternative to thistles, ragweed and lambs quarters.

The Plan:

A CONTEST . . .

to see who can create the most attractive shoreline well.

Members with boats along the shore can enlist the aid of others who don't, or form a group to adopt a section along the west side by the new sidewalk.



Gobi mat weeds: finding an alternative to chemicals

FIRST pull out the ugly stuff...some weeds are actually pretty so they can stay.

THEN look for other pretty stuff which you think might have a chance of surviving. Take a look at the beautiful water iris under the dock beside the hoist.

REGISTER your team on the sign up sheet in the clubhouse.

Entries will be judged by an independent panel of judges. There will be two judgings - one in the fall (date TBA) and one in the spring. Prize winners will be announced at Sail-a-bration.

News from Bella Via, via email to Irene East

We picked up your latest message yesterday from an internet cafe. We were pleased to hear from you but very saddened to learn of the death of Ken Pye. Jane and her family will certainly be in our prayers, as are all of our old friends at South Port.

We hope that you are keeping well. Thanks for keeping the binder of our travels up to date. You do a good job at that.

All is well here. We are back in Noumea, re-provisioning the boat for Vanuatu. We are exhausted from all of the trips walking back and forth to the market - lugging huge amounts of supplies back to the boat. We will check out of this country on Monday but will probably be given 7 days to actually leave. We want to visit the Loyalty Islands (part of New Cal) on our way out as it shortens the trip to Vanuatu.

Take care,
Mary and Paul



Paul Major with the biggest fish he's caught so far - a 35-pound golden trevally. You can check up on their travels at their regularly updated Web site: users.xplornet.com/~bellavia/

Introducing current members, by Jackie Timothy

Robert & Stella Oldridge

have been members since 1972. Although they have retired their boat, a Mirage 25, JUNIPER, they remain active at the Club, as confirmed by this photo taken at Sail-a-bration 2006.



Charmaine Soutar joined South Port with Hank (2004) in 1977. Hank was a past commodore. Charmaine recently sold their Mirage 33, ROGUE STAR. She remains an active member at the Club and hosts the Mainstays popular pool party each summer.

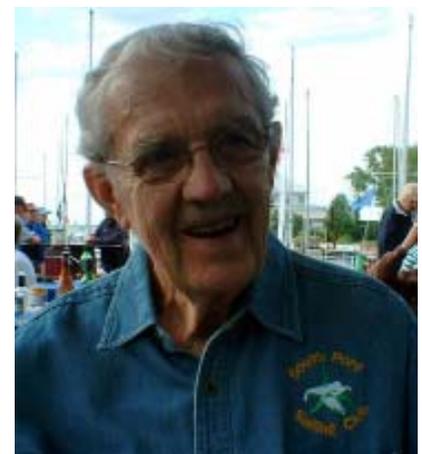
Jack & Margaret

Entwistle have been members since 1973 and own a Shark, WHITEFIN. Marg was the Club's Commodore in 1991 and has served on various committees. Jack and Marg are the current Club representatives for The Inter Lake Yachting Association. If there is a club cruise, you can be certain they'll be there.



Adam & Renka Gesing

have been members since they moved here from Kingston in 1998. They have sailed 505s for over 30 years and hope some day to see at least one other 50 at SPSC! In the meantime, 12-year-old Andrew will be sailing in the Laser II. Adam & Renka run their own business, Gesing Consultants Inc. Renka is *Soundings* coeditor.



John Green has been a member 1965. Past Commodore Green was one of those instrumental in the building of the Clubhouse. Most of the dock frames in the harbour were pre-assembled and welded at his shop. He owned one of the first Sharks at the Club, and always helps out wherever he can - even with 505 regattas.

Irene East joined South Port with Ray (2004) in 1965. Ray was one of the founding members, and Irene held the position of roster chair until recently. She currently oversees the archives, and can be seen with her camera continuing to record Club events. The East's boat, an HR 25, *Horsefeathers*, has a new owner and remains in the harbour at South Port. Ray was the driving force behind the Harvest Moon Race, which continues as an annual September event.



from the Commodore, John Shaw

I trust you are all enjoying your sailing and are looking forward to the remaining days and events of the season.

Members are still telling me how much they enjoyed Sail-a-bration. If we have as good a turn out for the Invitational we'll be guaranteed a good party.

The second phase of dredging has just been completed and with luck we won't have to dredge again this year.

The club needs an upgraded Web site and so the search is on for a web designer and Web master. Hopefully both jobs can be filled by the same person but that is not mandatory. If you have any interest in helping with the web site give me a call.

Sailing school enrolment has been high again this year. Please make the pupils welcome as we hope they will become members of South Port in the future.

Talking about membership – there are a few empty wells which we would like to fill. If you have any friends who may be interested in joining our fine club please let Lynn Baker know.

See you on the lake,

John

from the Property Chair, Rene Brown

Looking for a Job?

South Port Sailing Club is a working club where, as members, we invest a few hours of our time each year. In return we enjoy a beautiful facility with low fees, meet other members, develop friendships and have the satisfaction of making the Club as great as it is.

Members can make a contribution by joining various committees such as Social, Racing, Harbour, Cruising and of course Property. We can also volunteer to help out with the many events at the club. There are a number of members who take ownership in a fixed set of responsibilities. Often these positions require more than the minimum 10-hour investment each year, but are rewarding in other ways. For this extra effort, the member holding such a position is not required to perform clubhouse duties. This alone is almost enough for someone to volunteer for property chair.

We are looking for a member to fill one of these positions. For years now Bob Layfield has taken care of the lawn sprinkler system keeping our lawn green and it is now time to pass the torch. In general the position requires:

1. spring setup – install intake spout, test system & program controller
2. maintenance – repair to broken heads
3. monitoring and making changes to the controller program
4. fall winterizing

If this position interests you please let me know.

Mackinac Congratulations

Three SPSC members and their crew entered and completed the 2006 Bacardi Bayview Mackinac Race:

Andy Hellenbart, Firewater -- CC35 class
Bill Stridiron, Risky Business -- IRC 1 class
Bill Noakes, Ruffian -- CC35 class

Introducing SPSC Members

Let's keep the introductions going!! They help us all get to know each other. If you have a snapshot of yourself and your family, please email to coeditor Jackie Timothy at robtim@cogeco.ca

Humour - You know you are a sailor if . . .

To add a little humour to Soundings, it was suggested we survey members to complete the following statement ...

You know you are a sailor if _____

We're planning to print responses in the October issue of *Soundings*. Submit your entry by email or through the mail slot at the SPSC office to:

Jackie Timothy (robtim@cogeco.ca)

Why our boat is the best: Hinterhoeller 25, *No Resistance* by Dave Robichaud & Jackie Timothy



We feel she's the best, because she is probably one of the oldest boats at South Port, and still performs against newer vessels of similar size. She has been well maintained, is a very stable craft, and sails her best in heavy winds.

The paper work in file indicates the original owner was a Mr. Charles E. Davis of Windsor, Ontario who

registered the craft with the Dept. of Transport back in 1969. From there it was purchased by a Mr. Don Jobin in 1991, eventually owned for a few years by Alan & Lorette Henderson, SPSC members. We purchased her in 2000 when we joined the Club.

No Resistance was built in Niagara on the Lake in 1966. She's 25' in length, with an 8-foot beam and draws 4' 2" (perfect for South Port dockage) The hull is constructed of fibreglass reinforced polyester resin and the side rails, cabin entry and interior trim are teak. Although narrow and smaller within the cabin (referred to as a "step up from a Shark"), the HR has a large cockpit compared to many boats which offers comfort when cruising or racing. She has a V-berth, a dinette that folds down, and a quarter berth on the starboard side.

The HR is our first sailboat. As beginners in 2000, we found her very forgiving learning both to sail

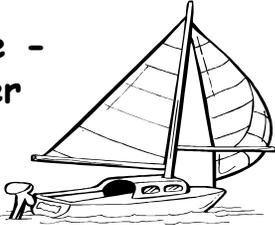
and race. She even let us win first place in the 2006 TRY Sea Regatta!



Aug. 2006 SPSC Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
(July 30- Aug. 5) Grosshans, P&D Helm, J		1	2 Wed. night keelboat racing	3	4	5 BBQ & Games at the club starting at 4:00
6 (Aug. 6-12) Halpin, J&L Hornby, A	7	8	9	10	11	12 SPSC Invitational
13 SPSC Invitational (Aug. 13-19) Smith, R&P Laforet, M	14 7:15 pm Executive Meeting	Men's Lunch	16 	18		19 BBQ & Games at the club starting at 4:00
20 (Aug. 20-26) Lair, G & McGuire, C Massender, M	21	17 Mainstays Pool party Charmaine Soutar has once again invited us to a pool party at her home on Thursday, August 17 th , starting at 6.30 pm. Please bring, either, a small snack or dessert, your favourite beverage and a chair. We will order pizza during the evening. All ladies welcome, it is a great evening to get to know new members. Contact: Sue Bufton at 519.979.1718		25		26
27 (Aug. 27 - Sept. 2) Lehmann, F&H Lemay, K	28 Friends of Pike Creek	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">BBQs & Games at SPSC</h3> </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p style="font-size: small;">Lets all enjoy our park-like Club this summer. Come out for a BBQ on alternate Saturdays. Come and enjoy all or part of the activities.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">4:00 pm: Happy Hour 6:00 pm: BBQ 7:30 pm: cards</p> <p style="font-size: small;">August 5, 19 September 9, 23</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Contact: Lorne & Rita Mann</p> </div> </div>				

Sept. 2006 SPSC Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	TRYC Cruise - 2 September 				8	9 BBQ & Games at the club  starting at 4:00
(Sept. 3-9) Lehmann, V&L Norton, J&A 	11  7:15 pm Executive Meeting	12 	13  Men's Lunch		15	16
(Sept. 17-23) Macdonald, F&K 	18	Mainstays Potluck dinner Our next potluck dinner will be on Tuesday, September 12 th , at 6.30 pm. Please bring your favourite dish and some stories of your summer adventures! Once again all ladies welcome. Contact: Sue Bufton at 519.979.1718 			22	23 BBQ & Games at the club starting at 4:00 
(Sept. 24-30) Malone, R&T 	25 Friends of Pike Creek					30 Harvest Moon Regatta 

October Clubhouse duties

(Oct. 1-7)
Martin, J&S

(Oct. 8-14)
McClinton, B
MacDonald, B

(Oct. 15-21)
Mendoza, R&R
Shore, B

(Oct. 22-28)
Mogyorody, K&C
McLean, F&L

(Oct. 29 - Nov. 4)
Murphy, J
Priskorn, K

