



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club*

June 2006

Why my boat is the best! . . . The Shark

I own a Shark (Shikasta). The first keelboat I sailed on was John Green's Shark (Cheers). When I lived in St. Catharines as an engineering coop student, I raced on a Shark (Gangreen). I can honestly say I've been racing Sharks off and on for almost 25 years. So, without solicitations of any third party attestations, I will declare myself an expert in this regard.

The Shark is like a VW microbus. They are ugly, overbuilt, slow and have been around since the middle of the last century. Most have significant warts and scars, are held together with strategically placed duct tape, are underpowered and uncomfortable. The boat attracts hands-on tinkerers which results in no two Sharks being the same. All the while, these boats have generated their own cult following that has spanned generations.

But what is the real reason they are the VW Microbus of the sailing world? You have to own one to love one.

Ian Dawson



Sail-a-bration . . . Pirates of Pike Creek Sunday 11 June



Pirate attire requested -- prizes for best dressed!

1:00 pm Festivities commence

2:00 pm Sailpast -- for your bottle of wine from the commodore

3:00 pm Award-winning LouLou the clown will start entertaining the kids and adults; face painting, balloon sculpting

5:00 pm Dinner: BBQ chicken, pasta, baked potatoes, corn on the cob . . .bring a salad

Cost: \$10

Social Chair, Derek White, 258.4139



LouLou the clown - Clowns Canada face painter of the year and balloon artist of the year

from the Harbourmaster, Jamie Halpin

It sure is good to be back in the water! Thanks to everybody who helped to get us there:

- Lynn Baker and her crew for running the kitchen (they even had a vegetarian meal for the Harbourmaster). Thanks to Cathy Macdonald, Anne Marie Norton, and Francine Schlosser, and of course to Bill Baker for once again manning the barbeque. All proceeds from the day go to support the sailing school.
- Jim Halpin and Scott Turner for acting as recorders
- Doug Watson and Duncan Hind for directing the cranes
- Brayden Uttley and Rob Malone for driving the forklift
- Wayne Hind for lending us his truck to move the trailered boats
- Andy Hellenbart, Paul Domney, and Dave Howarth for helping out with slings and guide ropes
- Ian Dawson and his crew for building the new small boat docks
- and everyone else who came out and lent a hand!

The entrance channel has been dredged to six feet deep and forty feet wide along the east side of the channel. This should eliminate any problems with boats grounding on their way in and out of the creek. Harbour dredging has been scheduled to begin June 20th. The dredging plan has been based on soundings of the harbour and the drafts of member's boats. Hopefully, this will prevent anyone from becoming stuck in the mud when the water levels begin to drop later in the season.

Thanks to Bob Fuller for arranging the dredging permits and negotiating the contract for dredging the entrance channel and thanks to Jim Halpin for supervising the dredging.

Thanks to Darcy Fuller for maintaining the red entrance light and thanks to Dave Robichaud for replacing the bulb in the rear range light.

A reminder that non-sailed boats must be off the property by June 1st, and masts must be off of the lawn by June 5th. Also non-folding cradles must be folded or off of the property by June 15th or a \$150 fee will apply.

SPSC phone committee

South Port once again has a phone committee. Ten of our members have agreed to be part of the group that will call members with a personal reminder about upcoming events.

Sue O'Brien has agreed to Chair the committee. Members include Karen deVries, Charmaine Soutar, Loretta Buckner, Marianne Grayson, Mary Fuller, Vince and Laura Lehman, Gloria Stephenson, Lorraine McLean and Betts Macdonald.

Thanks to each of you!
Between the e-mails and the phone committee we can look forward to reaching out to more of our members!

Cruising Notes, from Margaret Entwistle

**Visiting the SANDBAR Restaurant
Saturday June 17th
Boats leave South Port at 4.00 p.m.
Reservation for meal at 5.30 p.m.
Sail back at 7.00 p.m.
Social gathering follows**

- Sailing my boat
- Be a guest on a boat
- Drive by land

Water depth should not be a problem up to five feet as dredging has taken place.

There is a choice of reaching the destination, so everyone is invited. A list will be placed at the club with the following headings:

Reservations for meal deadline is June 14th.
Contact: Margaret Entwistle. 739-2061

BBQs at SPSC

Lets all enjoy our park-like Club this summer.
Come out for a barbeque on alternate Saturdays.
Enjoy all or part of the activities.

4:00 pm: Happy Hour
6:00 pm: BBQ
7:30 pm: cards



June 10, 24
July 8, 22
August 5, 19
(Unless any of these dates
conflict with other Club
activities)

Contact: Lorne & Rita Mann

C Course, June 17th

South Port racers are reminded about the Annual "C" Course regatta coming up on June 17th. In addition to South Port's annual sponsorship of this event, Past Commodore Ian Dawson will be the Principal Race Officer for this and other DRYA races this summer.

Hope to see you on the Race Course.

Lynn Baker

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Shark Canadians

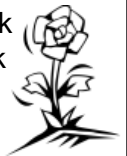
8-9 July
at SPSC

New address

Dick & Buddy Walker
117 Aspen Way, Town of Blue Mountain, ON
L9Y 3C2

Please water the flowers

On May 17th seven ladies were busy
planting the flowers which will bloom for
your enjoyment all summer. If they look
thirsty please give them a drink. Thank
you, ladies, for a job well done.

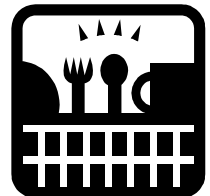


Kitchen Etiquette

When using the kitchen, wash,
dry and put away what you have
used. Please, do

not leave
them for

someone else to put away.
Keep the kitchen looking
clean & tidy.



Attention Racers: New Course Location

Please take note that the course has been moved 1 nautical mile west. The new course locations are as follows:

Mark	Latitude	Longitude
S	42° 20.'138N	82° 48.'447W
1	42° 20.'702N	82° 47.'859W
2	42° 20.'229N	82° 47.'497W
3	42° 19.'710N	82° 47.'669W
4	42° 19.'436N	82° 48.'312W
5	42° 19.'585N	82° 49.'015W
6	42° 20.'034N	82° 49.'374W
7	42° 20.'553N	82° 49.'188W
8	42° 20.'822N	82° 48.'563W

Please also note that the long distance course for the summer series has changed; mark DP "5" has been changed to DP "8".

Changes will be posted on the official race board in the club and new Sailing Instructions are available in the clubhouse and on the South Port Web Site.

Happy Racing,
Chris Eagen

LMYC Shakedown winners

at the LMYC Shakedown Race, May 20, 2006:

- Derek White and his crew, John Hill & Dave Robichaud placed 1st in PHRF C in his boat Schwanky.
- Bob Fuller on Adendum won first in class and first overall corrected.

**"No Resistance"
Flag for 1st. in 2005
Lake St. Clair JOG
ECPA**

505 regatta

The following is a writeup by one of the competitors, Graham Alexander from Columbus, Ohio.

If you weren't at Windsor this year you really missed a great regatta. I guess it can be termed a U.S. Midwest Regatta rather than a Canadian regatta since the US boats out numbered the Canadians by 4 to 1. However, the two Canadian boats were the premier and most important Canadians possible, being Renka and Adam, and Debbie and Dave.

The weather was perfect. Friday and Saturday night were cool for great sleeping and no bugs. The four races Saturday were sailed in light air, meaning almost no trapezing, but it was reasonable consistent wind with both crew up on the rail a good part of the time. We never had any holes where you couldn't keep moving. The races were all well contested with many finishes having all or most of the fleet crossing the finish in a pack.

Saturday evening, our Windsor 505 chef (Sande Dunlop), cooked up a fabulous meal. The food was delicious and plenty of it. Plenty of time to talk and get reacquainted. This was much appreciated since circumstances and no Windsor regatta last year meant the Hoover fleet really didn't travel last year and a number of us didn't get to see the others at all last year.

Sunday morning brought great wind which built during the day. Every one got to have some wild rides. After three races everyone came in to get an early start home. Sandy again provided a perfect lunch. Actually it really qualified more as a dinner due to the quality and quantity of the food. Just the food was worth the drive!!!!

Results:

1. Kaiser/Badke	USA8600	Chicago
2. Gesing/Gesing	CAN7605	South Port
3. Long/Long	USA8821	Chicago
4. Ashby/ Adams	CAN8696	Ottawa
5. Stetson/Whitt	USA8624	Columbus
6. Black/Snyder	USA8732	Ann Arbour
7. Alexander/Seiple	USA8756	Columbus
8. Hemmenway/ Ironsides	USA6663	Peoria, IL

Introducing our new members, by Lynn Baker

Roger Laforet



Roger is South Port's newest associate member, although his face will be familiar to Wednesday night racers. This will be Roger's third year racing with Peter Soles.... aboard Nuggett! And he's become a fixture at launch and haulout.

Sailing is just one of Roger's many interests. He's also a cyclist, and a skier -

both Nordic and downhill -- and enjoys fishing and boating on his 17-foot bow rider.

Roger's background is technical -- woodworking and tool and die for ten years. He currently teaches manufacturing at St. Anne High School. South Port has become something of a family affair for the Laforet family. Son Marc is a Junior member and will be taking Bronze 5 at the Sailing School this summer.

Ryan Masse

Our newest family member is Ryan Masse. And, at the age of 23, he has the distinction of being the youngest family member in the Club.

Ryan is no stranger to South Port. He began his association through the Sailing School, and holds Bronze 5.

He's now the proud owner of a C&C 24 - called Dream Chaser.



Ryan is a grad of St. Anne High School. His specialty now is anything to do with computers. He completed the three-year Computer Science program at St. Clair College, then fast tracked through the four-year Computer Science degree program at the University of Windsor. He's currently a process analyst with Daimler Chrysler.

Ryan has a wealth of knowledge, dedication and enthusiasm... and I know he will be a real asset to South Port.

Introducing current members, by Jackie Timothy

Chris Eagen



Chris Eagen, Race Committee Chair has been a Member at South Port since 1997. He is the owner of a Tanzer 24, TIALISA and participates in the Wednesday night Keelboat Racing.

Bill Noakes

William Noakes has been a Member at South Port since 1973, and has held the position of Treasurer for "many" years. Bill is the owner of a C & C 35, RUFFIAN, and participates in the Wednesday night Keelboat Races.



**May 27th was a busy day at SPSC:
Marine inspection, sidewalk installation, 505 regatta . . .**



Thanks to Tecumseh OPP Marine Unit, all who worked on the R.C. for the 505s, for all the hard work the sidewalk crew put in, and to Commodore John Shaw and to Jackie Timothy for the photos.

from the Board, Use of the clubhouse for private events

In response to requests to use the club for private non-SPSC functions, the Board of Directors has established the following policy.

Policy on Members' Use of Club Premises

Subject to approval of South Port Board of Directors, members may use the clubhouse and grounds for family occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, showers and the like.

Only family occasions of immediate family members will be considered.

The member requesting the use of the Club must be present at the event being held and is responsible for insuring that the club's property is protected and cleaned.

A nominal fee will be charged and security deposit will be required. Deposit will be refunded provided there are no damages and the site is restored to normal condition.

No fees will be charged to the participants for the event and no beer, wine or liquor can be sold.

While the member will be allowed to use the facilities, other members not associated with the event shall not be excluded from using the facilities. Members will be encouraged to respect the event in progress and not infringe on their space.

The member using the Club will provide all necessary supplies for the event and remove any unused material and garbage. Kitchen equipment can be used but must be washed and put away after the event.

If beer, wine or liquor is to be served, the member must make sure all liquor laws are adhered to.

A member wishing to use the Club facilities must check with the Secretary to see if the date and time is available and make application in writing to the Board of Directors.

The member making the application is solely responsible for the conduct and their guests and the well being of the Club's facilities.

from the property committee, Rene Brown









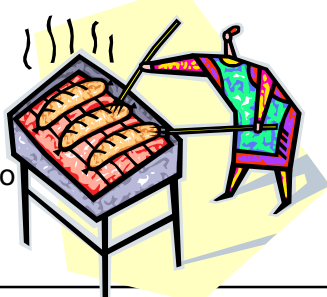
SPRING WORK PARTY. Thank you to all those who came to the Spring Work Party tools in hand. The morning started with a light drizzle, but the rain held off enough for a solid clean up day. About a dozen of us replaced dead trees and bushes, pulled debris (a dead animal too..... Ugh!) from the creek, trimmed trees and bushes and picked up debris from around the property. Thank you John Staley and The Friends of Pike Creek for the cooperation in removing two huge piles of debris. These piles easily reached six feet tall and fifteen feet in diameter.

REFUSE. Please remember, if you leave your old batteries, oil or other debris on the club property, someone else has to pick it up. Batteries and oil can't be put in the dumpster which means someone has to make a special trip to the dump with your trash. We spent quite a bit of time during the work party cleaning up personal property abandoned around the grounds and had to make a special trip to the dump. Also remember, the dumpster is only

meant for clubhouse trash. Two boat covers dropped in prior to launch half filled it. Thank you in advance for bringing your refuse home.

WHAT'S NEXT? SIDE WALK PHASE I. Thank you for all the members who woke up early on Saturday and those that returned Sunday to work on the side walk. A special thanks to Bob Fuller for his time in planning and organizing this project. We were also able to clean up the parking lot including filling in pot holes and low spots. It is through the efforts of these members that make it easy to complete projects like this, while keeping the costs to a minimum and make our club look great.

June 2006 SPSC Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun					
<p>Club House Duties </p> <p>(May 28-Jun 3) Bowsher, P&P Braidford, E</p>			1	2	3	4					
5	<p> 6</p> <p>Men's Lunch</p>				10	<p>BBQ & Games at the club </p> <p>starting at 4:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Sail-a-bration</p> 				
<p>7:15 pm  12</p> <p>Executive Meeting</p> <p>(June 11-17) Daoust, P&C Brockman, L</p>		<p>Wed. night racing every Wed.</p>	15	16	<p>C-course regatta 17</p> <p>Cruising (or driving) to the Sandbar Restaurant. Sign up at the club by the 14th.</p>						
19					24	<p>BBQ & Games at the club </p> <p>starting at 4:00</p>	25				
26	<p>June 25-July 1 Edgley, F&C Cowan, G</p>	<p>Thursday June 29</p> <p>Mainstays BBQ. We will light the barbecues at 6.00 pm. Bring your own meat and a salad or dessert to share. All ladies welcome.</p>									
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