



Soundings

Newsletter of the South Port Sailing Club Dec. 2007 - Jan. 2008

2007 AGM

The Annual General Meeting provided members with reports from the current executive and committee chairs, including what is planned for the upcoming year. Our social chair Derek White provided a wonderful array of snacks following the meeting, and it was great to see everyone stay on and enjoy socializing. Jamie Halpin will be leaving at the end of the school term for his year cruise along the East Coast to the Caribbean. We wish you safe sailing, and thank you for the past three

years as our harbour master. His position will be taken over by Wesley Arthur. John Bufton is stepping down as cruising chair after one of the most successful cruising summers ever. He will continue as our club's ILYA delegate. See Lynn's note below for other changes. The balance of the committee chairpersons will continue on in the 2008 term. Lyn Domney, whose kind manner and sense of humour was appreciated by everyone, can now relax in the position of Past Commodore.

Here's our executive for 2008:

Commodore: **Lynn Baker**
Vice Commodore: **Rene Brown**
Rear Commodore/Membership:
Bill Frank
Race Chair: **Chris Eagen**
Cruise Chair: **Jack Entwistle**
Social Chair: **Derek White**
Property Chair: **Peter Soles**
Harbour Master: **Wesley Arthur**
Sailing School Chair: **Bob Fuller**
Recording Secretary:
Brenda Petro
Treasurer: **Janet Graybiel**
Past Commodore: **Lyn Domney**

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from the (incoming) commodore- Lynn Baker

First of all, thank you for the very great honour of serving as this year's commodore. I am looking forward to a year of growth and renewal for the Club.

If you didn't get a chance to get to the AGM, take time to read the committee reports and the year in review on pg. 2; that will give you an idea of how much was accomplished last year.

There is more to do. Our new board has a lot of experience and many ideas. But the various committee chairs will be needing volunteer assistance to put their plans in place. Social, racing and cruising and property in particular are areas where the more helpers there are, the more events we can plan, and planning will start early in the new year. Don't hesitate to call up and offer your help. It's a great way to earn work hours (don't forget to put in your work-hour

chit), meet other members and just plain have fun.

Water levels are always a worry. Something we can't control, but obviously a problem we have to deal with, year by year.

I look forward to working with the returning board members and our four new ones! Bill Frank moves from Treasurer to

Rear Commodore and Membership Chair, Jack Entwistle moves into the Cruise Chair, Wesley Arthur takes on the job of Harbourmaster, and Janet Graybiel is our new Treasurer. Welcome! And finally, Past Commodore Lyn

Domney led us with strength, dedication and clear focus through the past year and I will be counting on his sound advice in the year to come. Lyn, on behalf of all members, thanks for everything. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukka and Happy New Year!



Remembering . . .

A crew whose sailing season now has no launch or haul-out date, and never ends.....

Bill Mogyorody
Doug Buckner
Hank Soutar
Ray East
MaryJane Miernecki
Bill Davidson
Ken Pye
Phil Kurtz
Stew Odell
Sandy Szekely
Richard Poultney



Remembering Richard Poultney

Richard Poultney, past commodore (1972) and charter member of South Port, passed away at Belleville General Hospital on November 30, 2007. John Green recalls Richard was very musically inclined, and quite talented. He played clarinet with a small amateur local symphony



orchestra and actually built a few guitars. Irene East remembers him as a kind gentleman who presented her with her first South Port award, a beautiful pin she still wears. When South Port moved to our current property, Richard was very involved in the design, which included getting approvals from the Town of Tecumseh, staking out and assisting with the layout of the mooring area, fencing and sewer system. Apparently he loved sailing and started with a 14' Snipe dinghy, graduated to an 18' Y-Flyer scow and eventually a Shark. Predeceased by his loving wife Annie Emma (Jane), his parents Richard and Martha, and sister May, he is survived by his son, Roger, daughter-in-law Valerie and granddaughter Meghan. Richard is fondly remembered by close relatives in England. A memorial service will be held at a later date. If desired, donations to Heart & Stroke in Richard's name would be appreciated.

A Review of 2007

Jan. 30 – Off Season Wednesday nites
Feb. 10 – Valentines Pot Luck Dinner
Feb. 27 – Annual Members Meeting
March 07 – Bill Noakes retires as Treasurer
Bill Frank assumes position
March 16 – St. Patrick's Eve potluck
May 5 – LAUNCH Day
May 16 – Wednesday nite Keelboat Racing begins
May 17 – Mainstays flower planting
May 19 – Annual Shakedown Put n Bay
May 22 – Women's Challenge Meet n Greet
May 26-27 – Annual 505 regatta
May 31 – Mainstays wine & cheese cruise
June 2 – Sandbar cruise
June 5 – Women's Challenge 1st seminar
June 9 – Sail-a-Bration
June 16 – C Course Regatta
June 26 – Dinghy racing begins
June 30 – TRYC Sea Regatta
July 2 – Sailing School Classes begin
July 7 – Shark Provincials weekend
July 7 – WYC cruise
July 10 – 1st day sailing Women's Challenge
July 14 – Pelee Island race/cruise
July 21 – Bayview Mackinac
July 28 – Belle River YC cruise
July 29 – Women's Challenge Regatta
August 11/12 – SPSC Invitational Regatta
Aug 16 – Mainstays annual Pool Party
Aug 25 – Fighting Island Regatta
Sept. 1 - Thames River cruise
Sept. 8 – Sail for Hospice
Sept. 10 – Mainstays Pot Luck dinner
Sept. 16 – Final Race Series 3
Sept. 22 – Harvest Moon Regatta
Oct. 13 – Cradle moving
Oct 20 – HAUL OUT
Nov. 5 – Monday nite Virtual Winter Racing
Nov. 10 – FINAL FURL WYC
Nov. 27 – Annual General Meeting
Dec. 7 – Men's Annual Spaghetti Dinner
Dec. 7 – Mainstays Christmas Dinner Theatre

From the Editor - Jackie Timothy

This is Renka Gesing's last issue for editing and laying out Soundings -- a job she's done for the past three years. I am now in the process of learning a new, updated programme to continue providing you with the best newsletter possible. This issue is mainly text. Photos of Final Furl, the Mainstays Christmas party and your new executive will appear in the February issue. Please keep in mind, we accept articles and photos from members who would like to contribute. Simply email them to the editor.

Soundings mailing help needed

Jackie has been mailing out Soundings as well as working as editor. If you can take over the former, please contact Jackie (519-971-9699 or email robtim@cogeco.ca). For each newsletter, you will be provided with pre-addressed envelopes and postage stamps. The job involves picking up the printed copies from MinuteMan Press on Walker Road, stuffing the envelopes, stamping them and getting them in the mail.



Cruise Potluck Meeting, from Jack Entwistle, 2008 Cruising chair

February 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. you are invited to a potluck dinner at the club. This is a kick off to the 2008 Cruising Season, with an informal discussion to follow dinner on the type and timing of events for the upcoming year.

Last year was quite successful, so we will probably use that as a guideline. However let's get together and open the floor to new ideas.

One suggestion that has been put forward is for a social evening for cruisers who are interested in going to the North Channel, to meet with experienced cruisers to get help and advice. Watch the website calendar and Soundings for such an evening some time in March.

Reducing SPSC Hydro use

In an effort to reduce the amount of electricity we use at SPSC, one-hour timers have been installed in place of switches in the two inside washrooms, and 30-minute timers in the outside washrooms. If the lights are left on in error, they will now shut off automatically.

MAINSTAYS

On December 7th, 24 ladies met at Mackenzie Hall for their Dinner theatre evening. After an excellent buffet dinner, we enjoyed a comedy called "Deck The Halls". Thank you to Stella Oldridge for once again organizing this event. We also collected \$151, which has been donated to Make A Wish Foundation to help a local child's dream come true.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 7th at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an evening of friendship.

Door prizes, Final Furl

If you won regalia, please contact Jackie by email or telephone at your earliest to redeem your prize!

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What's in a (boat) name?

Windsong, writes Jamie Halpin, was named by her first owner, Bill Smith, 34 years ago. His theory is that the name came from John Masefield's poem *Sea Fever*, but he didn't want to check with Bill if this is right, since he likes his theory too much!

Sea-Fever

I must down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the **wind's song** and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.

I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

by John Masefield (1878-1967)

Good News -- There were a couple of reasons for naming our boat "Good News," said Bill & Lynn Baker. "We had just had our first baby, Matt, in 1979 (that was good news); it was our first boat (that was good news); and then we joined South Port in spring of 1980 (and that was good news). .And as some people may know, Bill and I are both in the news business...so we thought the name fitting ... and the type face is the same one that is used on the old typewriters we had to use, back in the dark ages when we started in the business... "And it is good news that our little boat got our boys started in an activity that has opened so many doors and provided such enjoyment and friendships."

Bella Via - For many years Paul and Mary Major wanted to name a vessel "Bella Via" after a tune played by Windsor flautist, Alexander Zonjic. Paul says, "The bright, melodic rhythm of the tune reminds us of the rhythmic motion of sailing." When Paul quit racing and sold "Teacher's Pet" (obviously named), Paul and Mary decided to save the name "Bella Via" for their retirement dream boat. Hence, their Columbia 25, seen around the club from 1993 - 2004, was named "Dream Weaver" because it would be the interim vessel on which they would "weave their way toward their retirement dream of becoming full-time liveaboards." Their children, Jennifer and Jeremy, always thought this to be pretty hokey. In 2005 Paul and Mary's dream boat, a 40' Seawind Catamaran, was launched in Sydney, Australia, and christened "Bella Via." Paul says, "We had always thought 'Bella Via' meant 'the beautiful life.'" Appropriate, thought we, for retired liveaboards travelling the waters of the world. It wasn't until after the name was applied to the hull that we discovered "Bella Via" actually means the good way, or the beautiful way' Oh well, the Majors still like the name, its meaning and most of all - the lifestyle.

While we're thinking of the Majors, Irene East shares the following email from Bella Via October 5, 2007: "We try to keep up to date with SPSC happenings by reading Soundings, whenever we can get them from the internet. As for us, we are well, and of course you can read all the gory details of our adventures on our website. We hope to see you and many of our South Port friends when we once again visit home this January/ February." (See pot-luck dinner details pg. 12.)

baboy -- Luke Brockman wrote: "When I got the S2, I was not used such a "big" boat, after having a shark for many years. My fiancée and I named it "baboy," which means pig in the Philippines, her home country. That's the story behind it!

Winds of Chance is the name Allan & Peggy Shearn chose for their new Hunter. It reflects their feeling that chance plays such a large part in directing their lives.

SPSC Regatta Flags 2007

Congratulations to all our skippers and their crew. Four flags were awarded to South Port for The Lake St. Clair ECPA boats of the year. (See Final Furl photos in February issue.)

Peter Soles - East of Midnight
Shakedown – Put n Bay - 2nd Jog
SPSC Invitational – 3rd Jog

Dave Robichaud – No Resistance
Shakedown – Put n Bay - 3rd Jog
TRY Sea Regatta – 3rd overall Jog
LMYC Fighting Island- 1st Jog

Frank Edgley – Bulldog
SPSC Invitational – 2nd PHRF C

Luke Brockman – Loan Shark
Shakedown – Put n Bay - 1st PHRF C

Chris Eagen –Tia Lisa
Shakedown – Put n Bay – 3rd PhRF C
SPSC Invitational – 3rd PHRF C

Joe Davidson – Dynamo Humm
Shakedown – Put n Bay - 1st PHRF B
LMYC Fighting Island – 2nd PHRF B

Bob Fuller – Addendum
Shakedown – Put n Bay - 2nd. PHRF B
Harvest Moon – 3rd PHRF B

Wesley Arthur – August West
TRY Sea Regatta – 3rd overall PHRF B
SPSC Invitational – 3rd PHRF B
LMYC Fighting Island – 1st PHRF B
Harvest Moon – 2nd PHRF B

Kevin Mogyorody – Sniper
TRY Sea Regatta – 1st PHRF B - 1st overall
SPSC Invitational – 1st PHRF B

Lyn Domney – Kiwatea
SPSC Invitational – 1st Jog

Rene Brown – Mai Toi
SPSC Invitational – 2nd Jog
LMYC Fighting Island – 3rd Jog
Harvest Moon – 2nd Jog

Derek White - Schwanky
LMYC Fighting Island – 1st PHRF C

Moe Regnier – Spongeworthy
SPSC Invitational – 1st PHRF C

Mike Salter – Boomerang
SPSC Invitational – 1st PHRF A
Harvest moon – 1st PHRF A

Bill Noakes – Ruffian
SPSC Invitational – 3rd PHRF A
Harvest Moon – 2nd PHRF A

Racing report, from Chris Eagen

Thank you to everyone who helped out in 2007 with race nights and the regattas. Special thanks to my brother, Fred Eagen, who manned the committee boat during the races.

South Port realized 42 days of racing this season including the club races, regattas, dinghy racing and the Women's Challenge. Monday night Virtual Racing has attracted a good turnout of members and guests. If you wish to join us, check the website calendar or Soundings for upcoming dates.

All the racing marks need inspecting and repairs this winter for the upcoming season. I am looking for volunteers to assist with the South Port Invitational Regatta in 2008.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time, please contact me by phone or email.

On behalf of Essex County PHRF, I was pleased to award the following flags for The Lake St. Clair boats of the year at the Final Furl banquet. In JOG class, 1st to Rene Brown on Mai Toi, 2nd to Peter Soles on East of Midnight and 3rd to Dave Robichaud on No Resistance. In PHRF class, Kevin Mogyorody on Sniper. For the most improved yacht, a club trophy was awarded to Wesley Arthur on August West and for the Rookie of the year, Tim Asseltine on Outta the Blew. It was great racing season in 2007 and I look forward to 2008 !!

Edith Gleason

Irene East informs us that after 56 years at Percy Place in Tecumseh, former member Edith Gleason and her kitty have moved to the beautiful Sunrise Senior Living. Edith played cards at the club on Games Night until last year, and invites all her South Port friends to call, visit or write at:

Sunrise Senior Living, Unit 226,
5065 Riverside Dr. E,
Windsor, Ontario, N8Y 5B3
New telephone – 519-944-0866

Commodore Lyn Domney's remarks from the AGM

Another year of Club activity has been completed. Happily there have been no members that have passed away. I do want to express concern that several members are currently fighting health issues – Bruce Reid, Jim McTaggart, and Stewart Weber. Early in my term as Commodore, the issue was tabled of whether we perform the annual audit of our Financial Statements in compliance with current laws and accounting standards.

The Executive asked Jim Balfe to investigate and report to the Board. Jim has found so far that the laws have changed recently, and that there are no clear accounting definitions of certain terms, and the laws are about to change again. In other words we are dealing with a moving target and this continues to be a work in progress. In the meantime, we can be certain that the

Financial Statements are getting a thorough audit by the SPSC Audit Committee. Thank you Jim Balfe for the time and effort that is amounting to be much more than we earlier anticipated.

I want to thank the many members who do necessary work for this Club, much of it in the background, but necessary to keep the Club functioning. Much is done with and without the knowledge of the Executive. Because there are so many members that I could name, but in order to avoid missing someone, I'll just express an all inclusive thanks from the Executive to everyone who helps in this regard. But there are a couple of functions that I feel I must acknowledge.

Every month we all receive an email copy, and a snail-mail copy of 'Soundings' the newsletter of the South Port Sailing Club. This does not just happen – it is the result of many hours of effort by two members, Renka Gesing and Jackie Timothy. Each month I'm amazed at the amount of material organized and published. The ever increasing number of colour photos in the electronic publication is what I particularly enjoy. And Jackie attends and participates in each monthly executive meeting to keep informed and to include things on the calendar published in Soundings. Many thanks for all your work. Also the capacity of the Club web site is expected to expand in order to include past issues of Soundings.

The second function I want to acknowledge is the Club web site. It is a site I refer to each day, and I

find it a great source of information and communication. The web site is the creation of Ryan Masse and Chris Eagen. Thanks for all your work.

And to the Executive Committee Chairman I'd like to say this. Prior to beginning it's annual work, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee asked me to provide my comments on the current Executive and to canvass the board to find out if they'll serve on the

next year's Board. Here is how I replied to that request: "Regarding the current Executive - I've been impressed with every one of them. It's been a good team. They all do their own functions well and interact well. There is a good knowledge base with them. As I mentioned in an earlier Soundings article - Most Committee Chairs served in the same position last year. The two newcomers both have another

person sitting at the Board table who has had experience in the position." Special thanks to Jamie Halpin and John Bufton who both served the last three years on the Board. And I would be at a loss without the help of Secretary Brenda Petro who prodded me several times and did some of my hearing for me. She also has a terrific memory for past issues and procedures.

It has been a year where I learned to do things I've never done before. But there have been some other things that I would rather not have had to deal with. Like the letters to members in arrears and the letters to members who are in violation of Club regulations. There was also the dealing with Canada Post who wanted to cut into our south fence to put in community mail boxes – with no compensation. They apparently didn't understand the 'no' I gave them in July, and they again got a 'no' when they tried again November 2.

There was also dealing with the misuse of the clubhouse and boat break-ins by youths that were treated by the OPP only as "mischief."

In conclusion, with my size, I am usually able to keep a 'low profile', but found that difficult this year.

I confess that I fret for weeks about having to make appearances. Social Chair Derek White, and Race Committee Chair Chris Eagen did their best to protect me. But I did enjoy doing the wine hand-out at Sail-a-bration, and speaking at the Final Furl, and presenting the Jack Merion Award to Paul Bowsher.



Cruising report, from John Bufton

The South Port Cruising section had a successful season. Late afternoon cruises to Windsor Yacht Club, Belle River, Puce River (Sandbar Restaurant) were again popular. The cruises feature a daylight sail and a happy hour/dinner rendezvous.

Non-sailing South Port members and friends by road are welcomed, but the really hardy cruisers struggle across or along the shores of Lake St. Clair, battling the elements and returning before dusk to SPSC.

Our trip to Windsor Yacht Club was noteworthy: on the 7-7-2007 we had 7 past commodores in attendance, with 22 members and 4 boats. Belle River attracted 5 boats and 21 members. Puce River had 4 boats participate with 21 attendees, but there were different individuals at each of the events.

For the second year we linked with La Salle Mariners' Club for their annual race/cruise to Scudder's Marina on Pelee Island. Eleven boats from SPSC participated. The race is a very informal event, with South Port's own Duncan Hind parked in his mini van on the dock sounding his horn as yachts cross the finish line!

SPSC members overnighted at La Salle Mariners' Club on the preceding evening, and then on the Saturday morning the race started, from the mouth of the Detroit River to Pelee Island. A capacity crowd of 50 boats planned to sail to Scudder's Marina, but nature intervened with 30 knot SW winds, producing exciting sailing and severe wave conditions; only 22 boats arrived at Scudder. Several boats encountered gear failure, and there were numerous retirements. Among South Port boats, Bill Noakes retired with a steering failure, while Frank and Lorraine McLean retired with a torn sail. Several boats exceeded 9.5 knots on their GPS!

After arrival at Scudder, in addition to a barbecue dinner and dance, South Port members Sharon & Duncan Hind generously invited SPSC members their cottage for happy hour. Pusser's Rum were a new sponsor this year, providing much needed "Painkiller's" after the race.

Four boats stayed on Lake Erie after the LSMC event with a club cruise to Put-In-Bay and Kelly's Island area. Weather conditions were mixed, but a pleasant cruise was enjoyed by 8 members.

Labor Day saw our traditional cruise to Thames River YC. Eight boats participated, with 25 members visiting, including some by road. TRYC had a splendid barbecue, and it was a great weekend to end the summer cruising schedule.

Planned visits to North Star Sail Club and Great Lakes Yacht Club had to be cancelled due to lack of participation, and it appears the "chilling" effect of the heightened border procedures is unfortunately affecting our sailing programs. However it should be noted that once entered into US waters, our American friends are as glad to see us as ever, and the 3 boats that cruised into Ohio found that while border requirements are strict, possession of a Nexus card means that formalities are quickly dealt with, and it's still fun to "go foreign"!

It was good to see more of our newer members participating. At SPSC cruising events, everyone is welcome, and the social scene at our destinations is always fun and informal. Children are welcomed. Because reciprocal docking privileges are extended by the clubs we visit, costs are minimal. If members are unsure of their sailing or navigational skills, we can arrange for a "buddy" boat to sail along with them.

Membership changes for 2007, from Rene Brown

We had 7 new members join South Port in 2007. Welcome to:

1. Aseltine, Tim & Denise: Family
2. Fischer, Matthew and Janet: Family
3. Shearn, Allen and Peggy: Family
4. Hanifan, David and Renee: Family
5. Walton, Nora and David: Family
6. Richard Sove: Junior
7. Gord & Karen Ranisavljevic: Family

In addition to this we had 3 changes in membership classification and 8 resignations.

Total membership at the end of 2007 is as follows:

Family	90
Senior	22
Life	8
Intermediate	2
Junior	6
Out of Town	2
Associate	4
Honorary	8

Total	141
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Sailing school report, from Bob Fuller

First I would like to thank Lynn Baker for providing all her help with registration and fundraising again this year.

The Sailing School had another successful season. We operated with 7 CYA Certified Instructors and several Instructors in Training.

The School provided:

- 1 Kidsail Session with 14 sailors introduced to the sport. (Optimist Club did not come through with as many sailors)

- 2 Adult sessions with 20 participants (down 4)

- 4 Youth Sailing Sessions there were 95 students instructed to CYA standards (down 8 %)

We have not advertised for the past few years because the school was overbooked. This year we plan to place a spot in the Windsor Parks & Recreation Guide, seems to work well.

The Sailing School again donated one 'Kidsail' registration to the Rotary TV charity Auction. We also provided 10 Kidsail registrations to the Optimist Club for kids who otherwise may not have the opportunity.

Every year the Sailing School applies for summer student employment subsidies. Between the Windsor Employment Summer Job Program which offers a \$ 2.00/hour hiring incentive and HRDC where we apply for funding based on a percentage of wages the Sailing School was provided with roughly \$7500.00 to subsidize our student Instructors payroll. Our biggest accomplishment for the year came in the form of a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. With the help of Paul Bowsher, the Sailing School was awarded \$ 36,000.00 for the purchase of 4 new Vanguard 420 Sailboats, complete with

spinnakers, trapezes and dollies. If you plan on visiting Sea & Ski this winter, Dan Denomee has put one on display; it looks pretty smart.

When we applied to the Trillium Foundation, part of the application required the Sailing School to provide Financial Statements. At the time of application (last February) the School showed approx \$20, 000.00 in cash. Trillium obviously questioned this and we told them these funds were for capital projects. In order to receive the grant we need to spend our cash. With that said, the sailing School plans to invest in a building on Club property subject to any Building Department restrictions. This will include the donations given to the school from Harold Asseltine and Shelly Hind. The school has until October 2008 to comply with the grant application.

This new building will provide much needed storage for all the school's equipment. It will serve as the headquarters for the Tuesday night dinghy racing, and hopefully extend the life of all the equipment by better organizing all the gear. Last summer Mike Baker and Darcy Fuller started Tuesday Dinghy Racing again with the school's 420 dinghy's made available to students and members. It grew over the summer and will be offered again next year. Finally with the help of Chris Eagen and Tim Asseltine, the Sailing School has accepted the generous donation from Dan Burke of Belle River a C&C 25 ft. Redline Sailboat and from Huntsville a Venture 21 ft sailboat.

The Redline was extremely popular this year and with the addition of the Venture, the Adult program should be even more popular next year.

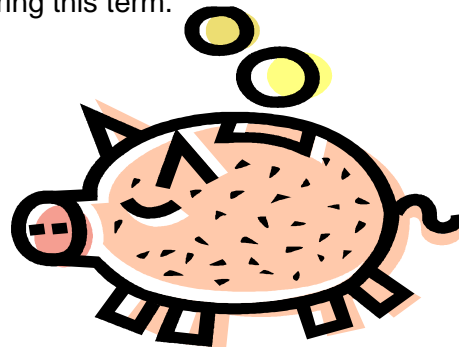
Treasurer's report, from Bill Frank

When I agreed to take over this position earlier in the year, it was on the condition we had a part-time bookkeeper to post entries to the software programme and complete a monthly balance sheet for the executive each month. This did take place and has been very successful.

There were concerns at the time with the accounts receivable, and subsequent to the annual membership billing for 2007, 40 members were in arrears owing the Club over \$20,000.00. Statements were issued and when no response was received within 30 days, a phone committee started making calls. To those who did not respond, letters were sent out by the Commodore and I am happy to report the only

money now owing by two members, is in the amount of \$3,193.32. Both balances are being pursued and their privileges to the club have been revoked.

Special thanks to Paul Bowsher who was my "right hand man" during this term.



Social chair report, from Derek White

My thanks to all who attended Final Furl at The Windsor Yacht Club in November. We were honoured to introduce 12 Past Commodores who served from 1968 to 2006. The numbers were down to 83 guests this year. We feel it may have been due to the cost and we will be looking into other venues for 2008.

Looking back to Sail-a-Bration, we had a total of 150 adults and approximately 50 children who enjoyed Lou Lou's face painting. Dennis Moore provided the entertainment enjoyed by all throughout the day. We did suffer a dollar loss overall, due to the wine given out at the sail pass, but we look forward to another successful day next June.

Special thanks to Jackie Timothy for all she has done, not only for the social committee, but for everything she does for the Club. To Lynn and Bill Baker, thanks to you and your volunteers who operate the kitchen, and provide food and smiles during launch and haul out. Finally, a note of thanks to Marg

Entwistle for the help cleaning up the kitchen after Harvest Moon this year.

The pizza sold at race nights showed a profit of \$350.00. The money was used to purchase an 18-quart roaster oven for the club. The balance provided food supplies for the Harvest Moon Regatta.

In my third year as Social Chair, I will be looking for volunteers to form a committee to assist with the various functions. For the past two years, the events have been organized by myself, my Mom and Jackie. If we could get some help from the membership, we may be able to cut some costs. Please contact me if you can help out. As a final note, if you are planning to purchase new cutlery or dinner plates, please donate your old ones to the club. This will help the environment with less use of paper plates and plastic cutlery.

Cell 519-818-2442 or email dawhitey1@cogeco.ca

Jacques C. Merian Award, by Irene East

Jacques C. Merian was a secretary in our club for over ten years. The records were all typed and well kept. His letter on the club burgee was quite something to see and digest - it's pinned up right now at the clubhouse, with a picture of Jacques. He owned a boat that was a small replica of the Bluenose and it was always like a nostalgic, welcoming beacon on the lake (SPSC archives).

An award was created in his name to honour those club members who served beyond the call of duty. This award has not been given out every year. The recipients so far were:

1981 Comm. Doug Buckner; 1982 Comm. Andy Hellenbart; 1983 Anna Mae Parent; 1984 Mike Salter; 1986 Irene East; 1987 Richard Walker; 1988 Duncan Hind; 1989 Doris Hellenbart; 1990 Comm. William Noakes; 1991 Walter Murenbeeld; 1994 The Turner Family; 1995 Denny Peloquin; 1998 The Baker Family; 1999 Reginald Perrott; 2006 Comm. Ian Dawson; and this year's recipient Comm. Paul Bowsher.

Looking for excitement on Saturday Nights?

**Come to the club on January
5th and 19th at 7:30 pm.
Enjoy a game of bridge,
euchre, pay-me or any
favourite game.
Refreshments too.**

Contact: Rita & Lorne Mann



Property chair report, from Peter Soles

Projects and work completed in 2007 were:

1. Dock repairs were completed, in the form of steel break wall to F dock, complete with steel tie back bars. This addressed an area of crumbling concrete.
2. Dock repairs were done on E dock to replace a heaving section of Gobi mat, and took the form of a steel break wall with tie backs.
3. The work was done by Hotte Construction, and completed by club members painting the new break wall.
4. A cover was built over the front entrance using Palruf sheeting. This involved removing the existing trellis arrangement, modifying it for drainage, and reinstallation with addition of the Palruf transparent sheeting.
5. Three work parties were also held throughout the season to accomplish various maintenance jobs, including painting of the benches and club house entrance area.
6. A sewer/drain pipe broke over the summer, repaired at short notice by Fuller Construction.

At the start of the season we had hoped to do some more concreting of the paths around the docks, but the cost of the dock repairs lead us to put them on hold for a year. The more permanent solution of a steel break wall to the damaged Gobi mats on E dock was much more expensive than straight Gobi mat replacement, but eliminated the concern regarding water flow and erosion behind the Gobi mat.

Priorities for next year (subject to budget negotiations) include:

1. Implementation of an improved club house cleaning regiment (See below for more details).
2. Dock path concreting.
3. Partial tiling of the high traffic areas of the club house carpet.
4. Possible carpet replacement in the club house.

Thanks to all of those who attended the work parties, and completed club hours working on different jobs around the club.

The Problem:

Clubhouse cleaning duty is not being performed by the majority of persons assigned. In mid summer the clubhouse got into a mess. Reminder phone calls from the call committee did not remedy the situation. In order to resolve the issue, the following changes are planned:

Initial Change:

- Increase the value of cleaning hours to 150%. For every hour spent on club house cleaning the person can book 1.5 hours.
- Allow people to volunteer for club cleaning hours (volunteers would phone the assigned person and clean if required).
- **Increase club work hour cost to \$30/hour.** This will help keep the cost of club hours in line with inflation, and improve participation to recover the time premium assigned to club house hours.

Note: Signs around the club reminding people to do their cleaning duty.

Backup Option:

If by mid 2008 clubhouse cleaning remains at an insufficient participation level to keep the clubhouse clean, this option calls for the use of professional cleaning services.

- Paid cleaner calls persons assigned, and if the person does not wish to clean, the cleaner does the job and the bill is submitted to the club.
- Once per month, or after major events, a major clean takes place.

Quote:

Basic clean – 3 hours x \$20 = \$60
Major clean – 4 hours x \$20 = \$80
Winter clean – 2 hours x \$20 = \$40

Cost Estimate (continued bottom pg. 11):

Winter cleans = 26 weeks x 50% x \$40 = \$520
Standard cleans = (26 – 7 weeks) x 50% x \$60
 = \$570

Harbourmaster report, from Jamie Halpin

Well folks, this is my Swan Song.

I would like to start out by thanking my harbour committee. Andy Hellenbart, Bob Fuller, Doug Watson, Scott Turner, Duncan Hind, and Jim Halpin all worked with me for the past three years. These gentlemen have always provided me with a great deal of guidance from their years of experience on the committee and they practically ran the launches and haul outs for me. I especially have to thank my father. He is the one who has been taking care of all of the release forms for launch and haul out. You do not want to get one of his phone calls because your form was not submitted on time.

We started out this year with renovations to A and B docks. The job began with the removal of the old boards that really did not want to let go. Thanks to everyone who came out to the dock destruction work party and thanks to Rene Brown, Andy Hellenbart and Rene's saws-all for braving the ice to remove the stringers. Bob Fuller found us a source for custom milled Ash to replace the boards and Doug Watson and I used his 600 lb. 'More Power' welding machine to repair and paint the understructure. Then it was back on the ice with a second work party to install the new boards and paint the posts. Thanks to everyone who came out. Our new dock looks wonderful. We are looking forward to doing the same to C and D docks this winter.

The Shark Hoist was also repaired this year. Dave Robichaud and Stu Stratton spent an entire day replacing the wiring. Thanks to their efforts, the switch box no longer fills with water so it will not short out when operated.

Once again, we attempted and failed to begin dredging before launch. Those horny fish move into the harbour as quickly as the ice clears out. Hotte

dredged the entrance channel as soon as possible so members were able to get in and out of the harbour. Due to DFO regulations, dredging in the harbour had to wait until June 15th which put most of F-dock out of commission until then. Our dredging strategy this year was to spend less money so that money would be available to fix things up around the club. Unfortunately, the tight budget also made for tight depths.

We will sound the harbour as soon as the ice is out in the spring to prepare our plan for spring dredging. I have been in contact with CEDA Reactor who used their sand sucker to dig the Puce River entrance this year. They may prove to be a more economical way to dredge our entrance channel. This could allow us to dig deeper and leave more funds for harbour dredging. We also found a few rocks in the channel this fall that we will have to buoy and have removed in the spring.

Thanks again to everyone for all their help these past three years. It has been a pleasure to give back to this club where I have been sailing for my entire life. I would be more than happy to continue on next year, but I will be leaving in July for a year-long cruise down the East Coast and into the Carribean. Until then, I will be around to organize the renovations of C and D docks and to assist the new Harbourmaster in organizing the launch and dredging. I am happy to know that I am leaving the harbour in the hands of a very capable new Harbourmaster. In the tradition of Dave Howarth and Doug Watson, he will be bringing tall stature back to the position and the ladies tell me that he may be the best looking Harbourmaster South Port has ever had. Best of luck next year to our new Harbourmaster Wes Arthur.

(Cost Estimate continued from preceding page):

Major cleans = 7 weeks x \$80 = \$560

Note: 50% cleaning rate assumed.

Total Cost = \$520+\$570+\$560 = \$1650

Current Income estimate = \$2640 (8 with 0 hours, 8 with 50% hours)

New income estimate = \$3600 = + \$960

Net Option 1 & 2 Combination = \$1650 - \$960 = +\$690

January 2008

This is the calendar displayed on the Web site. For details on each entry, please click on *calendar* from <http://www.southportsailingclub.com> (the links on this page are NOT active, but see details in the newsletter).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR !	2	3	4	5 Games Card nite 7:30 p.m.	6 Clubhouse -Steel B & G
7 Mainstays Social- Racing/Games 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13 Clubhouse - Stephenson D & G
14 Executive Meeting	15	16	17	18	19 Games Card nite 7:30 p.m.	20 Clubhouse- Tousignant W & M
21 Racing/Games nite 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26	27 Clubhouse -Zatyko R
28 Racing/Games nite 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31 Majors Pot luck dinner 6:00 p.m.			

Feb. & March 2008

Clubhouse cleaning

Jan. 27-Feb.2 Zatyko, R	Feb. 3-9 Zsargo,S&K	Feb. 10-16 Allum,P
Feb.17-23 Andrews,G&P	Feb. 24-Mar.1 Arthur,W	Mar.2-8 Aseltine,T&D
Mar.9-15 Beaucage,L&D	Mar.16-22 Blyth,K&J	Mar.23-29 Boivin,G&V

**Monday night virtual racing
will begin again
7 January 2008**

Pot-luck dinner with Paul & Mary Major

January 31st

Dinner will start at 6pm with a
presentation to follow

Contact Laura
at 519 979-7569
to let her know who is coming
and what they are bringing