



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club* Sept. 2007

South Port Sailing Club

HARVEST MOON REGATTA 22 September

Our final keelboat event of the year this 23 nautical mile regatta is one of our most popular events. An Essex County PHRF Association counter event, sailing starts in the late afternoon and ends in the clubhouse with free beer and chilli. Awards are South Port Sailing Club Flags as well as the First to Finish, Best Corrected Time and First Shark Trophies.



**Sunset sailing during the SPSC Invitational
Results on page 2 and more photos on page 4**

Your boat's name?

We have all looked at names and wonder how it came to be, and what it means. . Please send in the name of your boat and what it represents to robtim@cogeco.ca, or call Jackie at 971.9699. We look forward to the responses and stories, which will be published in October Soundings.

Winter Storage - Haul out 2007

Winter Storage request and Release Forms are enclosed with this mailing. The system for paying winter storage and haul out will continue in this manner to streamline the billing process. Please calculate your own storage fee and submit payment with the form by October 1st to the attention of JAMIE HALPIN, HARBOUR-MASTER. You can postdate Your cheque to haul out date, October 20, 2007.

Your boat will not be hauled out if the Harbour Master does not receive your form and cheque. The form is needed for "all" boats regardless of whether the rental crane is required.

Cradle moving has been scheduled for October 13th and haul out October 20th. These dates will be confirmed in October Soundings.



**The Women's Challenge.
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SPSC to take part in Belle Isle Detroit Historical Society display, thanks to Irene East

The Detroit Historical Society has requested that South Port Sailing Club contribute to an exhibit entitled "The Clubs, A Shoreside Tradition" that will open at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle to be on display September 29, 2007 through March 2008. Over two dozen Boat Clubs, Yacht Clubs, and Sailing Clubs from Port Huron to Toledo will be highlighted.

The Detroit Historical Society asked for an internal contact as well as photos, artifacts, and club memorabilia. Irene East, as one of SPSC's founding members and the keeper of the SPSC Archives, is our representative. She also is an outstanding writer. The following is Irene's letter.

South Port Sailing Club, situated in Tecumseh, Ontario, near the mouth of Pike Creek, can be traced back to 1962 when a group of about 34 sailors met at the home of the late Dr. Norman Hillary in Woodslee. At a second meeting the group identified the need for a "sailing club" and devised a plan to make it a reality. South Port Sailing Club has well established its own identity largely as a result of the hard work and commitment of its members. All of its major projects over the years have been done by members or managed by members acting as contractors.

The club hosts regular Tuesday evening dinghy races and Wednesday evening races for the large boats. Each year the club hosts the DRYA "C" Course Regatta, the SPSC Invitational, the Harvest Moon, as well as the Race for

Hospice. In addition over the past years South Port has hosted the Shark World Cup, and several Shark Canadian Cups, the North American 505 Regatta and a Laser Gold Cup.

South Port Sailing Club has had a Sailing School from the time it was founded in 1965. The first teaching boats were Y Flyers, all built by the members. Instructors were, for the most part, the children of members. As the School grew, it acquired a fleet of Mistrals, later to be replaced by Code 40s and 420s.

During July and August, South Port Sailing School offers daily classes for children from 6 – 16, and Evening Learn to Sail classes for adults. Each year close to 130 youngsters and 30 adults go through our program. We draw students from across Canada and the U.S. and we even have a student who comes from England each year. Our instructors are certified by the Canadian Yachting Association and the Ontario Sailing Association and offer the highest standard of coaching available in Canada.

Our statement of purpose: "South Port Sailing Club is a family oriented, self-help organization that promotes a variety of sailing activities for its members. The Club relies solely on the participation of members to further the wellbeing and development of Club sponsored activities. These activities include racing, cruising, junior sailing and instruction in both keelboats and dinghies with any related social events."

by Lyn Domney, Commodore

Invitational Regatta Results

JOG

Lyn Domney	Kiwatea	1 st	SPSC
Rene Brown	Mai Toi	2 nd	SPSC
Peter Soles	East of Midnight	3 rd	SPSC
Dave Robichaud	No Resistance	4 th	SPSC

PHRF C

Moe Regnier	Spongeworthy	1 st	SPSC
Freank Edgley	Bulldog	2 nd	SPSC
Chris Eagen	Tia Lisa	3 rd	SPSC
DerekWhite	Schwanky	4 th	SPSC

PHRF B

Kevin Mogyorody	Sniper	1 st	SPSC
Noel Brockman	Blue Jay	2 nd	BRSC
Wesley Arthur	August West	3 rd	SPSC
Joe Davidson	Dynamo Humm	4 th	SPSC

PHRF A

Mike Salter	Boomerang	1 st	SPSC
Len Strahl	Lionheart	2 nd	
Bill Noakes	Ruffian	3 rd	SPSC
Sherry Campeau	Zamboni	4 th	WYC

Club garbage concerns

A few weeks ago, members took 15 bags of maggot infested, stinky garbage from the back of the club to the disposal bin. On more than one occasion bags were removed from front entrance, that had simply been left sitting there.

Following club events, race night, BBQs, regattas, etc., the person or committee in charge of the function, is responsible to have these bags moved to the bin. Please request assistance

from your fellow members to have this carried out.

As well, the bin appears to be 70% full within a few days of being emptied. There is concern illegal dumping is taking place. Please keep an eye open and if you see anything suspicious contact the Property Chair, Peter Soles.

The cost to empty the dumpster is approximately \$150.00 per pick up. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Thank You from the Property Chair, Peter Soles

Thanks to the twelve members who turned out for the work party on August 25th. We did some tidying up, litter collection of the grounds, foliage trimming around the water and property boundaries, redistribution of gravel over the lot, and some modifications on the framework of the entrance, to prepare for the new cover. As well, repairs were carried out to F dock, the flag pole was lowered, and halyards as well as the club burgee and Canadian flag were hoisted. We had a very productive day!

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Darcy in the Cayman Islands

Darcy Fuller has accepted a job teaching sailing on J22s at the Cayman Islands Sailing Club. His room mate is a fellow from Denmark, who will be teaching the Optimist sailors. Darcy will be there until at least January 2008.

The director of the school, Mike Weber, is a former head of the SPSC sailing school.

21st ANNUAL SAIL FOR HOSPICE

Saturday September 8
All entry fees and pledges go to Hospice of Windsor and Essex County.

Regatta Chairperson -

Joe Davidson

519.739.0914

Entry fee \$25.00

Registration forms and course heading available in
The Clubhouse

Skippers Meeting 14:00
Start times begin @ 15:30

Please contact Anne Marie Norton if you can help in the kitchen or on the race committee: 519.979.0714 or 519.737.6537 or jnorton@mnsi.net

Introducing new members,

by Rene Brown

Join me in welcoming our newest Family Members **Gord and Karen Ranisavljevic** and their daughter Holly to South Port Sailing Club. Gord and his family are new to the sport of sailing and are looking forward to learning how to sail their boat at South Port. Gord brought 'Windborne,' their C&C Viking 28, to the club a few weeks ago from St. Clair Marine. Happy sailing!



SPSC Invitational, held 11-12 August



See page 2
for results

SPSC Women's Challenge

Photos by Rene Brown



Mai Toi
2nd, class A



Schwanky
1st, class B



Zamboni
1st, class A



Cecilia
2nd, class B



Pelican
3rd, class B



Ruffian
3rd, class A



Take about 40 women who have never sailed before, offer them a few seminars, a couple of practice races, and a final race event held 29 July, and you have a new and exciting Women's Challenge. Congratulations to organizers Chris Eagen, Jeanne Marchand and Joanne Tiborc for this year's

event, and especially for introducing so many women to our favourite sport. The women sailed on six boats: Ruffian, Pelican, Cecilia, Mai Toi, Schwanky, and Zamboni. Thanks to boat owners Bill Noakes, Erica Krygsman, Ken Blyth, Derek White, Rene Brown and Allen

Johnson, and to Rod Zatyko, Adam Gelsing, and Gord Atwell for helping with the sail training. A special thanks to the sponsors: Kirwin Partners, Mortgage Intelligence, IndCom Leasing Inc., Sea and Ski, S Funtig & Associates, FaithLife Financial and Abars on the River.

LMYC Fighting Island Regatta



Eight boats represented South Port in the Regatta on Saturday August 25, 2007. 32 boats competed with SPSC taking 5 flags.

- Derek White – 1st place PHRF C on Shwanky
- Wes Arthur – 1st place PHRF B on August West
- Joe Davidson – 2nd place PHRF

B on Dynamo Humm

- Dave Robichaud - 1st in JOG on No Resistance
- Rene Brown – 3rd in JOG on Mai Toi
- Frank Edgley competed on Bulldog; Chris Eagen on Tia Lisa; and Darcy Fuller on his Shark, Cheers.



Congratulations to all our boats and their crew. The BBQ and hospitality of LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club following the race, was enjoyed by all.





Photos by Rene Brown and Jackie Timothy

Leukemia Cup Regatta, by Rene Brown



In the PHRF E class Blue Jay placed 1st, August West 4th and Dynamo 8th while Mai Toi placed 2nd in JAM 1 on another 14.5 mile course.

Labour Day Weekend

PHYC is a beautiful facility and its members are wonderful hosts. They are an all-volunteer club and the place was spotless. Meals and drinks are very reasonable and a band was playing each night.



August West (Wes Arthur), Mai Toi, (Rene Brown and Rod Zatyko), Dynamo Humm (Joe Davidson with crew Derek White and Rick Labonte) and Blue Jay from Belle River, travelled to Port Huron on a beautiful sunny Labour Day Weekend to compete in the 2007 Port Huron/Sarnia Yacht Club's Leukemia Cup Regatta.



Travelling to Lake Huron is an enjoyable and scenic ride. On Thursday night all three SPSC boats anchored on the north side of



Sea Way Island along with Noel Brockman on Blue Jay. This leaves about a 7-hour ride up to the Port Huron Yacht Club. Although anchoring in the middle of the channel can work, it is not advisable. From there it is only another 20 minutes to the lake. An alternative is to stay at the Sarnia Yacht Club, which is located on Lake Huron just past the bridge. Good advice for overcoming the strong current is to closely hug the Canadian shore.

Shipping and boat traffic was very busy on the St. Clair River. With the beautiful weather it seemed like every boat was on the water soaking up the end of the summer. This was our first time on Lake Huron and it won't be our last. It was good to travel with veterans who have made this trip in the past and generously offer sound advice. I strongly recommend you put this regatta on your calendar for next year.

The Regatta

On Saturday's Friendship Race, 67 boats competed on a flat lake with light air. We raced a 14.5 nm course with Blue Jay placing 3rd, Dynamo 4th and August West 5th in PHRF D while Mai Toi placed 5th in JAM 1 in fleets of 8 boats. On Sunday 64 boats competed in the Bob Klebba Memorial Race with about 10 knots of building air.

Thames River Dinner-Afternoon cruise-Sail home



Cruising to the Thames

Margaret Entwistle, photos by Jackie Timothy



What a wonderful weekend to visit Thames River Yacht Club. No worries about bad weather. Needless to say the winds to sail there and back could have been better, but we do give credit to the group of No Resistance, Outta The Blew, Aurora, Maidstone Cross and the Hunter 33 "yet to be named" for their dedication to the cause of sailing on Saturday. Depending whom you wish to believe, their speed varied from almost nil to 4.5 knots. The motoring crew of Wight Spirit, White Fin and Horsefeathers,

being old hands at this cruising, thought that Happy Hour was far more important and cranked up motors. Thank goodness by the end of the cruise we had taught out newer members the importance of Happy Hour in the cruising world.

Twenty-five members enjoyed the Saturday evening meal at The Lighthouse, including Bruce and Ora Reid, Janet Graybiel, Ken Blyth and Jeanne Marchand who came by car.

Sunday began with Mimosas at 11:00 a.m., compliments of Sue and John Bufton. In the afternoon Al and Peggy let us share the joys of their beautiful new boat and it is obvious they will spend many hours aboard. We wish them lots of beautiful blue skies

and great winds for all their future sails.

Once again Thames River did a great job of putting on a barbecue Sunday evening. Their members always make us feel so welcome. There were no winners from South Port in the cowboy hat competition, but maybe next year!

It was a delight to have some of our newer members in the group, and I have no problem in stating it was a fun bunch who we certainly hope will become regular cruisers next year and also join in some of our short evening cruises that will appear on the calendar in 2008. We are so glad they joined South Port Sailing Club.



Mainstays, photos by Irene East

The annual Mainstays Pool Party took place on Thursday, August 16th, hosted by Charmaine Soutar. Thank you, Charmaine for another great evening. Water, weather and friendship were perfect.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th, at 6:30 pm. Ladies, bring your favourite dish and join us for a potluck supper.



Let us hear about your summer adventures and help plan our winter activities. All ladies welcome.



September 2007

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 are NOT active in *Soundings* but details will be included in the newsletter).

Sept. Clubhouse cleaning

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Thames River Cruise	2 CIYC Regatta-Clubhouse-Mann-D & R Hanifan
3 LABOUR DAY	4	5 Race	6	7	8 SAIL FOR HOSPICE	9 Club RACE-Clubhouse-McClinton-Macdonald-Shore
10 Exec. meeting 7:15 pm	11 MAINSTAYS POT LUCK DINNER	12	13	14	15	16 FINAL CLUB RACE Series 3-clubhouse-J&L Halpin
17	18	19	20	21	22 HARVEST MOON REGATTA	23 clubhouse-F & L McLean
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 clubhouse-R & R Mendossa

Oct. & Nov. 2007 Clubhouse cleaning

Sept 30-Oct 6 Oct. 7-13 Oct.14-20
Mendossa,R&R Mogyorody,K&C O'Brien,M&S

Oct.21-27 Oct.28-Nov. 3 Nov. 4-10
Peck,P&R M& J Fischer Reid,B&O

Nov.11-17 Nov.18-24
Richardson,G,Graybiel,J Rindlisbacher,T&L

Nov. 25-Dec. 1
Rivet,D&E

Final Furl

10 November 2007
at the
Windsor Yacht Club

Full details and reservation flyer to follow in
October Soundings.