



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club* March 2008

Reminder DOCKAGE AND RELEASE FORMS 2008

Included with last month's Soundings were the Summer Dockage and Release Forms. Please fill out the form and return it (along with a cheque which will be cashed following launch) to South Port Sailing Club, Attention Harbour Master. In order to facilitate dockage assignments, these forms must be received by **March 29, 2008.**

Annual Membership Meeting

Monday March 3, 2008

7:00 p.m. at SPSC

Snacks and socializing to follow meeting



Membership cards for 2008 and the updated roster included with this months newsletter. Thanks to Scott and Lynn Turner for another year !!



Mark your Calendars: Sail-A-Bration 2008
Saturday June 7th



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.Property Chair, Peter Soles

Volunteers are needed to complete some Interior painting in the clubhouse. Future work parties will include repairing the eaves and downspouts and a general cleanup of the property following Launch. If you can assist with painting, please contact Peter at your earliest . Thanks to all who have been carrying out their Club House duties !!



Games & Card Night

March 1 and 15

7:30 p.m.

Contact Lorne & Rita Mann for information



From Social Chair, *Derek White*
If you are available to assist the Social Committee with any of the Events this Season, please contact me @ dawhitey1@cogeco.ca or by telephone at

519-818-2442

Thank you

South Port Regalia

available by contacting Jackie at robtim@cogeco.ca or

519-971-9699

Ladies & Men's summer Tees

\$10.00 each



Mainstays Social Evening

Monday March 10, 2008

Come out and enjoy the evening..All ladies welcome !

South Port Winter 2008

Photos, compliments Len Strahl



C & D DOCK WORK PARTY February 2008



The final result will appear in April Soundings

Photos by Rene Brown

**Essex County P.H.R.F. Association
2008 Annual General Meeting
& Pizza Dinner**

Sunday, March 2, 2008 1:00 p.m.

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club

**3:00 p.m. ECPHRF Boat of the Year
Trophies & Flags for 2007**

ANNUAL SHAKEDOWN REGATTA

To PUT N BAY, OHIO

MAY 17, 2008

**Application forms available at
LMYC Club House or their Website**

**You may also join in on May 18,
2008 and do the "Shake Up"**

**Regatta from P.I.B. to Cedar Island
Yacht Club**

Burgers & Sausages with

Flag presentation @ 7:00 p.m.

**Don't miss Cedar Island Yacht Club
Canadian Isles night Race May 23,
2008. Any boat competing in "Shake
Up" to CIYC can leave their boat at
CIYC at no charge for one week ! A
cruising class has been added to this**

**Regatta which will do a shorter
course of approx. 16 or so miles
compared to 70 miles.**

**Famous PIG ROAST and awards on
the Saturday Night May 24th.**

Has anyone seen the chairs ?

From Marg Entwistle,

**There are only 10 stacking chairs at the
Club. General opinion is that there used to
be more of them. Did anyone borrow some
for a home event? If so, could you please re-
turn them , or does anyone know what hap-
pened to all the chairs. With only 20 chairs
available in the entire building, it is very lim-
iting for meetings or pot lucks to accommo-
date people. Any information on this matter
would be greatly appreciated !**



**REQUEST FROM
SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**In order to facilitate clean up of
the property prior to Sail-A-
Bration, we would ask all members
to remove their masts from the
picnic tables by May 17, 2008.
You do have the option to move
them to another location on the
property, if you are unable to rig
your boat before this date.**

**Thank you for your co-operation in
this matter.**

***The Eclipse, taken by Rene Brown
at SPSC
the night of February 20, 2008***



VHF (Maritime) Radio Certificate With DSC Endorsement

The Windsor Power and Sail Squadron will be offering two VHF courses prior to the start of the boating season.

One will be held at Southport Sailing Club on

March 11- 13 and the exam on March 18, 2008

at 7:00 pm

Another will be held at the Essex Centre on March 25-27 with exam on April 1, 2008.

The cost of the course is \$60.00. If you are interested in getting this certificate (Required to operate your radio legally) Please contact

Ken Blyth or Jeanne Marchand: 519 727 6317

This may be the last chance to get this certificate this Season. Enough students will be required to form a class at SPSC



Katie enjoying her ride !

Thanks to Katie Lehmann who shared her Birthday Party with the South Port dock repair crew on Saturday Feb 16th.

Nice to see so many future sailors !!



The clubhouse is available for rent to Members for Family functions. The application and details will soon be available on the South Port website.



Message from the Commodore, Lynn Baker

Just two months into 2008 and many of our members have already earned work hours for the year ! They are the ones who gave up one or two Saturdays to work on installation of the new docks. Luckily they were blessed with firm ice and sunny skies. It was a huge job..well done. Thanks from everyone in the Club.

We have had two terrific social nights so far this year. The first one, organized by the Lehamns and executed by the Entwistles was a pot luck to welcome home Paul and Mary Major. Close to fifty people came out for dinner, a visit and a slide show featuring Paul and Mary's excellent adventures. There was another great turn out for cruise night. Cruise chair Jack Entwistle outlined plans for the summer..and other social nights to follow.

It was great to see so many of our newer members taking part..both in the social events and the work parties.

Plans are currently underway for summer events including a number of regattas. The Shark Provincials, Women's Challenge, SPSC Invitational and the 505 Regatta are all in the planning stages. If anyone can help out, contact Chris Eagen, Race Chair.

Please join us March 3 for the Annual General Membership Meeting. Committee Chairs will be outlining their plans for the coming year.

Cruise/Social Planning Report, Jack Entwistle

Saturday Feb. 9 saw the cruising group get together for the first event of the year with a pot luck dinner at the club. After an excellent meal put on by the ladies, we got down to the business of planning the 2008 schedule of events. After discussion and coordinating with other events, the following schedule is proposed.

May 24/25	Thames River Yacht Club cruise	(Alan & Peggy Shearn)
June 15	Sandbar evening dinner cruise	(Tim & Denise Aseltine)
June 28	Windsor Yacht Club dinner cruise	(Jim & Sue Balfe)
July 12/13	LaSalle Mariners Pelee Island cruise/race	(Jack & Marg Entwistle)
August 2/3	North Star or Great Lakes Yacht Club cruise	(John & Sue Bufton)
August 16	Belle River dinner cruise	(Jack & Marg Entwistle)
August 30/31 Sept. 1	Thames River Yacht Club weekend cruise	(Dave & Jackie Robichaud)

A long-distance cruise to either Lake Huron or Lake Erie will be arranged at a later date subject to interest and timing. The members shown have kindly volunteered to lead the cruise on the dates noted.

New Cruisers Welcome.

Check the website calendar for the dates & further details during the season.

JANUARY IN POLYNESIA, Jack and Margaret Entwistle

After spending Christmas and New Year with our son and his family in San Diego, Margaret and I flew from Los Angeles to Papeete on the island of Tahiti to start our Polynesian Vacation. First we spent two nights at a Sofitel Resort which is a member of a French hotel chain to be recommended. On the second day (a Sunday) we witnessed the equivalent of an Hawaiian Luau which is a ceremony, complete with music and dancing, where they unearthed a pig from a fire pit and then serve it up for lunch. The first photograph shows Margaret trying to get some cooking tips from the Big Chief.

Later that day we boarded the tall ship Star Flyer for the start of our 11 day cruise through the Polynesian Islands. Star Flyer is a 365ft. Four-masted barquentine that carries 175 passengers and 78 crew and can set 36,000 sq.ft. of sail.

Our first full day was spent at sea sailing north east to the Tuamotu atolls. On the second day we woke to find ourselves at anchor inside the reef at the island of Fakarava. This was Star Flyers first visit to this island so we received a very warm welcome when we went ashore with flower leis and native dancing. The next day we sailed north to the lagoon at Rangiroa which is the third largest lagoon in the world with an area of 392 sq.miles. We left Rangiroa through a very narrow opening in the reef into a rising wind with waves starting to pile up in the gap. All the passengers were on deck nervously watching the activities. But the crew were quite competent and we popped through with no problems.

Next day was a full at day sea heading to the Society Islands where we visited, Bora Bora, Taha'a, Raiatea, Huahine and Morea. Each a separate island with its own set of memories for us too numerous list here. One memory that I will cherish and sailors will appreciate was when we passed through the reef at Bora Bora under full sail (see photo) followed by a demonstration of superb seamanship as the crew had the sails down and stored and we were at anchor within minutes.

Finally and sadly we arrived back in Tahiti in time for the flight home with a pocket full of memories to keep us warm for the rest of the winter.

If anyone is interested check out www.starclippers.com



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 2008 Calendar					1 GAMES NIGHT	2 T & D Asseltine - ECPHRF General Meeting
3 GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING 7:00 p.m. SPSC	4	5	6	7	8	9 L & D Beaucaage
10 MAINSTAYS Social Evening	11	12 Seniors Lunch	13	14	15 GAMES NIGHT	16 K & J Blyth
17 Executive Meeting 7:15 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23 Easter Sunday - G & V Boivin
24	25	26	27	28	29 Summer Dockage & Release Forms Due	30 Brixa, K

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).

View Soundings in full colour on the website:

www.southportsailingclub.com

Check out the calendar for upcoming events, the Racing section for this year's Regattas and the Forum for the latest posts.

Clubhouse duties for week of:

April 6 Brockman, L
 April 13 Bufton, J & S,
 April 20 Colbourne, D & C
 April 27 Cowan, G
 May 4 Dolsen, M & M

Seniors Lunch

2nd Wednesday of every month

March 12, 2008

Contact John Novak for details



Wednesday night Winter Seminars
 Windsor Yacht Club
 Jan 30 thru March 5
 Details on SPSP Web site

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