



# Soundings

Newsletter of South Port Sailing Club

March 2009



## Message from the Commodore, Rene Brown

Spring and the boating season are fast approaching. Soon the yard will be busy with eager sailors removing boat covers and applying bottom paint.

The board of directors has been working diligently to prepare the club for our enjoyment by planning and taking actions to improve the club facilities. There was a great turn out for Cruise Chair Nora Walton's potluck cruise luncheon, and Race Chair Brad Roy's race planning night, when the seasons events were planned. The Wednesday night Race series, The Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie Regattas, as well as the dinner and weekend Cruises are all posted on the website calendar. Early posting this year will allow you to plan your summer !!

The successful 'Sailors Night Out' brought out many members on Wednesdays for excellent learning opportunities with experienced and knowledgeable presenters. See page 4 of this issue for the topics of the last 2 evenings in March.

Improvements continue at the club including a new coat of paint on the clubhouse interior, and a new website host providing much more capacity for past Soundings, pictures and other content. Be sure to check the website frequently to be aware of club activities and events. If you are not a registered user, follow the directions and become one. This will allow you to post under any section of the Forum. If you have any suggestions with regard to the site itself, feel free to contact our webmaster, Ryan Masse by email.

There is a busy schedule with many events this summer. If you can help any of the committee chairs this season, volunteers are welcomed and appreciated.

Less than 9 weeks to launch !!

## Mark your Calendars Sail-A-Bration 2009

### Sunday June 7, 2009

Details to follow in future Soundings

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### Reminder from the Harbour Master,

Wesley Arthur



Launch has been scheduled for May 2, 2009. Included with last Months Soundings was the Summer Dockage and Release Form with a calculation sheet on the reverse side. To those Members who are receiving Soundings by email only, you should have received this form by mail.

Complete and return with payment attached to the 'Attention of The Harbour Master' no later than April 4, 2009. Any questions regarding dockage or haul out, please contact Wesley Arthur. If you misplaced your form, extra copies are available in the main room of the clubhouse.

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**Cruising Pot Luck Luncheon February 15th**



**CRUSING SAILORS (True cruisers)**

Notice of Race

**2009 "Cocktail Cruising Race"**  
**Started by the Bayview Yacht Club**  
**Race with the Mackinac Fleet**

If you are interested in getting to the North Channel for cruising and sailing with the Mackinac Fleet, this may be of interest. BYC has approved a start for a point-to-point race to Rogers City for TRUE CRUSING BOATS. No need to sail all night. No need to sail in extremely bad weather. No need to sit with no wind. No need to sail a stripped boat. You can even tow a dingy. The race would start with the Mackinac Fleet (first start July 25, 2009). This would have all racers mooring each evening for cocktails, dinner and a good night's sleep. The race would continue the next morning. The race will finish in Rogers City with an informal picnic awards & cocktail party. Official BYC Mackinac Awards are to be presented at the BYC awards party in the fall.

Following the awards party everyone is only 30 – 40 nautical miles from De Tour or False De Tour (the North Channel entrances) or a short hop to Mackinac.

If this is of interest to you, please provide me with your contact & boat information. Reply to Commodore Bob Conles at this link [Bob@Conles.info](mailto:Bob@Conles.info). I will send you a registration form. The entry fee is \$100 (tax deductible) for battle flags & awards. Sailing instructions will be e-mailed upon receipt of your registration form & entry fee.

**2009 Cruise Schedule**

Cruise Description	Date	Cruise Organizer
Land cruise to Viewpointe Estates Winery.. culinary class	April 5	Nora & Dave Walton
Sandbar dinner cruise	May 23	Jackie Timothy & Dave Robichaud
Thames River Yacht Club weekend cruise	June 13/14	Denise & Tim Aseptine
North Star weekend cruise	June 27/28	Peggy & Allen Shearn
LaSalle Mariners Pelee Island cruise/race (continues beyond July 12 to Lake Erie North Shore)	July 10-12	Nora & Dave Walton
Peche Island weekend cruise	July 25/26	Fran & Greg Schlosser
Great Lakes Yacht Club weekend cruise	Aug 1-3	Sue & John Buffon
South Port Invitational race/cruise	Aug 8-9	Committee to be established in March – volunteers will be required.
Belle River dinner cruise	Aug 15	Nora & Dave Walton
Thames River weekend cruise	Sept 5-7	Marg & Jack Entwistle
End of season land cruise - tbd		

\* Dinner cruise to Windsor Yacht Club will be ad hoc.

**Land Cruise Sunday April 5, 2009**



Trolley leaving Southport at 11:00 a.m. for Harrow.  
 Return 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Cost approximately \$50.00 per person includes transportation, Culinary class, wine tasting and light lunch. Further details will be communicated via email and on the website when finalized.

Contact Nora Walton, Cruise Chair at your earliest to reserve. Space is limited to 45 people on a first come, first serve basis. Members and their guests welcome

david\_walton9@sympatico.ca

A long distance cruise to The North Channel July 4, 2009 is being organized by Ken Blyth, with members of The Windsor Yacht Club. Please contact Ken directly if you have an interest or for additional details.  
 kblyth@cogeco.ca

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**General Membership Meeting February 24, 2009**



**With a new Sailing Season approaching, let us remember those who have left us in recent years**

**Your memories remain in the wind of South Port sails**

**Flora Asseltine**

**Doug Buckner**

**Bill Davidson**

**Ray East**

**Phil Kurtz**

**Mary Jane Miernecki**

**Bill Mogyorody**

**Stew O'Dell**

**Richard Poultney**

**Ken Pye**

**Bruce Reid**

**Sandy Szekely**

**Lyn Turner**

**Stewart Weber**



## Sailors' Night Out March 2009

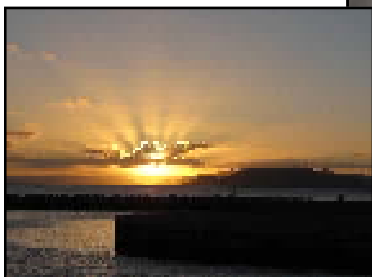


Wednesday February 4th we took a walk down memory lane with slides provided by Irene East and Duncan Hind, commentated by Alan Henderson. Slides of the old days at South Port included the original location and clubhouse, the fleet of Wayfarers and the addition of the Shark fleet, along with early dredging and dock construction. Photos of early members who were in attendance, brought chuckles seeing them in their younger days. The Women's Challenge, then called the 'Powder Puff' regatta brought out a funny story about Vera Sitar and Doris Hellenbart sailing John Green's boat. With the skipper on board, they were in first place, John fell off and the ladies refused to lose position leaving him for the next competitor to pick up. They came in first and won the trophy ! It was an enjoyable evening well attended by members.

Thanks to Alan, Irene and Duncan for volunteering their time.

### March Dates & Topics

- March 4th**                    *Sailing Adventures around Newfoundland...* Glen Bennett will take us from Pike Creek to the fjords and icebergs of Newfoundland.
- March 11**                    *Sailing in a Tall Ship* with Bill Noakes and Rod Zatyko . Their travels by square rigger down the Atlantic Ocean from The Canary Islands to Cape Horn.



### Retirement is Tough !!

By John Bufton

And so to beat the mid-winter blues, Margaret & Jack Entwistle and Sue & John Bufton linked up in British Virgin Islands with John's sister and brother in law ( Pat & John Parke) from England to charter a 38' catamaran. The weather co-operated, with daily sunshine, temperatures in 75-85 F range every day, and constant 12-18 knot breezes in crystal clear waters. With three good cooks and three helmsmen, nobody's duties were onerous, and there was plenty of time to snorkel the reefs and sunbathe on beautiful beaches, while maintaining the SPSC Happy Hour traditions, with locally distilled Pusser's Rum.

We flew the Club Burgee, 2 Past Commodore Flags for Margaret and John, the Canadian Flag and the Pusser's Happy Hour flag.

In between activities, we sailed every day between our favorite island haunts (Foxy's, Bitter End, The Baths, Marina Cay, Norman Island and others) mooring at a different location each night. We barbequed aboard some evenings, with other nights ashore sampling the local cuisine (good but not cheap!) Our 9 day charter definitely made winter seem shorter, and now we are looking forward to summer on Lake St. Clair.



Another Winter Break Sailing Option

Club Colonna  
Antigua  
British West Indies



**Essex County PHRF Association 2009 Annual Membership Meeting  
Sunday March 8, 2009**

Review of finances, reports of officers, election of officers 2009/2010,  
Regatta schedule review, ECPHRF Boat of the year Trophies and flags

3:30 p.m. Pizza and Beer supplied by ECPHRF

Come out and share your ideas !!

**Regatta schedule for 2009**

May 16th	LMYC Shakedown Regatta	1 Lake Erie Counter
July 4-5th	TRY Sea Regatta	1 Lake Erie Counter
July 18th	CIYC Maple leaf Regatta	1 Lake Erie Counter
Aug 8-9th	SPSC Invitational Regatta	2 Lake St. Clair Counters
Aug 22nd	LMYC Fighting Island Regatta	1 Wild Card (St. Clair or Erie)
Sept 6th	CIYC Labour Day Regatta	2 Lake Erie Counters
Sept 19th	SPSC Harvest Moon Regatta	1 Lake St. Clair Counter

Invoices covering Annual dues for 2009 have been mailed to Members.  
Payment is due upon receipt. Please submit to the attention of the  
Treasurer, Jan Graybiel at your earliest.



Thank you !!



*Nautical Quote*

*“Any fool can carry on, but a wise man knows how to shorten the sail in time”*

*Joseph Conrad*

**Soundings alternative**

Several members have requested Soundings by email only. You have been removed from the mailing list, but in order to continue receiving the monthly newsletter, Paul Ramey our Communications Chair must be kept up to date with email addresses. Should yours change during the year, please email Paul at

paulramey@cogeco.ca

Thank you

To date 27 members are receiving Soundings by email only. Contact robtim@cogeco.ca if you no longer require a hardcopy of the newsletter.

**Reminder from The Property Chair, Allen Shearn**

**PAINTING WORK PARTY**



On the weekend of March 7 and 8th there will be a work party to paint the main room and hallway of the clubhouse. We now have a crew, but additional members are welcome. If you can help, please let me know whether you are available Saturday or Sunday.

Telephone 519-962-6529  
Cell 519-980-7530  
email bio\_cals@jhu.edu

## March 2009 Calendar

This is the calendar displayed on our Web site. For details on each entry, please click on *calendar* on the Web site at [www.southportsailingclub.com](http://www.southportsailingclub.com) (the links are not active in *Soundings* but details are included in the newsletter)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Schedule of Events</b>						1 <a href="#">Stephenson, D &amp; G</a>
2 <b>Mainstays Meeting</b>	3	4 Sailors' Nite Out	5	6	7 Painting work party Sat/Sunday  Games & Cards Nite	8 <a href="#">Tousignant, W&amp;M ECPHRF Members Meeting</a>
9 <a href="#">Executive Meeting</a>	10	11 Sailors' Nite Out	12	13	14	15 <a href="#">Zatyko, R</a>
16	17	18	19	20	21 Games and Cards Nite	22 <a href="#">Zsargo, S &amp; K</a>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 <a href="#">Allum, P</a>
30	31	<b>Dockage &amp; Release Forms due to The Harbour Master April 4th</b>				

### April 2009 Clubhouse Duties



April 5-11  
Aseltine, T & D

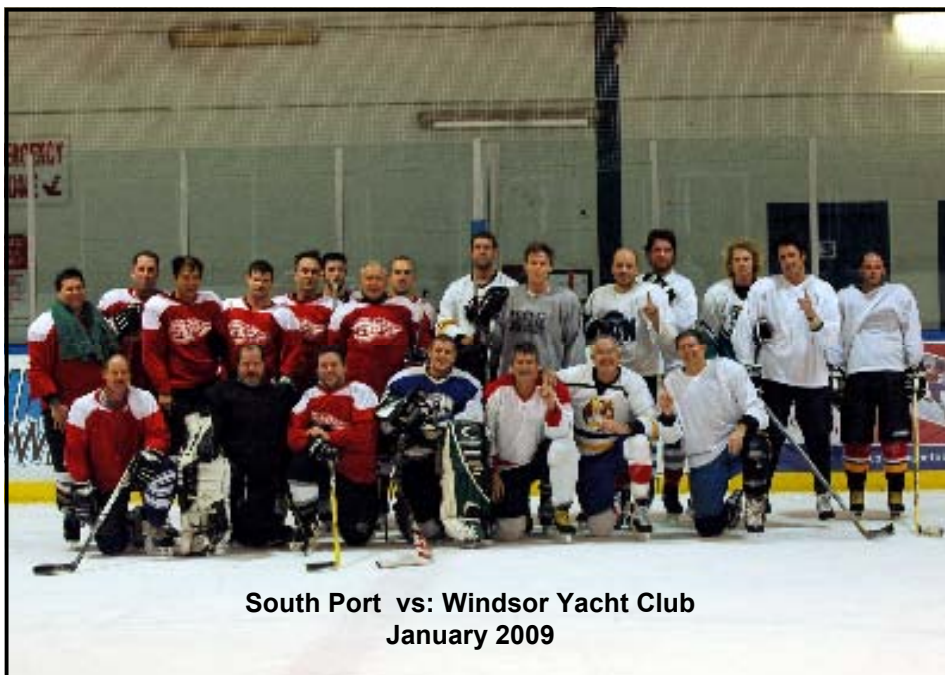
April 12-18  
Balfe, J & S

April 19-25  
Blythe K & J

April 26-May 2  
Boivin, G & V

May 3-9  
Brixa, K  
Brockman, L

If you are unable to carry out your week, contact Alan Shearn to arrange for a volunteer to replace you! Please fill out the work sheets in the Kitchen Binder and make note of your total hours.



South Port vs Windsor Yacht Club  
January 2009

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## Card & Games Nights

March 7 & 21st  
7:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome... Contact  
Lorne & Rita Mann 948-9004  
or Wayne & Nancy Hind 974-3905



## Men's Lunch

2nd Wednesday  
of every month



John Novak for details  
735-3737

## MAINSTAYS MEETING



Monday March 2, 2009

7:30 p.m.

*All ladies Welcome !!*

Mainstays Yard Sale  
May 9, 2009



*Please set aside any items  
you wish to donate.  
More information will follow  
at a late date.*

*Thank you*

## Membership Changes

Resignation  
Vince and Laura Lehman

## Executive Emails

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## Tuesday Night Dinghy Racing from Darcy Fuller, Sailing Instructor

Another sailing season is slowly peaking around the corner. As usual the sailing school will be hosting the weekly 420 racing circuit, beginning roughly last week of June and ending during the last week of the Sailing School session 4.



Two new sets of sails are being recycled into the 420 fleet to improve sailing performance. We are looking for extra batten stock if anybody has some laying around...

Additionally to this season is the chance to potentially host a one day 420 challenge regatta open to all Sailing School Members, as well as post Sailing School Member's and as always to the club members.



# SOUTH PORT SAILING SCHOOL

www.southportsailingclub.com

Phone 519-945-7834

## 2009 Adult Sailing

**LEARN TO CREW . . . \$190.00**

June 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22

**LEARN TO SAIL . . . \$190.00**

*Course for Beginning Sailors  
aboard Vanguard 420's. Sharks and C & C 25*

Session 1 . . . June 29, July 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20

Session 2 . . . July 23, 27, 30, August 3, 6, 10, 13



## The 2009 Kidsail

An Introductory  
Sailing Course  
for Children 7 - 8 years old

**July 20 - 24, 2009**

Mornings or afternoons

**\$110.00**

## The 2009 Youth Sail

Ages 9 - 16

Mornings and afternoons

2 Sessions of 3 week courses

(Monday - Friday)

Starting June 29th or July 27th

**LEARN TO RIG A BOAT**

**LEARN TO SAIL**

**LEARN RACE TACTICS**

*Safety is #1 priority*

**Starting at \$275.00**

