



Soundings



Newsletter of South Port Sailing Club August 2015



Message from the Commodore

Ann Ramey

I am writing this message before Paul and I head to Port Huron where he will be crewing in the Mackinac Race.

The Open Series that has hosted 25 club and visiting boats will be ending July 30th. Thank you to Dave Robichaud and Ken Blyth for manning the Race Committee boat for this series. The Thursday night Club Fall Race Series will begin on the 6th of August. Monday racing has been well attended and continues until the 3rd week of September.

The Race Committee has decided to hold a Members' Invitational Race on Sunday August 16th at 2:00 pm. They invite all Racers and Cruisers to come out and enjoy a sail/race on the lake that we hope will bring us sunny skies. If you have never raced, give it a try ! Awards and socializing will take place at the clubhouse after the race.

Happy Hour the first Friday of the month will continue until the end of the season. Come out and enjoy the evening. Sailing School classes will end August 15th with a BBQ being held by the instructors to celebrate another successful season.

The details of the Sail For Hospice as well as the pledge sheet is included in this issue. I encourage as many racers/cruisers as possible to participate this September for this very worthy cause. The ever popular Harvest Moon Regatta will also take place in September as well as the final cruise of the season to The Thames River Yacht Club.

Mark your calendars ! The Fall Furl will be held at South Port this year, the evening of Saturday November 7th hosted by Paul and myself. It will be catered by Just Jeff's Catering. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be included in the ticket price. Full details will follow in September Soundings.

As you can see, there are still lots of activities taking place. Come out and enjoy your beautiful club whenever possible !



Friday August 7th

4:30 - 7:00 pm SPSC

*Members, crew & Friends
welcome !*

BYOB

BBQ'd hot dogs/sausages \$2.00

From Amelia Dolsen SPSC Head Sailing School Instructor

Earlier this month, Southport's Can Sail 5 level sailing school athletes traveled to Sarnia to represent our club in Sarnia's annual Sail-fest regatta. Light winds, a large fleet and hot temperatures were all challenges our athletes faced but that didn't let it stop them.

Our group of 6 athletes, Uygur Tepe, Massimo Sementilli, Nina Mussio, Adrian Sion, Dylan Brockman, Ross Darocy, all showed constant improvement throughout the weekend and positive energy was always present among the group.

Our highest ranked boat was the Tepe & Sementilli team placing 17th overall in the fleet of 22 boats. We are very proud of all of our sailors, especially for a first major regatta!

On behalf of the sailing school, we would also like to send a very big thank you to all of the members for their very generous donations raising a grand total of \$385, allowing us to make this regatta possible!

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Lyn Domney 2007 Past Commodore

It is with sadness we announce the passing of our 2007 Commodore 11 days before his 71st Birthday on July 13, 2015. The Domney family were members of South Port from 1981 to 2014. Lyn was the proud owner of Kiwitea, a Mirage 30. In 2011-12 his daughter Glynis (2014) and son Paul took over racing competing in the Monday night series. Jan and Lyn were married for 50 years. He retired from Cadillac (U.S.A.) after many years of dedicated service. He will be missed by many friends, family and 3 grandchildren.

Our condolences to Jan, Paul, his family and friends.

South Port Racers and Cruisers

Come out for the

Members' Invitational Race

Sunday August 16th

First Start 2:00 p.m.

No Registration Fee

If you have never raced, give it a try !



Flag presentation following the race in the clubhouse

BYOB

Come out and enjoy the race and socializing

*Race instructions and registration form
available on pages 5, 6, 7 of this issue*

You can also register on line at www.southportsailingclub.com



The calendar is also displayed on our Web site. For details on each entry, please click on the calendar on our site at www.southportsailingclub.com (the links are not active in Soundings but details are included in the newsletter)

Calendar of Events

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

August 2015						1
2 Paine C	3 Monday Racing continues	4 Exec meeting	5	6 Fall Series begins	7 Happy hour 4:30 pm	8
9 Bhattacharjee	10	11	12	13	14	15 Sailing School BBQ
16 Members Race Jutras	17	18	19	20 Mainstays Pool Party	21	22
23 Gesing	24	25	26	27	28	29 LMYC Fighting Island
30 Davidson	31	Notes:				

Men's Lunch

2nd Wednesday of the month



Cards Night

None in August

Race Night Parking



**Skippers, a reminder crew parking is available on the south side of the driveway on race nights.
The main lot is reserved for Members parking.**

To members - please do not park in front of the dry sail area as the owners have difficulty moving their boats to the crane.

Thank u everyone

Clubhouse Duties



**Sept 6 - 12
Aseltine, T & D**

**Sept 13 - 19
Gavin, G**

**Sept 20 - 26
Regnier M & F**

**Sept 27 - Oct 3
White D & L**

Please complete the sheet in the binder located on the kitchen counter and note your total actual work hours on the lower right.

To new members

All supplies are in the stock room. The key is marked and hanging on the wall in the kitchen.

If u see a repair or supplies are needed sheets are available at the back of the book. Please slip it into the office mail slot. Thank you !

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Failure to properly install and maintain your rigging can be a very costly mistake that is likely not covered by your insurance. If you think safety is expensive try an accident that is not covered by insurance. Most insurance contracts today include exclusions for loss or damage caused by lack of reasonable care in the maintenance of your boat. If you fail to secure your rigging properly, the vibration from the wind could cause turnbuckles to loosen resulting in a complete dismasting. When the adjuster inspects your broken mast and discovers it was not properly secured the claim will probably be denied on the basis of lack of reasonable care and the maintenance of the boat.

Used masts are near impossible to find (if you would even consider this option) and the cost of a new mast is getting extremely expensive. A recent claim to replace a Selden mast on a Beneteau 32 cost the insurance company \$36,000. You can scale this up or down depending on the size of your boat and ask yourself if this is an expense you could afford if a claim is denied due to poor maintenance.

If your neighbour does not have proper rigging you have an increased risk of damage. Damage caused by a neighbouring boat would be covered but that will never make up for lost time on the water while your boat is being repaired. Your neighbour may be a new owner and should welcome advice about how to properly secure the rigging. If they decline your assistance and refuse to correct safety deficiencies that put you at risk then ask the Harbour Master to have their boat moved.

Rigging failures and dismasting on boats over 20 years of age are increasing every year. Many owners ignore the fact that standing rigging needs to be maintained and replaced as it ages or show signs of wear. The second and more costly mistake is counting on your insurance coverage to pay for damage to your boat caused by lack of maintenance.

It is worth following the attached link - there are real examples of where and how a rig may fail.

<http://www.dixielandmarine.com/yachts/DLrigprob.html>

Mainstays Pool Party



Charmaine Soutar invites all ladies to a pool party at her home, 3291 Dandurand Blvd, at 6.30 pm. Thursday, August 20th. We will order pizza in. Bring your beverage of choice and a small dessert to share. Come and join us for a fun evening! For more information contact Sue Bufton at 519-956-8786.

August and September Race Events

August 16th
SPSC Members Invitational Race

August 29th
LMYC Fighting Island Regatta

Sept 13th
SPSC Sail for Hospice

Sept 19th
SPSC Harvest Moon Regatta

Sept 30th
WYC Chimo



15 members celebrated Canada Day at the club with a sail & BBQ. Absent from the photo are Sue Balfe and Lee Ann Halpin (the photographer)



Member's Invitational Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE

**Sunday
August 16th, 2015**

Venue & Organizing Authority

South Port Sailing Club
210 Brighton Road
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 2L3
(519) 979 SPEC
www.southportsailingclub.com

Race Officials

Organizer..... Jackie Timothy
RC..... Matt Draisey

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

The sailing instructions are already available either stapled to this document, in the clubhouse or downloadable from the SPEC web site. Any changes to this document will be incorporated into the online version and posted as a notice to competitors.

The official notice board is in the clubhouse's enclosed porch. Notices will be mirrored on the web site within 24 hours of being posted.

Racing Area

Mark	Latitude	Longitude
4	42°20.244'N	82°50.747'W
R6	42°22.845'N	82°52.476'W
DP7	42°20.834'N	82°54.407'W

The start and finish area shall be at Mark 4, .75 miles due magnetic north from outside the Pike Creek channel on Lake St. Clair.

Dates & Start Times

Sunday, August 16th will consist of a single point to point race. The first warning signal will be at 1400.

Classes to Race

Races will be sailed using handicapping in the style of PHRF; however, no handicapping certificate is required. The Race Committee will assign handicaps to boats roughly consistent with Essex County PHRF usage. If you already have a PHRF handicap for your boat please indicate it on the entry form.

There will be JOG and PHRF classes split into divisions A, B & C as entries permit. Splits will be published before the first race. If there is no split for a PHRF C class, then the PHRF C flags will be awarded across the entire fleet according to more creative and entertaining criteria.

Registration & Facilities

There is no entry fee.

Please complete the online registration form or fill in and deliver the attached registration form, together with your entry fee, to the SPSC office as early as you can.

Prizes

SPSC Invitational Regatta flags will be awarded in each division.



Members' Invitational Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday
August 16th, 2015

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse porch.

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 2100 the day before it takes effect.

3 SCHEDULE

The first warning signal will be at 1400.

4 CLASS FLAGS

Class	Flag Colour
JOG	White
PHRF C	Blue
PHRF B	Green
PHRF A	Yellow

5 RADIO

The RC will broadcast on channel 68.

6 AREA & MARKS

Mark	Latitude	Longitude
4	42°20.244'N	82°50.747'W
R6	42°22.845'N	82°52.476'W
DP7	42°20.834'N	82°54.407'W

The race will start and finish at SPSC mark 4, a white can buoy with an orange top. Shipping channel marks R6 is a red nun buoy. Peche Island outer shoal mark DP7 is a green light buoy.

7 COURSE

The course is an 8.2 nautical mile triangle. The RC boat shall display a colour placard for:

Red — Marks to Port From the starting line, sail 2.9 nautical miles 341° magnetic to R6 — 2.5 nautical miles 223° magnetic to DP7 — 2.8 nautical miles 110° magnetic to the finish line.

Green — Marks to Starboard From the starting line, sail 2.8 nautical miles 290° magnetic to DP7 — 2.5 nautical miles 43° magnetic to R6 — 2.9 nautical miles 161° magnetic to the finish line.

8 START AND FINISH

The Saturday start and finish lines will be between the orange flag on the RC boat and SPSC mark 4.

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9 TIME LIMIT

There are no time limits. The RC may shorten the course or abandon the race because of insufficient wind. This changes rule 32.1(c)

10 PROTESTS

Protests forms will be available in the clubhouse office after the RC boat docks.

The protest time limit is 1 hour after the RC boat docks.

Notices will be posted no later than 1 hour after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

11 PRIZES

Prizes are SPSC Invitational Regatta flags.

Registration Form Sunday



Member's Invitational Regatta August 16th, 2015

Person in Charge: ID for Online Registration System ▷Email _____

▷Mobile (or Home) Telephone _____ ☐ SMS messaging ▷Postal Code _____

Person in Charge ▷Name _____

▷Street Address _____

▷City _____ ▷Province _____ ▷Country _____

Boat ▷Sail Number _____ ▷Boat Name _____

▷Make of Boat _____ ▷Hull Colour _____ ▷Spinnaker/Sail Colour _____

Rating or One-Design Certificate ▷Certifying Authority ☐ ECPA ☐ DRYA ☐ ILYA ☐ CSCA ☐ Other _____ ☐ None

▷Base Rating _____ ▷PHRF Rating _____ ▷JOG Rating _____

Regatta Entry ▷ ☐ PHRF ☐ JOG

Agreement to Assume Risk and Hold Harmless

In consideration of participating in Spec's activities, I/We agree as follows:

I have read or undertake to read the rules and regulations issued for all race activities and Spec's rules and agree to be bound by them. In consideration of SPEC membership and our being permitted to take part in any SPEC activities, I/We agree to save harmless the SOUTH PORT SAILING CLUB, and its organizers and their respective agents, officials, officers, executive and servants and representatives from and against all claims, actions, cost, expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss, or damage to any person or property, whosoever caused, arising out of or in conjunction with my taking part in the said activities, notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or caused or occasioned by the negligence of the same bodies, or any of them or their agents, officials, officers, executive and servants and representatives. I further understand and agree that this release is binding upon me and my heirs, executors and assigns.

▷Signature _____ ▷Date _____

Please deliver the completed registration form together with your entry fee to the SPEC office as early as possible.

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2015 BELL'S BEER



BAYVIEW MACKINAC RACE

JULY 18TH • 2015

2015 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race
Current Standings as of Tuesday, 21/Jul/2015 @ 02:25am

Shore Course				
Class P - Doublehanded Racing Class				
Sail	Boat	Owner / Skiper	City, State	Rating
14031	➡ Shenanigans 🟡	Kelly Johnson	Windsor, Ontario	189 / 0.8796
USA 410	Retention	Mark Croll	Chicago, IL	126 / 0.9615
CAN 4500	Wind Dancer	Kevin Williams	Grand Bend, Ontario	156 / 0.9207
USA 25341	Miriah	Mike Mahar	St. Clair Shores, MI	147 / 0.9326
USA 140	Avatar 🟡	Lease Schock	Sandusky, OH	126 / 0.9615
USA 34412	Gale Runner	Larry Fair	Fort Gratiot, MI	180 / 0.8904
USA 25500	Flash	E. Gary Jacoby	St. Clair Shores, MI	171 / 0.9015
USA 15473	Serenity	Carl Sommers	Presque Isle, MI	171 / 0.9015

Congratulations to our skippers and crew who represented South Port competing in the 2015 Bayview Mackinac Race.

Kelly Johnson on *Shenanigans*, with crewmember Noel Brockman took 1st place in the double handed Class shore course, completing the 378 km course in 43 hours and 47 minutes.

Andy Hellenbart and crew on *Firewater* placed 3rd in the One Design and Cameron Paine and crew on *Underdog* 10th in the 14 boat fleet.

2015 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race
Current Standings as of Tuesday, 21/Jul/2015 @ 02:19ar

Shore Course				
Class O - One Design Racing Class				
Sail	Boat	Owner / Skiper	City, State	
CAN 4151	Mystery	Stephen Jay	Point Edward, Ontario	
USA 5133	Regardless	D Padilla	Grosse Pointe Park, MI	
CAN 4207	➡ Firewater	Andy Hellenbart	Tecumseh, Ontario	
USA 5232	Walloon	Richard Grow	Harbor Springs, MI	
USA 15560	Contender 🟡	Gary Graham	Grosse Pointe, MI	
USA 5290	Tir Na Nog	Steven Sheppard	Grand Blanc, MI	
CAN 4111	Bedlam	Andrew Stoesser	Sarnia, Ontario	
USA 10380	Siachail 🟡	Brian Geraghty	Grosse Pointe Shores, MI	
USA 11166	Shamrock 🟡	David R. Keys	Chicago, IL	
CAN 4605	➡ Underdog	Cameron Paine	Windsor, Ontario	
USA 5231	Cygus	Chris Greensmith	Sarnia, Ontario	
USA 13106	Praeceptor	Theodore G. Mayer, MD	St. Clair Shores, MI	
USA 12352	Against the Wind	Rob Farr	Beverly Hills, MI	
CAN 16541	Spirit	Cameron Lawrence	Grosse Pointe Farms, MI	



MELGES²⁴
2015 Canadian National Championship



All regatta visitors appreciated the hospitality of the Windsor Yacht Club, and the professionalism of their volunteer race officials. At least one race crew camped at South Port Sailing Club for the weekend and very much appreciated the facilities there.

All in all, everyone who attended the event had nothing but warm praises for Windsor, the WYC, our sponsors, and everyone that supported the event.

Thanks again!

2015 Melges 24 Canadian National Championship Chairperson
John Marentette,

Congratulations to John
Marentette SPSC on
Spitfire who placed 5th

*A portion of the thank you
letter from the Melges
weekend regatta held at WYC*

SPSC Sail for Hospice 2015



Sunday September 13th

\$30.00 Entry Fee

Donations over and above accepted with thanks



***The pledge form is available on page 9 to collect donations
or make a donation on behalf of your boat***

Registration 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Skippers meeting 1:00 pm

Race starts @ 2:00 pm



Burgers and sausages approximately 5:00 - 5:30

Please bring a salad to share

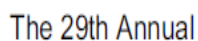
Awards following dinner

***Again this year we are asking for a \$5.00 donation per person to
cover the BBQ costs rather than having a catered dinner***

For further details

Coordinators: Kelly Johnson kjohnsonv28@gmail.com

Joe Davidson 519-739-0914



LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club & South Port Sailing Club