



“Soundings”

www.southportsailingclub.on.ca

The newsletter
of South Port
Sailing Club

March 2003

Commodore's Corner :

Firstly, a hearty welcome to new members who've joined us this year. With warmer weather we'll all be around the club more often, so please make the effort to get to know the new members of our South Port family:- David & Allison Cadieux , Darek, Danuta, Edyta & Peter Kosior, Paul & Diane Grosshans, and Paul Jr & Kimberly.

Launch date is April 26. Reports of ice in the upper lakes mean we may see a repeat of 1985 when Lake Huron was plugged at Sarnia. The Harbour committee is preparing contingency plans if water levels drop due to lack of flow through the St.Clair river. As we get our boats ready for the season, please be mindful of the environment and the hazardous materials we often use.

Lastly, some news about activities being undertaken by the various chairs:

1. Spring Fling on April 12th! Talk it up, get out to it, plan for fun. See page 2 of this issue of “Soundings” for details.

2. ERCA's window for dredging closed on March 12, reopening June 20. The harbour committee has budgeted to deal with known high spots in the basin and behind F dock. When the ice breaks, soundings will be taken downstream to see what other potential problems exist.

3. Robert Smith's group is on track for a Harbour Implementation presentation in May. This will be a major issue for all members. The scope and cost are large so we all will be affected by whatever is decided. I encourage you to attend so your voice and vote can be heard.

4. Several people about the property committee proposals to grade and gravel the cradle storage area to improve the appearance of our yard and utilization of space. We are deferring decisions on this matter until the outcome of the Harbour Implementation presentation is known.

Ian Dawson, Commodore.

Roster Changes?

If you have any changes of address, phone numbers, Email coordinates, changes in boat particulars, etc., Irene East wants to hear from you. She can be reached at:-

Email: i.east@sympatico.com, or phone (519) 979-8318.

Are you receiving “Soundings”?

If any member is not receiving “Soundings” each month, something is wrong!! Most members should be getting the Email version; if you are not receiving your copy, please call Communications chair Paul Ramey (519) 963-3081. If you do not have Email and need to receive a regular mail copy call Anne Marie Norton (519) 979-0714.

“Soundings” is also posted on our website www.southportsailingclub.on.ca

SPSC's 2002/3
Executive Team 2

Forthcoming Events 3

Mainstays notes 2

Dragon Boats 2

Property 3

Daimler Chrysler
Transatlantic 3

Tall Ships Cruise 3

“Soundings” plans to go to press by the 20th of each month. Get your news, notes, or announcements to John Bufton (Email; bufton@mnsi.net or phone (519) 979-1718

- We're always looking for interesting items about the club, its members and friends, or sailing in general; don't be shy, we need your contribution !

South Port's Executive Team 2002/3

Commodore	Ian Dawson
Vice Commodore	Al Finch
Rear Commodore	Phil Peck
Sailing School Committee Chair	Paul Bowsher
Social Committee Chair	Manjit Shaw
Cruise Committee Chair	Lorne Mann
Race Committee Chair	Ted Illi
Property Committee Chair	Robert Linton
Harbour Committee/Harbourmaster	Andrew Barlow
Secretary	Brenda Petro
Past Commodore	Robert Smith
Treasurer	Bill Noakes

Mainstays Chair, Susan Bufton

Next meeting Monday, April 7th at 6.30 pm. We will feature a lasagna supper and a "Friendship Salad" (the lettuce is supplied, then everyone brings an ingredient for the salad). Judy Finch will provide lasagna, and Lyn Turner, garlic bread, with costs to be shared by those attending. Following the meal we will have a short presentation by Diane McVity from the Alzheimer Society. New members are particularly welcome.

Also: Join us at 10 am April 14th for coffee and "An Introduction to the Victorian art of quilling". Supplies provided. All are welcome.

Social Chair, Manjit Shaw

Spring Fling is Back!!!

After a break of several years, we've decided to re-institute this South Port tradition. It's our way of getting everyone together for a fun evening as we start to gear up for a new season at the club.

Join us on Saturday 12th April Location: University Club (next to Vanier Hall).

Time: 6.30 pm onwards. Price: \$30.00 per person

(make cheques payable to SPSC and mail to Social Chair Manjit Shaw at home)

Free Parking: at Lot C on Huron Church Rd. and Donnelly.

Menu: Mimosa salad with mandarin oranges and kiwi vinaigrette

Chicken Cartier (boneless breast stuffed with wild rice and herbs) OR Grilled salmon (with special glaze)

Duchess potatoes, Decorated asparagus
rolls and butter, tea and coffee

Dessert: Trio of chocolate

Cash Bar

Reservations: by April 9th to Manjit Shaw 966 0757 with choice of entree

Seating is limited, so reserve early

Dragon Boat Update: Lyn Turner

Do any members have spare lifejackets that the paddlers of the Dragon Boat team could use until their own jackets arrive? Please call me if you can help. We will be meeting at SPSC on Sunday afternoon 13th April 2003. Any interested SPSC members are welcome to attend.



Forthcoming Events

Cards Nights	April 5th, April 19th
Mainstays	April 7th
Spring Fling Dinner/Dance	April 12th
Quilling Morning	April 14th
Launch Day	April 26th

Transatlantic Challenge Update

The following is a reprint from a recent DaimlerChrysler Canada Newsletter:

“Congratulations to Graham Andrews (Sallywag) who will be the only Canadian to join nine other Daimler-Chrysler boat crew members from Germany and the U.S. to compete in the Daimler-Chrysler North Atlantic Challenge (DCNAC)2003.

Graham was one of over 800 applicants who competed for a spot on King'sLegend, a Swan 65 built in 1975. This year's DCNAC, from Newport R. I. to Germany, is organized by Norddeutscher Regatta Verein, Hamburg, with the support of the New York Yacht Club. The race, to begin on June 14, 2003 will start in Newport, and finish off Cuxhaven, 60 miles down river Elbe from Hamburg, Germany, a distance of approximately 3500 nautical miles.

See www.DCNAC.de for great pictures and race details. Best of luck Graham!”

And congratulations to the skipper of “Sallywag” from everyone at SPSC!!!

Tall Ship Cruising: Jack Entwistle.

After a week in Cancun to attune our bodies to the harsh Mexican sun and our stomachs to the spicy food, Margaret and I and friends Ora and Bruce Reid boarded the tall ship Star Clipper for a seven day cruise to Honduras and Belize.

Star Clipper is a 360 ft., four masted barquentine that carries a crew of 75 serving 170 passengers in cruise ship style, which along with top class food and accommodation lead to a very pleasant and relaxing atmosphere.

A typical day consisted of snorkeling from a beautiful white sand beach, followed by setting sail from anchor for an overnight cruise to our next destination. Star Clipper has a total of 36,000 sq. ft. of sail which is set in 15 minutes with the assistance of electric winches and hydraulic furling for the square sails.

One of the best memories that of this cruise is an all day sail at 12 to 15 knots on a broad reach with all sails set, only shortening sail at lunch and dinner time so that the meals could be served in comfort!

Information about the Star Clipper fleet can be obtained at www.starclippers.com or by calling 1-800-442-0556 for a brochure.

Property Chair Bob Linton

Cradles and storage area.

We want to improve the look and accessibility of the cradle storage area and improve utilization of our yard area for cars and dry sail boats. Many members already have folding cradles and it is hoped that all cradles will be replaced or converted by launch 2006. At the last Executive it was agreed non steel folding cradles may not be stored at the Club after launch 2006.

At launch time, all owners of folding cradles must have them folded before 9.0 am on the Sunday following launch, This rule is to facilitate storage, utilizing the rental fork lift unit.

Currently the storage charge is \$40.00 per cradle and folding cradles are free. Storage Fees for non folding cradles will increase from \$40 to \$60 for the summer of 2003

Once the cradles are stored following launch, a movable fence will be erected around them to tidy up the area.



South Port Sailing Club

Calendar

2003 EXECUTIVE

COMMODORE
VICE COMMODORE
REAR COMMODORE
PAST COMMODORE
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR
SAILING SCHOOL CHAIR
CRUISE COMMITTEE CHAIR
RACE COMMITTEE CHAIR
PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR
HARBOUR MASTER
TREASURER
SECRETARY

EDITOR (SOUNDINGS)
MAINSTAYS CHAIR
DRYA DELEGATE
ILYA DELEGATE
ROSTER/ARCHIVIST
COMMUNICATIONS

IAN DAWSON
ALBERT FINCH
PHIL PECK
DR ROBERT SMITH
MANJIT SHAW
PAUL BOWSHER
LORNE MANN
TED ILLI
ROBERT LINTON
ANDREW BARLOW
BILL NOAKES
BRENDA PETRO

JOHN BUFTON
SUSAN BUFTON
ANDY HELLENBART
MARGARET ENTWISTLE
IRENE EAST
PAUL RAMEY

APRIL 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Day Light Saving Begins	7 MAINSTAYS	8 EXECUTIVE MEETING	9 MENS LUNCH RACE COMMITTEE MEETING	10	11	12 SPRING FLING
13 PALM SUNDAY	14	15	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 EASTER	21	22	23 RACE COMMITTEE MEETING	24	25	26 LAUNCH
27	28 FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	29	30			

March 21, 2003

MAY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 RACE COMMITTEE MEETING	8	9	10 SPRING DOUBLE- HANDED REGATTA
11 MOTHER'S DAY	12	13 EXE MEETING EXPERIMENTAL WINDWARD LEEWARD SERIES	14 MENS LUNCH Series 1 Race 1 R Smith	15	16	17 CRUISE – TRYC (REID) LMYC SHAKEDOWN
18 CRUISE – TRYC (REID)	19 VICTORIA DAY CRUISE – TRYC (REID)	20 xSeries Race 2	21 Series 1 Race 2 P Soles	22	23	24 505 WARMUP REGATTA SPSC SHARK TRILLIUM RCYC
25 505 REGATTA SPSC SHARK TRILLIUM RCYC	26 MEMORIAL DAY FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	27 xSeries Race 3	28 Series 1 Race 3 J Halpin	29	30 DETROIT NOOD REGATTA	31 DETROIT NOOD REGATTA

March 21, 2003

JUNE 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SAILaBRATION DETROIT NOOD REGATTA	2	3 xSeries Race 4	4 Series 1 Race 4 L Domney	5	6	7 CRUISE – NSSC (OLDRIDGE) SHARK PROV. BONTE
8 CRUISE – NSSC (OLDRIDGE) SHARK PROV. BONTE	9	10 EXECUTIVE MEETING xSeries Race 5	11 MENS LUNCH Series 1 Race 5 H Soutar	12	13 WYC CANADIAN CLUB OVERNIGHT	14 SPSC ‘C’ COURSE REGATTA
15 FATHER’S DAY	16	17 xSeries Race 6	18 Series 1 Race 6 R SHORE	19	20	21 First Day of Summer SPSC Invitational REGATTA
22 SPSC Women’s Challenge	23 FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	24	25 Series 2 Race 1 L Brockman	26	27	28 CRUISE – CSC (HIND) SPSC Double-handed
29 CRUISE – CSC (HIND)	30					

March 21, 2003

JULY 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CANADA DAY	2 Series 2 Race 2 C Eagan	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 SHARK CANADIANS SPSC
6 SHARK CANADIANS SPSC	7 Club Cruise Lake Huron (MANN)(7th - 21 st)	8 EXECUTIVE MEETING Cruise Lake Huron	9 MENS LUNCH Series 2 Race 3 B Gispen Cruise Lake Huron	10 Cruise Lake Huron	11 Cruise Lake Huron	12 CHICAGO "MAC" Cruise Lake Huron
13 Cruise Lake Huron	14 Cruise Lake Huron	15 Cruise Lake Huron	16 Series 2 Race 4 G Boivin Cruise Lake Huron	17 Cruise Lake Huron	18 Cruise Lake Huron	19 Port Huron "MAC" SHARK WORLDS Cruise Lake Huron
20 Cruise Lake Huron	21 Cruise Lake Huron	22	23 Series 2 Race 5 G Cowan	24	25	26 SPSC DOUBLEHAND
27	28 FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	29	30 Series 2 Race 6 J Murphy	31		

March 21, 2003

AUGUST 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 DOWN RIVER RACE CRUISE – GLYC (BUFTON)
3 DEEP WATER RACE CRUISE - GLYC	4 CIVIC HOLIDAY CRUISE – GLYC “ILYA” BAY WEEK	5 “ILYA” BAY WEEK	6 Series 3 Race 1 R East “ILYA” BAY WEEK	7	8	9
10	11	12 EXECUTIVE MEETING	13 MENS LUNCH Series 3 Race 2 G Andrews	14	15	16 SHARK NORTH AMERICANS GRAND BEND
17 SPSC WOMEN’S CHALLENGE SHARK NORTH AMER. GR BEND	18	19	20 Series 3 Race 3 A Barlow	21	22	23 FIGHTING ISLAND CRUISE – Metro Beach (WEBB)
24 SPSC INVITATIONAL DINGHY RACE CRUISE - METRO BEACH	25 FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	26	27 Series 3 Race 4 K Brown	28	29	30
31 LABOUR DAY REGATTA CRUISE - TRYC (LAYFIELD)						

March 21, 2003

SEPTEMBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOUR DAY	2	3 Series 3 Race 5 G Bennett	4	5	6 HOSPICE REGATTA SHARK GOLD CUP
7 GRANDPARENTS DAY SHARK GOLD CUP	8 MAINSTAYS	9 EXECUTIVE MEETING	10 MENS LUNCH Series 3 Race 6 W Hind	11	12	13 CRUISE – METRO BEACH (NOVAK)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 HARVEST MOON RACE
21	22 FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	23	24	25	26	27 SHARK HOME COMERS NIAGARA
28 SHARK HOME COMERS NIAGARA	29	30				

March 21, 2003

OCTOBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 THANKSGIVING DAY COLUMBUS DAY	7	8 MENS LUNCH CHIMO RACE WYC	9	10	11
12	13 MAINSTAYS LAND CRUISE (FINCH)	14 EXECUTIVE MEETING	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 HAUL OUT
26 Daylight Saving's Ends	27 FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	

March 21, 2003

NOVEMBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 MAINSTAYS	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 EXECUTIVE MEETING REMEMBERANCE DAY	12 MENS LUNCH	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING DAY (USA)	28	29
30						

March 21, 2003

DECEMBER 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MAINSTAYS	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 EXECUTIVE MEETING	10 MENS LUNCH	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 First Day Of Winter FRIENDS OF PIKE CK	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
28	29	30	31			

March 21, 2003