



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club* Feb. 2004

Ramblings of Commodore Al Finch: Good News/Bad News

Apologies are in order. I have let you down by not turning the task of Soundings editor to **Renka Gesing** just as soon as she so kindly volunteered. This explains the gap in passing out information. Thankfully, Renka has the knowledge and experience to take on a job previously done so well by **John Bufton**. Thanks to both of you.

Good News

We have an excellent executive. Each chair has formed effective, involved teams dedicated to keep us sailing, being involved, growing better and having a good time.

Our harbour committee, **Doug Watson**, has prepared for dredging . Our social committee, **Rocky Ieraci** has an ambitious, varied and interesting program prepared. Our race committee, **Kevin Mogyrody**, is investigating new ideas to encourage more members to be involved and enjoy the racing programs. Our rear commodore/membership chair, **John Shaw**, and our treasurer, **Bill Noakes** are getting accounts receivables in order. Furthermore, our treasurer has prepared Wednesday evening Sailor's Night Out events that have been very successful.

The sailing school, previously chaired so well and for so long by **Paul Bowsher**, is now chaired by **Renée Dawson**, an avid racer, involved club member and someone who will be very busy with preparations for the 2005 Shark Worlds Regatta along with our past commodore, **Ian Dawson**, who continues to pass his experience and skills along.

Bob Linton continues as property chair with a strong committee that is getting things done. Please notice the new windows. The view has been greatly enhanced.

The cruise chair, **Dave Webb** with **Francine** have outlined a fun sounding series of cruises.

We are grateful indeed that **Brenda Petro** continues as recording secretary. Brenda has the background and knowledge of club history required to keep our

Important Notice

Please note the return-by date on your 2004 Request for Well Assignment. It is extremely important to have this form completed and returned on time. Boats will not be launched without a completed request form.

Please be current with your accounts. Boats will not be launched if accounts are in arrears.

meetings from bogging down. She provides the continuity needed. **Phil Peck**, our vice commodore is supportive to the entire executive. He is a stabilizing influence, as I discovered when I assisted him when he ran the C-course Regatta. **Sue Bufton** continues as Mainstays chair.

Our D.R.Y.A delegate is **Andy Hellenbart**. Our I.L.Y.A. delegates are **Jack** and **Margaret Entwistle**.

Communications are handled by **Paul Ramey**. Archives and the roster are the responsibility of **Irene East** and Soundings distribution is well taken care of by **Anne Marie Norton**.

Please support all the people who are working so hard to make SPSC a fun place to be.

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From the Harbour Committee - Harbour Master Doug Watson

I would like to thank the people who have agreed to be on the committee: **Andrew Barlow** (new member), **Bob Fuller**, **Bill Frank**, **Andy Hellenbart** and **Scott Turner**.

The dredging operation has begun early this year and will continue through the winter, as weather permits. The early start will allow completion before boat launch, and will avoid the March through June fish-spawning season. The plan is to dredge the entrance to the creek, all fairways, F-dock and the hump north of A-dock in the creek.

We currently need a volunteer to champion a great undertaking – the *Harbour Beautification Program*. Are you interested in such a prestigious position and the opportunity to work with the harbour committee? Please come forward.

I am looking forward to the New Year working with the committee and the executive board.

Merry Christmas (past) and a joyous new year.

Harbour committee Report; Jan. 7, 2004

1. Dredging

■ Dean has begun the repair of the entrance dredging from summer 2003. Currently has removed the filling and is casting the material to the West. The grading is all that is required and will be completed next.

■ Dean has issued a concern that the drawing issued may exceed “maintenance dredging.” If they are required to dig into clay and lower the initial harbour basin, the budget will not be suffice. Further discussion will be required should the levels indicated exceed the original basin of the harbour.

■ The testing of the soil samples indicates that the dredging material, by the Ministry standards, can be used as a surface material, i.e. topsoil. Our original plan to have an independent company truck the material at their cost is viable and requires further negotiation with this company.

■ Lake View Marina or Happy Days Marina will be contacted to move the boats. Jake’s Crane Service maybe required to move the Eidolon 29 due to the lack of a cradle. Further consulting from the movers will be required on this issue. Time line for this was no later than Thursday January 9, 2004.

■ A “notice of information” will appear in *Soundings* under Harbour Master.

■ Dean has requested progressive monthly payments based on percentage complete.

2. Painting

Soundings “notice of information” requests a volunteer to lead a sub committee of the harbour committee to take on this project.

3. Dock Repairs

On an initial “dock walk” there are a minimum number of boards needing to be replaced. These boards will be replaced after the month of March. This will fall into our planned budget if approved by the committee. Approximate amount of monies required is \$250.00 to \$400.00.

4. Dock Allocations

Harbour Committee needs to send out the “request for docking” with *Soundings*.

SPSC Sailing School Notes from Renée Dawson

The Junior Sailing program is already beginning to think about summer. The sailing school will be offering a full summer program again this year, including two sessions of junior sailing (White Sail I, II and III; Bronze IV and V and Silver VI), kid sail and two sessions of adult sailing. If there is sufficient interest, an advanced adult class may be offered in the later part of the summer.

Registration forms were sent out to returning sailors in early January 2004. To date, 65 students have been registered; already the program is half full.

South Port Sailing Club, in partnership with the Ontario Sailing Association, will be offering a Blue/Green instructor’s course over the weekends of May 21-23rd and May 28-30th. The program is open to all junior sailors interested in instructing who have passed their Bronze IV. We are expecting sailors from Sarnia and other parts of South Western Ontario for this course. If anyone is interested in billeting an out of town student please call Renée Dawson at 735-9238.

The East Report, from Irene

Commodore's Portraits

The south wall in the corridor has been greatly enhanced by the new mounting of the former commodores' portraits. The new arrangement not only looks terrific, but will accommodate far more photos than the previous scheme. Thank you **Doug Buckner**. One more of so many tasteful contributions to South Port's décor.

Water depth records

Water depth records for the last few years that were posted on the bulletin board are missing. We need them returned as soon as possible.
Thanks.

A call from Joan Hillary

Joan Hillary called me just before Christmas and told me how happy she was to receive the Christmas card we sent her (we signed the night of the General Meeting). Along with it, I sent her a copy of a picture she had never seen - it shows Joan, her husband Norman and Agnes Fluelling taken circa 1963. Joan was very grateful to have received it. She told me to say thank you to the club members for thinking of her and sends us her best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Roster change information required

It's that time of year again where in the next two months I need to know all the changes that have occurred pertaining to you, for the new roster which will go to print in March - so please contact me to set the record straight: Irene East; i.east@sympatico.ca 979-8318. If I don't hear from you, I'll have to get on the blower to remind you.

Thank you and have a blessed New Year.

Commodore Ramblings, continued

Bad News - \$100 Assessment

An assessment has been levied on each membership to help cover the cost of dredging. The assessment of \$100.00 will be for the 2004 year. Increases in dues or mooring charges may be necessary in the future to defray current dredging costs and to build a dredging fund as we had previously. Suggestions are welcome. Please let us know your opinions.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday February 24
7:00 pm

Membership update from the committee chairs and reconfiguration

Address Changes

Jeff LaBonte: 613 Labute St., Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 2B2; 971-5447

Phil Kurtz: La Chaumiere, 1023 County Road 22, Emeryville, Ontario N0R 1C0; 727-8778

An SPSC New Year's Eve

Once again **John and Sue Bufton, Bruce and Ora Reid and Dave and Francine Webb** put together a really fun New Year's Eve party. The meal was wonderful and varied. Salads and desserts were pot luck, so choices were difficult. They all looked so good. The main courses were perfect. Games were played that made you wish your knowledge of things nautical and sports was greater. You also would desire rules that weren't quite so capricious and confusing.

We all had a lovely party and thankfully, safe journeys home. Thank you John, Sue, Bruce, Ora, Dave and Fran and all those who turned out to greet the new year.

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Mainstays, from Rita Mann

Marion Nijhuis, a long time member, is moving to Ottawa. This will be our opportunity to wish Marion all the best.

Thank you, **Irene East**, for hosting our January meeting. There were 12 of us planning for our spring events. We'll be holding **yard sale** at the club on **Saturday, May 15**. When you are cleaning out this Spring think of us. Details will be announced later.

Sue Buffon reported 30 ladies enjoyed an excellent dinner at Fong's Restaurant December 2nd. Dessert, coffee and a gift exchange followed at Margaret Entwistle's home. Thanks to **Jan Domney** for organizing the evening, to **Stella Oldridge** and Jan for making the party favours, and to **Margaret Entwistle** for her hospitality.

Margaret Entwistle reported the Mainstays were extremely pleased this year to collect \$175.00 to donate to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in the name of **Mary Kurtz**. This money was collected at the annual Christmas get-together of the Mainstays and a donation from the Games Night Group of South Port.

We all miss Mary very much and hope this money in the continuing research to find better things to decrease damage done after a stroke and improve recovery rates. Margaret also stated we are sure Mary would approve.

Accounts Receivable

At the AGM in November 2003, accounts receivable at October 31, 2003 stood at \$10,727.72. A very small number of members accounted for this significant sum.

At January 12, 2004, accounts receivable amounted to \$9,023.52 with \$1,000 received in the form of post dated cheques. Treasurer, Bill Noakes and membership chair, John Shaw will discuss this matter with the members in arrears.

Please be prompt with payments. Dredging is eating up cash quickly. We need the dredging to keep South Port Sailing a sailing club.

First Annual Home Made Wine Regatta & Tasting

You are invited to sample a selection of fine wines from D'Angelo Estate Winery. Your evening will be filled with exquisite tastes and the finer points of appreciating good wine.

Saturday, February 28th, 2004
at
South Port Sailing Club
7:30 pm

Entry fee: \$12.50 per person
Includes wine sampling and appetizers

For those wine makers out there, this is your chance for bragging rights to this season's best wine! Bring your favourite home-made wine labelled with your name. See how it makes out against South Port's best.

Hope to see you there. RSVP to:
Rocky Ieraci
Social Chairman
792-4488
rieraci@mnsi.net



Sailors Night Out, from Bill Noakes

This Wednesday night series started well with about 30 or so happy sailors discussing a lot of cool things. The second night at Joe Davidson's shop was a victim of the snow storm and had to be cancelled for that night and rescheduled for February 4. All sailors or would-be sailors, whether members or non members, are invited to this series. There are topics of interest to both racers and cruisers, and food as well (BYOB). Check the flyer sent out with Soundings for all topics.

Catch up on what's happening, learn a few things about sailing and your boat (or boat to be) -- don't wait until spring to get together with your crew. No reservations necessary, just show up. See you next Wednesday!

2004 SPSC Executive

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A Sombre Wind Blows

The world will be a little lonelier for many of us now that **Hank Soutar** is gone, but the world is a better place because he was here. This quiet gentle achiever was a friend, a mentor and an example. He had great knowledge with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Engineering and an MBA but when requested, he imparted wisdom in an easily understood manner.

Hank was a former commodore and, every since he joined in 1977, an extremely active SPSC member. It was always a treat to have Hank and Charmaine with us on cruises. Hank was an inspiration when he set sail on the cruise to the Thames in the spring of 2003.

We will all deeply miss a wonderful friend.

Al Finch

With a sense of melancholy, yet one of privilege, I respond to a request to remember Mark Enns after his untimely passing. A true gentleman, Mark gave tremendous and selfless contributions to Hospice sailing regattas. He is a past commodore of Essex County PHRF and doubled up as a measurer. Truly one of the most winning skippers this area has every witnessed (with enough flags to construct a circus tent), Mark was a very active racing member of CIYC.

An outstanding family man, Mark leaves behind a wife and two young daughters.

I know in my heart the world is a better place because Mark has been here. I'm sure all his friends will miss his charisma and agree without protest that he was over the line way too early. Thank you Mark for the lifelong memories.

Chuck Beaumont

February 2004 SPSC Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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		<p>Check out the arrangement drawing of the proposed harbour reconfiguration - it's taped to the inside of the SPSC trophy case.</p> 				
<p>Club House Duties</p>  <p>Gord Richardson, Janet Graybiel</p>	3	<p> 4</p> <p>Sailors' Nights Out 7:30 pm <i>Movie: Round the World Race</i></p>	5	6	<p> 7</p> <p>Games Night 7:30 pm</p> 	<p>8 For more information on Games Night, contact Lorne or Rita Mann</p>
9	<p> 10</p> <p>7:30 pm Executive Meeting</p>	<p> 11</p> <p>11:00 am Men's Lunch</p> <p>7:30 pm  <i>Sailing in Europe, by Craig & Nick</i></p>	12	13	14	15
<p>Tom & Lisa Rindlisbacher</p> 						
16	17	<p> 18</p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Dinghy Sailing at SPSC - bring your ideas.</i></p>	19	20	<p> 21</p> <p>Games Night 7:30 pm</p> 	22
<p>Mike & Barbara Salter</p> 						
23	<p>7:00 pm General Membership Meeting</p>	<p> 25</p> <p>7:30 pm <i>Racing strategy - ideas on how to plan your race.</i></p>	26	27	<p>7:30 pm Wine Regatta & Tasting at SPSC</p> 	29
<p>Peter & Deborah Soles</p> 						<p>Roger Somerville, Janice Lavang</p> 