



Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club* Dec. 2006/Jan. 2007

Bill & Rod's Excellent Adventure



Bill Noakes and Rod Zatyko have returned from their adventure aboard the Europa, sailing from The Canary Islands to Ushuaia Argentina. We are certain some time in the New Year, they will host an evening at the club and provide everyone with tales and photographs of their voyage. Here are a couple of photos in the meantime. After two months aboard a ship, Bill says he's still weaving from side to side.

Mainstays Christmas Dinner at Mackenzie Hall December 1, 2006. More photos on pages 2 & 3



Remembering . . .

A crew whose sailing season now has no launch or haul out date, and never ends.....

Bill Mogyorody
Doug Buckner
Hank Soutar
Ray East
MaryJane Miernecki
Bill Davidson
Ken Pye
Phil Kurtz
Stew Odell
Sandy Szekely



91st Birthday Celebration for Flip

One of the founding members of South Port Sailing Club, Mr. Gordon (Flip) Fluelling celebrated his 91st birthday on December 8, 2006. In 1964 he was the property chair at Mattes Park, when the club was known as Windsor Sailing Club, and was on many race committees. Anyone wishing to contact him at his retirement home in Windsor, can call Irene East for the address a/o telephone number. Congratulations Mr. Fuelling and many happy returns from the members of South Port!

Alexander (Sandy) Emery Szekely - 66 yrs. - November 3, 2006

We were all shocked and saddened to learn of Sandy's sudden death. Many of you only knew Sandy for a few years, since he re-joined South Port in 1999. Others knew him for over 30 years.

In 1975, Sandy purchased a C&C 25 and joined South Port. He became involved in work parties, participated in our Wednesday night races and watched our club grow. He was proud of his boat and kept it in tip top shape. On one particular race night, he climbed on board only to find that his "almost new" outboard motor was missing. No racing that night! Within days a new Mercury outboard motor was purchased, and in order to ensure its safety, Sandy had a friend manufacture a large steel casing that fit around the engine and motor bracket. It was almost fool proof! A few weeks passed and one day he arrived at the club, boarded his boat only to find his motor, bracket and security system all missing! The thieves had climbed in the locker and removed all the nuts and bolts!

It was not long after that Sandy got a new Mirage 27 ZAP. It would be tough to steal an inboard engine! Approximately 1980, he left South Port to join Windsor Yacht Club which was within walking distance of his home. With retirement approaching, he missed South Port and all his sailing friends, so he rejoined in 1999. It was great to have him back. Sandy will be missed and fondly remembered by all of us at South Port.

Duncan Hind



A review of 2006, by Jackie Timothy

January 19 th	The Majors visit from Australia
February 24 th	Members Meeting
February	Games night continues
March 24 th	Cruising Potluck Supper
April 3 rd	Mainstays meeting
May 1 st	First article on "Why my Boat is the Best"
May 6 th	Launch Day
May 13 th	Grounds cleanup
May 17 th	Flower Planting
May 17 th	Wednesday night Keelboat races begin
May 20 th	Shakedown Put-n-Bay
May 27 th	O.P.P. Marine Inspection
May 27 th	New sidewalk installation
May 27-28	505 Regatta
June 1 st	First current and New members intros
June 11 th	Sail-a-bration
June 17 th	Cruise to The Sandbar
June 17 th	Annual "C" Course Regatta
June 25 th	Women's Challenge
July 2 nd	Sunday Casual Racing begins
July 8-9 th	Shark Canadians
July 14-16 th	Pelee Island Regatta & Cruise
July 22 nd	Belle River Marina Cruise
July 29 th	Cruise to Lilly Kazilly's
Aug. 12-13 th	South Port Invitational
Sept. 9 th	Sail for Hospice
Sept. 14 th	Farewell to The Dawsons party
Sept. 23 th	Harvest Moon Regatta
October 14 th	Cradle moving
October 21 st	Haul Out
November 18 th	Final Furl Banquet
November 28 th	Annual General meeting
December 1 st	Mainstays Xmas Dinner
December 1 st	Men's Xmas Spaghetti Bash



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THE WINNERS !! Race Chair Chris Eagen, with the assistance of Social Chair Derek White, presented the flags to the winners of the Wednesday Night Keelboat Races at Final Furl





Final Furl Fun



Final Furl Fun, Continued





November 18th, 116 Members and Guests enjoyed the Final Furl banquet at The Other Place on Walker Road.



Following dinner, 22 Past Commodores, who were in attendance, were honoured with a Certificate of Appreciation for their contributions to South Port. Flags were awarded to the Racing winners and dancing followed with 60s music provided by



Dave Colborne. Thanks to all Members and Guests who got into the spirit of the evening by dressing in their 60s attire. If you were unable to attend the dinner this year, consider coming out in 2007. It is a great night of socializing and fun!

Derek White

Summary of the SPSC AGM, held 28 November 2006

Commodore Shaw called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. The minutes of the November 29, 2005 meeting were read by Secretary Brenda Petro and accepted as read

Committee Reports

Treasurer Bill Noakes was unable to present the Financial Statement, due to the fact he has been out of the country since September. It will be presented at the January Executive Meeting and a copy published to the membership following acceptance.

Both the Junior Sailing and South Port accounts are "in good shape" and the Club is financially viable. Annual dues will be invoiced as in the past; however the launch in May will be collected in the same manner as haul out. Members calculating their fees and submitting cheques with their forms, alleviates the cost and delay of invoicing.

Harbourmaster Jamie Halpin thanked his committee for all their assistance this year. He confirmed they were unable to install the carpet donated on the posts last winter due to the fact there was "no ice". Hopefully this can take place this year. With respect to dredging, bids will be sent out and they will ask the contractor to have his equipment on site to start early. The main harbour areas are holding; however there are areas that will require further dredging including a portion of the entrance. The water level projections for 2007 are basically the same as last year. Boards will be replaced on A & B docks for next season. There has been sufficient time for all members to convert their cradles, and

in 2007 non folding cradles will not be allowed on the property. Jamie will continue as Harbourmaster in 2007.

Property Chair Rene Brown thanked all involved in the work parties this year. The goal was to improve the aesthetics of the club and this did take place. The BBQ's were repaired, picnic tables sanded and stained, trees trimmed, lamp standards repaired, and 140 feet of sidewalk replaced. The priorities for next season will be repairs to 2 areas of the Gobie mats and weed management, carpet replacement in the clubhouse and continue to install new sidewalk based on the budget. Plans are in the works to dig a fire pit and horseshoe pit. Rene is moving into the position of Rear Commodore and Peter Soles will be taking over as Property Chair in 2007.

Racing Chair Chris Eagen was unable to attend but as confirmed at Final Furl, the Race course will be moved back to its original location for the upcoming racing season. A report will be published at a later date in Soundings. Chris will continue as Race Chair in 2007.

Junior Sailing Chair Graham Andrews thanked Lynn Baker, Mike Baker and Darcy Fuller, for their involvement last season. The junior, youth and adult classes were filled to capacity, with 8 certified instructors. The boats were maintained by Darcy Fuller. One new unit was purchased this year and a new crash boat will be needed in the upcoming season. Bob Fuller has accepted the position of Sailing chair for 2007.

Social Chair Derek White thanked all who helped with the events throughout the year. Sail-a-bration hosted 161 attendees and Final Furl 116 guests with 19 past commodores and the wives of 3 past commodores in attendance. All were honoured for their dedication to South Port. Derek will continue as Social Chair in 2007.

Cruising Chair John Bufton reported a successful season with the exception of 3 cruises that were cancelled due to weather. Joining LaSalle Mariners for the race to Pelee Island brought out 24 members from South Port. 50 boats participated in all. The evening cruises to The Sandbar and Lily Kazillys brought out good numbers, but John would like to see more members out cruising next year. John will continue as Cruising Chair in 2007.

Membership Chair Lynn Baker thanked all those who helped throughout the year. New members this year include one associate and five families. There were 8 resignations due to families moving out of the area. Other clubs were very impressed with the young people out at the C Course Regatta last season. Having them involved is very important to the ongoing success of the club. Rene Brown will be Membership Chair for 2007.

Nominating Report was submitted by Paul Bowsher. Only two positions were replaced this year due to the move by the Dawson family, and move up the ladder to executive by Rene Brown. By acclamation the following are your executive for the 2007 Term.

Commodore
Lyn Domney
Vice Commodore
Lynn Baker
Rear Commodore/Membership
Rene Brown
Past Commodore
John Shaw

A complete listing of the executive, committees and appointed positions will be printed in the next issue of *Soundings*.

New Business

Wayne Hind requested all work hours be submitted as soon as possible.

John Staley reported on Friends of Pike Creek and a Walkathon slated for May 5th to raise funds. More information will be provided at a later date. He discussed the importance of the environment and that tree planting and addressing run off are big issues for our area.

***Respectfully submitted by
Jackie Timothy***

Cork board

The Mainstays have purchased a new Corkboard for the easel. Please use thumb tacks only. NO STAPLES.

Thank you to the person who left new tea towels at the club. Desperately needed, so much appreciated.

Margaret Entwistle

Final Address by Commodore Shaw

It is hard to believe that our boats are in winter storage once more. This year has seen the loss of three valued members of South Port Sailing Club, Commodore Ken Pye (1970), Stew Odell and Alex Szekely. We appreciated their contribution to the club and their company. They will be missed.

I would like to thank Margaret Entwistle and Cathy Macdonald for nominating Ian Dawson for the Jack Merion award.

Even after he had spent several years on the executive Ian had the energy to be the main organizer of the 2005 Shark Worlds and also the Shark Canadian's this year. Renka Gesing and Jackie Timothy have been a great team bringing out terrific issues of *Soundings*. Keep feeding them material.

There has been controversy this summer about use of the clubhouse. Common areas in the club should be used respecting others. As it states in the rules personal items should be put away after use.

I had a meeting with the Town Clerk of Tecumseh Laura Moy. She told me that Tecumseh and Lakeshore only own the small area of the creek between the breakwalls at the mouth. The creek itself is administered by the Department of Natural Resources as is the lake starting at the end of the breakwalls. Council is only interested in dredging if the state of the creek threatens the safety of property.

You may remember mention of a buddy system published in *soundings* several months ago. Some members would appreciate help

settling into the club after they join. The idea is that those who nominate a new member should continue to maintain contact with them, help them with such things as the procedure for launch day, haul out, inform them what Sailabration, Harvest Moon and Final Furl is all about.

Thanks to Ryan Masse, the new web site is up and running. Ryan had assistance from Chris Eagen. The advisory committee chaired by the Vice Commodore is active. The function of the advisory committee is to develop ideas into useful proposals that can be acted upon by the executive.

Many volunteers quietly work away year after year making sure the club functions smoothly. Irene East is our archivist, Lynn Turner maintains the membership roster, Scott Turner helps Bill Noakes, Wayne Hind checks the volunteer hours, Paul Ramey communicates and many others contribute their time to the club.

I would like to talk about the value of our club, South Port Sailing Club.

Members of South Port collectively own South Port Sailing Club. We have a fantastic asset. We have a beautiful location with easy access to one of the best lakes in the world. Even with the cost of dredging South Port Sailing Club remains excellent value.

I would like to thank the 2006 executive for the tremendous work they have done over the last year. I wish the new executive under the leadership of Lyn Domney all the best.

***John Shaw
Nov 2006***

Introducing current members, by Jackie Timothy

Lyn and Jan Domney have been members of South Port since 1981. They are the owners of Mirage 30 KIWITEA. Lyn competes in the Wednesday night keelboat races and placed first this year in JOG. Jan is an active member of the Mainstays. Lyn is our incoming Commodore; we all wish him a successful year. This photo of Lyn, Jan and their two children, Paul and Glynis, was taken at final Furl.



John and Moira Ginham have been members of South Port since 1984. They are the owners of an Abbott 22 MOJO. This photo of the smiling couple was taken at Final Furl 2006.



Rita & Lorne Mann have been members since 1966. They are the owners of a CS 33 CAPRICE. We were pleased to honour Lorne as our 1975 Past Commodore at Final Furl.



Introducing new members, by Lynn Baker

Luc Beaucage and Loretta Flynn are South Port's newest members... and they didn't waste any time getting into the swing of things. Their first big SPSC event was the Final Furl.

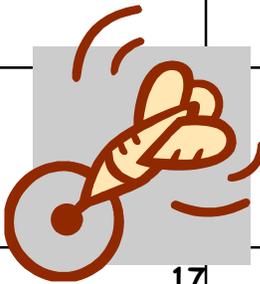
The couple came to Windsor earlier this year from Kingston, where Loretta took her first sailing lessons aboard a Shark.

They sail a Tanzer 28 called 2nd Wind and like a growing number of South Port folks, their second boat is a motorcycle.

Luc commutes daily to Auburn Hills where he works for Volkswagen. Loretta is an office administrator for a local physician.

Please give them a warm South Port welcome.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
December 2006						
17 (Dec 17-23) Schlosser,G&F 	18					
24 (Dec 24-30) Smith,R&P 	25					
January 2007						
(Dec 31-Jan 6) Soles,P&D 	31				6 7:30 pm Games night at the club 	
(Jan 7-13) Soulliere,D&I 	7	8 7:15 pm Executive Meeting	9 Men's Lunch			13
(Jan 14-20) Staley,J&B 	14			17 7:30 pm Off-Season Wednesday Nights	20 7:30 pm Games night at the club 	
(Jan 21-27) Steel,B&G 	21			24		
(Jan 27-Feb 3) Stephenson,D&G 	27			31		
February 2007 Clubhouse cleaning (Feb 4-10) Tousignant,W Edward,M (Feb 18-24) Weber,S&P		(Feb 11-17) Watson,D&M (Feb 25-Mar 3) Zatyko,R		I would like to invite all members and crew, to come out on Wednesday nights for socializing, darts a/o cards, presentations, and anything else we decide to do! Off-Season Wednesdays will commence January 17, 2007. As the year progresses Information on activities will be available on the website. BYOB For information contact Derek White - 519.818.2442		February Events Games night, Feb. 3 & 17 Valentines Pot Luck Dinner Theme: Mexican Food February 10, 2007 Time: Cocktails 6:30 Dinner 7:30 p.m. Location: South Port Clubhouse BYOB Derek White - Social Chair 519.818.2442
						