



Soundings

Newsletter of the South Port Sailing Club

May 2006

Why my boat is the best! . . . The International 505



This is the first of hopefully a series proposed by Commodore Shaw on why we sail what we sail. I initially wrote the story for the summer 2000 Canadian Yachting magazine, and we certainly don't expect such a long article for future contributions. Please write why we should consider sailing anything else. A photo and a couple of paragraphs would be great.

"I'm scared of fast!" whimpered four-year-old Andrew as the International 505 he was sailing with his parents picked up speed. He didn't know that he was supposed to be having fun, that speed is what it's all about with 505s — speed, that feeling of power, of perfect balance and excitement, even in a medium breeze. Add to that the friendliness and helpfulness of the people who sail in the class, and you have, as boat builder Howard Hamlin put it, "simply the best all around two-person boat in the world. The 505's lightweight (all-up weight of 280 pounds), narrow water line, flared topsides, trapeze, large sail area, long spinnaker pole, and comfortable seat tanks, make the boat extremely fast, fun, exciting and pleasurable to sail."

Canadian 505ers certainly know how to have fun. They'll travel almost anywhere for a regatta. This

summer has regattas scheduled in Ottawa, Kingston, Montreal, Toronto, Windsor and Vancouver, and a number relatively close to Canada in the United States. Internationally there are many racing opportunities as the class is strong in about 18 countries. Adding to 505 fun is the fact that a great number of crews, especially in Canada, are mixed. The boat is ideally suited for a woman skipper (although there are some women crewing as well), and a heavier, stronger male crew. Most crews have a combined weight of between 135 and 170 kg (~300 - 380 lb). The boat depowers nicely for heavy wind conditions, about 20 knots in 505 terms, and the class rules enable enough variation in rigging so you can actually tailor each boat to individual needs. The 505 has a high return on fun for the price of a boat, especially if you start out with a previously loved model. A well-maintained 15-year-old boat, available at times for under \$7,000, can still win a world championship. You can get 505s for under \$4,000 that will provide more than enough fun for club racing and an introduction to the class. New boats can range from U.S. \$15,200 for a K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple) Rondar, to over U.S. \$22,000 for a Waterat

One way to fall in love with a 505 is to experience a screaming three-sail reach, with two-thirds of the boat out of the water, but still under control. This does take some practice. Andrew fell out of the boat that day, just as we were sliding into a planing reach, but all beginning 505 sailors - and more experienced ones as well — end up in the drink at some point. Another great thing about 505s is that they're easily righted so you can take off again.

Andrew is now 12, and loves to go fast. Come and see the 505s at the 27-28 May regatta. Let me know if you'd like to join us for Saturday night dinner.

Renka Gesing

from the Harbourmaster, Jamie Halpin

I hope everyone is ready for our May 6th launch day.

While working on your boat both in the water and on the hard please remember your hose etiquette. If you need a hose, do not steal your neighbour's. He needs it too. Please get another hose from the shed. The keys for the shed are hanging in the kitchen.

Launch will begin at 7:30. Please be at the club by 7 am. Do not park in the laneway until both cranes have arrived. After that, parking will be permitted on the north side of the laneway only. It is requested that any trailered boat not being launched be off the property prior to launch day. The area is congested and your cooperation will be appreciated.

Remember, when launching, time is money. So once again, please be ready when it is your turn to launch. Have the guide ropes hanging from your bow and stern, your can of antifouling open, and your paint roller in your hand. Better still, enlist an assistant to paint the bow pads while you paint the stern.

Please remember to stay clear of the cranes and the pinch points, and do not go under overhead lifts. Safety is a priority. Should you have any

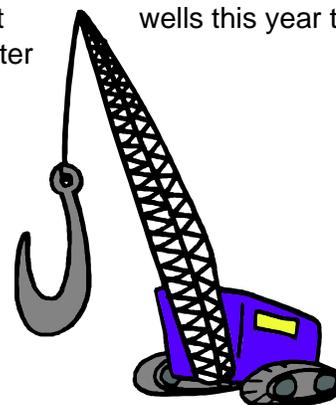
questions or concerns please feel free to ask me or the person in the orange vest who is directing the crane.

Cradles will be folded and stored as we launch. Please have any tools at hand that are required to fold your cradle.

The harbour has been sounded and there are some trouble areas. We are working on strategies for emergency dredging. ERCA has given us permission to dredge the entrance channel. We are in negotiations with contractors as this is being written. Preliminary soundings of the entrance channel show the depths to be similar to the end of last season. We are aiming to dredge the week after launch. When dredging is completed, the entrance channel should be deeper than last year.

Well assignments were posted April 29th. Some boats were assigned different wells this year to compensate for the water levels.

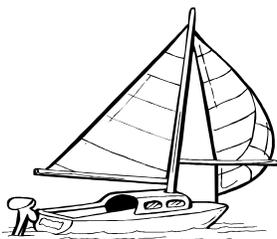
See you in the water!



Cruising Notes, from John Bufton

We're planning some different activities for the 2006 season, and here's advance notice of one: Mark your calendars for the weekend of July 15th.

We have arranged to link with LaSalle Mariners Club and participate in their annual race/cruise to Pelee Island. South Port boats are invited to rendez-vous at LaSalle Mariners Club for early evening on Friday July 14th, and we will organize a barbecue dinner at their club.



On Saturday July 15th.,

we will race/cruise to Scudder's Marina, Pelee Island, starting from the mouth of the Detroit River. There will be two classes: one for those who race seriously, and another class for those who are not serious racers. There is a \$25.00 entry fee per boat for the event, which gets you a reserved well at Scudder and two bottles of Pelee Island Wine. On the Saturday evening there will be hospitality and a dinner at Pelee Island Winery. On Sunday, July 16th., Duncan Hind has very kindly offered to host a party for South Port at his cottage, and he will also organize transport for us. Return to SPSC will probably be a "go as you please" situation as some cruisers may wish to spend extra days on Lake Erie, while others may have to get back straightaway.

Skip for an all-girl crew

Hey Guys / Would you like an all girl crew?
Come and skipper your boat for the ladies
Wine and Cheese Sail on Thursday evening
June 1st.

Call Rita Mann at 948-9904

Mainstays dates

Wednesday, May 17th at 10.00 am, we will be
flower planting at the Club. Please bring your
own gardening tools.

Thursday, June 1st, Wine & Cheese Cruise.
Water & weather permitting we will leave the
dock at 6.30 pm. Please bring some snacks or
dessert or beverage to share and also your life
jacket. If it rains we will meet in the Clubhouse.
All ladies welcome to both events.

C Course, June 17th

South Port racers are reminded about the
Annual "C" Course regatta coming up on
June 17th. In addition to South Port's
annual sponsorship of this event, Past
Commodore Ian Dawson will be the
Principal Race Officer for this and other
DRYA races this summer.

Hope to see you on the Race Course.

Lynn Baker

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20th of each month to Renka
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OPP Marine Safety Inspection

May 27 - 10:00 - 2:00 pm.

at SPSC

Get your sticker for the
2006 boating season

Check your contact info.

Paul Ramey and Lyn Turner need help. Paul
updated his email list according to the roster
info., and still faced many wrong or cancelled
email accounts. Check the new roster, then
please email Paul and Lyn with any changes:

paulramey@cogeco.ca

turnerlyn@mdirect.net

Roster changes

Resignation: Marc Levasseur

Address Changes:

Luke Brockman

Unit #4, 3601 Riverside Drive East,

Windsor N8Y 4Y2

Graham Cowan

200 Lacasse Blvd.,

Tecumseh, N8N 2B6

New door code

will be programmed in on launch day. If you
don't get the new code then,
contact any executive member listed on
the back page of the roster.

from the property committee, **LMYC Shakedown Race to Put-in-Bay** **Rene Brown**

The **Spring Work Party** is a chance to clean up the grounds and get the season started with the club looking its best. Please take some time even if you can only make it for an hour and meet us at the club Saturday morning on May 13th. It is only from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon and then we can sit down and have some pizza and a pop or two.

The first phase of the **sidewalk** is approved. We are planning a sidewalk work party for the end of May and first couple weeks in June and plan to be finished for Sailabration. For our part we will need to erect and remove the forms, place the concrete and clean up. There will be plenty for everyone to do. We will be looking for a contractor to excavate first and for others with some concrete finishing skills. If you have these skills or know of anyone with these skills let us know. The more work we do ourselves the less we have to spend so please plan on helping. Come on out, meet other members and leave your mark on a piece of the club that will be around for a long time.
Happy Sailing!

LaSalle Mariners Yacht club invites your participation in its Annual Shakedown Race to Put-In-Bay, Ohio on Saturday May 20, 2006. Shakedown has been a tradition at LMYC since its inception in 1973. The race is approximately 26 nautical miles and begins at Bar Point just south of Amherstburg and ends at Put-in-Bay at South Bass Island. This regatta draws participants from clubs in the United States and Canada for a day of intense sailing and is open to all sail yachts that are self-righting and not less than 20 feet in length. Minimum requirements are 2 people for J.O.G. and three people for spinnaker classes.

Course & entry fee application available at SPSC main room. It is a counter race for boat-of-the-year for E.C.P.H.R.F. and Abbott 33.

Entry fee 20.00 (Cdn) or 15.00 (US). Entries Close Friday May 19, 2006, 1900 hrs.

Cheque or money order payable to:
LASALLE MARINERS YACHT CLUB

Another new feature for *Soundings*

Thanks to everyone who returned the survey. One of the suggestions was to introduce both new and current members by way of a photo and a short write up.

Lynn Baker will be introducing new members and Jackie Timothy will writeup current members -- so we all get to know each other.

Get in touch with Jackie before she calls you --
robtim@cogeco.ca or 971.9699

Help with 505 regatta 27-28 May

If you'd like to work off some hours with a fun group of people, help out on the race committee or with food -- Saturday dinner, Sunday lunch.

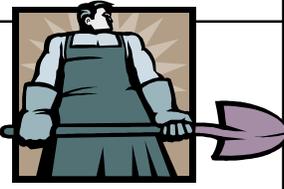
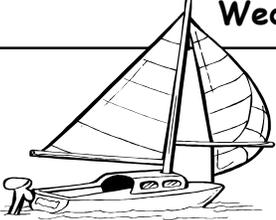
Harbour start is 11:00 am Saturday and 9:30 am Sunday. Dinner Saturday is planned for 6:00 pm; lunch Sunday for 3:00 pm.

Call Renka Gesing at 254.5015

Remembering the SPSC Statement of Purpose

South Port Sailing Club is a family oriented, self-help organization that promotes a variety of sailing activities for its members. The Club relies solely on the participation of members to further the well being and development of Club-sponsored activities. These activities include racing, cruising, junior sailing and instruction in both keelboats and dinghies with any related social events.

May 2006 SPSC Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>1 Club House Duties </p> <p>(Apr 30-May 6) Andrews, G&P Arthur, W</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Launch Day </p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 7:15 pm Executive Meeting </p> <p>(May 7-13) Barlow, A&J Baker, M </p>	<p>9 Men's Lunch </p>	<p></p>		<p>13 8:00 am - noon Work party</p> <p>7:30 pm Games night at the club </p>	<p>14</p>	
<p>15 (May 14-20) Beaudoin, N </p>	<p>16</p>	<p>10:00 am Wed. 17 </p> <p>Flower planting at SPSC - bring your own tools</p> <p>Wed. night racing starts</p>		<p>20 LMYC Shakedown Race to Put-In-Bay</p>	<p>21</p>	
<p>22 Friends of Pike Creek </p> <p>(May 21-27) Blyth, K&J Boivin, G&V</p>	<p></p>		<p>27 Safety Inspection, OPP Marine Unit, at SPSC 10:00 am -2:00 pm</p>	<p>28 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">505 regatta</p>		

June 2006 Club House Duties

May 28-Jun 3 Bowsher, P&P Braidford, E	June 4-10 Colborne, D&C Brixa, K	June 11-17 Daoust, P&C Brockman, L
June 18-24 Dolsen, M&M Buckner, L	June 25-July 1 Edgley, F&C Cowan, G	July 2-8 Finch, A&J Domney, P



May 6th launch day should fill those sad and empty wells