



# Soundings

Newsletter of the *South Port Sailing Club*

April 2007

## St. Patrick's Eve Potluck



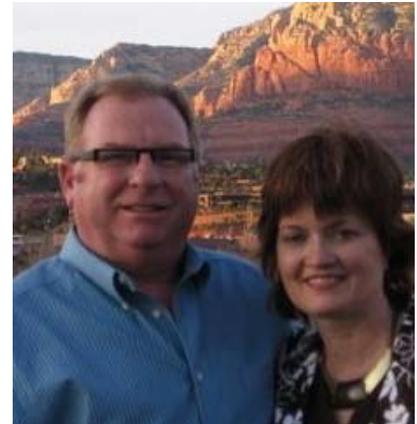
On Friday evening March 16th cruising chair John Bufton hosted the St. Patrick's Eve Potluck dinner at the Club. Tentative dates were set for this year's cruising season. We hope to see participation particularly in shorter cruises to The Sandbar, Windsor Yacht Club and Belle River. See John's article on page 2.

## One month to launch day (5<sup>th</sup> May)



See "From the Harbourmaster," page 2, for launch details.

## Meet our new Treasurer



Bill Frank and Lee Ann Doyle joined South Port in 1989. They are the owners of a C&C 25 Blew Bye U. Bill was treasurer in 1991 and has been on the audit committee for the past 4 years. Following a 26-year career with Canada Trust, he spent the next 5 years working as a financial planner with Assante Capital and the Royal Bank. In June 2006 he decided to retire from the finance business, and we are pleased to have him take over the Treasurers position with South Port. Lee Anne is the manager of development with the City of Windsor. Bill has raced and cruised throughout the years, but they now enjoy more day sailing than anything else. The couple loves to travel, and plan an overseas trip ever other year. This photo was taken in March 2007 in Sedona Arizona.

## From the Harbour Master, Jamie Halpin

Dredging of the entrance channel will be beginning shortly. Once again the ice has thwarted our dredging efforts on F-Dock. Our problem is that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) forbids dredging in the creek between March 15 and June 15. The ice did not leave the harbour until about March 15. ERCA requested permission from the DFO to allow us to dredge late since the ice cleared unseasonable late. Unfortunately, the DFO declined the request. F-Dock will have to wait until after June 15th.

Many Summer Dockage and release forms have still not been submitted. Remember, everyone must submit a form, whether you are launching at the club or not. This is how you will be paying for your summer dockage.

This is also the only way that the harbour committee can know if you will be requiring a well this year. If we do not have a form we

will have to call you to find out if you need a well. Also, we will not be launching your boat unless your cheque has been submitted.

It is time to start preparing your boat for our May 5th launch day. While working on your boat please remember your hose etiquette. If you need a hose, do not take 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. Please be ready when it

is your turn to launch. Have the guide ropes hanging from your bow and stern, your can of anti-fouling 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. If you have a non-folding cradle, please ensure that it is stored in such a way that you can remove it from the property.

**Storage of non-folding cradles will not be permitted at the club this summer.**

## Cruising Notes, from John Bufton

Planning for this summer's activities got under way at our March 16th Cruising Potluck Supper; it was a great evening with super food!

Here's our tentative schedule. Note: We have not yet contacted and confirmed with proposed host clubs/venues, so that plans are still subject to change:

May 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thames River YC	Coordinators: Margaret/Jack Entwistle
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Afternoon Cruise to Sandbar Restaurant, Puce Creek	
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Afternoon Cruise to Windsor YC, Group Dinner WYC Restaurant	
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	LaSalle Mariners' Club. Barbecue	
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	LSMC Race/Cruise to Pelee Island. Winery Barbecue	
July 16 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	SPSC Lake Erie Islands Cruise (Put In Bay "Christmas in July" event July 19-21)	
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon Cruise to Belle River (Barbecue)	
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Cruise to Metro Beach/North Star SC	
Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	Thames River YC	Coordinators: Ora/Bruce Reid

Volunteers are needed to act as coordinators for events; please contact Cruise Chair John Bufton if you can help.

## Volunteers requested ASAP

Please contact Peter Soles, Property Chair if you are available to assist with painting the new steel repair on F dock. He estimates it will take approximately 2 hours to complete. He would like the work completed soon before Hotte Marine finishes the job.

To contact Peter, call  
519.739.0263 or  
email [petersoles@gmail.com](mailto:petersoles@gmail.com)

## CS33 Caprice for Sale

Contact Lorne Mann at  
519-948-9904,  
or Email [ernest.mann@sympatico.ca](mailto:ernest.mann@sympatico.ca)

## Welcome to our newest members, by Rene Brown, Membership chair

New members **Tim and Denise Aseltine** joined SPSC in January 2007. They are the new owners of Otta The Blew, a Mirage 24 previously named Shamar. Tim has been crewing Wednesday nights at the club for four years with the Rameys. Tim works at the City of Windsor and is a hobby woodworker. Plan on seeing them out for Wednesday-night racing this summer.



## Introducing current members

To date we have introduced 28 current members of the Club. In order to keep the introductions going, we need snapshots of you and your partner a/o family. The intros simply list when you joined the Club, the name of your boat and whether you race, cruise or are on one of the committees. This is especially helpful to new members who are not familiar with everyone. Please help out and email your snapshot to Jackie at [robtim@cogeco.ca](mailto:robtim@cogeco.ca) and she'll take care of the rest.

## Remembering SPSC's 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.

## SPSC Web site

[www.southportsailingclub.com](http://www.southportsailingclub.com)

The site is complete, including the calendar which will be updated shortly. If you have not checked the Forum, please do so for updates on social events, cruising and racing.

Our thanks to Ryan Masse and Chris Eagen for our new and updated site!

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# From the Race Chair, Chris Eagen

## Minutes of Race Meeting, 7 March 2007

### Essex County PHRF Counter Regattas:

#### Lake St. Clair

Canadian Club, June 15  
Thames River Sea Course, June 30 & July 1 (single counter)  
SPSC Invitational, August 11, 12 (double counter)  
Harvest Moon Regatta, September 22

#### Lake Erie

LMYC Shakedown, May 19  
CIYC Maple Leaf – July 21  
Fighting Island, August 25  
CIYC Labor Day Regatta, Sept. 2 (double counter)

Racers are always encouraged to participate in our two main regattas. To try and encourage more attendance at these regattas we will be introducing a "Cruising Class"

#### Race Committee:

SPSC will once again be employing a powerboat for the purpose of doing race committee for our Wednesday Night Racing and both the Invitational and Harvest Moon Regattas. We still need volunteers for the following events:

- 505 Regattas, May 26 & 27, Renka/Adam Gesing
- C-Course, June 16, Rene Brown
- Shark Canadians, June 30 & July 1, Mo Regnier
- Women's Challenge, July 15, 22, 28, 29, Chris Eagen

Volunteers are generally responsible for helping out either in the kitchen with food preparation or on the water with race committee duties. If you're interested in getting your club hours helping out at one of our events, please contact the event organizer.

#### Race Course Location and Length

It was unanimously decided that moving the course back to the 2005 location was a good decision. There was some concern raised in regards to the length of 7 nautical miles. After some discussion it was determined that on average it would take the slowest fleet an additional 6.5 minutes to sail the extra .38 nautical miles. Therefore the race course will be lengthened to 7 nautical miles and shortened when necessary.

### 2007 Women's Challenge

In an effort to promote South Port and the sport of sailing, the 2007 Women's Challenge will be taking on an entirely new format. Organizer Jeanne Marchand and I are very excited about the new format and are looking forward to support from the existing racing community and club members to make this a successful event.

#### Dates:

- Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 to 10:00 pm:  
*Meet and Great, Informational Seminar at SPSC*
- Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 to 9:30 pm:  
*Meet your skipper, first day of sailing*
- Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 to 9:30pm:  
*1st practice race*
- Saturday, July 28, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm:  
*2nd and 3rd practice race*
- Sunday, July 29, 1:00 pm:  
*Race Day, followed by dinner and awards.*

Our goal is to attract 60 women from outside the club at \$50 per person. We are looking for sponsors to cover the cost of T-shirts, door prizes and awards. All money raised will go to support current race programs at South Port.

We are looking for ten women with helming experience and ten boats and skippers to participate in this event. All hours count for your yearly requirement; skippers and helmswomen receive a complimentary meal ticket for the awards dinner. Furthermore, boats that participate in the Women's Challenge will be able to race in the SPSC Invitational and Harvest Moon Regatta's at no charge.

We are looking for boats and their owners, with or without women to helm. We are also looking for women who have helming experience to go on those boats that don't have a helmswomen. If you are any of the above or would just like more information about the program please contact the Race Chair Chris Eagen 519.251.8067.

If you know individual or a group of women that would like to participate in the program, or would like to help in the advertising by posting a flyer at your work, or you are a sponsor looking to get involved with the event please contact the Event Organizer, Jeanne Marchand (519)737-6417.

## Introducing current members, by Jackie Timothy

**Jim and Sue Balfe** joined South Port in 1980. They have taken over ownership of the “other” HR 25 at the Club, and kept its name HORSEFEATHERS. They are members of the “cruising gang.”



**John and Sue Bufton** joined South Port in 1993. They are the owners of an Ontario 28, WIGHT SPIRIT II. John was a former editor of Soundings and currently holds the position of Cruise Committee Chair as well as I.L.Y.A. Delegate. Sue is the Mainstays Chair.



Bruce and Ora Reid have been members of South Port since 1985. They are the owners of a C&C 30 ALIBI. They enjoyed the bareboat charter in BVI outlined on page 4 of last month's Soundings.

## Looking for crew members? from Chris Eagen

As many of you already know, there is a page on the SPSC Web site, the forum, for racers looking for crew. To the right is information that directs people interested in crewing to our Web site. If you know of a place where it might get some attention please post it. If your looking for crew, get on the Web site and post a message.



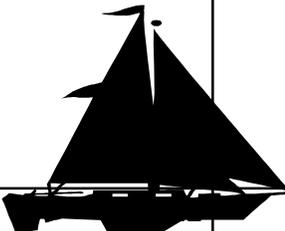
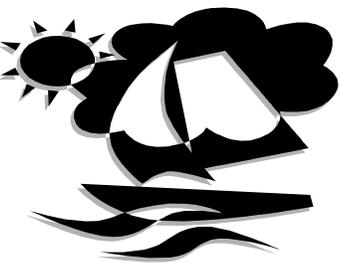
### Would you like to Sail This Summer?

Racing season starts May 16th  
at South Port Sailing Club

If you're interested in doing some sailing this summer, you might want to think about crewing on a boat at South Port Sailing Club. If you would like to crew on a boat this summer check out the "Crew Wanted" section of the forum on our Web site at:  
[www.southportsailingclub.com](http://www.southportsailingclub.com)

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# April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
(Apr 1-7) <b>Baker, M</b> 	1 2 <b>Mainstays'</b> 6:30 pm	3	4		6	7
(Apr 8-14) <b>Barlow, A</b> 	8 9 7:15 pm Executive Meeting	10	11 Men's Lunch	12	13	14 7:30 pm <b>Games night</b> at the club 
(Apr 15-21) <b>Blyth, K &amp; Marchand, J</b> <b>Brixa, K</b> 	15	16	18	19	20	21
(Apr 22-28) <b>Boivin, G &amp; V</b> <b>Brockman, L</b> 	22			26	27	28 7:30 pm <b>Games night</b> at the club 
(Apr 29-May 5) <b>Colborne, D &amp; C</b> <b>Buckner, L</b> 	29	30	Windsor Port Authority and Windsor Transportation Club 20th ANNUAL WINDSOR MARINE NIGHT April 26, 2007  at The Cleary International Centre. Key Speaker - Paul Zimmerman, Director of Operations, Port of New Orleans  For further information <a href="http://www.ontariosailing.ca">www.ontariosailing.ca</a>		31	

## Some May dates

- **Launch: May 5, 2007**
- **Wednesday night Racing:**  
Series 1 starts May 16, 2007
- **LMYC: Shakedown Race Put-N-Bay**  
May 19, 2007
- **OPP Inspection:** We have approached the OPP Marine unit to attend the Club for the Annual Safety Inspection the end of May. Once the date has been scheduled, we will post on the Web site and in Soundings. Get your sticker for the 2007 season. Invite them aboard !!

## May 2007 Clubhouse cleaning

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| (May 6-12)<br><b>Cowan, G</b>           | (May 20-26)<br><b>Davidson, J &amp; B</b>   | (May 27-June 2)<br><b>Dolsen, M,</b><br><b>McGeorge, M</b> |
| (May 13-19)<br><b>Daoust, P &amp; C</b> |  |  |