



# Soundings

Newsletter of the South Port Sailing Club

May 2007

## Sail-a-bration 2007



Saturday 9 June  
Theme: Mardi Gras

Festivities start at 1:00 pm  
Sail past is 2:30 pm  
Dinner: 5:00 pm

Returning this year is LouLou Face Painting and Balloon Art. Come out and enjoy the day.

Reservation flyer is enclosed with this issue.



With launch day on May 5th, these wells will not be empty for very much longer

Essex County P.H.R.F. Association,  
Elections 2007

Commodore  
Kevin Mogyorody

Vice Commodore  
Chris Eagen

Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Lippmann (CIYC)

*Congratulations  
Kevin and Chris!*



Tarps are off, getting ready for Launch

## Volunteers Needed

### Yard clean-up day

A reminder to all, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May has been designated as clean-up day following launch; everyone is expected to turn up to help.

### Painting F dock

Volunteers needed to paint F dock and to paint the new E dock break wall. If you can assist with the painting jobs, please contact Peter Soles.

### General maintenance

Don't forget, if you see a maintenance situation that needs attention, complete one of the forms at the back of the kitchen binder, and slip it into the office mail slot.

Thank you

**Peter Soles**

**519.739.0263; 1.586.986.0959 or email  
[petersoles@gmail.com](mailto:petersoles@gmail.com)**

## SPSC T shirts

South Port T shirts will be available shortly. Purchase price is \$10.00 per shirt, both men's and ladies styles (S-M-L-XL) in white with the SPSC logo as shown. If you would like to put in an order to be certain your size is available, please email Jackie at

[robtim@cogeco.ca](mailto:robtim@cogeco.ca)  
and we will hold them for you.

If you need a larger size, we requested only a few XX and



XXX in mens, so get your order in early. Shirts will also be available in the clubhouse, the afternoon of Sail-a-Bratton. Sale time will be posted. Thank you



## LMYC 34th SHAKEDOWN Race to Put-in-Bay

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club invites your participation in its Annual Shakedown Cruise to Put-in-Bay, Ohio on Saturday May 19, 2007. Shakedown has been a tradition at LMYC since its inception in 1973. The race of approximately 26 nautical miles 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 U.S. and Canada and is open to all sail yachts that are self-righting and not less than 20 feet in length. Minimum requirements are two people for J.O.G. and three people for spinnaker classes. Registration closes Friday May 18, 2007, 1900 hrs. Entry forms are available by contacting L.M.Y.C. or Race Chair, Chris Eagen. Cheque or money order Payable to: LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club.

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## Did you know? by Irene East, Archives chair

South Port's original clubhouse was rented from the owners of old Matta's Park in St. Clair Beach (also called Oakwood Park) in 1963. We were called the Windsor Sailing Club at the time. The acreage (17 acres) included what is now Pilots Cove and the current location of our clubhouse. We had many happy hours there until we had to make a move to Ashton's Marina in Puce, due to the fact the owner of Matta's Park could not agree on how to divide the property. As Harold Asselstine so aptly put it: "Thus ended South Port I – for many of us it was the end of Camelot. South Port would never quite be the same again!"



**South Port I  
First rented clubhouse, 1963**

Nevertheless the Club went ahead and a committee was struck to organize the building of our new home on Ashton's property. It was budgeted at \$4,300.00; yearly rent at Ashton's was \$6,000.00. The new clubhouse was constructed largely by the members, with some help from Demers Construction. Harold Asselstine stated at the time: "Despite the efforts at organizing both the house and the property, it never took off in its new location (directly beside a railroad track, and you feared for your kids). Racing participation dropped, and general activity waned. Ashton expected great things of us and we didn't produce.

It was a disappointment all around. After two years it was almost a relief when Ashton said would prefer we not renew our lease again." So - South Port II ends at this point.

Fortunately by this time Oakwood (ex Matta's) Park had been sold to Collavino and was now "Villa Capri Apartments." The new owner was most gracious and we were allowed back on a gratis basis for the season of 1972.

Renaud House movers agreed in February of 1972 to move the 22 x 40 frame building from Alberta Street in Puce, to the new location at Pike Creek at a cost of \$800.00. In May 1973 application was made to St. Clair Beach Planning Board to purchase 3.1 acres of land in the southeast corner of Oakwood Park. There were at the time 80 families that had been using the park since 1962, with the exception of the two years when we were at Ashtons in Puce. In March 1973 there was a resolution by SPSC directors to borrow money on the credit of the Club, to issue, sell or pledge debt obligations. They resolved that and decided there would be an immediate issue of Series A and B notes of \$22,500.00 and \$75,000.00. In May 1973 many members took up the challenge and were eventually repaid over time.

In 1974 St. Clair Beach Council approved rezoning to Sailing Club designation from residential. At the March 1974 meeting Dick Poultney was appointed to the position of Co-ordinator of Construction. Another \$700.00 was incurred to move the clubhouse on to the new foundation built at a



**South Port II,  
built by the members**

cost of \$1,200.00. Doug Buckner was heavily involved in this project and in October 1975 the old clubhouse was insulated, panelled and the water system was installed. It was used in the winter for skating parties and other gatherings. The old clubhouse was used for many years before South Port erected the current brick building and eventually the sun porch on the east side.

Clubhouse tenders were sent out and received by August 1985. Out of four bidders, Oscar Construction was the successful one. By September 1985 South Port had 114 family members. The building was to be completed by January 31, 1986 at a proposed cost of \$213,180.00. The frame was erected January 7, 1986 and the building completed by June 1, 1986.

To all new members - this is how we came to be, and to the older members - these are nostalgic memories.



**South Port III**

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# The making of an Osprey - in the East basement,

by Jackie Timothy

Irene East tells the story of when Ray (who passed away in 2004) constructed a 17 ½ foot Osprey in the basement of their new Amherstburg home, over the winter of 1961. She confirmed at one point all the heat to the house had to be directed to the basement, until the gluing was completed. During the varnishing stages, all their good bed linens hung from the rafters in the base-

ment to avoid dust from main floor living area. Five months later the Osprey was ready to sail, and now what? Ray, "what were you thinking?"

Casagrande, a contractor was hired to remove 15 blocks from the foundation, not only to remove the boat from the basement, but the trailer as well. They completed the digging, removed and reset the blocks, replaced waterproofing and

backfilled, all for the total cost of \$48.00. Remember this was 1962!

For years the boat was trailered from Amherstburg to the old Club location on the beach at Matte's Park. Ray and Irene enjoyed many hours of sailing the Osprey and in 1964, with the smallest boat in the race; they won the Inter-Island Perpetual Trophy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual LaSalle Mariners Sailing Regatta.



From the right: Ray, Irene and a friend, under the bed linens hanging from the ceiling



Let's celebrate! The Osprey is ready to sail.



Irene & Ray racing the Osprey in 1964



Opening up the foundation to remove the boat and trailer

## 505 regatta

The 505s are once again planning to hold a race at one of their most favourite venues, SPSC, 26-27 May. Please contact Renka Gesing (519.979.6398; [renka@cogeco.ca](mailto:renka@cogeco.ca)) if you would like to help either on shore (with meals) or on the water.

Members are welcome to join us for dinner on Saturday night. Contact Renka for reservations.

## Welcome To Our Newest Member, by Rene Brown

### **Allen and Peggy Shearn**

recently moved to Windsor from Baltimore where they were members of the Downtown Sailing Centre. Allen was a professor at John Hopkins University and is certified as an adult sailing school instructor. Peggy was a special education teacher and has been decorative painting. They cruised in the BVI last year and are anxiously awaiting delivery of their new Hunter 35 to continue cruising from South Port. They are new to the Windsor area and our club, so introduce yourselves when you see them.



### **Matthew and Janet Fischer**

are new to the Windsor area. Their past cruising grounds include Santa Barbara California on a 23-foot Schock. More recently they sailed out of Bayfield on Lake Huron making annual visits to the North Channel. They are proud owners of the 'S.V. Falkor' a Bayfield 32 which they plan to sail here from Bayfield this summer. Matthew is the CEO for the Windsor Essex Development Commission and Janet is a church music director. Give them a warm welcome when you see them.



## the Mainstays

Sixteen ladies enjoyed our annual Spring Pot Luck Supper on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please make a note in your diaries of the following Mainstays summer events. Don't forget all ladies are welcome to every event.

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am – Flower planting, please bring your own tools. The flower beds need preparing before the day, if you can help give Sue Bufton a call a 519-979-1718 for more details.

Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6.00 pm – Wine & Cheese cruise. Be at the dock at 6.00 pm sharp with your lifejacket. Please bring a snack to share and your favourite beverage. If rain or water levels prevent sailing we will meet in the clubhouse.

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.00 pm – Barbecue

Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.00 pm – Pool Party

## Essex County P.H.R.F. - Boat of The Year Regatta's 2007

May 19	LMYC Shakedown Regatta-Put n Bay	1 Counter Lake Erie
June 15/16	WYC Canadian Club Regatta	1 Counter Lake St .Clair
June 30/July 1	TRYC TRY-Sea Regatta	1 Counter Lake St. Clair
July 21	CIYC Maple Leaf Regatta	1 Counter Lake Erie
August 11/12	SPSC Invitational Regatta	2 Counters Lake St. Clair
August 25	LMYC Fighting Island Regatta	1 Counter Lake Erie
September 2	CIYC Labour Day Regatta	1 Counter Lake Erie
September 22	SPSC Harvest Moon\Regatta	1 Counter Lake St. Clair

# May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat						
(Apr 29-May 5) <b>Colborne, D&amp;C</b> <b>Buckner, L</b> 		1	2	3		5						
	(May 6-12) <b>Cowan, G</b> 	7	8	9	10	12						
<b>Mothers' Day</b> (May 13-19) <b>Daoust, P&amp;C</b> 	14		16	17	18	19						
(May 20-26) <b>Davidson, J&amp;B</b> 	21	22	23			26						
<b>505 Regatta</b> (May 27-June 2) <b>Dolsen, M,</b> <b>McGeorge, M</b> 	28		30									
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Women's Challenge</h2> <p>A Meet 'n' Greet and informal seminar is scheduled for May 22nd at the Club. The challenge will include 3 days of sailing with instruction prior to the final race day. For details and a complete itinerary, go to the South Port Web site and click on Women's Challenge on the home page.</p>												
<h2 style="text-align: center;">2007 OPP Marine Safety Inspection</h2> <p>The OPP will be conducting the safety clinic at South Port in June. The date is to be confirmed. You will be notified by email and on the Web site. Invite them aboard and get your safety sticker for the 2007 season. They will be advertising in the Tribune and the Shoreline papers with the inspection date for local boaters as well, so we may have visitors that day!</p>				<h2 style="text-align: center;">June 2007 Clubhouse cleaning</h2> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">(June 3-9) <b>Edgley, F&amp;C</b> <b>Young, R</b></td> <td style="width: 33%;">(June 10-16) <b>Entwistle, J&amp;M</b> <b>Gallie, K</b></td> <td style="width: 33%;">(June 17-23) <b>Finch, A&amp;J</b> <b>Helm, J</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">(June 24-30) <b>Ginham, J&amp;M</b> <b>Labonte, J</b></td> </tr> </table> 			(June 3-9) <b>Edgley, F&amp;C</b> <b>Young, R</b>	(June 10-16) <b>Entwistle, J&amp;M</b> <b>Gallie, K</b>	(June 17-23) <b>Finch, A&amp;J</b> <b>Helm, J</b>	(June 24-30) <b>Ginham, J&amp;M</b> <b>Labonte, J</b>		
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