



Soundings

Newsletter of South Port Sailing Club August 2011



Message from the Commodore Jim Halpin

To date it has been a great summer for sailing ! The water levels have not been a problem in the harbour or channel and we could not have asked for more sunshine.

Congratulations to our skippers and crew who brought home 6 flags from the TRY Sea Regatta. One South Port boat entered the Pelee Regatta and took 2nd place.

The SPSC Women's Challenge was a huge success again this year with 65 ladies competing on 12 boats. Thank you to the committee who organized the event, the volunteers and the skippers who volunteered their boats and time. LMYC was successful in placing first in both Jog and PHRF. Congratulations ladies !!

Renka Gesing and her committee also hosted the 505 Regatta July 16th & 17th. Saturday they completed 5 races, and one on Sunday. The Monday night series continues to be a success, and our 4 week 'Open series' has hosted up to 17 boats. The final results will appear in next months Soundings. The Tuesday Dinghy racing is in full swing, and the Sailing School instructors are on the water !

August 13th and 14th South Port will host our 48th Invitational Regatta. Get your reservation forms in to the Race Chair and enjoy the weekend ! We look forward to hosting visiting clubs and It promises to be an entertaining Saturday night.

On August 20th the South Port Poker Run will be held. The organizers encourage you to invite friends and family for a fun filled day on the water and land. Check the LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club website for details of their Annual Fighting Regatta on August 27th. Club racing will continue in September with The Harvest Regatta to be held on the 10th. Check Soundings for full details.

On a sad note our condolences go out to the families of Skipper Mark Morley, and crew member, Suzanne Bickel who lost their lives in the Chicago to Mackinac Race on July 18th, when his 35' vessel 'Wingnut' capsized in the violent storm.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. Safe sailing...

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From the SPSC Race Committee

We have a shortfall in the RC Duty Roster. If anyone is willing to serve as the RC boat on any of the three available dates - Wednesday August 24 and 31st as well as Monday RC duty September 5th - would you please contact Matt Draisey at matt@draisey.ca

Monday RC Duty is a particularly low-stress job that is far more enjoyable than many would expect.

Should Matt get an insufficient number of volunteers, Monday and Wednesday competitors names will be out into a hat and the lucky few picked out will have double duty this year. Any competitor unavailable for such duty should contact Matt immediately.

Thank you !

SPSC 2011 Women's Challenge

By Ken Blyth

The 2011 women's challenge was a great success with 65 women competing on 12 boats. 14 boats had registered with only 2 boats not making the start line. The winds were brisk right up until a few minutes before the first start but then died off to about 4 knots at the start. Both fleets of jog and spinnaker boats made a clean start. One boat built for heavy air had trouble making the line, but after much effort the girls worked their way across the start line and headed for the first mark.

The fleets were pretty tight around the first few marks and by the long beat to windward there were several boats racing close together in large groups. It wasn't until the very end that the faster boats were able to stretch out a lead in the building wind but would it be enough??? After the slow start, the wind started building and by the end everyone was sailing in a good breeze with the rails down as they headed up to windward towards the finish line.

With the handicap system it was evident that the faster boats were going to have to give time to the slower boats that kept close to them racing in the prevailing conditions. No one would know how they placed until the computer calculated the results on how they fared. Of course that made for a lot of bragging and debating about the race back on shore as the girls waited for the results and enjoyed the club and the company of their friends. Once the final results were calculated the computer showed just how close the racing with this competitive group. The 7 boats in the "A" fleet had a corrected margin of 13 minutes and in the "B" fleet it was even tighter at a 5 minute spread for the 5 boats.

Check out the SPSC website for the times.

http://southportsailingclub.com/results_2011.php

Eventually the results were announced with the 7 boat "Jog A" fleet flags going to Renegade II in first place, Blizzard in second, and Moi Toi in third. The 5 boat "Jog B" fleet had Dynamite in first place, Dingo in second, and the only boat with all girls C'est Si Bon in third

All said it was a great day to be out sailing and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. There were over 120 people ready to eat. The meal prepared by "Just Jeff" the caterer with salad and desserts provided by the girls was excellent and enjoyed by all. A very big thank you will have to go to the girls who organized the training and the race. We'd also like to thank all the owners who offered their boats and expertise, and everyone else that volunteered. It was all these people who contributed their time and energy who made this all possible.



Skipper-Dave Crew-Jackie, Kim, Fred, Serina, George & Bev

LMYC Pelee Regatta

July 9, 2011

Great weather, fun weekend !

No Resistance

2nd in PHRF class





Women's Challenge Results

Division=A

Date: 06/25/11 StartTime: 13:05:00 Distance: 6.62nm

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Club	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	2	24108	Renegade II	Vandereerden,John	153	LMYC	14:51:03	01:46:03	01:29:10
2	1	23489	Blizzard	Beaudoin,Jim	130	LMYC	14:50:18	01:45:18	01:30:57
3	3	54	Mai Toi	Brown,Rene	166	SPSC	14:54:30	01:49:30	01:31:11
4	4	147	Skylark	Halpin,Jim	154	SPSC	14:55:19	01:50:19	01:33:20
5	7	47034	Flirt	Murphy,John	163	LMYC	14:57:23	01:52:23	01:34:24
6	6	24230	Blown Away	Bergeron,Phillip	146	LMYC	14:55:53	01:50:53	01:34:46
7	14	11458	Obsession	Frank,Bill	164	SPSC	15:05:28	02:00:28	01:42:22
DNS	12	30578	Yes	Kozieradzki,Andy	133	LMYC			

Speed as VMG of winning boat: 3.7 knots

Division=B

Date: 06/25/11 StartTime: 13:10:00 Distance: 6.62nm

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Club	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	13	15995	Dynomite	Bingham,Bob	188	LMYC	14:54:21	01:44:21	01:23:36
2	5	5695	dingo	ferguson,rob	192	LMYC	14:55:24	01:45:24	01:24:13
3	10	74	C'est Si Bon	Droillard,Christine	244	LMYC	15:04:03	01:54:03	01:27:08
4	8	366	Rumline	Krygsman,Erica	180	SPSC	14:57:24	01:47:24	01:27:32
5	9	4075	kyrre		192	LMYC	14:59:36	01:49:36	01:28:25
DNF	11	H33	Winds of Chance	Shearn,Allen	182	SPSC			



This is the calendar displayed on our Web site. For details on each entry, please click on the calendar on our site at www.southportsailingclub.com (the links are not active in Soundings but details are included in the newsletter)

August Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Civic holiday/JOG race 13 RC Finch	2	3 PHRF FALL Series race 1 RC Eagen C	4	5	6	7 Jaarsma, R & Lair, G
8 JOG race 14 RC Jaarsma	9	10 PHRF race 2 RC Davidson	11 Executive Meeting	12	13 SPSC INVITATIONAL 2 day Regatta	14 Langlois E & E
15 JOG race 15 RC Laird	16	17 PHRF race 3 RC Shearn	18 Mainstays Pool Party	19	20 POKER RUN	21 Shore R & Sove R
22 JOG race 16 RC Hellenbart	23	24 PHRF race 4	25	26	27 LMYC FIGHTING ISLAND	28 MacDonald, F & C
29 JOG race 17 RC Noakes	30	31 PHRF race 5				

Roster Changes
Fred Eagen - O Day 27 - sail # 628

Card & Games Night
Aug 6 & 27th
7:30 pm
Lorne & Rita Mann
948-9904



2011 Race Regattas & Events
August /September/October Dates

August 13-14	SPSC Invitational Regatta
August 20	SPSC 2011 POKER RUN
August 18	Mainstays Annual Pool Party
August 27	LMYC Fighting Island Regatta
August 31	GLYC Cruise
September 3	Thames River overnite cruise
September 10	SPSC Harvest Moon Regatta
October 5	WYC CHIMO Regatta
October 16	LMYC River Rat

Men's Lunch
2nd Wednesday of the month



August 2011 Clubhouse Duties



- Sept 4-10
Malone R & T
- Sept 11-17
Martin, J & S
- Sept 18-24
Wells, D & A
- Sept. 25-Oct 1
Mogyorody, K & C
- Oct 2-8
Moorehouse, D
Huebert, j

Please fill out the sheet, and mark your total work hours in the binder on the kitchen counter on the lower right corner.
Thank you !

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SPSC 2011 Poker Run and Corn Roast Saturday August 20, 2010



Bring your friends and Family !

Show your skill & luck by cruising around the marks
to pick up the cards and making the best poker hand
then return to the club for a BBQ

NEW this year - Sailors from the area marinas and clubs will be invited to cruise to South Port on Saturday and participate in our Poker Run at 2:00 pm. They will be joining us at our BBQ and spend the night in the harbour. A pancake breakfast will be provided to our guests on Sunday morning.
A good turnout for this event would be fabulous.

Cruise begins @ 2:00 pm BBQ at 5:00 pm

Salad, rolls and corn on the cob are being provided. Bring your own meat to BBQ, beverages and dessert.
Fee \$5.00 per person to cover the costs of the event (children under 10 yrs of age - free)

RSVP for this event by telephone, email or sign up on the sheet that will be available in the club foyer. When you sign up, indicate if you don't have a boat, if you would like to go out with someone and if you do have a boat if you are willing to take passengers. We'll try our best to get everyone out on the water.

This event is being organized jointly by Nora and David Walton and the membership Committee

519-979-9491 or david_walton9@sympatico.ca or sign up on sheet in club foyer
Volunteers are welcomed for this event



Thames River Cruise Labour Day week-end.

September 3rd, 4th and 5th. 2011

Program options:-

Leave SPSC 11.00am

Happy Hour any time after 4.00 pm

Saturday night :- Potluck Supper with TRYC members

Sunday morning:- Breakfast Buffet Dockside Restaurant \$6.99

Sunday night:- TRYC BBQ. Tickets are for sale that day.

Monday return to SPSC after breakfast.

Come by boat or car. Land cruisers more than welcome to join us.

The restaurant next to TRYC has re-opened.

It is now called Moyer's Restaurant. 519-682-9389

They do not do breakfast, just lunch and dinner.

Please let us know if you require a well so the club can make sure there is one the right size available. Another club will be visiting on that week-end. If you decide last minute to join us there are wells, but it may not be quite as suitable for your boat. You can stay or visit for any length of time.

Margaret and Jack Entwistle.

E-mail:- mentwistle@sympatico.ca

Telephone – 519-739-206.

TRY Sea Regatta July 2 - 3 2011
South Port Skippers & Crew brought home 6 Flags



Rene Brown *Mai Toi* (JOG)



Frank Edgley *Bulldog* (PHRF A)



Brad & Erica Roy *Rumline* (PHRF B)



Kevin Mogyorody *Sniper* (PHRF A)



Dave Robichaud *No Resistance* (PHRF B)



Wesley Arthur *Wave Equation* (PHRF A)

SPSC 505 Regatta July 16 & 17 by Renka Gesing

Although our 420 and Laser sailors opted out this year, the five 505's again enjoyed great sailing. Three Columbus Ohio boats placed first, third and fifth, with Darcy Fuller steering the final race on Sunday to pass Renka and Adam Gesing, who were first by one point after Saturdays five races. Sailing to third place with Dave Stetson were Al McKay on Saturday and RJ Robbins on Sunday. Jason Turpin again was a most wonderful, proficient and hard working RC chair, helped out by Andrew Adoranti, Dave Robichaud & Jackie Timothy, and Fred Eagen and Bill Steel. Special thanks to Chrissy Paley, who took the marvelous photos that will soon be posted up on the SPSC website.



Darcy Fuller hanging out in perfect trapezing form

Spinnaker Run



Gesings hanging on to a small lead

Classified Rigging for Laser Radial for Sale

- Barely used, mint condition
- Includes the lower mast section and sail, everything you need to transfer a laser full rig (or standard) to a laser radial
- Laser radial recommended for sailor weight of 120 to 160 pounds
- Radial has less sail area than the laser full rig, making it an excellent medium sized rig
- Asking \$700.00 (including tax) or best offer

Please contact Cecilia Parkes at:
cecilia.parkes@rogers.com

LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club Fighting Island Regatta August 27th



There will be a Notice of Race flyers available in hardcopy shortly in the clubhouse. You will also be able to download and print a copy from their website soon !

<http://lasallemarinersyachtclub.com/races2011.html>

Once on site you will have the option to register online, but unfortunately cannot pay online.

SPSC Mainstays

Annual Pool Party, Thursday, August 18th.

6:30 pm

Charmaine Soutar invites all ladies to a pool party at her home, 3291 Dandurand Blvd., We will order in pizza, please bring the beverage of your choice and a small dessert.

Come and enjoy a fun evening !



From the Property Chair, Tim Aseltine

Just a reminder to all members, if you use the shed, please be sure the doors are closed and locked when you finish. We rely on you to close the clubhouse as well if you are the last to leave. Keep up the good work on recycling and carrying out clubhouse duties ! No work parties till the fall so enjoy your summer and I will post a notice when the next one is scheduled. Thanks



My Solo Mackinac by Noel Brockman

The 'red sky in the morning' truly was a sign of things to come as we were 24 hours into our trip from Mackinac Island to Lake Muskegon after last year's Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac race. The storm that started around 11 AM continued to pound my son's 33'™ sailboat ~Sorceress until we finally took refuge on White Lake around midnight. Wet and exhausted, Lake Michigan humbled us unlike anything that we had ever experience up to this point.

With Luke living in Grand Rapids, and Sorceress nearby at Lake Muskegon, the plan was pretty straight forward...to sail my new Abbott 33 ~Quick & Dirty from Lake St. Clair up Lake Huron, over to Lake Michigan then down to Lake Muskegon where I had stayed for a couple of days, help Luke launch his boat, then the two of us would sail our boats to Chicago to participate in the Chicago to Mackinaw Solo race put on by the Great Lakes Solo Society (GLSS).

Every year the GLSS has a dual solo Mackinaw race, one starting from Port Huron and one from Chicago. About 20 participants from each lake usually take part and have a common awards banquet on Mackinaw Island afterwards. This shake down sail for the Abbott would give me the opportunity to get a feel for the new boat that I reluctantly purchased in the fall to fill the void the my Viking 28 'Blue Jay' had left after I sold her after 20 years of great sailing together. I also felt I had some unfinished business on Lake Michigan, confident that I would come out on top in the event of a repeat of last year's events.

Looking forward to racing against Luke again, my brother Tom and I left Belle River on the 3rd of June, arriving at the dock only to realize I forgot my keys for the boat. Debbie was back in no time with them, we left with good winds and in two hours were at the mouth of the St. Clair river. A typical motor up to the Port Huron Yacht club was uneventful and we tied to our favourite spot and enjoyed the hospitality of the club that has always welcomes our stay, as we have been going up there to race ever since Joe Davidson showed us the way 10 or 15 years ago. Even Joe's buddy Brock was glad to see us!

We provisioned up the next morning and headed north into Lake Huron with light winds and very cool water temperatures. With 10 days to get to Lake Muskegon to meet Luke, we had built in extra days to stop along the way to allow for poor weather. Our first night at Harbour Beach wasn't exactly as planned since we ran aground about six times trying to get to the marina, not quite enough water for the Abbott. A good test of the anchor, which we set at midnight next to a coal plant,. It did the job and we enjoyed a free night's stay.

The trip from Harbour Beach to Presque Isle took about 26 hours with light air, but we sailed most of the way and Tom got a taste of solo sailing which he decided he didn't like all that much. Great stars were out and when the sun rose, the winds picked up a bit and gave us a nice spinnaker sail the last 15 miles to Presque Isle.

We docked just before lunch and stayed for three days, the last because of viscous storms that ripped through there but it was the first time that either of us could remember relaxing so much at such a quiet place. The marina was virtually empty and out in the middle of nowhere, very quiet place diametrically opposite to what you would see on Mackinac Island. A restaurant nearby only opened in the evening and a general store across the street that provides bikes for free to explore the area. Great place to stop and visit.

Finally set out on for Mackinac Island with decent winds and arrived on the island about 12 hours later. After the peace and quiet of Presque Isle, the busyness of the island was a bit hard to take. Even though it was probably quiet there by their standards, we were quick to leave the next morning.

Small craft advisories were issued for the area as we left Mackinaw Island with east winds 20 to 25 knots, the Abbott sailed very well under a main only heading straight to Grays Reef hitting 10.5 knots at times and steady 7 to 8's between the surfs down the 4 to 6 foot waves. Finally, some awesome sailing and made through Grays reef about 20 NM away in no time flat. Once through the reef, we fell off about 30 degrees to broad reach our way to Charlevoix, a really beautiful city and one of the nicest marinas I have ever been to. With the Canadian flag flying, we were met by a sailor who helped us dock. He was next to us on his first sail boat, a C&C 121 that he bought new after sailing only once. The Abbott suddenly didn't seem so big anymore, especially after joining our neighbours for a pancake breakfast that they cooked aboard their yacht for us and several other people. Double sinks, hot pressurized water, wrap around plush upholstery, beautiful wood work, central air and heat, an amazing other side of sailing that we don't see too much on Lake St. Clair.

Two nights at Charlevoix enjoying some fine dining and a few bars, we sailed the last 150 nm to Lake Muskegon non-stop on a quiet Lake Michigan. A very different experience than last year's horrendous weather that I had experienced aboard Sorceress.

With Tom on the bus to Detroit, and Luke's launch scheduled for 10:00 AM Tuesday morning, we headed to Muskegon from Grand Rapids. Luke had completed some major upgrades to his boat over the winter and was anxious to launch her. He too had put a lot of time, money and effort into his boat which seems so typical of sailing in general.

The launch was flawless, all the upgrades proved positive and at 6:00 PM Wednesday we left for Chicago, a 100 m sail across the lower part of Lake Michigan. The winds were up, and we reached along all night at 6.5 to 7 knots in rainy,

foggy conditions. The new AIS (Automatic Identification System) that I installed into the Abbot proved priceless, as I could see any freighter within 10 miles of us, what their boat name was, how far away, the closest point of approach and speed. In other situations, I found it nerve wrecking to be sharing the water in foggy conditions with these beasts, hearing them but not seeing them. Now with the AIS, I can sail without the worries of a freighter than can be heard but not seen!

The Chicago skyline appeared the next morning, we arrived around 10 am, and eventually ended up at the Chicago Yacht Club that had reciprocity with Southport (although I don't think it was our South Port) so we got to stay there for \$60/night, no doubt a bargain in Chicago!

Very cool to be sitting on our boats watching all the buzz on the waterfront of Chicago, getting our boats ready for the race that started on Saturday the 18th. The night before the race started, we had a nice skippers meeting, met with the racers from the area and enjoyed a good meal that was all part of the race fees. Luke and I were hoping to show the sailors from the big lake that Lake St. Clair sailors were every bit as good as they were.

Saturdays 8:00 am start was slow, virtually no wind, taking more than 20 minutes to cross the start line for me, Luke's Sorceress was long gone by this time, it loves the light air. He looked destined to win the annual bet that we have where the loser buys a nice (expensive) meal on the island after the race. To this point, we were tied at 1 and 1. Luke did his first Port Huron to Mackinaw Solo on his Shark in 2007, taking 85 hours to finish the race in light air. He soon sold 'LoanShark' and eventually ended up with Sorceress, a really cool X102 yacht with major modifications to the hull and deck, much roomier and faster than his Shark.

Saturday's air was fluky as we continued to beat up Lake Michigan. The evening brought some heavier air and I reached through the night with a #3 sail and reefed main, pretty steady 7+ knots as I tried to catch some cat naps. The auto pilot worked great on the Abbott, and I rarely steered in most conditions. Solo sailors tend not to steer the boat, there is often too many other things to do. When you are the fore deck person, tactician, helmsman, pit man, cook and bar tender there is little time to steer. Most races of this distance takes between 60 and 85 hours to finish, a good test of endurance and patience.

Sunday's winds lightened as we approached the Michigan shoreline headed into the Manitou Passage. Rain and shifting winds kept us on our toes as we raced through the narrow passage with poor visibility, hazards and freighters sharing the same passage as we tacked our way through this. Soon the wind was back up to 15-20 as we sailed by Instruments through these hazardous waters.

By now I had pulled about 25 miles ahead of the boats in my fleet and ahead of Luke by 3 or 4 miles. Once I cleared the Manitou passage around 2:00 am, I set a course for Gray's reef and headed down for a longer nap. Hoping to get 20 or 30 minutes of rest, I awoke 2 ½ hours later sailing directly towards Fox Island, about 2 miles away! Too close of a call, but glad to have awoke when I did. I had sailed 12 nm miles asleep, definitely not a good thing!

A tack away from the island, Quick & Dirty was about 30 nm miles from Gray's reef, and another 20 miles to finish the race. I was starting to feel pretty good about this new boat, liked the way it sailed and sensed a bonding between us, similar to the one I had with Blue Jay.

With the wind building, I started to do a head sail change when a loud snap was followed by a sickening site, the mast bent over 45 degrees with the spreader broke away from the mast. My first reaction was to position myself in a safe place so that when the mast snapped I would not be injured. My next reaction was to release the genoa and main sheets, followed by dropping the sails. My race was over ! I felt sick to my stomach as I took the sails down quickly and secured to mast with whatever halyards available. 45 minutes later with the mast and loose equipment secured and tightened, the broken spreader hanging to one side, I reported in for the 8:00 AM call in (solo sailors are required to report their positions every 6 hours). It would be my last call in as I formally retired from the race. Luke was as disappointed as I was; he wanted to win fair and square.

Defeated, devastated, drained of any adrenaline that had kept me going for the last 47 hours of racing, Lake Michigan won again. The 12 hours it took to motor into 4 foot head waves, 20 knots of true wind speed on the nose and breaking waves spraying over the Abbott with the wobbly mast was one of the worst experiences I had ever had while sailing. How could this boat that I put my heart and soul into over the last six months fail me like this? I hated this boat right then and there and missed my Viking in a bad way. It has never failed me in over 20 years of sailing, including two solo Mackinac races and rough returns.

I pulled into Mackinac Island about 9:00 PM, docked and waited for Luke to finish. He finished about 11:00 pm in the same 20 knot wind on the nose, beating the last 90 miles. He finished second, and got his bronze medallion with the Chicago to Mackinac Solo inscribed on it, something I would not receive, a DNF does not qualify as a finisher. Although proud of Luke, the next couple of days still felt like I had been in a car accident.

Time has a way of curing all ills, and since that time, we did a repair job at Mackinac with the help of other solo sailors who had drills, rivets and other supplies to reattach the spread to the mast. The return sail from Mackinac included another quick stop at Presque Isle, then a non-stop passage to Port Huron Yacht Club, about 170 nm down Lake Huron. It was good to be heading home. Luke had to hard steer all night after stepping on and breaking his auto pilot into two pieces.

We made good time, sailing the whole way in about 25 hours averaging about 6.8 knots. I sailed more conservatively during the night, reducing sail earlier than I would normally do, I now lacked confidence in the boat's ability to hold up to heavier air.

Another rest at PHYC, as always a good meal at our favourite Italian restaurant, a bit of socializing with the PHYC members and we made our final trip down the St. Clair river. Quick & Dirty sailed Belle River and Luke to City Marina where Sorceress is staying for near future.

The 'get acquainted' trip for me lasted 24 days, covered over 1200 nautical miles and included some good sailing, great solo racing, good bonding with my brother and Luke. Although Quick & Dirty failed the Litmus test, she is on probation for the next season or so. I can now remember the sail numbers on her, maybe a sign that we are coming to terms with each other. In the meantime, Blue Jay is continuing to provide great sailing experiences for her new owner, now renamed Shenanigans, and I know it will take as good of care of her as she did for me and my family in over 25,000 nautical miles that we sailed her.

Abbot 33

Quick & Dirty



Noel Brockman



Boblo Cruise – July 16, 2011 by Nora Walton

Six boats participated in the cruise to Boblo over the July 16 weekend. Maidstone Cross left a day early and had a beautiful sail nearly all the way to Boblo (6 hours). Winds of Chance, Mai Toi, Oui R One, Aurora and Xanadu went on Saturday, but the wind was light and on their nose most of the way, so the sailing wasn't great.

The pool on Boblo proved to be a welcome relief from the heat that started to build on Saturday. At Happy Hour we were joined by Entwistles, who came by car. With everything we munched on, we still managed to have a fine dinner at the Boblo Grill.

It was very interesting to walk around the island exploring the both the beautiful houses and the ruins of the old amusement park!

The abundant weeds in and around the marina proved to be a big problem for most of our boats. While the Boblo marina was a lovely place to visit, we wouldn't recommend a return visit until the weed problem is addressed.



**48th Annual Invitational Regatta
August 13-14, 2011**

**You are cordially invited to attend South Port Sailing Clubs
Memphis Saturday Night Invitational Dinner**

**All sailors, racers and cruisers welcome on
Saturday evening August 13th at 7:00 pm
Live Music**



**Overnight docking available for skippers coming by sea
Popcorn and Movie night Friday the 12th.
Complimentary continental breakfast Sunday morning**

**Cost to race \$30.00 Dinner \$ 20.00 per person
Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, Cajun style corn on the cob,
slaw, beans & dessert**

**Please RSVP with your intention to race a/o the number of
dinner tickets you would like to reserve**

Register (boat name) _____
for the Regatta. I will forward a completed registration form prior to
race day.

Reserve ____ dinner tickets for _____

**RSVP by mailing this form to South Port Sailing Club or by email
to race chair Brad Roy at bradwaah@hotmail.com**

Wednesday July 13th
Photos by Wayne Bellemore

