



Soundings

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South Port Sailing Club

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Message from Commodore Wayne Bellemore

I hope everyone is keeping well.

Spring has sprung with launch just 3 weeks away! This year's launch procedures will be very much the same as last season, with all the Covid 19 precautions being front and center.

With this nice weather I hope everyone has been able to get an early start on prepping their boats for launch.

I would like to welcome our new members, Richard and Carol Staley and Tim and Michelle Staley.

When you go to the South Port website, you will see a new category under the menu, with a section under harbour. The rules and policies are now available for viewing.

At this time the main room, kitchen and sunroom of the clubhouse remain closed, but the washrooms are open for your use. Please remember to sign in when you enter the building to comply with the conditions set out by The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit. The outside washrooms will remain closed until further notice. Mask wearing and social distancing is still in effect on the grounds when the situation calls for it.

I am looking forward to seeing members around the club and the boats in the harbour !

Take care and stay safe...



Summer Reminders

The main parking lot is open for member parking. On Race night or during a Regatta please remind your crew & guests, parking is available for their vehicles on the south side of the driveway.



As a courtesy to our neighbours, tighten your halyards when you return to dock.

If you leave for an overnight or extended period, please park by the cedar hedges on the west side of the lot.



And last but not least please slow down when entering and exiting the property.

Thank you !

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New Members

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Harbourmaster, Andy Hellenbart



At the present time this years LAUNCH is still tentatively scheduled for April 24th. At launch we will follow the same procedure as last year to meet the Covid 19 restrictions and guidelines. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

We held a work party early in March to finish last year's project of raising the docks on the creek side. The large number of members who showed up made the work easy and quick. We were able to do the work from the ice, and except for a few wet feet, nobody fell into the creek! Thanks again to all the people who participated in the work party.

Thank you as well to the member who fixed the ice damage on the service dock by the hoist.

Volunteers are needed for painting the cart we use to move the boats. Please let me know if anyone is interested in clocking some early work hours.

A yellow JACK STAND is missing from the property. If anyone borrowed it to work on their boat off the club property, could you please bring it back.



Social Chair, Louise Marentette



It has been a long and quiet winter, but it looks like we may be able to have some social activities at the club this summer if things improve as we hope they will. Nothing is definite yet, but as soon as we are permitted and it is safe, we will let you know what we have planned. Fingers crossed we can get together soon.



Race Chair, John Baker

The notice of race for Thursday and Monday night racing is available on the club website and registration is open. If you plan on racing this year, please register so we can start planning RC duty.

Based on the most recent Provincial Government regulations, Windsor / Essex will need to be in the Orange/Yellow/Green categories for racing to take place. If racing has to be cancelled, it'll be done on a week by week basis.

Also, Matt Draisey is looking for a volunteer to help with the Monday night scoring system. If you're interested, please email him directly. rc@southportsailingclub.com Att: Matt



Sailing School, Jeff Kepran

There is still a lot of uncertainty around what the summer will look like, but our planning has continued with the assumption we will have similar restrictions as last year. We expect to run 4 2-week CANSail sessions starting on June 29. Unfortunately, we will not be offering KidSail for 6-8 year olds due to difficulties with Covid restrictions and groups of younger kids.

We hope to offer adult lessons. However, that program is on hold until we know more about what we will be permitted to do. The 420s and coach boats will be getting some updates this spring to ensure safety and reliability.

This year will be using the on line registration system used by many other sailing schools in the province and country. Any children or grand-children of members receive a discount. Please email me prior to registering to get a discount code. You may have noticed that the sailing school Sharks are no longer along the driveway. They have moved on to a better life in the growing Sarnia Shark fleet. Having keelboats for adult lessons is a great idea and was very popular. However, we became aware of many insurance, Transport Canada and instructor regulations that needed to be met. This would have been very difficult with the Sharks and the dinghy instructors we have available. There is still strong interest in the adult program since switching back to the 420s last year.

I would like to start some discussions on what we would like the adult program to become. Please get in touch if you would like to be part of these discussions.

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Property, Jackie Timothy

The clubhouse duty schedule has been set up for the year (see page 4) It will also be available on the website calendar. If there is an issue with the timing of your week for any reason, please let me know and I can reschedule you. We will remain on reduced duties until the building is fully accessible. With the cancellations due to lockdown earlier in the year, you might not be on the listing, but if extra help is needed during the summer you may be called on to assist.

Darcy Fuller is working on setting a removable steel plate over the honey bucket drain in the parking lot. This will allow vehicles to drive over the area. The unit will be kept at the range light garden when not in use. The flashing (geese) lights on the lawn were set out in March, and a few bulbs were replaced on the dock light fixtures. The yard water, and tap on the south side of the clubhouse has been turned on for your use. Hoses are in the shed. The key is on the board in the foyer. The sprinkler pump intake pipe at the service dock is being replaced by Stu & Jim.

If you are disposing of a large item, please break it down before throwing it in the driveway bin. For old tarps, please roll or fold them. We ask everyone to continue using the bin for garbage and placing recycle at the south side of the back deck at this time.

I will be in touch by email when property tasks are available.

Thank you for your cooperation !

Clubhouse Duty Roster 2021

Jan 4-10	Jan 11-17	Jan 18-24	Jan 25-Jan 31
Feb 1-7	Feb 8-14	Feb 15-21 Soles, P	Feb 22-28 Edgley, F
March 1-7 Soles, J	March 8-14 Fuller, D	March 15-21 Arthur, W	March 22-28 Ginham, J
Mar 29-Apr 4 Dolsen, M	April 5-11 Bates, E	April 12-18 Brown, S	April 19-25 Cooke/Morley
April 26-May 2 Cowan, G	May 3-9 Minin, V	May 10-16 Mutas, B	May 17-23 McGhie, C
May 24-30 Hunter, N	May 31-June 6 Van Beek, W	June 7-13 Falkingham, A	June 14-20 Rindlisbacher, T
June 21-27 Ormshaw, W	June 28-Jul 4 Johnson, K	July 5-11 Souliere, R	July 12-18 Byrne, D
July 19-25 Taylor, J	July 26-Aug 1 Regnier, M	Aug 2-8 Bhattacharjee	Aug 9-15 Cossette, C
Aug 16-22 Masse, R	Aug 23-29 Wood, C	Aug 30-Sept 5 Delmore, S	Sept 6-12 Bevins, M
Sept 13-19 Hickey, E	Sept 20-26 Malone, R & T	Sept 27-Oct 3 Oldridge, J	Oct 4-10 Barker, R
Oct 11-17 Fрати, J	Oct 18-24 Tepe, K	Oct 25-31 Howarth, D	Nov 1-7 Halpin, J
Nov 8-14 Norton, A	Nov 15-21 Steel, B	Nov 22-28 Ublansky, D	Nov 29-Dec 5 White, D
Dec 6-12 Mogyorody	Dec 13-19 Murphy, M	Dec 20-26 Nikota, G	Dec 27-Jan 2 Baker, B&L



Welcome our New Members of the Staley family

Feathers is staying in the harbour & *Sweet Belle* is returning !

Richard & Carol Staley have joined as full members and will be cruising *Feathers*, their Irwin 37 out of the club. They have had many years of sailing experience with his family. Richard is a Steam Fitter at Ford Motor Company.

Tim & Michele Staley and children Rhys, Emma & Lillian also joined as full members. They will be bringing *Sweet Belle*, a C&C 27 Mk I back to our harbour and cruising this season. Tim is a Survey Coordinator for Bridging North America.

See you out on the lake !