



Soundings

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Message from Commodore Wayne Bellemore

Welcome to 2021! I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday season. We are back in lockdown again, and it looks like 2021 could be another challenging season. Rest assured your executive group is working hard in hopes of a great sailing season.

The Province has implemented new rules and restrictions, and we have decided it is best to have closed both the clubhouse and grounds. We will be coming up with new safety plans when the current lockdown is lifted, and we can reopen. We will keep you posted.

We have also decided to postpone the February general members meeting. The updates on this seasons plans from the committee chairs are available in this issue. The financial report will be emailed to the membership later this month.

We are a small club and require members to help where possible. Many chairs are looking for members to join their committees. If you can help, please reach out.

Take care and stay safe.

Membership Dues

The 2021 billings have been mailed out and payment is due 60 days from the invoice date

Just a reminder late payment will result in a penalty fee



The updated 2021 Roster and membership cards will be mailed out this month. Please keep us informed of any address or email change during the upcoming year to ensure any cheques a/o notices are going to the correct addresses

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Thank you



To all who have donated old sails, this is the type of duffle bag that is made by Foster Mom Tracey, for the kids at Windsor Children's Aid Society.

If at any time during the season you decide to dispose of an old sail, torn or used in any way of any type, please let Doris Hellenbart know, and she will take it to her.

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**John Staley
May 1933 - December 2020**

John and Beverly Staley (2017) joined South Port in 1989, and sailed his C&C 27 'Sweet Belle' until 2011 when he brought 'Feathers', an Irwin 37 to our harbour. He was an active member of the club, serving as Commodore in 2001. The family spent many summers cruising the North Channel.

John retired after 40 years of teaching as principal of St. Anne High School in 2009, the same year he received The Community Outreach Award from The Tecumseh Knights of Columbus for his exemplary contributions to various causes and goodwill endeavours throughout the Windsor and Tecumseh area. He was President of The Friends of Pike Creek taking action on the environmental front, always setting an example as a mentor for youth. John was President of the Ontario Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and was devoted to their work, visiting inmates in jail, and assisted in a fundraising effort to provide items to the needy in the downtown area. He served as a lector and minister at St. Anne Church.

John and Bev had 11 children, 39 grandchildren and more than 20 great-grandchildren. South Port members send condolences to his family and many friends.

Harbourmaster - Andy Hellenbart



With all the COVID restrictions at the present time, I am being very optimistic and have tentatively scheduled the LAUNCH for April 24th. More details will follow, when we can start working on the boats and club opening.

The Summer Dockage and Release form will be sent out the end of the month. This year there is a slight change, and you will be required to attach a copy of your boat insurance with the application, to confirm your coverage is up to date.

There are several new projects which are being considered for this year In addition to the one that was not completed last season. The new projects are upgrading the electrical system for the hoist, building storage racks for masts since the new plastic picnic tables are not useable, painting the cart for moving the boats and repairing the leaking hydraulics, plus several small maintenance tasks.

Volunteers are needed for painting the cart. Please let me know if anyone is interested in clocking early work hours.

At the present time until we receive this years requests for dockage, dry storage and dinghy storage, there are no openings.

Cruising - Ken Blyth



Cruising in the new year may be a challenge in a, hopefully, post pandemic world. It is too early to know what restrictions may affect us this coming sailing season. My hope is that we'll be able to resume to, at the very least, what we experienced during the last summer. even with restrictions still in place by following the rules.

Our last season, though restricted, still allowed us to enjoy the North Channel for a month. This season I am hopeful that we can do more of the same. I am proposing a list of Canadian destinations for everyone's consideration.

This is a list of possible destinations with the type they are, dinner overnight or anchoring out for an afternoon, overnight, or longer.

- Pelee Island, a marina or possible anchor
- Leamington Marina, marina
- Cedar Island YC, marina
- Boblo Island, marina
- Crystal Bay, anchor (BBQ back of boats)
- Peche Island, anchor
- Sandbar, marina (dinner)
- Belle River, marina (BBQ or walk for dinner)
- Lighthouse Cove, marina or TRYC as guests (out for dinner, BBQ, or potluck)
- Sarnia, Sarnia Bay, XXX, or SYC. (approx 11 hr sail)
- Bayfield, Kincardine, Port Elgin. (stops along Lake Huron)
- Tobermory, Marina (close by anchorages- Club Island, Cabot Head/Wingfield Basin, Cove Island)
- North Channel, many spots to enjoy, (anchor or marinas)

I would also like to hold a few seminars on things to know for those that are new to cruising. Things that will help to make your decisions to untie the dock lines and "sail away" a little easier and more comfortable.

Some subjects we can cover are anchoring, provisions, equipment, choosing a destination, weather, and getting experience and confidence to head out on bigger waters and farther off destinations.

If anyone has any questions feel free to email me or chat in person, and remember several of our members have sailed farther afield and have experiences and knowledge that can be gleaned for information. Some of this, seminars and discussions, may have to be virtual until restriction are lifted. So, what would you like to talk about,

I will welcome everyone's input? Stay safe and stay hopeful.

Social - Louise Marentette



It has been a long winter. Not being able to get together with friends, and fellow sailors has been tough...but things are starting to look a little better. The social committee will be keeping a close eye on things, and we will be setting up activities as soon as we are able.

Stay safe and I hope to see you all soon.

Property - Jackie Timothy

It is difficult to know at this time exactly when and how tasks will be completed this spring and summer. I expect property work parties will be limited as to the number of volunteers in order to follow social distancing. With Covid 19 still active in our area, we will be following the guidelines of The Windsor- Essex County Health Unit & Sail Canada.

Included in the property budget/to do list 2021 are the following items:

- additional gravel at the dry sail boat area on the south side of the lot
 - inspecting the VHF radio in the kitchen (open for replacement)
 - painting the sunroom walls & trim
 - replacing some of the picnic tables
 - dismantling and disposing of the tables no longer serviceable
 - painting the tops & seat of the green tables
 - painting back deck
 - replacing the vacuum & small freezer
 - trimming cedar hedge on the west side of the parking lot
 - changes to the honey bucket drain in the parking lot, allowing cars to drive over the area
- The unit will be stored at the range light rock garden giving easier access to the dry sail boats
-a solution to deter the carpenter bees at the front entrance door (Pest Control)



Bill & Lynn Baker have volunteered to take over raising the flags each year after launch and lowering after haul out. A big thank you to Jack Entwistle who has been carrying this out for approximately 10 years. The flag pole also needs some repairs.

Work hour slips will remain in the foyer and we ask you to fill them out immediately after completing a task. Tim Aseltine is taking over recording members club hours. This will make his job much easier in keeping the posted monthly summary sheets up to date and accurate.

The clubhouse duty binder will remain in the lobby until such time the main room and kitchen are reopened. Club duties remain cancelled until the current lockdown is lifted. I will continue sending emails when work hours are available.

Rear Commodore/Membership - Gord Richardson



Three Temporary memberships transitioning to Full memberships were approved at the January Executive meeting.

Joe and Lisa Oldridge and their three sons, Colin, Nathan and Andrew are planning on cruising and racing in 2021 on their Edell 665 'Nauti Buoys'.

Ross Barker will be cruising and relaxing aboard 'Oxford' his C&C Redwing 30.

Sean and Jenny Delmore and their two sons, Ian and Gavin have also checked off both racing and cruising on their C&C 27 MK III 'Free Spirit'.

A big welcome elbow-bump to all, and a huge thank you to the SPSC members that stepped up and sponsored them.



Racing - John Baker

The 2021 racing season we see the return of the center start mark. JOG and PHRF fleets will sail our modified Olympic course, while the Sharks do a windward/leeward. The Monday night format will remain the same, but will be taking a break during the Open Series. This should boost participation for the Open Series, and give everyone experience racing in a larger fleet.

The racing rules of sailing 2021 - 2024 are now in effect. I encourage everyone to visit the World Sailing website and download the new rule book. There is also a free app available for smart phones and tablets called World Sailing 2021 - 2024.



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