



# Soundings

Monthly newsletter of  
South Port Sailing Club  
July 2021

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## Message from Commodore Wayne Bellemore

Happy Canada Day !

I hope everyone is getting out on the lake as much as possible. The grounds look great and the picnic area is now open.

Sailing school will be starting shortly, and Jeff and his team have worked very hard to come up with this summers program. Please be aware these future Olympians also have a safety plan to follow.

The students will be the only ones allowed to use the sun porch if they need it, and the outside washrooms. Please continue signing in at the front entrance, and using the indoor facilities.

We are entering the Provinces Stage 2 ahead of schedule. This will allow us racing and some Social events. Louise and her committee have set up a Happy Hour and the Open series is on !

There will now be 2 sign in binders available in the foyer. One for Guests and one for Members. This allows us to meet the contact tracing requirements of the Province.

To those members planning on heading out on a long or short cruise, have a great time.

Have fun & stay safe

## OPEN SERIES RACING July 8th to August 12th



## SAILING SCHOOL June 30th to August 20th



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*Happy Canada Day  
to our members  
and their families !*

## Cruise Meeting



Monday  
July 5th  
6:00 pm

Picnic table area

### Welcome 4 New Members

Former member **David Marentette** applied for, and has returned as a Social member. Dave took Adult Sailing classes at SPSC and crewed on No Resistance for a season. He is employed by Stellantis Group (FCA) as an electrician. Welcome back !

**Jelle and Jennifer Donga** and their children Cassia, Chloe, Logan & Lucas have joined as Family members. Jelle is a partner at Deloitte LLP, and Jennifer is the owner/manager of a Human Resources Consulting firm. He has taken the Power Squadron course and they plan to cruise out of our harbour on a Cal 22.

**Jason and Liz Foster** and their children Ryan & Dylan Dunn joined as Family members and bring to our harbour an Abbott 22, Ss Cc. Jason took both Junior and Adult sailing lessons as well as Power Squadron and is a former member of 3 yacht clubs in the U.K. His occupation is a Marine Mechanic for both Power & Sail. The Foster family are also cruisers.

**Marla Jackson and John Parent** and their daughters Tamsyn and Alysha King also joined as Family members. They own a Mirage 24 formally kept at Acali Place Marina in LaSalle. Marla is employed by Hotel-Dieu Healthcare and John is an Independent contractor. They both took one season of Adult sailing lessons at the club. Tamsyn & Alysha have been Instructors in training at the school for a few years, and were awarded the Junior Sailors of the Year plaque in 2020.



### July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Johnson, K	29	30 Sailing school classes begin	1 Happy Canada Day 	2	3
4	5 Souliere, R	6	7	8 1st race of OPEN Series	9 Drop by Happy Hour after 5:00 pm -on land or on board	10
11	12 Byrne, D	13 Executive Meeting 7:00	14	15 Racing	16	17
18	19 Taylor, J	20	21	22 Racing	23	24
25	26 Regnier, M	27	28	29 Racing	30	31

Property Jackie Timothy

It has been a very busy month, and I would like to thank the members who responded to my emails and stepped up to carry out various property tasks. Time sheets are being submitted in a timely fashion, and if you want to check your hours, the summary sheet is available on the board in the foyer the end of each month.

A few of the maintenance task included:

The surface base concrete at the flagpole was removed, area dug up, stabilized and repaired  
Final repairs were carried out to the intake suction valve for the sprinkler system & the timer is set  
4 x 4 patio stones set in the ground at the range light to house the honey bucket when not in use  
The pergola was removed at the entrance doors, and a Pest Control Company came out to deal with the carpenter bees  
In addition, a great deal of garden and gobie mat weeding, weed wacking, hedge trimming, mulching and other miscellaneous jobs have taken place !

The ice machine has been filled and the 'signing' sheet will remain inside until we can open the porch

We will soon be providing a bike rack for members use on the lawn south of the recycle area, and ordering additional picnic tables. The tops on the plastic tables have been stabilized. A commercial lightweight upright vacuum has been purchased for future clubhouse duty use.

Repairs to the ground at the gin pole dock was mentioned in June Soundings. These repairs will not be taking place until the water goes down. In the meantime the area is being monitored and the temporary repair is stable.



Social Louise Marentette

With the lifting of some COVID restrictions in Stage 2, we will be able to gather in small groups (up to 25 people) on the grounds once again. The clubhouse will remain closed and we will have to follow COVID protocols of contact tracing and social distancing: so our options are somewhat limited. Your social committee is proposing a drop by Happy Hour on Friday, July 9th any time after 5:00 pm. Since we are limited to 25 people on the grounds visiting on your boat or with your dock neighbours is also an option. Please bring your own beverages and since we cannot provide food at this time, if you wish to eat, feel free to bring your own. Obviously this will be weather dependant, but we will keep our fingers crossed !

As we get closer I will send out more details, but for now just put it on your calendar. Hopefully we will see some familiar and new faces out at the club once again.

Harbour Andy Hellenbart

With the Covid restrictions, and the weather conditions, there has not been much sailing activity at the club. I would like to recommend you check on your boat regularly to make sure it is safe. With the water level fluctuations and the wind conditions, some of the boats had to be retied because they were banging into the docks. Also some of the anchors hanging from the bow pulpits were overhanging the dock making it difficult to navigate the walkway.

Let us be courteous to our neighbours. Please tie back your halyards to keep them from slapping at the mast.

Volunteers are needed for some painting on the docks. Please let me know if you are interested in logging some work hours.



On a number of occasions there has been an oil slick all over the harbour. Could you all inspect your bilges to make sure you are not leaking fuel into the bilge, and pumping it out into the harbour.

Cruising Ken Blyth

Cruiser's meeting Monday July 5th 6:00 pm

Let's go Cruising !

I have had some interest in the cruising aspects of sailing, and have answered a few questions for our members, hopefully in a way that has helped. Moving into the summer, if the Covid situation continues to improve sailing/cruising will be a pleasure again.



This is going to be close to my last chance to ask about cruising to the members with time to organize a get together to discuss.

It doesn't matter if you're an experience sailor who has crossed an ocean, sailed the Bahamas, cruised Erie or Huron extensively or done a dozen Mac's. We've all started off somewhere....Experience and confidence is what is gained by getting out there and giving it a try.

Boat Prep: Making sure your boat is in top condition is something that must be done every time before you head out. Keep it in the best condition possible to when the boat was designed and built.

I will be leaving for the North Channel mid July for about 6 weeks and a few other members are also planning to go on their own schedules. The North Channel has been described as comparable to the cruising grounds of the Bahamas, with fresh colder water and pine trees, instead of salty water and palm trees. And; it is right in our back yard, close but not too close !

I look forward to seeing those interested in setting up some possible dates & destinations on the 5th !

Pots & flowers blooming



BBQ covers off



Deck chairs out



And the harbour is full !



Welcome 2021  
Sailing Season



**South Port Sailing School**

Safety Protocols are in place, the boats are ready,  
and we wish you a fun and successful 2021 summer season !



**2021 Instructors**

Jaden Davidson  
Thomas Paine  
Simon Hager  
Max Kepran  
Taylor Eagen

**School Coordinator**

Zoe Kepran

**School Classes (from the archives)**

**Out on the lake**



**Sail to Lakeshore Park**



**'An oldie'  
graduating class**

**Instructors back in the 1990's**



**One of the session  
graduating classes**



**Tie  
Dyed  
Sails**

