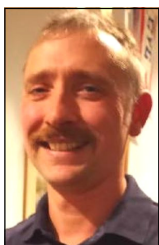




Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
December 2025
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Message from Incoming Commodore Joe Soles

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our outgoing Commodore Jin Frati and Past Commodore, Pam Morley Cooke for their leadership and dedication to our club. Thank you as well to all current Board members for your continued commitment. I look forward to working with both the returning and newly elected members. I am honoured to serve as your Commodore for the 2026 season.

Ed Hickey is leaving his position as School Director. We would all like to thank him for his dedication over the past 3 years to the School, the instructors, and as a valued Board member.

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to welcome Lorne Seeger to the position of Rear Commodore. We are also excited that Mike Weber will be leading our Sailing School for the 2026 season. Mike brings great energy and vision, and we are confident he will continue developing the program into a first-class experience for all sailors.

Many of you know I have been part of South Port for many years, beginning with sailing on my father, Peter Soles C&C 30 *East of Midnight*. I officially joined the Club in 2016 when I purchased my first boat, the Viking 28 *Vamoose*. I have thoroughly enjoyed participating in our racing program, and I am committed to supporting its continued growth, development, and community spirit.

As we look forward to the upcoming season, I am excited to work together to strengthen our Club, enhance our programs, and continue building the welcoming environment that makes South Port so special.

Julia & I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !

Soundings is not published in January. I wish everyone a safe & happy holiday season.

Jackie (Editor)



Last call for Roster changes

If there have been any changes to your email, boat, address or telephone you have not sent in, please submit to Brenda or Jackie by the first of the year to bring the roster up to date before it goes to print.

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**Club
Duties**

December 2025 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Brown, S	2 Long Range Planning meeting 7pm	3 Executive Meeting 7pm	4	5 Christmas Happy Hour 5pm	6
7 Clubhouse rental 12-5pm	8 Cooke, T	9	10	11	12	13
14 Ladies Christmas Tea 12:30pm	15 Crowe, D	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Murphy, M	23	24		26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

Club Duties

With the break in social events in January, and very little traffic in the clubhouse, an email will be sent to those members slated to stop by and check on the clubhouse maintenance. The 2026 calendar of duties will follow in the new year.

SPSC Invoices for 2026 membership fees. 2025 ice charges and outstanding work hours will be sent out in the mail early January. Please submit payment at your earliest as noted on the invoice, to avoid any late charges.

Payment can be submitted by e-transfer to spscetpayment@gmail.com or dropping it in the mail slot of the office door at the club.

Any questions on billings email me at bgn.petro@gmail.com

Thank you
Brenda Petro



Flag/Trophy Presentations Fall Furl November 8th



PHRF - Ryan Masse - Sniper



PHRF - Jeff Kepran - Ceilidh



JOG - Frank Edgley - Whippet



JOG - Paul Bowsher - Restless



JOG - Chris Barron - Northern Dancer



**Open Series - PHRF - Weber/Maffessanti
Gone Banana**



Open Series - JOG - Jim Halpin - Skylark



PHRF - John Marentette - Spitfire



**JOG 2nd- Catherine McGhie -
Nauti Dog II**



JOG 3rd - Nathan Hunter - Cagair



Shark - Jin Frati - Blue Moon



**Rookie of the Year -
Ryan Masse**

Tuesday Night Dinghy Racing Winners - 420's/Lasers



Our '2 Charlies' were awarded The Annual SPSC Dinghy Regatta Plaque as well as being named 'Junior Sailors of the Year' 2025.

They had an incredible racing season both locally and representing South Port at out of town regattas in the 420 class.

The Fauvette Award was gifted to SPSC by local sailor Roger Renaud in 2012. It is presented each year to the junior sailor/s for their accomplishments in proficiency and competition achievements.

They will both be returning as Sailing School instructors in 2026 passing their knowledge and skills on to future junior sailors.



SPSC Dinghy plaque



Fauvette award



Let's bring the trophy back home in 2026 !

The Annual SPSC vs WYC game will be taking place in the new year depending on when ice time is available. Date and time TBD.

If you are interested in joining the team or have any questions please contact

Jeff Gadoury

or

John Marentette

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jmarentette99@gmail.com

The 2025 Annual General Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm October 18th. A moment of silence was held for the loss of two members this past year, Duncan Hind and John Novak. The committee reports were sent out to the membership prior to the meeting. The two open positions on the board of Rear Commodore and Sailing School Director were filled for 2026. The Vice & Rear Commodore moved up and the balance of Executive will stay on board this upcoming season. The Treasurer presented a brief financial report. Final audited figures will be available at the Members meeting in the new year. John and Louise Marentette were presented with the Jacques Merian Memorial Award, outgoing Commodore Jin Frati gave his final remarks and the passing of the flags took place.

2026 Flag Officers & Committee Chairs



**Commodore
Joe Soles**



**Vice Commodore
Joe Oldridge**



**Rear Commodore
Lorne Seeger**



**Past Commodore
Jin Frati**



**Race Chair
John Marentette**



**Property Chair
Jackie Timothy**



**Harbourmaster
Fred Eagen**



**Social
Jennifer Kepran**



**Cruise Chair
Ann Ramey**



**Treasurer
John Shaw**



**Secretary
Alexis Everitt-Wells**



**Sailing School
Mike Weber**



**Webmaster
Matt Draisey**



**Archives/Billings/Roster
Brenda Petro**



**Work Hours
Lee Ann Halpin**



**Communications
Paul Ramey**



Jacques Merian was one of the founding members of SPSC. He was a sail maker, and built a downsized version of the Bluenose he sailed out of our harbour in the early days. In 1980 the Jacques Merian Memorial Award was donated, and has been awarded to members throughout the years who have gone over above is assisting with the operation and well being of the club. This year it was presented to John & Louise Marentette for their contributions to SPSC.



Joe Soles Commodore



Joe Oldridge Vice Commodore



**Newly elected Lorne Seeger
Rear Commodore/Membership**



Jin Frati Past Commodore

Christmas Food Drive Donation 2025



Many families in our community will struggle to put food on their table this holiday season. We are hoping our amazing members can once again help them out a little. A non-perishable food donation box will be set up in the foyer the first 2 weeks of December. If you are able, please stop by and drop off a food (or cash) donation. What is collected, will be delivered to the Windsor Essex Food Bank mid December.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise at lmarentette65@gmail.com

I will have envelopes available for cash and ask for them to be dropped in the mail slot of the office door.

Thank you in advance for your generosity !

Christmas Happy Hour

Friday December 5th

Social hour with snacks 5:00 – 6:00pm

Dinner from 6:00 – 6:30

Games and activities after dinner

Ham, Pasta, Potatoes, Salad & Dessert

\$10.00 per person

**Wear your favourite Christmas
sweater!**



**In leu of a gift
please bring non perishable food donations for our**

**Christmas Food Drive.
Cash donations also welcome.**

Ladies Christmas Tea



Sunday Dec. 14th, 12:30 – 3pm

South Port clubhouse

Cost \$10 per person

Spend a festive afternoon with your fellow members and  enjoy some tasty food, games, and activities. 

Tea and coffee (and South Port wine) will be available along with the food.

Please RSVP by Thursday Dec. 13th.

lmarentette65@gmail.com