



Soundings

*Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
May 2024*



**Commodore
Pam Morley - Cooke**

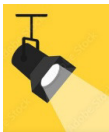
It's been great seeing everybody out working on their boats getting ready for launch. The launch date was delayed a week due to the weather forecast, but it gave everyone extra time to prepare for the day. Thank you to Andy and his team for a great job launching this past Saturday, moving the cradles Sunday, and to all the members who worked so hard all weekend.

Our new website is up and running. The process all started with deciding on a website provider and from there we worked with them to develop the site. The information we have on the website is what we previously had, with the updated Racing section. A 'Members only section' will soon be available from the main page that is not public. If you have any suggestions as to what could be included there please email webmaster@southportsailingclub.com

Condolences go out to our Past Commodore, Doug Crowe on the loss of his twin brother and brother in law over the past 2 months, and to Jelle Donga who recently lost his mother. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

South Port would like to send a thank you to our neighbours on Pike Creek who contributed toward the dredging this season.

Check out this issue for upcoming Cruising, Racing and Social events !



Member spotlight

Nick & Marianna Takacs

This season will be our 4th year as South Port members, but I have been around the club for 6 years. I took adult sailing lessons back in the summer of 2018 and the following year took the course again when I realized how much I liked sailing. It was at this point I started crewing on boats for races. The most memorable was a Harvest Moon race on Ken Blyth's boat with an actual harvest moon and a clear sky. Watching as the sun disappears into the horizon and soon after the moon appears as a red ball, turning orange as it rises higher and eventually ends up as a blinding full moon is quite a sight.

I purchased my first boat when I joined the club. It's a CS 27, good for cruising but not great for racing. I did finish first in one race, but only because nobody else wanted to go out in the windy conditions that day ! I might get another boat good for club races. We have taken it to Pelee Island on a four day journey, and once up to Sarnia for two days. We did not rename SOL-MATE when we bought it. I was thinking of changing it to 'Airforced One', but it might not be liked by the U.S. Coastguard.

We are not sure if we will go cruising with Sol-Mate any time soon. I am still working full time, but this year for the first time in years, I am on steady days and can crew in all the club races. I could retire, but I enjoy my work enough to stay for now.

Other than that, we enjoy traveling to place with lots of activities. My other favourite thing to do with my family is to go to Theme parks, and my personal favourite is Cedar Point. I look forward to riding the renewed Dragster 2.0. I am looking forward to a great sailing season with all the members of SPSC.

Clubhouse Duty weeks start on Monday							MAY 2024						
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Club Rental 9:00 am-6 pm 5	Van Beek, W Monday Racing welcome party onshore 6	Executive Meeting 7:00 pm 7		8	9	10					Thursday Spring Practice Race		11
	Falkingham, A Monday Racing 12			13	14	15					WYC spring Series starts		16
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	Steel, B Monday Racing 19			20	21	22					Racing	23	24
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Club Rental 12:00-5:00 pm 26	Malone, R Monday Racing 27			28	29	30					Racing	31	

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**Dinner Cruise to The Sandbar
Saturday May 25th
Dinner 5:00 pm**

To reserve for dinner please email the Cruise Chair
Ann Ramey spsc.cruise@gmail.com by May 18th.

We are not certain at this time of the channel depth
but will confirm closer to the date

If we find sailing is not an option, it's a land cruise !!



LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club
48th Annual Shakedown Race to Put-In-Bay
 May 18, 2024
Notice of Race

Hosted By LaSalle Mariners Yacht Club (LMYC), LaSalle, Ontario

This is to invite all sailors in and around the Detroit River, Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair area to participate in our Annual Shakedown Race to Put-In-Bay to start our racing season.



50th Canadian Club Race
WYC Overnight Race
 June 14, 2024

Upcoming season Club Racing/Sailing
Full Details available on the club website

<p> May 6 - October 7th May 9 May 16 - June 27th June 11 - Oct 1st July 13/14 August 10th August 17/18 September 8th September 21st </p>	<p> Monday Series Racing Spring Series practice race Spring Series Racing (summer & fall series to follow) Tuesday Dinghy Racing Series SPSC Invitational Regatta Irene East Regatta SPSC Dinghy Regatta Sail for Hospice SPSC Harvest Moon Regatta </p>	
<p> Junior Sailing School classes July 1st - August 30th Monday thru Friday 9:00 to 4:00 pm </p>		
<p> Adult Weekend classes Adult Evening classes </p>	<p> June 15 - 23 July 3 - July 29th </p>	

Social Committee

Friday May 3rd

Happy Hour

Any time after 5:00 pm

Tacos \$5.00 per person served around 6:00 pm

Bring your own refreshments

Presentation by Erin & Marie Bates on their Northern Brees journey
from Scotland to Denmark

Start time 6:30 pm

SAIL A BRATION

Sunday June 16th

Annual kick off to the sailing season

Theme

A nod to the iconic Jimmy Buffet and his love of all things summer !



Sail past 2:00 pm

Lawn games & activities 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Dinner served 5:00 pm

(details to follow)

Bring a lawn chair if you have one !

Harbourmaster

Andy Hellenbart

Another successful, uneventful launch. The first boat hit the water at 7:55 am and the last boat hit the water at 12:55 pm. Not a bad accomplishment for 47 boats. For the efficiencies and dedication even in the wet weather we should be thanking our launch crew ; they are getting to know the process and everybody works well together. Great crew !

On Sunday only the brave members came out in the pouring rain and collapsed everyone's cradles so they could be stored. The crew also launched and set up the sailing school docks.

Thanks again to everyone for their dedication and hard work.

**STEER CLEAR! DETROIT
RIVER EXCLUSION ZONE**



To members who are bringing their boats from LaSalle back to the club, please be aware the exclusion zones have been extended along the Detroit River. Watch for the markers placed along the river at the bridge areas when negotiating your return trip !

Racing John Marentette

Boats are in! Congrats and sincere thanks to our Harbourmaster and team for a successful launch.

We are about a couple of days away from the start of our 2024 racing programs. The Racing pages off the new website are active.

The “Keelboat racing” link gets you to our wonderful legacy race pages for our big boat programs. As of this writing, we have 7 teams signed up for the Monday racing, and the Thursday racing registration is now open as well. Other programs will open as we get the info loaded. Please get yourselves registered.

The “Dinghy racing” link gets you over to our new SPSC dinghy racing program under NoticeOfRace.com. The registrations here are not yet open, but will be in plenty of time for the race season.

I need to give another shout out to Nathan Hunter and his crew for his work on the hull of “Trillium”. After a coat of primer and antifoul by Bev Pryce, it looks like a new boat.

I am working on fitting the racing marks with white flashing lights to improve their visibility after dark. I have found a problem with the stability of the marks and am working to resolve it.

Our 2024 racing schedule is on the clubs Google Calendar:

- **Monday evening JOG racing starts on May 6th with an onshore party.**
- **Thursday evening racing starts on May 9th with a practice race.**
- **The classic LMYC Shakedown to Put-In-Bay is on Sat May 18th.**
- **A new Tuesday evening Dinghy racing series starts on June 11.**

If there are any suggestions for our 2024 racing season, please let me know. Get out on the water and start practicing!

Property Jackie Timothy

Within a week or so, an email will be sent out with a list of spring tasks available that will allow you to get in some work hours.

In the meantime we cannot do a yard clean up with the masts on the lawn BUT if anyone is interested in walking the property to pick up debris and twigs, garbage bags are available in the stockroom and yard waste bags in the shed. Please leave the yard waste bags inside the shed and I will put them out for pick on our scheduled day. Wood blocks, bricks and items of this nature can be returned to the shed area. There's a wheelbarrow by the wood bin for heavy items, and dock carts for your use.

Please continue to dispose of garbage in the driveway bin and recycle in the boxes set out on the north deck.

The BBQ covers are off, the pop machine has been restocked and our first ice delivery will take place the week of May 6th.

The gravel was levelled in the lot on Sunday - following the ‘slow down’ sign entering the parking lot would be appreciated.

Thanks, talk to everyone soon !