



Soundings

Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
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Message from Commodore Jin Frati



Once again, a little piece of my history may be a welcome read to know me better.

In the summer of 1997, I was very excited to attend Kingston YC for my first out of town Shark Regatta. I had a fun crew, bought a trailer, purchased all the lights, got a hitch for my Subaru, and away we went.

Several boats were there already when we arrived on a lovely sunny, windy day. We put the mast up and proceeded with getting the boat ready to launch. The access to the crane at Kingston YC is narrow and somewhat hard to negotiate. Imagine for me a first timer, how difficult it was. I got into the car and managed in a few manoeuvres to jack knife the trailer in an impossible position..I was stuck ! Of course there was a viewing gallery of sailors, enjoying my show. An elderly fellow approached my car and signalled to lower my window. He said "The Teamsters will never hire you young man, get out of the car and let me do it for you !" I agreed immediately and in a few moves, he got my boat perfectly positioned under the crane. The gentleman was Syd Deakin, the legendary many times Shark World winner.

Since then, Syd became my mentor and friend. He introduced me to the fleet, taught me a lot about Sailing the Shark, but as you South Port members may have noticed, I'm still a novice when it comes to reversing a trailer to the crane ! With a proposed launch date of April 26th, I can't wait for the season to start so I can keep up my practice of driving my car with a trailer at the back going in reverse.

Suzanne and I represented SPSC at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Commodore's Ball on January 18th. It was a black tie event and a great success. The new 2025 Commodore was presented with speeches and celebrations. In attendance were their club members and guest Commodores from other DRYA clubs who all wished Robert a great year.

Your executive and committee chairs have been preparing their plans for the 2025, that will be presented at the Member's Meeting on February 25th at 7:00pm. A phone tree effort has been put in place as a reminder. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday season, and wish the New Year is bringing to everyone health and prosperity.

Bi weekly Racers Evenings 7- 9 pm

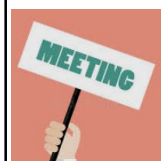


Feb 6 & 20th
March 6 & 20th



'Soup's on'
Friday Feb 7th

Any time after 5:00 pm (BYOB)



Members Meeting

Tuesday
February 25th
7:00 pm



Proposed Launch
Date
April 26th

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**Club
Duties**

February Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Masse, R 27					1 SPSC vs WYC Hockey Game WFCU 6pm
2 Groundhog Day 	3 Ormshaw, W	4	5	6 Racers Evening 7-9 pm	7 Happy Hour 'Soup's On' after 5:00	8
9	10 Davidson J	11 Executive Meeting 7-9 pm	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15
16	17 Baker, A Family Day	18	19	20 Racers Evening 7-9 pm	21	22 Clubhouse Rental 4-11 pm
23	24 Arthur, W	25 Annual Members Meeting 7 pm	26	27	28	

**Duncan Hind
February 1948 - December 13, 2024**



Life members Duncan and Sharron joined South Port in 1972. Duncan was an avid sailor and racer who owned numerous boats over his lifetime starting out with Shark. In partnership with his good friend (SPSC member Stewart Weber) they owned and campaigned a number of boats, participating in many races and Regattas over the years.

Duncan ran his business 'The Ships Wheel' for over 20 years from the first location on Manning Road to eventually constructing his own building, also on Manning.

He was race chair at SPSC, and an all around volunteer to any committee who needed help or advice.

Duncan and Sharron lived their entire married life of 53 years in St. Clair Beach. He took great pride in the cottage he built on Pelee Island and always welcomed members who arrived following the Pelee Race from LMYC.

He considered SPSC his second home, so it was more than fitting that his 'Celebration of Life' was held at the club.

South Port members send condolences to Sharon, his daughter Shannon, son Ian, and many friends.



JAN 15	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #2: Mackinac Boat Prep & ORC Strategies Todd Jones & Tim McGuire BYC 7pm BYC
JAN 22	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #3: Racing the Trans Superior Bruce Aitken & Tim Proffit BYC 7pm BYC
JAN 29	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #4: Legends in Sailing: One Design Super Stars Mike Welch, Mark Allen, Doug Scheibner BYC 7pm BYC
FEB 5	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #5: Legends in Sailing: Sail Makers Wally Cross and Al Declercq BYC 7pm BYC
FEB 12	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #6: Using America's Cup Techniques to Win Chris Bedford Sailing Weather Service BYC 7pm BYC
FEB 19	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #7: Legends in Sailing: Race Officials who Rule! Ted Everingham & Matt Bounds BYC 7pm BYC
FEB 26	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #8: High Latitude Sailing in the Atlantic: Iceland, Faroe Islands, Ireland & Scotland Coasts Karl Aavik & Doug & Angelique Neal BYC
MAR 5	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #9: Legends in Sailing: Youth Sailing Leaders Eric Ellison, Lynn Frikker, Harry Jones BYC 7pm BYC
MAR 19	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #10: Legends in Sailing: Racing Women Who Win Laurie Bunn, Trish Kirkman, Erin Colpaert BYC 7pm BYC
MAR 26	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #11: 2025 New RRS & its Tactical Considerations Dave Perry US Sailing Champion & Author BYC 7pm BYC
APR 2	2025 DRYA Winter Seminar #12: Greg Normand's World Sailing Update Broadcaster NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB 7pm NCYC

WELCOME!

We welcome new member Ryan Bennett who brings to the club an S27.9 *Seabarf*, Sail #438 as well as a Laser. Ryan took Junior sailing lessons for 3 years at South Port 1985-86-87, completed the Power Squadron course, and has been sailing for 41 years. He is employed by the GECDSB as a Student support worker. Ryan will be racing and sailing out of our harbour this spring.

Look for the Summer Dockage & Release forms
in March Soundings !

Proposed Launch Date April 26th



2025 SPSC v WYC Hockey

Bring a few canned
goods or other non-
perishable food items to
the game.

Let's give an 'assist' to
those who are struggling
to feed their families!
Donations given to
Windsor Essex Food Bank
Association.

Put it on your calendar!
Saturday Feb 1st, 2025, 6-7PM
@ the WFCU Arena

Let's show our giving
spirit along with our
hockey spirit!



SPSC
2023 & 2024
Champions

Race Chair John Marentette

Racing

I hope that everyone's enjoying winter so far. With the Vendee Globe, Sydney-Hobart and other races to keep us entertained, it has been pretty good so far.

As of this writing we have had the first of several scheduled Thursday evening Racing meetings at the club. It was an open discussion on our PHRF handicaps and finished up with agreement to move the club to require valid PHRF certificates. This requirement will be for all racers competing on Thursday evening JOG or Spinnaker (not Shark) classes, and all racers competing in SPSC regattas. (As Monday racing uses its own proprietary handicapping system, certificates are not required.)

SPSC will require handicap certificates from Mid West PHRF. This is the same group that is used by Windsor YC, all of the DRYA clubs, and will be adopted by Lasalle Mariners YC and Cedar Island YC as well.

We use handicaps provided by a local group called "Essex County PHRF", that was run by a group of dedicated volunteers from SPSC, Cedar Island YC and Lasalle Mariners YC. ECPHRF has not been functional for several years, and therefore our handicaps no longer really have any functional basis. This does not promote fair sailing. Having all competitors with valid certificates will correct this.

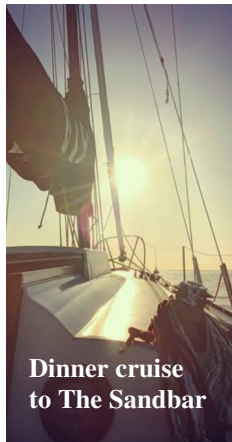
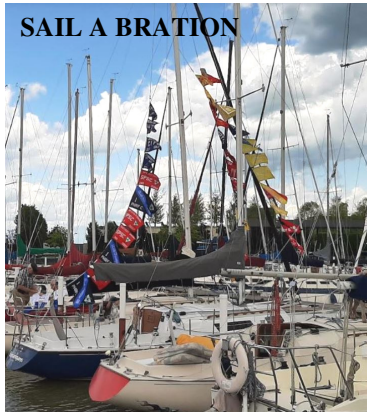
The 2025 Google Calendar, accessible from our club website has been updated with all regattas and race dates. Please have a look and let me know if you have any suggested changes?

We have combined the Viper 640s to the Melges 24 Canadian Championship regatta to be hosted by SPSC in September. This will be a major regatta and an exciting time for South Port.

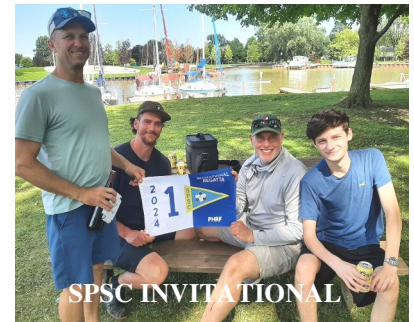
Note that I am looking for volunteers for the following positions this year in the SPSC racing program:

- **JOG fleet captain**
- **Spinnaker fleet captain**
- **Drysail fleet captain**
- **Invitational regatta chairperson**
- **Irene East Women's regatta chairperson**
- **Harvest Moon regatta chairperson**
- **2025 Melges 24 & Viper 640 CDN Champs regatta helpers**

Please consider contacting me to sign up for one of these positions. I will of course assist in any way possible to ensure that these volunteers and events are successful.



Remembering a few 2024 events



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