



Soundings

**Monthly newsletter
South Port Sailing Club
June 2025**

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Message from Commodore Jin Frati

Last month I spoke too soon, what endless summer! The warm weather only lasted a few days and then rain and cold kept us all wondering if it was just a dream....

Time for repairs, dredging is finally in works in the Channel, the Trillium outdrive is been ordered and soon replaced, the small hoist motor and chains are in the shop for an overhaul, a rental motor gave us troubles and it's in the shop as well hopefully all will be well shortly. Many thanks to all that help resolving these issues, especially our Harbour Master, Race Director, Dave, Bev, Nick and Darcy.

On May 27 a meeting to decide what to do with the trillium next year was very insightful, several options for a different type of RC boats were presented, recreational motor boats in fibreglass, work boats in aluminum, pontoons etc. Most of the members that attended where in favour, for a similar cost, of making a substantial renovation and upgrade to our existing RC boat, making it easier to maneuver, adding a head, modifying the anchor system so it can be used from the front of the boat among others, a question about it will be added to the next survey from the LTPC to better understand what the members would prefer.

The LTP Committee taking in account the responses from the first survey, is working on the second Survey which will be sent out probably by the end of June, it will have more specific questions.

The Town of Tecumseh denied our request for financial support for Pike Creek but not for the Channel in the lake which was originally requested, a motion to clarify this is pending.

Handling of the Gooses' dropping issue is an ongoing project that we are aware of and actively working on finding a solution with the help of the Property Chairs.

The rain puddle at the end of our driveway is also an issue that needs permanent fixing, any suggestion on how to deal with it, will be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget the Sail-Bratton on June 8! Weather permitting, I will be out there waiting for All the boats to come out, love to see an empty Harbour! This year I would like to make the PARADE to get your wine bottle a little more in keeping with old Naval traditions, from the smallest to the biggest boat all in line rounding the anchored Commodore boat to port, salute, grab your bottle and proceed with a water fight.



**Sail A Bratton
Sunday June 8 2:00pm
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**Vessel Courtesy Check
Sunday June 8
10-1:00 pm**

June 30th - August 29th



**Sailing School classes
Monday - Friday
9:00 - 4:00**

**LMYC 2nd Annual
Women's Regatta
Saturday June 28th**



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June 2025 Calendar of events

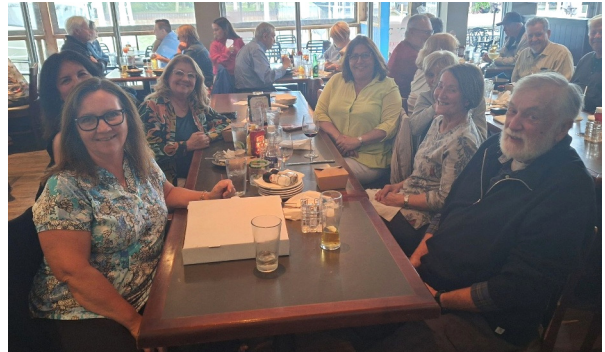
Club Duties

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	Brown, R Monday Race Series	2 Tuesday Dinghy Race Series Exec Meeting	3	4 Spring Series Thursday Club Racing	5	6 Clubhouse Rental 3:30
8 Sail A Bration 2:00 Vessel Courtesy Checks 10-1:00	9 Seeger, L Racing	10	11	12 Racing	13 WYC overnight race	14
15 Father's Day	16 Bonello, J Racing	17	18	19 Racing	20	21
22	23 Ferrato, P Racing	24	25	26 Racing	27	28 LMYC Women's Regatta
29	30 Souliere, R Racing	1 Canada Day 		Racing		

Thank you to Essex Medical Services (EMS) for providing a CPR & AED education class the evening of April 30th at the club.



Due to low water levels the annual 'cruise' to the Sandbar was not possible however, several members turned it into a 'land' cruise & enjoyed dinner the evening of May 17th



EQUIPMENT COURTESY CHECK



**SUNDAY June 8th 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location : South Port Sailing Club**

Sponsored by : CanBoat (Windsor Power & Sail Squadron)



Pizza is being offered by the Sailing School instructors following Thursday night racing

Cheese & Pepperoni \$3.00 a slice or 2 for \$5.00

Help support the Sailing School Race Team !!

Property Jackie Timothy

Forest Glade Tree Experts attended May 9th to carry out servicing our grounds for this season. Lawn & Beyond Property Maintenance carried out our first lawn cut and trim May 27th. The new ice machine has been loaded. The price per bag will remain the same.

Member volunteers carried out several tasks in May :

In an attempt to keep some of the goslings off the lawn, caution tape was strung along F dock

The east deck has been raised and levelled

The balance of picnic tables were moved from the south wall to the lawn, and some ground clean up took place

The new front entrance steps and rails were stained

More to come in June...Thank you to all who have volunteered as well as those who have carried out weekly clubhouse duties !

Racing

Our 2025 racing season has started, although with some hiccups.

- **The Trillium's outdrive (the connection between the engine and the propeller) was worse than we thought this spring. Despite heroic efforts by member Bev Pryce, we decided to go with a new/remanufactured outdrive instead. I am working to get the boat back in the water and running well by Monday June 9th.**
- **The channel depth (or lack thereof) reduced the race fleet for the first week or two. Thanks to Harbourmaster Fred for expediting the dredging activities.**
- **Unanticipated issues with the dry-sail crane this spring had to be dealt with. Thanks to all that spent time and effort to get us up & running again, including "Super-Dave" Robichaud, Fred Eagen, Darcy Fuller and Nick Takacs.**

The 2025 Google Calendar, accessible from the club website has been updated with all regattas and race dates.

The annual LMYC "Shakedown to PIB" regatta raced to Leamington instead. They had windy and rough downwind conditions that saw some sails ripped, but it seems like most competitors had a good time.

A big thanks to these volunteers this year in our racing program:

- **Dinghy regatta – Ed Hickey & Mo Regnier**
- **Invitational regatta chairperson – Wes Arthur**
- **Irene East Women's regatta chairperson – Joe Soles**
- **Hospice regatta – Andy Hellenbart & Kelly Johnson**
- **Harvest Moon regatta chairperson – Jin Frati**

We are still looking for volunteers for the following:

- **JOG fleet captain**
- **Spinnaker fleet captain**
- **Drysail fleet captain**
- **Various positions for regatta helpers**

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

This fall will see the Viper 640 & Melges 24 Canadian Championship regatta hosted by SPSC Friday-Sunday, September 5-7. This will be a major regatta and an exciting time for South Port. I am looking for volunteers to help out, and have several names thus far. If you are interested in donating some time, please let me know?

John Marentette



Sail-A-Braton 2025



Kick off the 2025 sailing season
with a fun day of activities both on and off the water.
Sunday June 8th at SPSC

Sail past..... 2pm

Hoist your flags and head out to the lake.

Sail past the Commodore's boat for your bottle of South Port wine.

(also available on shore for non sailors)

Enjoy the afternoon on the water (watch out, or better yet, be prepared for water fights!)

Games & activities on the lawn..... 3-5pm

Corn hole, bubbles and other fun!

Bring a lawn chair if you have one.

Dinner..... 5pm

Michigan Diner Chicken with Macaroni & Cheese

Cookies & cakes

BYOB

Please bring a small salad to share with everyone

Cost: \$10 per person (children under 10 eat free)

RSVP by: Sunday June 1st

To reserve please complete and drop off form below at the club office

or e-mail information to: lmarentette65@gmail.com

Payment accepted ahead of time or at the door.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Total number of adults attending _____ Children under 10 _____

Amt enclosed \$ _____