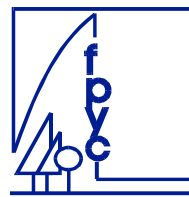
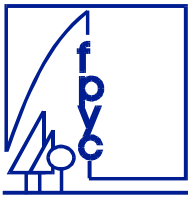


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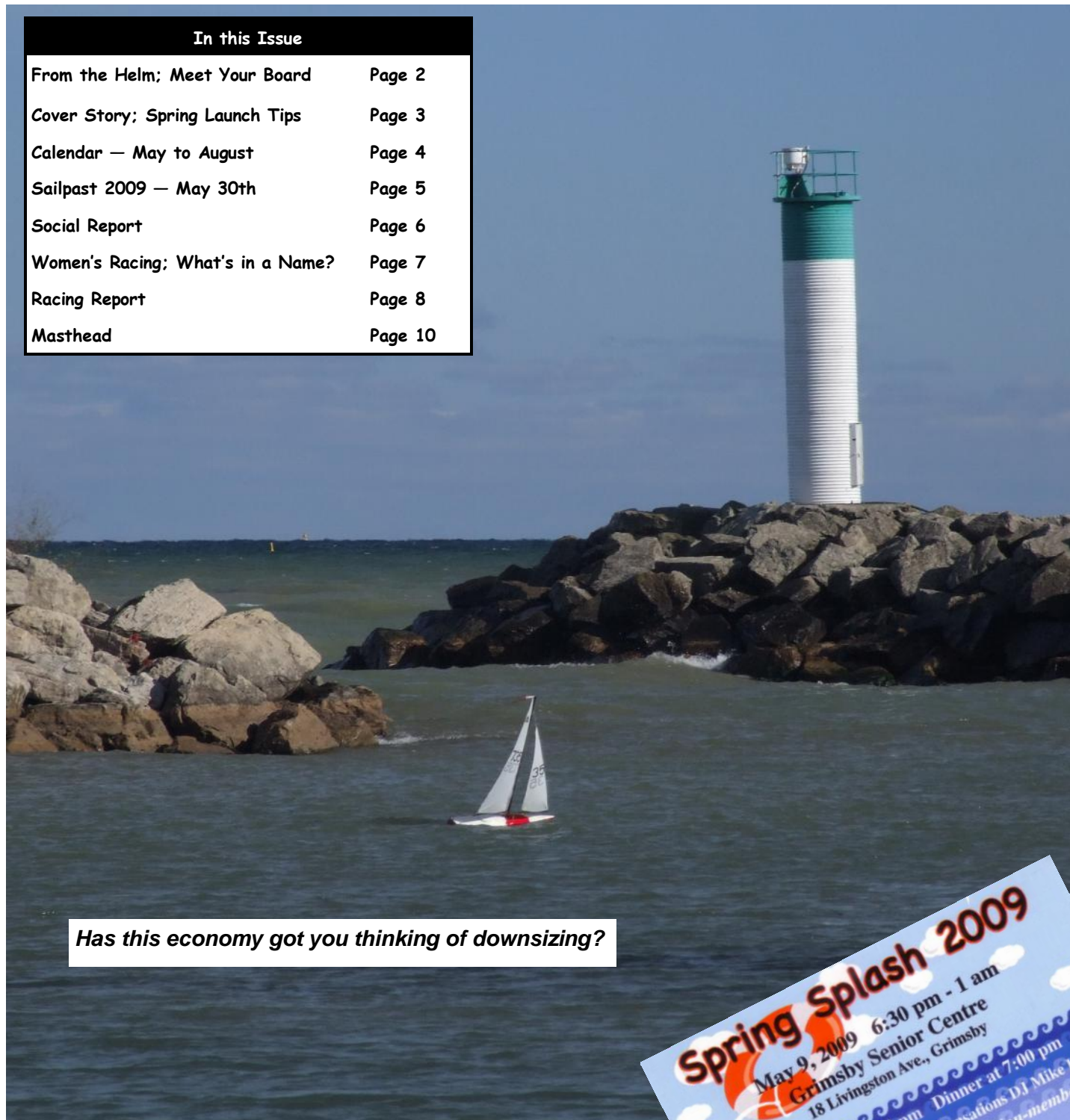
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Has this economy got you thinking of downsizing?

scut·tle·butt 1 a: a cask on shipboard to contain fresh water for a day's use b: a drinking fountain on a ship or at a naval or marine installation



From the Helm

Paul Pelletier, Commodore

*I must down to the seas again,
for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call
that may not be denied*

John Masfield

This month many of us are answering this seasonal call to the boatyard to prepare our vessels for another season.

As we work, each owner reflects upon the dings and scratches, the "war wounds" of previous adventures, but, more importantly we cast our minds upon the glorious opportunities presented by the new season.

Every member of our club has his or her own "ship of dreams" to cruise, to race or to lounge about the lazy days of summer ahead.

It is our hope that membership in our club will help you make good on your dreams and maybe even present you with some new possibilities. In this issue you will find some more details of the season ahead. Please work carefully in the boatyard on your "ship of dreams" and have a dream on us.

Meet Your Board



Ken I'Anson

I'm Ken I'Anson, the current Secretary for FPYC, having held other board positions such as Social Director and Racing Liaison. My wife Cindy, daughter Sophie and I joined FPYC in 2000, the summer after purchasing our first boat, Sojourner (we still love that name) and now sail a CS-30 called Uncorked. Why Uncorked? We're the only sailboat that we know of with a built in wine cellar!

You can find us after races at Dock D-36. I tell everyone our dock number is easy to remember because it's Cindy's bra size.....but actually we should move to C Dock!

Along with being active in the yacht club and club racing, I'm also the FPYC Contact for GHYRA (Golden Horseshoe Yacht Racing Association) and participate in a race series out of PCYC called LOSHRS (Lake Ontario Short Handed Race Series). Cindy and I race Double-Handed Spinnaker for these distance races. It turns out that having been married for 29 yrs, we make a pretty good team! Cindy drives and I sweat and swear!

This year on the schedule will be my first LO-300 (Lake Ontario 300 nautical mile) Race with 3 other gentlemen and racing the big Levels Regatta in Youngstown NY. Both mid-July.

We really enjoy the friendships, competition and camaraderie at FPYC. We wish all members a safe and enjoyable 2009 Boating Season.

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Radio Controlled Sailing

If you thought I was simply not very good at using PhotoShop when I put together the front page this month you're wrong. That boat is a radio controlled Soling that is one metre long and the photo was taken last November long after the big boats were protected from the winter winds.

Most Sunday mornings will see a group of six men show up at the Fifty Point pond for a few hours of sailing and power boating.

The sailboats are generally run by wind alone although a few have auxiliary engines to help them back to port should the wind fail. The power boats are all electrically driven and powered by a bank of batteries.

Please feel free to drop by and meet the group (many of you have done that already) and perhaps you'll even be offered the opportunity to give it a try. But be careful, it's addictive. Paul Charles



This is Bill Morrison's North Sea Rescue vessel. The detail on this boat includes a clock in the wheelhouse that really works!



Who Knew???

I had an e-mail from a member who says he's looking for a sailboat to buy but, even with media reports of economic hard times, he says very few seem to be available. If you have a boat for sale (or anything else nautical) let me know at pcharles@lara.on.ca and I'll post it here and on www.fpyc.ca.

Spring Launch Tips

Karyn Maddeaux, FPYC Social Committee

At the April FPYC Board meeting, it was suggested that it would be an interesting and helpful article to have our boaters contribute their Spring Boat Tips.

Things were abuzz in the boatyard on the beautiful sunny Saturday of the Easter long weekend, with lots of boaters working on their boats and visiting with fellow boaters and friends that they seldom see throughout the long winter months. You could really feel the excitement, anticipation and camaraderie in the air as we all got ready for launching.

I enjoyed interviewing boaters and asking them for their best tip for cleaning, maintenance, "I learned this the hard way" or whatever advice they had. It was great to meet some new people, say hi to friends and get such an interesting, diverse and even humorous assortment of suggestions.

I know I certainly took away a few great ideas that we plan to use and hope that you will find some of these tips helpful as well. Thanks so much to all our boaters for their contributions.

Dave and Dianne MacLean *Pretty Woman* D9

Dave and Dianne have found **Formula 5 Cleaner and Glaze** to be a great product. Use 2 coats and then 2 coats of wax.

Roy Case *Case Closed* G33

Be sure to have any hairline cracks in the gel coat attended to as soon as possible to avoid potential serious problems in the future. Roy recently had a small hairline crack that did not look serious but had it repaired and was surprised to see the amount of water that poured out from inside the hull, which could have potentially caused major issues if not caught and repaired early. Continued on page 9...



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Print this page and put it on the fridge, after all, you can now throw away the winter projects list!

May						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8 Women's Rules	9 Spring Splash
10	11	12	13 Pub Night 6:30	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 1st Race Night	21	22 Women's Practice	23 GYRA Event FPYC
24	25	26	27 2nd Race Night	28	29	30 Sailpast
31						

Time to sign up for a cruise. The book is in the notice board at the main building.

June						
	1	2	3 3rd Race Night	4	5 Women's Race 1	6
7	8	9	10 4th Race Night	11	12	13 Oakville Cruise
14 Oakville Cruise	15	16	17 5th Race Night	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 6th Race Night	25	26 Women's Race 2	27 Mimico Cruise
28 Race to Spider	29	30				

Add a little head chemical to the bilge and you'll reduce the nasty odour that sometimes can develop.

July						
			1 7th Race Night	2	3	4 Beach Party
5	6	7	8 8th Race Night	9	10	11 Hamilton Cruise
12 Hamilton Cruise	13	14	15 9th Race Night	16	17 Women's Race 3	18
19	20	21	22 10th Race Night	23	24	25
26 Race to Spider	27	28	29 11th Race Night	30	31	

In 1949 a British Order-in-Council abolished flogging as a form of punishment in the Royal Navy.

August						
						1 Port Credit Cruise
2 Port Credit Cruise	3 Port Credit Cruise	4	5 12th Race Night	6	7 Women's Race 4	8
9	10	11	12 13th Race Night	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 14th Race Night	20	21	22
23 Race to Spider	24	25	26 15th Race Night	27	28 Women's Race 5	29 Etobicoke Cruise
30 Etobicoke Cruise	31					

Sailpast May 30, 2009

Sail Past dates back to the very beginnings of Naval traditions. One of the earliest references to Sailpast is in the Greek poem, The Iliad: "After two years of preparation, the Greek fleet, of more than 1,000 ships and an army of 100,000 men, assembled at the port of Aulis, in northeastern Greece, for a Sailpast of Troy."

Sailpast is a ceremony of inspecting a fleet of ships and showing respect to the Commander in charge. Throughout history, this ceremony has included Royalty, Heads of State, and Admirals all inspecting fleets or entire Navies. Every year, the practice and history of Sailpast is performed by thousands of yacht clubs around the world.

In conjunction with Sailpast is the ancient tradition of the blessing of the boats which calls upon divine providence to safeguard the boats and crews from the dangers of the seas and to ensure safe return to home port.

On the last Saturday in May the Fifty Point Yacht Club Sailpast starts with the skippers and crew of all member yachts being piped throughout the marina and gathering at the main pier for a "Blessing of the Boats". The entire fleet, together with invited dignitaries, then assembles out on the lake. On cue, the fleet passes one by one in a parade before the Commodore who is anchored stern-to, and who will acknowledge, with a flag-dip of his own, each boat's individual flag-dip salute. Sailboats often acknowledge the Commodore with a luff of the jib.

Our annual Sailpast signals the official beginning of our boating season. It is a festive occasion that all members of the club are encouraged to enjoy. It is also a time to get our yachts all ship-shape and in "Bristol" condition for display. Participating in Sailpast is to participate in one of the earliest customs in boating.

This year we are hoping to get more boats out than ever before. This is an important tradition linking us to history as boaters generally, and as members of FPYC in particular.

Plan now to attend the 2009 Sailpast. It will be a great day of boating and socializing and the added bonus is that it is free to all members.

Watch this page next month for a detailed schedule of Sailpast.

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Social Report

Darlene Mantel

Finally April has arrived and the boat yard will be busy with the sounds of everyone getting their boats ready for launch day.

This can only mean that Spring Splash is once again around the corner.

Spring Splash 2009 is a great time to re-connect with all of your dock mates. It has been a long winter and it is great to be able to get together with everyone from the club for some great food and socializing. Get your tickets from any one on your executive or Karyn Maddeaux and Brenda Collins. Ticket prices have been reduced from last year!

Spring Splash is being held on May 9th at Grimsby Senior Centre, 18 Livingston Avenue, in beautiful downtown Grimsby. Our delicious dinner is being catered by Genuine Bakery and afterwards, Mike London of Sound Sensations will be our DJ for the evening.

On April 25th, I will be at the marina in the West Shelter serving up some goodies, hot apple cider, coffee and hot chocolate for all you chilly and thirsty workers getting your boats ready for launch day. Drop by for a warm drink and some goodies and while you are there, it would be a great time to buy your Spring Splash tickets. Ticket prices are \$30.00 for members and their guests and \$45.00 for marina non-members.

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DID YOU KNOW?



It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine,

which rested on sixteen.

Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the other.

The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make them of brass - hence, Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much more quickly than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey. And all this time, folks thought that was just a vulgar expression?

With thanks to Andrew McKenna

And also...

In 1998 the Cable & Wireless Adventurer set a record for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe by a power vessel: 74 days, 20 hours, 58 minutes, 30 seconds



Women's Racing

Cindy I'Anson

Women's Racing is set to go beginning with an orientation and rules night on Friday, May 8 at the Landing Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a short presentation on the key racing rules along with an orientation to racing. Dennis Angle, FPYC's Racing Director will give this presentation.

We will also be organizing crew for each boat. Pizza and wings at a cost of about \$12 each will be provided.

The on water season begins on Friday, May 22 with an orientation to each boat and a practice session.

Racing begins on Friday, June 5. Subsequent races will be on June 26, July 17 and 26, and August 7 and

28. We will have 3 boats on most nights and hope to get as many crew out as possible.

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What's in a Name?

Tavel

Eric and Patricia Cogswell sail Tavel out of Dock C11 and Eric reports that the name "Tavel" was given to the boat by her previous owner in his habit of naming his boats after wine regions of France.

Tavel is a wine-growing Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée in the southern Rhône wine region of France, across the Rhône River from Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC and just north of Avignon. Tavel wines are all rosé wines and must have a minimum alcohol content of 11%. The 933 hectares produce an average yield of 42 hectoliters per hectare. The vineyards are located in the commune of Tavel only. Tavel is reputed to have been a favourite wine of kings Philippe le Bel and Louis XIV, the Popes of Avignon, and the 19th century novelist, Honoré de Balzac, and is one of the few rosé wines that can benefit from aging.

Philip IV is supposed to have travelled through Tavel on one of his tours of the kingdom. He was reportedly offered a glass, which he emptied without getting off his horse and afterwards proclaimed Tavel the only good wine in the world.

Do you have a boat name story to share? E-mail me at pcharles@lara.on.ca and it could be featured here!

Racing

Dennis Angle

Many of our boats are crewed by couples and friends. My thoughts this month go to the women on the boat. A long time ago - in a marina far, far away - I thought about the positions on the boat. This applies to power-boaters too, but just skip the telltale mumble jumble. Actually, I know sailors who skip that part too.

First we list the duties for the two positions on the boat.

Helmsman: steer the boat by turning a large wheel with a 4:1 mechanical advantage, usually just using the fingertips. Starting and stopping the engine by turning a small key. Pushing a throttle lever forward and backward. Occasionally giving instructions to the crew if they haven't already figured out what is required.

Crew: raise the sails with a winch and winch handle. Sheet in headsail quickly. Sitting on the rail to use the body mass (I think that's a polite way of saying "bulk") to keep the boat upright. Jump on and off the dock while tying up lines and doing the goose poop boogie on a narrow finger dock.

Next I examined the duties above and applied logic to dividing up the positions between my lovely wife and myself. It's often a bad idea to apply logic to anything marriage related, but go with me here. I watched couples on other boats, and it always seemed that the lady at the wheel seemed to make more sense. There is no rule that equates steering a boat with chromosomes. Anyone can do it. The value added is that my wife is happier too.

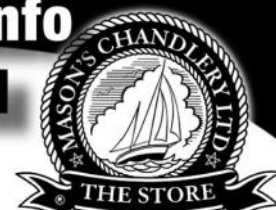
I find it infinitely better to sit on the rail and see everything that is happening. The helmsman (helmswoman) should be watching the telltales and steering the boat smoothly through the water. That is all. The crew are watching the other boats, trimming the sails, and getting ready for the next course change. I learn more about my boat sitting on the rail than I do steering. I can see both sails, I can see all the other boats, I can see the mast bend, I can feel tension on the shrouds. I can see all the telltales on the genoa and move the car to make them all fly. I can do more things to make the boat go fast than I can by steering the boat.

After you finish the race, you lower the sails and put out the fenders, more bending / lifting work. Next comes docking (and undocking of course). It's tempting for the man to steer, because of course he can do a better job. Once again, let me apply logic to this. He might dock better, but only because he has more experience. He only has more experience because he doesn't let the woman dock the boat.

Try it. Let the woman steer the boat, and let the man do the heavy lifting.



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Read Any Good Books lately?

We all share an interest in boating and it occurred to me that on occasion we probably read more than the manual for the VCR so let's get a virtual reading room going here.

Send me the names of your favourite boating books and I'll list them here for all to enjoy.

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Joshua Slocum's Tin Clock

When we set out on a voyage we pride ourselves on having all the latest navigational aids. But before Captain Slocum sailed his solo circumnavigation in 1895 he had these thoughts, "The want of a chronometer for the voyage was now all that worried me. In our new fangled notions of navigation it is supposed that a mariner cannot find his way without one, and I drifted into this way of thinking. At Yarmouth I got my famous tin clock, the only timepiece I carried on the whole voyage. The price of it was a dollar and a half, but on account of the face being smashed, the merchant let me have it for a dollar!"



Photo Taken in Vancouver Harbour