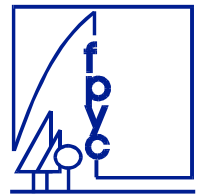
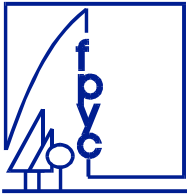


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From the Helm

With our boats now out of the water and safely tucked away for what we hope will be a short winter, it is a good time to reflect upon the past season. Although the weather at the beginning of the season was a deterrent, we did realize modest success on a wide range of our Club's activities for '09. Attendance at most of our events was slightly improved from last year, although we did not achieve the high level of participation that we had anticipated. This was slightly discouraging to your Board because we had made numerous modifications to our programming based on member feedback from the various surveys that had been conducted at the conclusion of last year. However, your Board is not a group that is easily discouraged. Having worked with them, I can reaffirm to you that they are a talented and motivated team that will continue to work together to serve your best interests.



Our 2009 Annual General Meeting, (AGM), held Sunday November 22nd at the Ingledale House at Fifty Point

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What's in a Name?

Editor's note: This month we'll look at Ann & Dennis Angle's boat Chumu. You probably noticed this Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 37 arrive in the marina early in the summer and you then would have noticed the fabulous transformation that Ann & Dennis made to this boat to the point where it already is a showpiece in the marina. Dennis tells me there are still many items on the "List" but the work is going well.

The name **Chumu** had been chosen long before we picked out the boat, and now it seems to fit well. When Ann was growing up her father always bid her good night with the Ukrainian phrase, give me a chumu, meaning give me a kiss. She now says that to me every night. We enjoy telling the meaning to fellow boaters that we meet around the lake. We have registered the name, I like a boat name that is very unique.
Dennis



Notes from GAMRU

John McNally



Do you want your child to wear a lifejacket???
Set a good example and wear yours every time you are on the water. Parents of young children should be aware that there are no approved lifejackets for infants under 9,kg (20 lbs). To learn more about finding the right lifejacket for your child, please visit www.boatingsafety.gc.ca.

From the Helm contd...

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was well-attended by the membership. This event provided your Board the opportunity to give you some honest feedback on our Club's operations over the past season and, more importantly, provided the membership with the chance to offer input to our Club's future. Your Board is aware of the trust you have placed in us and it is a responsibility that we take seriously.

We were also fortunate to have the Marina Manager, Rob Howe, come to the AGM to provide us with a marina update. In his presentation Rob addressed many issues of concern and he also pledged to follow-up on these concerns and hold update meetings with me in the future when warranted. Although many of us may have outstanding issues with marina facilities, fees, etc., a strong and positive relationship with the Fifty Point marina staff is our best route to realizing improvements. Your Board will continue to deal with significant issues on your behalf; however, as individual marina customers everyone is free to approach the marina staff on his or her own.

Canvassing for new Board volunteers did not bring an overwhelming number of nominees. Fortunately for us, our newly acclaimed Board members bring with them strong set of skills and past experience. We are pleased to welcome, Vern Lowe, Troy Farncombe and John Hamilton to our Club Executive. We also must pay tribute to some departing Board members who have served us all so well for these past years; Henk Zylstra, Dennis Angle, Peter Collins and Darlene Mantel. The thin staffing level on the new Board will necessitate some changes to our Club's operating model; we will be requiring some increased volunteerism from the membership to achieve our goals for the upcoming season. Many of you have already expressed an interest in organizing a social event or leading a cruise. This type of spirit is the lifeblood of our Club: to be a welcomed participant in any event with a group of close friends is perhaps the single most important benefit of our yacht club membership.

Your Board appreciates the trust and support you have given us over the past season. We will continue to strive to meet your expectations; in the meantime we will also have a lot of fun.

Best Wishes for the Holidays and Happy New Year from us all.

Paul Pelletier

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Wildlife at Fifty Point

At Fifty Point we have a unique situation in that not only do we enjoy one of the most beautiful and well run marinas but also it resides in a fabulous conservation area! We have access to walking trails, a fishing pond, two beaches and an orchard.

Recently one of the fixtures at Fifty Point Conservation Area sent me his photograph of a magnificent owl he snapped on a Sunday morning early in November. Gene Lambert has been birding for years and has spent countless hours watching the trees and skies at Fifty Point. You may not know Gene but, as an observer of the world, he undoubtedly has seen you. Gene is also a radio controlled sailor and can be seen at the pond many Sunday mornings. And remember Phyllis, who worked with Betty at the snack bar for several years? She is Gene's wife.

Gene tells me this is a Northern Saw Whet owl which is about 8 inches high with a wingspan of 18 inches. A number of these beautiful birds have been seen in November in the pine trees at the east end of the park near the shooting range.



Cruising Report

At the AGM Marty Tickle provided a report on Cruising for 2009. Cruises for the season were as follows:

- Oakville Club, June 13/14 - 10 boats - dinner out, cheese & crackers at the cruise get together
[Paul & Helena Cruise Captain](#)
- Mimico CC, June 27/28 - 17 boats – pot luck dinner - cheese & crackers
- RHYC, July 11/12 - 2 boats – pot luck dinner
- PCYC , August 1-3 - 11 boats - pot luck dinner - cheese & crackers
[Henk Zylstra Cruise Captain](#)

Etobicoke YC, August 28/29—Cruise was cancelled due to schedule mix-up at EYC
For the first time FPYC Participation Flags were handed out to cruise attendees. Make sure to fly your flag at Sailpast and other celebrations.

Costs for the cruising season were made up of \$1,953.00 for 62 visiting boat slips and \$398.75 for food and supplies for the events for a total cost of \$2,351.75.

Marty reviewed the results of the recent cruising survey commenting especially on the good response. Results will be posted on FPYC.CA.

In line with the "Distributed Management Model as outlined by Commodore Paul Pelletier, Marty is looking for volunteers to lead individual cruises for the 2010 season. Get in touch with Marty to sign up and do so early to help him organize the season.

Membership Report

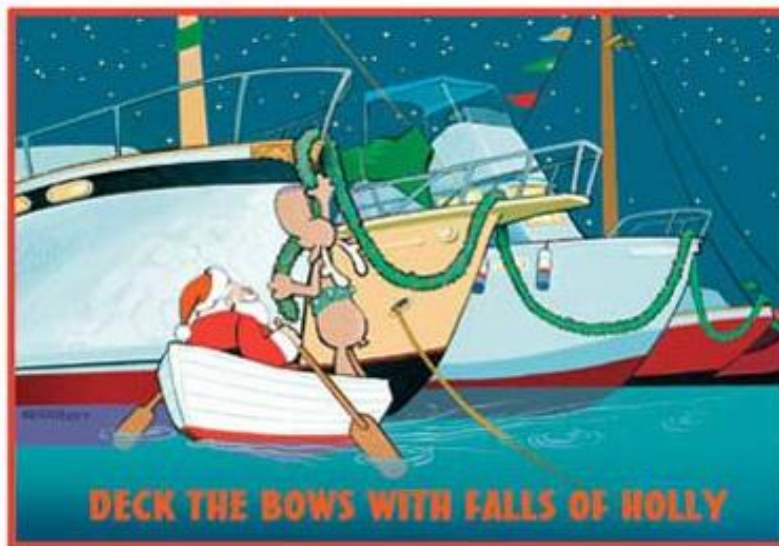
Grace Nyman

The numbers for 2009 are:

- * Total membership – 127 versus 131 in 2008
- * 112 were full memberships versus 122 in 2008
 - 37 power & 74 sail
- * 15 social memberships
- * 20 new memberships
 - 4 power, 10 sail & 6 social
- * Revenue was down from 2008 with fewer full members and more social members.
- * Critical Mass – 130 full memberships are required both from a financial and an operational outlook for the club to operate comfortably on an on-going basis
- * We need to promote club benefits to nonmembers—ask your neighbor to join!
- * Regalia Revenue - \$505.00, more items for next year!

Grace encouraged people to encourage other Fifty Point boaters to join our club and enjoy the many activities the club offers.

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Maintenance

So, the boat is put away, you've brought home the bits that need fixing and you've put aside the money for the things you'll pick up at the Boat Show.

But have you planned for next spring?

Over the years boat owners have often struggled with the dilemma of dealing with a bird's nest in the spring. Do you simply chuck it out as soon as you find it or do you, as I saw at Burlington several years ago, curtail your sailing plans until the brood is hatched and flown the coop?

Birds will find places to nest from anchor lockers to boom ends to exhaust pipes. (We stuffed plastic bags into the exhaust pipes of a very large power boat some years ago after we saw the beginnings of a nest being deposited there.)

Now is the time to think about it. Stuff the end of the boom now so that you won't put it up in the spring and then invite your winged friends to move in.

Cover the ends of your mast in storage. I had to take all the lines out of our mast one spring in order to get the detritus out.

And, above all, block any opening to your anchor locker and do it now. If you forget in the spring you could find a very large unwelcome surprise.

OK, now you can have fun at the Boat Show!



This was taken at Fifty Point last spring. The boat owner took two garbage bags of leaves and twigs out of his anchor locker.



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Treasurer's Annual Report

On November 22 Fifty Point Yacht Club held its annual general meeting at Ingledeale where Hank Zylstra delivered the annual report of the Treasurer.

Opening Account - Oct 1/08 \$22,310.79
 Closing Account - Sept 30/09 \$19,496.65
 GIC – date Dec. 22, 09 \$7,105.38

| Revenue | | Expenses | |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Membership Fees | \$16,010.00 | General Admin | \$6,287.31 |
| Burgee Sales | \$85.00 | Reciprocal | \$11,088.00 |
| Regalia Sales | \$505.00 | Social Functions | \$13,783.97 |
| Social Functions | \$13,753.77 | Racing | \$1,894.90 |
| Communication | \$480.00 | Cruises | \$398.75 |
| Photo Contest | \$200.00 | Communication | \$394.28 |
| Misc | \$34.16 | Photo Contest | \$133.34 |
| | | Regalia | \$500.02 |
| Total | \$ 31,067.93 | Total | \$34,480.67 |
| | | Profit/Loss | \$-3,412.64 |

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FPYC Well Represented at Bronte Rocks

This year was the 10th anniversary of the start of “Bronte Rocks”, a Labour Day Weekend of racing hosted by the Bronte Harbour YACHT Club. This year Fifty Point Yacht Club was well represented in the 81 boats that participated in 11 divisions.

Congratulations to our entries in the GHYRA FS-2 Fleet for their performance in the overnight race which spanned 90 miles as vessels sailed from Bronte to the Hamilton Beach, the Niagara Channel, Gibraltar Rock and and finally back to Bronte.

Uncorked scored a second place skippered by Ken l’Anson with crew Randy St. Jacques, Troy Farncombe and Walter Schoppmann while Ragtime, skippered by Mike Vandervaart came in fourth.

As usual Troy looks cool as he faces the early morning watch.



Skipper Ken l’Anson, sporting the latest in winter headgear, prepares to drag out another sail.

Social Report 2009

Darlene Mantel

The social events were well received with very good feed back during and after the events. The surveys that were completed at the 2008 AGM were used to as a guideline for planning. Family Day and the Beach Party were new additions and there was a new format for the Commodore's Ball. We are looking for volunteers to organize an event for 2010, so if you would like to organize an event, see your new Social Director, John Hamilton.

Some events make money and some cost money, but throughout the 2009 the social events broke even.

Family Day

Unfortunately the February weather didn't co-operate and we couldn't skate or ski, but still managed to get in a few wagon rides, have a fire and enjoy each other's company over some warm drinks and snacks. The Conservation Authority provided the manpower and wagon and we would like to thank them for that. The cost of a Family Day function is minimal, and it is a good time for everyone to come to the marina and check on their boats, and enjoy some relaxing time with their fellow boaters.

Spring Splash

Spring Splash was very successful with a great turnout and a profitable contribution to the bottom line of the club. The Grimsby Senior Centre has been booked for May 1st 2010, so mark your calendars now.

Sailpast and BBQ

We had 150 attendees and 44 boats. The BBQ went very smoothly with a well organized food table and we added a very popular potato salad to the menu. Membership renewals were encouraged at a table hosted by Brian Weber & Grace Nyman.

Beach Party and Steak/fish BBQ

This was held on July 4th. We added a salmon option this year and this was very well received. A sound system was brought in, run by FPYC members and songs could be chosen in advance via a website. This was a very reasonable way to provide music during the event. I would suggest that this event be held at the end of June so that it doesn't interfere with the July 1st holiday.

Commodores Ball

The Commodore's ball, attended by 74 people, was held earlier in the season at EastDell Estates Winery with a live 3 piece band. We had a photographer taking pictures of everyone in their party outfits with an option to purchase them on her website. A taxi service was on call for any members who needed to get a ride back to the marina.



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Victoria Racing

The racing division of FPYC is about to expand in a big, small way. We will be starting a weekly racing night for radio controlled Victoria Sailboats on the pond at Fifty Point. We already have a number of people interested and we ask you to come out to the monthly pub night on December 9th for a presentation on what a Victoria is and how one gets involved. Don't worry if you've never raced or even sailed before—it's easy to learn



and fun to be sure! The plan is to create a fleet of boats that are very close to identical thus assuring a level field of competitors where skill, not deep pockets, determines the winners. To get into radio controlled sailing with this group you will need about \$300 to buy the kit, radio and other accessories. Then you'll put the kit together (I am hoping to host "building evenings" at my workshop in January & February to help the neophytes) and we'll start racing when the ice clears from the pond. So, come on out in December and learn about a new world of racing! See you at the Judge & Jester Back Room at 6:30 on the 9th.

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Racing

Dennis Angle

This Scuttlebutt is written with a view of green grass out the window. There is still dust on my snow shovel and I was quite comfortable at the boat today, taking care of another check on the "to do" list of winter projects. But how can I anxiously wait for the snow to melt if it isn't here?

At the AGM I thanked my fellow members that made this year and every year a racing success. Carl and Darlene volunteered for committee boat duties again this year. They willingly choose to sit and bob in the lake – enabling us to have a proper start and finish line. Darlene recorded all the times and sailnumbers for our scoring. My wife Ann orchestrated the wonderful barbques we enjoyed all year. Garry looked after PHRF duties and Cindy advanced women's racing another notch. Ken coordinated regatta communications with other clubs. More thanks go out to Paul P and Paul C, Mike, and everyone who helped make our racing program fun.

I turn over the racing duties to Troy this month, and I have mixed thoughts of the process to use.

One option is to tell him about the start of our racing program 4 years ago. We choose to bring our racing totally under the stewardship of the yacht club and to make the races very inviting to the members. I could take Troy through all the philosophical discussions the racers had on rules and procedures merged with the fun and welcoming atmosphere we choose to embrace. I could tell him about the "good old days" of Peaches and PHRF and a fleet of Sharks.

But I think the better option is to give him a sealed envelope - with a blank page inside. Troy brings enthusiasm and ideas to this position. Now it's his opportunity to discard things that didn't work out, to keep the things that did, and to bring new ideas to the racing at Fifty Point Yacht Club. We are with you all the way.

Dennis

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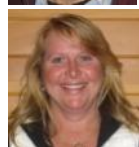
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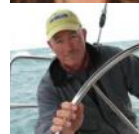
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From the Galley

Do you have a recipe that REALLY works well on board? Why not share it with your fellow FPYC members? Send your boating recipes to pcharles@lara.on.ca and we'll print them here.

Tube Steaks

There doesn't have to be a ball game to enjoy a good hot dog and they make a great, easy on-board lunch. But let's get a little creative...

We all like to have our hot dogs prepared on the barbecue but that's not always available underway so try this:

Purchase really good wieners - don't cheap out on this—or get sausages. If you go with sausages they are safest poached at home and then frozen for traveling.

Heat them in a frypan with a little oil or butter and just enough to warm them through with perhaps a little crust.

The place them in top sliced buns. These are not really easy to find but they are available—you just may have to look around a little.

Place the full hot dog back in the frypan just long enough to toast the sides of the buns.

And, as for condiments, chop a tomato, add a little onion and offer Dijon mustard all around.

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