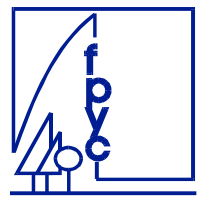


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Heart Tug Leads the Fleet
as Over 40 Boats
Saluted by Commodore at
Sailpast 2009

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A Little History

Most of us good members of Fifty Point Yacht club know that Paul Pelletier is our Commodore and that Betty Lou Munro held that position before Paul took over last fall. A few members can tell you that Lori Raudnask preceded Betty Lou and the odd one can go back many years in our club history. But did you know that we have had Seventeen Commodores starting with Ron Cruise in 1984? Well, I didn't either and when I asked I was referred to the Landing Restaurant where the commemorative rudder listing all past Commodores is hung on the wall.



The "Rudder" on the south wall of The Landing

For your information here is the lineup:

Ron Cruise	1984
Dave Hambleton	1985
Jim Thurston	1986 - 1987
Steve Cramer	1987 - 1988
Peter Collins	1988 - 1989
Giles Beaudoin	1990 - 1991
Nick Ehlert	1992
Ron Taylor	1993 - 1994
Ruth Van Horne	1995
Ron Taylor	1996 - 1997
Bob O'Connor	1998
Michelle Grant	1999
Glen Bocek	2000 - 2001
Sterling Lintott	2002 - 2003
Lori Raudnask	2004 - 2005
Betty Lou Munro	2006 - 2008
Paul Pelletier	2009

Meet Your Board

Grace Nyman, Membership Director

This month we continue our series introducing our FPYC board members to you. This month meet Grace Nyman.

Rob, my husband of 25 years, and I have three beautiful daughters, one son-in-law, and one cute little granddaughter.

While not at the marina, Rob and I are busy running our own industrial contracting business, while I also work part time for a greenhouse.

Boating began for us around 10 years ago. The love for the water came one summer in a rental houseboat with another family which also includes three daughters. Imagine a 40' houseboat travelling along the Rideau Canal with 6 little girls under the age of 16 and four busy adults !.....Best holiday ever !!

The next thing we knew, we were selling our snowmobiles for a 24' Doral Phazar known as "Hot & Bothered" (the name came with the boat !) Rob's "need for speed" (& mine) was definitely fulfilled in this little power boat. For three years we travelled many waterways including the Trent Canal, Rideau Canal, Thousand Islands and all over lake Ontario.

Soon though, we decided to trade 'speed' for 'comfort', which is when 'Evergreen' came to us.



Choosing Fifty Point Marina to be 'Evergreen's' new home was an easy one. We are now coming into our 6th season at Fifty Point. We have met many great friends with whom we have made many great memories.

Being on the executive has been a memorable experience. As a membership director for 2 years I have come to know many more people at our Marina.

Rob and I wish everyone a great boating season!



Boats in all their splendor!

Sailpast 2009



The Lanc checks out Sailpast



Let the party begin!



Burgers, salad and ice cream were served thanks to a generous donation from The Hamilton Conservation Authority



Flags, flags, flags!



Close Friends...



Charlie Kyle did a great job piping for the Commodore as he reviewed the fleet at dock

What now?

It's still early in the season and you have managed to scoop a half day from work so you head off to the marina. It's cool so there's nobody else around but that's OK because you want to get some maintenance work done without interruption from your friendly dock mates.

Things are going well until you reach a little too far and suddenly find yourself "in the drink". After the shock of hitting the water subsides the next feeling is embarrassment - you know quite a few people who will get a laugh out of this!

Then suddenly you realize that the water is bloody cold and you had better get out while you can. But how? The docks are high (you could have managed them 20 years ago) and the swim ladders are all secured in place. Can you make it to the swim platform on that power boat across the way?

And then you see the marina staffer running down the dock realizing you aren't just another carp rolling in some ecstatic mating ritual. You are saved and can go back to being embarrassed.

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So, what now? What can each of us do to lessen the chance of a more ominous outcome to our story? Most of us have swim platforms or ladders. If you have a swim platform make sure you have a ladder that is easily folded down from the water. Without that "leg up" a person suffering from hypothermia might not be able to get onto the platform. And if you have a swim ladder on your sailboat undo the pins from the railing and tie it in place with a slip knot allowing the free end to dangle near the water so that a person in the water could pull it and release it for access. Simple steps that could save a life.

Racing

Dennis Angle

Racing has started with a bang this year, lots of boats, lots of people and of course lots of real good times. But let me write about something else this month. Seamanship and practicing. Seapersonship? Hmmm...

Sailpast just gave us a chance to follow a course, sail or power past some marks and coordinate ourselves on a radio channel. It worked well. Some boaters who sail, or motor to Toronto occasionally never get the chance to practice some of the serious boating "events" that we encounter from time to time. It was fun, and it was good practice.

When racing we try to anchor a marker perpendicular to another boat. This forms the start line perpendicular to the wind. This isn't easy. In fact it's not perfect every Wednesday, which adds a good challenge to the start and finish of the race. We try to time our running start to cross the line just after the horn sounds. It's not easy. Ask anyone who tries. We hope to get a little bit better every week. But it's good practice. Remember this the next time you are sailing to catch the 2:30 Burlington Bridge lift.

Perhaps the best example of good practice is setting the marks. Each week two of the boats drop and then pick up the floating marks. Just for fun, (actually it's not really fun) we usually try to do it under sail. This shows the crew how easily the skipper could sail back to pick up a crew member overboard. When you take a course you usually throw out a fender and then sail back to retrieve it. That is easy. No one I know floats as light and as high as a fender.

The next time you want to practice a person overboard, take an old hockey bag and fill it with 200 pounds of firewood. Now try to spot the bag in some waves, and try to get it back on board. I've tried it and I failed. Then I put a snap shackle on the bottom of the main sheet.

That's my thoughts for this month, see you on the water!

Officer of the Day

Volunteers have been coming forward but we still need coverage for 17 days over the summer. Please e-mail Les Armstrong for your choices. Remember, just one day WILL make a difference. Once you've tried you'll be back for more!

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Social Report

Darlene Mantel

Well, Sailpast has come and gone and all report it was a great success. Thanks very much to all the members who helped out and especially to the barbecue cooks, Rob Nyman, Dean Maddeaux, Sean Donnelly, Dave Chateaufvert and Carl Mantel. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout to our first "on the water" event.

But mark your calendar now for the next big FPYC social event! **The Beach Party** will be happening on July 4th at, you guessed it, the Beach Pavilion! It will be a "cook your own" steak dinner (dessert included) and to help out with the green initiative, bring your own plates and cutlery. Cost is only \$15.00 for members and their guests and \$20.00 for marina non-members. We will have music if you feel like dancing the night away. It all starts at 5:30 pm on July 4th, tickets will be available from your executive and social committee the weekend of June 13th.

Commodore's Ball

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As always our friends from GAMRU, TOWARF, HBRU and CCG were on hand to show their support at Sailpast.

The reciprocal club list is now posted on our website and the reciprocal book is in the display case.

June						
13/14 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 Mimico Cruise	29	30				

FPYC Races are Wednesday night at 5:30. Barbecue afterwards in the "D" dock shelter.

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	

A couple of good cruises coming up. Call Marty or Peter and see if there is still room for you.

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					

The best way to master a knot is to use it. - *Brian Toss*

September						
		1	2 16th Race Night	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Wrap-up Race	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Commodore's Ball
27	28	29	30			

The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.
- *Winston Churchill*

From the Helm

Paul Pelletier, Commodore

Our annual Blessing of the Boats Service and Sailpast received tremendous support from the membership. Reverend Steven Lindsay remarked to me that he really felt a sense of community and camaraderie amongst us and he, along with his wife Susan, were honoured to be included.

Our Piper Charlie Kyle fit in like an old-hand and did a wonderful job. Didn't you love his outfit?

We were most fortunate with the weather and had 42 boats come out for Sailpast. Many thanks to Darlene Mantel and her team on the Social Committee for all their efforts in organizing an excellent event.

In this issue you will find some wonderful photographs documenting this season's opening event. We are hopeful that many photos will find their way to the Photo Contest.

In addition to racing, now underway, this month we will start our flotilla cruising program. This month's cruises will see members off to both The Oakville Club and the Mimico Cruising Club. I am sure that their members visiting Fifty Point will be well-received by our Officer of the Day as our Reciprocal Cruise visitors.

Our next big social event will be the Beach Party / Steak BBQ to be held Sat, 4th July at the Beach Pavilion.

This season is off to a wonderful start. Our Club members share a bond of membership that makes the Fifty Point Yacht Club a great organization to call your own.

Best Wishes for the '09 Season,

Paul Pelletier

Commodore - FPYC

Insurance Anyone?

I have always carried a copy of the front page of our boat insurance policy on board and this was mostly so I would have the number to call should I have a claim away from home. But now I understand that many marinas and some clubs are asking for proof of insurance before they'll let you have an overnight slip. Better safe than sorry, copy yours today and put it in your logbook.

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Photo Contest

I am pleased to announce that **Joanna Suan** has kindly offered to run the Second Annual FPYC Photography Contest. Joanna is an excellent photographer herself and she is looking forward to seeing all your entries.

Send those entries to:

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So You want to Take Pictures

At one of the winter pub nights at the Judge & Jester I gave a short seminar on digital photography. It was so well received that I am giving a précis of it here. If anyone would like to have another evening put together to look at the ins and outs of basic digital photography I would be happy to put it together. E-mail me at pcharles@lara.on.ca and we'll go from there.

In the winter seminar I talked about the only six aspects of digital photography that you really need to know to get started:

1. Batteries - They come in different shapes and sizes, rechargeable or single use. Your camera won't work without them and they wear down quickly especially with flash photography. Carry an extra set for that special trip and, if you are planning a vacation to an exotic destination, you may want to choose your camera such that it takes commonly available batteries such as AAs. When on the go don't forget the charger and, if on the boat, get a 12 volt adaptor.
2. Telephoto - All digital cameras have telephoto lenses. I have a long one (12x) because I sail radio controlled boats which very quickly look like they are very far away. Use your telephoto! Always be sure that your subject fills the screen and you don't have extra junk in the picture. Sure, you can crop later but why waste the pixels. Go for the best quality right from the start. *...Continued right*

3. A feature on your digital camera that you most often overlook is the Macro. It easily enables you to take fabulously close-up photos of flowers, insects and all sorts of tiny things. Just look for the "flower" symbol in your menus or on your buttons. Most cameras have two levels of macro and, once the photo is taken, the camera defaults back to regular photos. Macro can also be very effectively used for copying of a page of text. The detail is fantastic.
4. The flash is the most used and least understood feature on your camera. I know, you are saying "it's just a flash, and it's automatic!", but that's just it. You can add flash to lighten a scene in front of a window where otherwise the subject would be in shade. You can turn the flash off to soften a scene where the flash would be too harsh. You can add red-eye reduction to make your subjects look more human. These are all adjusted by simply scrolling through the options on your flash (shown as a lighting bolt) menu or button.
5. Resolution - Your camera can probably take thousands of pictures and store them on your card. But the problem is resolution (read - quality) of the photos. Take **ALL** of your pictures at the highest resolution (you'll find it in the "quality" menu) possible. In that way you will be able to scale them down later for e-mail and the like while retaining the original file for that 11 x 14 print of the treasured grandchild. Last year I had to eliminate fantastic entries to our photo contest just because the resolution was too small for the photo to be enlarged.
6. Memory cards - Certainly there are too many types of cards but that's an issue with the camera companies. However, the important issue for you is to know that cards don't last forever. That said, be sure you always carry a spare as your camera won't work without one. And download photos as soon as you get home. Don't leave them on the card. And if the photos are of that special day then create a backup immediately. You'll be happy you did.

Happy picture taking!

Membership

Grace Nyman

Renewals keep coming in and we were pleased with the results from our Membership table at Sailpast. Currently we have 36 power boat members, 66 sail boat members and 11 social members.

Overall we are down from last year and we hope to pick up a few more over the next few weeks. If you hear of anyone who might have a problem with renewing please let me know and we will try to accommodate them.

What's in a Name?

Our boat name is 'Where's Teddy?' and we are Brian and Ruby Weber.

This name is sentimental to our family only. Years before we started boating, Brian used to travel the province for his job while Ruby stayed at home to mind the children. Typically, Brian would leave early Monday morning and return Thursday mid afternoon.

After supper, Brian would play ring around the rosy with the children in the living room. When they got to the part 'they all fall down', Brian would pile the children on top of one another and run and hide in the house. The children would run through the house trying to find their dad.

One day, they started looking for Brian and saying 'Where are you Teddy'.

When the children started to do their own thing, Brian and Ruby decided to get into boating. So now that the children are older and grown up, if they want to find their dad and mom they have to find 'Where's Teddy'. So now instead of running through the house, they need to look for us either at Fifty Point or on Lake Ontario. Let the games begin again. Only this time maybe we don't want to be found!



Most boat names have a story. Let's hear about yours. E-mail me at pcharles@lara.on.ca and include a photo if possible.



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Gale Warning - Mean wind speed is expected to be between 34-47 knots.

Storm-force Wind Warning - Mean wind speed is expected to be between 48-63 knots.

Hurricane-force Wind Warning - Mean wind speed is expected to be 64 knots or more.

Small Craft Thunder Storm Advisory - When there is a greater than 40% possibility of thunderstorms occurring in the forecast area.

Waterspout Advisory - When conditions are such that waterspouts or cold air funnels are likely.

Hmmm...

The captain had been telling how, in one of his Arctic voyages, it was so cold that the mate's shadow froze fast to the deck and had to be ripped loose by brute strength. And even then he got only about two-thirds of it back. - *Mark Twain*



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CLUB CRUISE SIGN-UP INFO

Marty Tickle & Peter Collins

The cruise sign-up book is now located in the club display case under the Landing Restaurant. You will find below a list of the dates and cruises available to you for the season. We have also included a few simple sign-up guidelines we wish you to follow. These guidelines have been put in place to allow everyone in the yacht club an equal and fair opportunity to enjoy the club's cruises while making it a little easier for us to plan and coordinate the cruises.

We would like to thank-you for taking the time to read and follow these guide lines. Have a wonderful cruising season.

- * The first 3 sign-up sheets for each cruise are for **new** (in 2009) **members** only.
- * The sign-up sheets are numbered. The sheets for each cruise will be taken in numerical order. There are 20 spots available for each cruise. Any sheets above the available limit will be put on the waiting list and taken in order if spots become available.
- * Members are **only** allowed to sign-up for a maximum of 2 cruises. However after 2 cruises a member may sign the waiting list for any of the remaining cruises. **Please sign-up on the waiting list because almost all cruises are made available to the people on the waiting list.**
- * Do not remove the sign-up sheets from the cruise book.
- * The cruise book is to remain at the display case.
- * Please fill out **all** information on the sign-up sheets. There is a reason for **all** the information we request.
- * If your plans change and you know you will be unable to attend a cruise you have signed up for please cross out your name in the book to allow someone else an opportunity to go on a cruise.
- * Information for each cruise can be found on the Cover page located in front of the sign-up sheets for each cruise.
- * You will be contacted a week in advance of the cruise for confirmation.

Cruise Calendar

Sat. June 13th & Sun. June 14th – The Oakville Club

Sat. June 27th & Sun. June 28th – Mimico Yacht Club

Sat. July 11th & Sun. July 12th – Royal Hamilton Yacht Club

Sat. Aug. 1st, Sun. Aug. 2nd & Mon. Aug. 3rd – Port Credit Yacht Club

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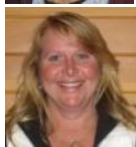


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From the Galley

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 share them here.

Sweet Potato Soup

It is always surprising that sometimes it can be so cold out on the lake. Early and late in the season we expect it to be cold but all of us have experienced the 20 degree difference between a point four miles offshore and our slip at Fifty Point. So let's think about soup.

Nothing warms like a mug of hot and hearty soup and this one is easy to prepare and freeze. Brought to the boat frozen it will help keep other food items cool and, when thawed, will heat quickly to warm your innards.

Ingredients:

- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves
- 4 medium sized sweet potatoes, peeled
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons ginger
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- Juice of 1 lime

Boil the sweet potatoes for 15 minutes or until tender. Sauté onion and garlic until softened. Allow these items to cool and then combine with all other ingredients in a blender or food processor (we find a hand blender works best). Cool, then freeze in 2 cup portions.

Thanks to long time sailor and gourmet cook Elizabeth Schultz.



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