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Fifty Point Yacht Club

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Join your fellow FPYC members at the beautiful Garth Trails Clubhouse on April 17th for the Annual Spring Splash. For details see Page 4



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If you would like to volunteer in any area please e-mail the director and let him or her know. The board is a small group and your participation in any way will be appreciated.

NOTES FROM GAMRU JOHN MCINALLY

Reduce Pollution where ever possible.

The boats will be going back into the water very soon. Listed below are a few ideas for making your own environmentally friendly cleaners.

All Purpose Cleanser - Mix 30 ml of baking soda or borax, 30 ml of tea tree essential oil, 125 ml of vinegar, 15 ml of biodegradable dish soap and 2 litres of hot water. Spray on surfaces to be cleaned.

Chromium - Rub with baking soda. Rinse and polish with vinegar in hot water.

Deck and Floor - Pour 250 ml of vinegar in 2 litres of water.

Drain - Pour 60 ml of baking soda in the drain, followed by 60 ml of vinegar. Let it rest for 15 minutes. Then pour in a full kettle of boiling water.

Mould - Add 60 ml of borax and 30 ml of vinegar to 500 ml of hot water. Spray the mixture to eliminate germs.

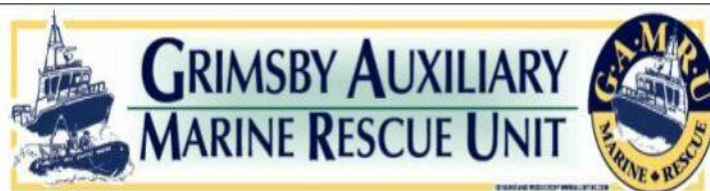
Toilet - Pour 125 ml of baking soda and 125 ml of vinegar into the toilet bowl. The foaming reaction cleans and deodorizes. Brush and flush.

Window and Mirror - Mix 2 ml of liquid soap, 45 ml of vinegar and 500 ml of water in a spray bottle. Use a cotton rag to clean and shine.

Wood (Polish) - Mix 30 ml of edible linseed oil, 30 ml of vinegar and 60 ml of lemon juice in a glass pitcher. Rub the solution into the wood with a soft rag until it is clean. To store the solution, add a few drops of vitamin E from a capsule and cover.

Please try your best to be environment friendly when preparing your vessel for the summer months ahead.

Everyone here at GAMRU hopes that the boaters at 50 Point Marina have a safe and happy summer.



Joust across the Lake!

Cruise to The Boulevard Club with dinner & show at Medieval Times on Saturday, August 14

Join us for a "dinner out" cruise to Medieval Times at a special 2 for 1 price! The venue is a 20 minute walk from the Club. \$35.60 per person (for dinner and show) including taxes. Funds will be collected at Sail Past May 29th once you have signed up. (extras tips/wine/beer to be paid at the venue).

This is a one night cruise with a **limit of 8 boats up to 40 feet in length** to any member who wishes to have a great adventure with fun, laughs and **no cooking!** Sunday morning breakfast will be at the "The Boulevard Club" restaurant with great food and individual bills.

About Medieval times:

Medieval Times is an exciting, family-friendly dinner attraction inspired by an 11th century feast and tournament. Guests are served a four course banquet and are encouraged to cheer for one of six knights competing in the joust and other tests of skill.



The menu:

Medieval Times' noble guests feast on garlic bread, tomato bisque soup, roasted chicken, spare ribs, herb-basted potatoes, pastry of the Castle, coffee and two rounds of select beverages. A full-service bar is also available. Vegetarian meals (upon request) include tomato bisque soup, garlic bread, large Portobello mushroom cap stuffed with whole grain, rice and bean blend, large skewer of roasted vegetables, hummus with pita chips, pastry of the castle and two rounds of select beverages

Sign up for an enjoyable weekend away!!

If you still wish to come but do not feel like crossing the lake, **NO WORRIES!**

just sign up for the drive to the show and dinner.

Or consider sailing to The National or Alexandra and joining us for dinner and the show. They are 2.6 km from Medieval Times.

Be sure to sign up so you will get the special 2 for 1 price!

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Required information:

Name of boat, size, beam, draft, type

Number of persons attending per boat

Name, contact email and phone number

SPRING SPLASH APRIL 17TH ***AND*** ***AT A NEW VENUE!***

One of John Hamilton's first challenges as our Social Director was to organize Spring Splash and he quickly discovered that the Grimsby Seniors' Centre, where we have held the event for several years, had substantially increased their rates. John immediately came up with an alternative so Spring Splash will be held at the Garth Trails Clubhouse on the west mountain in Hamilton. It's a beautiful, well appointed facility, a central location for our members and it is available at a great saving to the club.

Put this together with a new caterer with a fantastic menu and this promises a fabulous start to the season. Order your tickets now from John at copout123@sourcecable.net.

Note that Spring Splash will be earlier this year so mark your calendars for April 17th!

Tickets on sale now! \$30.00 per person
Tickets Will Be Available at the Marina All Easter Weekend



The Garth Trails Clubhouse

STICKY STUFF

At one time or another most boaters have used a wonderful series of products under clever names like 4200 and 5200 to seal things to keep the water out or to stick things together, or both. And perhaps a few of us have inadvertently used them to convert that special Father's Day shirt to part of our "working on the boat" outfit.

The other day I was helping install a new pedestal on CHUMU and we debated the wisdom of setting the unit in with 4200 since, while the temperature was above the required 4 degrees C to apply, it wasn't going to hold overnight for sure. So I called The Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (you might know them as 3M) and spoke to a delightful woman named Katy in their customer service department. 3M is a huge company and it was pleasing to get to a real and helpful person almost instantly when I called.

My new best friend Katy told me that the 3M line of marine sealants can be applied between 4 and 38 degrees C and that the only downside of a subsequent drop in temperature will be a lengthening of the total cure time, i.e. if the cure time is 48 hours, and you get 12 hours a day above 4 degrees C then the product will cure in four days rather than two.

So now you need a new excuse not to get that job started!

TALL SHIPS ARE COMING!

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This summer Toronto is proud to be the launch port and host of an international fleet of Tall Ships scheduled to race through the Great Lakes to promote water conservation and environmental protection of the worlds largest freshwater resources. The event is organized by the American Sail Training Association and the bi-national coalition, Great Lakes United.

Toronto's waterfront will feature the Tall Ships all along the water from the Spadina Avenue Slip to Harbour Quay, behind the Harbour Castle Westin Hotel, plus entertainment, local ship cruises, Green Village Exhibitors, and Youth Sailtraining programs.

General Admission is Free. Ship boarding passes will go on sale in April. For more information about how to attend or to book your group event onboard a Tall Ship, visit: TOWaterfrontfest.com

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RACING REPORT

BY TROY FARNCOMBE

Spring launch is just around the corner and it's time to begin thinking about the 2010 racing season. Here are some of the exciting things taking place this year.

Wednesday Night Racing Series

The 2010 Racing Season will start on May 26 with a couple weeks of warm-up races and run through September 22 with an FPYC Championship on Saturday, Sept 25. Races will start at 6:30 with a bring-your-own BBQ afterwards in the D-Dock shelter. The exact format of the races is yet to be determined, but we are hoping to expand on the race course to make it a little longer. We will be holding a Skipper's meeting at 5:30 pm on May 26 to go over the new racing details for 2010. If you are planning on taking part in racing, please send me an email (FPYC.Racing@gmail.com) letting me know along with details of your boat so we can get the scoring system set up.

Peaches and PHRF Regatta

We will be holding a new Peaches and PHRF Regatta Aug 28 and 29. This Regatta has the support of the Golden Horseshoe Yacht Racing Association (GHYRA) and will be featured as the finale in the GHYRA Racing Series. We are still looking for volunteers to help out with the organization and day-of festivities. If you don't mind helping out a little in order to enjoy the after-party, then please send me an email at FPYC.Racing@gmail.com and let me know. And thank you to all the people who have already volunteered.

GHYRA Racing

As mentioned, GHYRA has included the Peaches and PHRF as their finale race in their racing series. For those who aren't familiar with GHYRA, it is a collection of racers from yacht clubs within the Golden Horseshoe who race the various regattas in the area. In addition to being scored in the local regattas the GHYRA racers are also scored separately in order to determine the overall GHYRA winner. In addition to being declared the GHYRA winner, members also are eligible to win additional prizes at each regatta. Membership in GHYRA is very reasonable at just \$30/year. A valid PHRF certificate is required in order to participate in GHYRA. Please contact GHYRA rep, Ken I'Anson (kenianson@cogeco.ca) if you are interested.

PHRF Certificates

One way that you can participate in sailboat racing aside from the actual races is by getting your boat measured and getting a valid PHRF certificate. This certificate allows the regional racing associations to track boat performance over the season and adjust handicaps where needed. In order to take part in other regattas you will usually require a valid PHRF certificate. Please contact me (FPYC.Racing@gmail.com) if you'd like to get a certificate. If enough interest warrants, we will try to host a "PHRF Measurement Day" in early May where all interested skippers can have their boats measured.

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CRUISE REPORT

MARTY TICKLE

We are pleased to announce we have all the cruises booked for this coming season. Thanks to everyone for their valuable feedback on the cruise survey at the November 2009 AGM. You told us what you liked and we listened. For this season we have booked cruises to most of the favorite places surveyed. Two of the cruises, Lakeshore Y.C. and Cathedral Bluffs Y.C. will provide a refreshing change of scenery as they have not seen us for a few years.

The Cathedral Bluffs Y.C. cruise is also a two day August long weekend cruise. An additional long weekend cruise has also been added for this season. We will be going to Mimico C.C. for the Labour Day Long Weekend. This will be an exciting cruise as it is a great spot to take in all the action during The Labour Day Air show in Toronto.

Watch for upcoming details of the special plans for dinner at the Commodore's Cruise to Lakeshore!

Details on this or any other cruises can be found on the Cover Sheet for each cruise located in the cruise sign-up book which will be available in the Club Information Display Case on May 1st. In addition to the reciprocal cruises we are also pleased to offer an anchoring cruise to Carol's Point in Burlington Bay. Hopefully the weather will cooperate a little more this year as it has been scheduled for August. This is not a reciprocal cruise so it's open to all members and does not count as a sign up cruise.

On August 14, 15 we will be cruising eight boats to The Boulevard Club and then taking in the dinner and show at Medieval Times. See Page 3 for details. Sign up is through Ann Angle only.

I'm looking forward to an exciting season of cruises. If you have any questions regarding cruises please feel free to call or contact me via email.

June 5, 6 – Black & Blue Regatta
June 19, 20 – Oakville Club
July 24, 25 – Royal Hamilton Yacht Club
July 31, Aug 1, 2 – Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club
Aug 21, 22 – Lakeshore Yacht Club (Commodore's Cruise)
August 14, 15—Medieval Times Dinner & Show
Aug 28, 29 – Carols Point Anchoring Cruise
Sept 4, 5, 6 – Mimico Cruising Club

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FROM THE HELM

With the arrival of this upcoming season you will notice some changes to our Club's program. As mentioned in my last article, this new Board, although smaller in number, has big plans in store for this season. We are not going to settle for a repetition of the same old venues, we have listened to your feedback and are committed to expending the additional effort required to make meaningful improvements. In this edition and, on our



webpage, you will start to see our new 2010 program unfolding, and it contains some interesting innovations.

We have changed the location of some of our social functions, added new elements to our flotilla cruising and, this year will be hosting a Regatta. You will begin to see the results of our efforts unfolding in the coming weeks. In addition we have another new venue planned for this year's Commodore's Ball that many will find appealing.

Your Board has done their part and expended the extra effort required to plan a great season; now it's up to you to show your support, by renewing your membership and participating in as many of these great activities as you can.

Please work safely in the boatyard and have a great launch.

Best Wishes,

Paul Pelletier, Commodore - FPYC



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SELLING YOUR BOAT – TIPS FOR SUCCESS PART 3



By Ron & John – Harbour
Yachts Inc.

Editor's note: Both Ron & John have been fantastic supporters of Fifty Point Yacht Club and we encourage you to support them also.



Tip #8

Be flexible on pricing. It's good to sell at the best price. Put yourself in the buyers shoes and ask yourself, "If I'm buying a boat, why this boat over another similar boat?"

Tip #9

Consider having a survey conducted by an Accredited Marine Surveyor. After all the work that you put in to sell your boat, nothing is more frustrating than to have the sale fall apart due to the fact that the buyer discovers, after having a survey that they pay for, that your boat was not in the best working condition, or has osmosis or some other major problem that could have been taken care of prior to the inspection.

To avoid disappointment, do a survey to determine the working condition of your boat before listing, and have any faults repaired or reflect the cost of repairs in the asking price. The cost of a survey is in the region of \$10 per linear foot, which means that a 20ft will cost \$200.

If the survey returns a clean bill of health, you can even use it to validate the asking price of your boat.

Tip #10

Be patient and use the experience of selling your boat as a key learning experience. You will meet a number of fellow boaters that share a common interest, the love of a great pastime.



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OUR FAVOURITE PORT

KARYN MADDEAUX

Fifty Point would of course be everyone's favourite port, but since you already know how great it is, when Paul Charles asked me to write about our favourite port, I decided on Credit Village Marina in Port Credit.

We are very fortunate as members of FPYC to have so many great ports around Lake Ontario that we can visit on a reciprocal basis and while this is not a port that extends reciprocal privileges, since it is part of the City of Mississauga, you will often find fellow Fifty Pointers docked there on any given weekend. For the past two years, we have docked there for the Labour Day Long weekend with our good friends on *Feathers First*, *Persistence Pays*, *Amazing*, *Pharmin*, and *Evergreen*. Credit Village's fairly close proximity to the Western

Gap makes it a short boat trip to anchor and we were fortunate to have our wonderful hosts the Raudnasks of *Persistence Pays*, take all of us out on their boat to enjoy the Toronto Air Show. It's an incredible experience to sit on the bow of the boat and watch the planes doing their spectacular manoeuvres directly over our heads. Wow!

A visit to Credit Village Marina wouldn't be complete without a trip up the Credit River on our dinghies. Last year after a quick fast scoot out on the big lake, all six dinghies headed up the river. Since a lot of splashing and swamping of dinghies takes place, we never seem to arrive back at the boats dry, so bathing suits are a good idea. I seem to recall that Grace and Dean are often the instigators. I'm sure those of you that know them well enough can just imagine. Dave's son Milton seemed to be learning from them last year and as he grows older, I think he will be a force to be reckoned with. We learned the hard way that as you approach the more shallow areas of the river, it is a good idea to slow down....amazing how quick a dingy stops when you hit bottom! Luckily the props and dinghy bottoms survived....never a dull moment.

Another great weekend event that we enjoy at Credit Village is the annual *Southside Shuffle*, also known as the *Jazz Festival*, which is held every September. If you enjoy a party, this is the place to be on that weekend, especially on Saturday night. There are musicians, singers and bands set up to play at different venues in the area. A section of nearby Lakeshore Blvd. is closed off with street



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Find a New Member Contest

Find 2 new members and receive a free burgee !
Offer valid all Summer !

For every two members you introduce to the club you'll win a free burgee. It's as easy as that. A new member is one who has NOT been a member for at least two years. Just ask them to note your sponsorship on their membership application. We'll do the rest.

And special thanks to Ken Elms for suggesting this at the last Annual General Meeting!



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performers, food stands and vendors.... reminiscent of a Mardi Gras atmosphere. They even give away Mardi Gras beads...flashing not required...sorry guys! Some Fifty Pointers may recall a “vow renewal wedding” that took place at Jazz Festival a few years ago, where the bride and attendants wore “vintage” (aka tacky) dresses and the groom and his attendants wore bathing suits and various tacky attire. Also memorable was “Pastor” Dean, dressed in his own unique ensemble, who conducted the “ceremony” beer in hand. Needless to say, the entire group was quite a sight!

Our very first year of boating, we went to the Jazz Festival and being September, the lake was pretty bumpy heading over Friday evening. That was nothing compared to the trip back on Sunday. The lake was extremely rough that day, with waves from 2 to 3 metres and a strong North-easterly wind. We were in our original boat then, a 28' Four Winns and being new boaters, we asked for advice from some of the more seasoned boaters. Their advice was to follow close to the shore back to Fifty Point, rather than straight across, which of course would have been the more direct route. Our instincts told us to wait and travel back with fellow Fifty Pointers, but we were persuaded to head out with some Bronte folks earlier in the morning instead. We travelled alongside the Bronte boats until we reached Bronte, then we continued along alone. That was when the lake got REALLY rough! Along with very rough waves, the trip of course took much longer than it would have had we gone straight across, but as fellow boaters told us once we gratefully pulled into our slip at Fifty Point...”now you know what your boat can handle”. My then rookie captain Dean did a great job of handling the helm and we learned some very good lessons in boating, including above all, trust your instincts.

As boaters we are familiar with the term “two foot-itis”. If you are willing to risk this, the annual In Water Boat Show takes place in August in Port Credit and while not as large as the Toronto In Water Boat Show, it is still a great way to check out all the boats.

We love the close proximity to lots of great shops and restaurants. *Snug Harbour Restaurant* is located right at the marina and we have to admit, it's kind of fun to cruise into the marina on our boat knowing that most folks sitting out on the patio are wishing they were lucky enough to be on a boat. There are some other great restaurants nearby as well that we enjoy, including *The Pump House* and *Ten Wine Bar/Restaurant*. *Mason's Chandlery*, also known as The Store, is also very close and handy to pick up needed supplies or just browse...Dean's favourite “toy store”. The staff at Credit Village, easily recognizable in their bright red shirts, are always friendly, helpful and there to grab a line as you dock in your slip. As we often say when we go there, a great place to see and be seen.

WEAR YOUR CLUB PROUDLY!

FPYC is offering club jackets for sale with the membership forms. Grace Nyman and Dave Goede are working on this so that an order can be placed early. Jackets are navy blue windbreakers in S, M, L & XL. Be the latest in style at Fifty Point and get your club jacket!

E-mail Grace at nymanfarm@xplornet.com to order yours. Deadline for orders is May 1st.

THE SUN IS NOT YOUR FRIEND

KATHARINE EDMONDS

The Story of My Brother

As you greet the summer, enjoying the longer days, and basking in the longed-for warmth of the sun, think of my brother Don who lives in Powell River, B.C. I'll let him tell his tale:

"The story is that I had a growing irregular shaped freckle about the size of a very small baby finger-nail removed from my face in August on the recommendation of my wife Lee, a nurse. It turned out to be early melanoma (in-situ) so I went to a skin care clinic associated with UBC medical school in Vancouver to have the skin around and below it tested. No problem, I thought, as the original was encapsulated.

The two surgeons first darkened the room and lit my face with an ultra-violet light to look for a nice clean place to complete the skin removal from around the original site. 'Wow', they both said together. My whole face is completely sun damaged from being fair skinned and working outside all my life. The sun damaged cells, or nests, are where the cancer likes to start. After some discussion, they froze me and started to remove the skin in concentric circles around the original site.



They freeze, test and map the sample, which takes 45 minutes and if it's clear, they sew you up. My samples kept showing spots of isolated cancer. After four rounds, they took another final large sample and sent it off to Vancouver General where they have more accurate equipment and techniques. If there is still cancer, then I get opened up again. The doctor said about 5% have to come back, and he said "We may be seeing you again."



So the question remains: How much cancer is in my face and is not showing yet, as the other cancers found didn't show up on the

surface and weren't associated with the original cancer? Needless to say, Tuesday was a pretty shocking day for me. Other things I learned are:

*-there is no treatment for melanoma other than surgery;
-sunscreen doesn't prevent melanoma, only physical barriers like hats, houses, and full body armour!"*

My brother arrived home from this ordeal to find a message on his phone – the last sample taken was clear. For now, he is all right, but he will be, for the rest of his life, avoiding the sun at all costs and wearing that full body armour.

Think of him this summer, and every summer. The sun, however bewitching, warm and tempting, is not your friend.

April 2010

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11	12	13	14 Pub Night at the J & J	15 R/C Racing	16	17 Spring Splash
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May 2010

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June 2010

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20 Oakville Cruise	21	22	23 Big Boat Racing	24 R/C Racing	25	26 Beach BBQ
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18	19	20	21 Big Boat Racing	22 R/C Racing	23	24 Royal Hamilton Cruise
25	26	27	28 Big Boat Racing	29 R/C Racing	30	31 Cathedral Bluffs Cruise

Have you hugged your boat this month?

Coffee shop opens weekends on April 1st

MEET YOUR DIRECTOR

- JOHN HAMILTON

This month let's have a look at our new Social Director...

"Who pressed the fast-forward button on the DVD player of my life"?

When I was an eleven year old, my family immigrated to Canada from Northern Ireland. Seven days on the North Atlantic taught me one of life's important lessons: Check the direction of the wind before emptying one's stomach over the ship's railing as a result of the ravages of motion sickness. What a sight I was to behold! My dad consoled me and said, sea sickness was a bit like having too much to drink. I vowed that day never ever would I partake of alcohol. Oh boy, if only I had kept that promise!!!!

There are many bitter-sweet memories of my early days in Canada. One when a school chum wanted to know what foreign language I spoke. Yes, the accent is long gone, as is my dad, within three short years of immigrating.

At 21 I joined the OPP and spent the next 3-1/2 years of my life in Wawa, Ontario. What a different life, what a different way of policing. The part time undertakers (brothers) worked at the iron ore mine. The mortuary was in the basement of a rented house and whenever there was a funeral, the occupants were given \$25 off their monthly rent to vacate the living room while it was in use for the viewing of the deceased.

It was not until my early 40's that I once again heard the call of the sea. Two of my coworkers were novice sailors who invited me aboard, for an outing. I quickly learned that weather plays an important role when one puts out to sea. Soon we were engulfed in fog and, although we knew we were near the harbour mouth, we just couldn't find it. Modern technology was not part of our seaworthy craft. Luckily the auxiliary coast guard boat, armed with radar, was in the harbour and after a brief radio call we followed the cutter to our home port. Particulars were taken, thanks were exchanged, and all was well, until several days later when the headlines of the local newspaper read, "Three Police Officers Lost in Fog". Well, like all good sailors: it was Deny! Deny! Deny! and Lie Like Hell! Enough said. I have since taken a weather course. Unfortunately I know I will always be in a fog.

My first craft was a 22 foot Tanzer called "Serenity" that is until the "S" fell off and from that day on the boat was known as "Erenity". That trusted craft (more than I can say for the skipper) took us to many of the Canadian and American ports of Lake Ontario. My home port was the Whitby Yacht Club, a great place that heartily welcomes visiting boaters. The sailors there like the sailors everywhere tell a lot of lies but half of them just aren't true.

Harriet and I are now living on Hamilton Mountain and are now part of the fraternity of FPYC. Our trusty steed is an Aloha 8.5 on B dock. I have taken several Power Squadron courses. Last autumn I commenced a celestial Navigation course, to try and stave off old age, but somehow the position of social director keeps getting in the way.

I would like to add that I have not met many of my fellow club members and I hope that I will get the opportunity at Spring Splash April 17th. We are really working hard to ensure you will have a wonderful time and a great night.



This was taken by John Hamilton in February in the city of Puerto Madryn, Argentina -The Gateway to Whales, Penguins and Welsh tradition (founded in 1865 on the date of arrival of 150 Welsh immigrants).

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT...

Saturday night. A beautiful night under the stars. The South Seas? The Caribbean? Maybe Hollywood? Would you believe ... Hamilton? Thirty-five members of FPYC were dazzled by a wonderful astronomical display at the W.J. McCallion Planetarium at McMaster University. Who knew such a magical world existed in the basement of the Burke Science Building? Organized by our new Social Director John Hamilton, we were treated to a trip around the universe by our

learned PhD guide, Sessional Lecturer Walde-mar Okon. He took us to Mars, Saturn, the Milky Way and pointed out the shapes and configurations of many constellations: Orion the hunter, Cancer the Crab, Leo the Lion, Ursa the Bear. He explained black holes, dead stars, comets, and meteors while we all reclined in comfort and gazed upwards. It was informative, relaxing and, pardon the pun, out of this world!



Victoria racing has started at FPYC! The boats have been built, the tests are underway and the schedule will start very soon!

Photo by Joanna Suan

The following came to us from Yanmar via member Tom Boyd in the hope that it will answer an on going question at last:

Yanmar Marine Service Advisory

We continue to get questions regarding the correct gear position while sailing with the engine OFF. This advisory is issued as a reminder; Yanmar requires that if sailing with the engine OFF (not running) the transmission shifter must be in the neutral position or internal damage to the gear or sail-drive will result. This damage will not be covered by Yanmar's Limited Warranty. Please instruct customers and dealers who deliver the sailboat to the customer, of the correct (Neutral) position for the marine gear while sailing.

If the customer desires that the propeller shaft not spin while sailing, either a folding propeller, shaft break, or other suitable device may be used. However, Yanmar accepts no responsibility for the selection, installation, or operation of such devices.

Please also refer to Marine service advisory "MSA07-001_Yanmar Sail Drive Propeller Selection" for additional information.

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SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

JOHN HAMILTON

My wife, Harriet, and I are now back from one of our 2010 vacations (yes, retirement does have its advantages, however, I am not so sure about old age). Harriet was really enthusiastic to experience so many penguins on the Falkland Islands. My response: we could have just as easily and at great financial savings gone to the Toronto Zoo. Enough said!!!

Our Spring Splash plans are well underway and it is important that I communicate with you on the change of date and location in case there is the possibility that some members plans to attend may be adversely affected. Should this be the case, I sincerely apologize. It is very difficult indeed to try to make it work to the advantage of all. As to the change of venue, I want to ensure you that our budget appreciates the savings and "Spring Splash 2010" will be well worth your drive to Hamilton. Your understanding and support is greatly appreciated.

A BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have indicated on your membership forms that you are willing to help out at our social functions and in addition, to Donna and Janice, and Dianne and Dave, special thanks for stepping forward to participate in the planning of our Beach Party and Sail Past Barbecue. I will be in touch well in advance of specific events. Your enthusiasm and participation means a lot to your Social Director and your Club as a whole.

Now set sail for Spring Splash, and celebrate our next big event that says goodbye to the snowy days of winter, welcomes the advent of summer and many sunny days of sailing and boating on the Great Lake of Ontario.

John Hamilton

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.

ALL YOU NEED FOR A CRUISE

A few years ago I met Ken l'Anson as he was heading down the dock toward his boat on a Friday afternoon. We chatted about the weather and the weekend. He was heading off for a few days of cruising with a few races thrown in.

I asked about how he provisioned the boat for this kind of trip.

Without the slightest hesitation he listed all of the items he brings along.

Here they are:

1 case beer
2 bags Oreos
3 cases water