

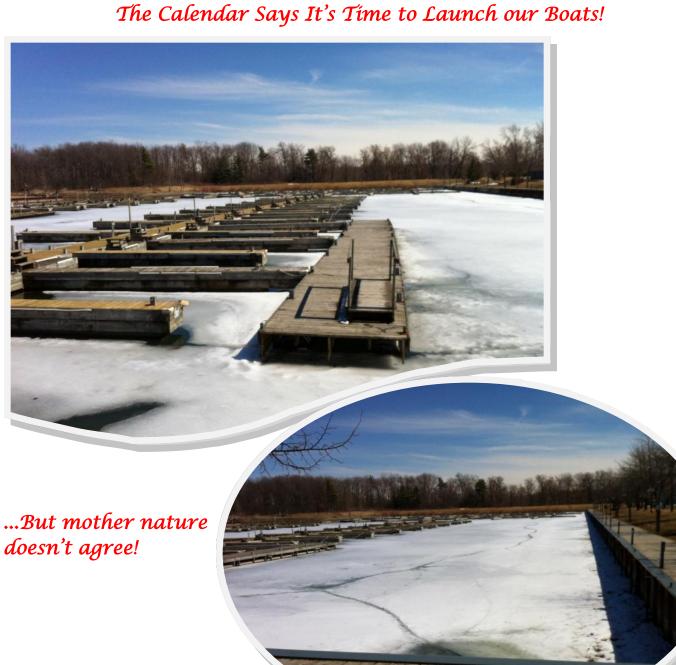
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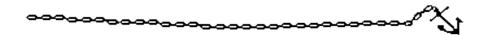
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From the Bridge...

Brian Weber, Commodore

Will They or Won't They?



It still does not seem like spring given that we have just survived one of the worst winters in a long time. It just wasn't cold, but we also endured continuous snow falls in almost record amounts. The ice at Fifty Point Marina reached at least 20" thick when they stopped measuring and now the big question needs to be answered. Will they or won't they be able to launch boats as initially planned? Fifty Point Marina has always been ahead of the game and boaters have caused delays because they were not ready. This year, Mother Nature may be the cause and it will give both of us more time to prepare.

Hopefully, the weather improves for Easter weekend. We are planning to hold a lunchtime BBQ for members Saturday April, 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will give members a chance to grab a quick bite to eat as we continue to make the final touches completed prior to launch.

Did you miss our special edition of Scuttlebutt March 18th? It provided an update on our 30th Anniversary Celebration during Sailpast. If you did miss it (it's posted on the FPYC main page) you may wish to take a look as it detailed the framework and activities for the day. Please note that we omitted the date, but it has been in other editions of Scuttlebutt and is scheduled for May 24th.

After years in business and sitting on FPYC's Executive, you find there are givers and takers. There have been some members who religiously pay their membership fees despite using any reciprocals or participate in any of the other activities. They just see the need to support the club and belong. To all those who continually support the club, we THANK YOU. It is your dedication and financial contributions that make us successful. Being part of a club every year and volunteering takes special people who know how important it is for the well being of any organization.

Then we have the takers who join only when they see it benefits them. They pick and choose when they join. They 'hop in or hop out' depending on their wants ('hoppers'). We are not talking about members who for some reason or another have seen hardship related to health, loss of employment or family issues. It should be noted that it were not for the givers, the club would not exist. Over the past few years, the Executive has discussed how we should approach hoppers. Some have suggested we charge them the regular membership fee or fees for the year they 'hop out' and remain in the Marina. However, currently we feel that they should pay the new members fee. I would be interested in hearing comments from members on this subject.

We have now finalized all the cruises for the year. Check and see when they are and plan on making at least one of the cruises. Our Cruise Directors have planned some exciting new things for your cruising pleasure. The sign-up book will be available in our display case on the marina office's south wall by May 1st.

Racing is also set to begin with some practice sessions beginning in May. Garry Cooke is looking for some additional help and support to make this year enjoyable for all those interested in some fun racing. Please contact Garry if you can help.

Note: By now you should have received an email from the marina advising of the delay in lift-in dates as there is still a foot of ice in the marina basin.



MEMBERSHIP CARD REMINDER!

Please send in your membership forms before April 15th so that we can get your membership cards printed with your name.

The membership forms are rolling in, and we are very excited this year to have the new membership cards. We have also had a number of new members already join FPYC, so keep an eye out for them around the marina and at the social events and welcome them to our club.

For our 30th Anniversary it would be great to have a record number of members this year, so please ask a friend or neighbour at the marina if they are interested in joining.

The Fees for 2014 are: Renewal fees are \$165.00; and New Member fees are \$190.00.

Membership has its privileges as the saying goes. The minimal fee is great value with everything you get in return. Members are able to take part in all club events, Pre splash BBQ and Sail Past. With this year being the 30th anniversary, all members will receive a 30th anniversary burgee, bottle of wine, two free breakfast and two dinners and there will also be more planned activities organized by your fellow boaters.

Take advantage of the planned club cruises, which are a great way to meet other members and a great way to see marinas a short distance away at minimal cost or sometimes even free. You may travel to as many reciprocal marinas and take advantage of the arranged free dockage as you would like and this advantage can pay for the membership fee on its own.

Anyone that missed a year of membership can re-join as a new member which will include a new burgee.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and handing out the new membership cards!

Jeff Dinyer G12 and Brad Davidson G6 Membership Directors



The 30th Anniversary Burgee Winner is

What a pleasant surprise to have so many entries for our 30th Anniversary burgee contest! Thank you to all that voted. We saw almost 30% of the members vote on their preference and in the voting there were a few of the entries that appeared to stand out above the rest.

The voting is so close that we did not wish to make a decision on a winner with only one or two votes separating them. Therefore, we have narrowed the field to 3 burgees and we are asking you to vote again. Remember, that we can always enhance the graphics to be a little clearer on the winning entry.

The rules remain the same - one vote per boat. Please send your vote via e-mail to BOTH info@fpyc.ca and wrstedy@gmail.com. The deadline for voting is April 12th at noon.

Please choose <u>one</u> of the following:



Number 1



Number 3



Number 10



Contact: D.J. Doug Nixon (905) 537-9426



Have you joined our FPYC Facebook site yet?
We will be posting pictures, news and reminders about upcoming
events
on the site—so drop by and check it out!

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Facebook

Are you Ready to Socialize?

Rain or shine, snow or sun, we will be enjoying a barbeque on Saturday, April 19th at the D Dock shelter.

Everyone needs a break and nourishment as we work to get our boats ready for launch.

Hamburgs, hot dogs and dessert will be available from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

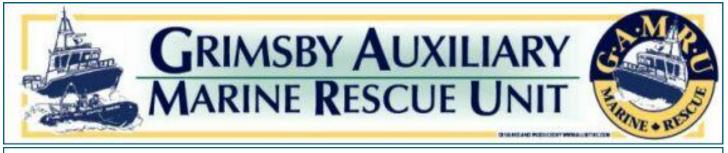
You are welcome to bring your own beverages.

Save the Date(s)

Summer BBQ
Saturday, June 21st
Lakeside Pavillion
Dinner & DJ
\$20.00 per ticket
Tickets available at the Sailpast

Commodore's Ball Saturday, November 15th More details to follow

For more information on any of the social events please contact Gerri Waud.



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Cruising Report

By Stephen Middleton

It's mid-March and time to start thinking about boat launch and the cruising season! Based on the March weather, and the tenacious grip that this winter has demonstrated so far, we are looking for suggestions for cruising activities involving snow and ice - just in case. A joke, of course, but I bet a lot of you are feeling the same way. Our only choice is to kick-start the internal optimist. On the assumption that spring really is on the way, we have lined up a great selection of cruises, each with their particular attractions for cruising couples and families and a selection of the best facilities on the lake.

<u>June 14-15 - Oakville Club</u>: Try out the swimming pool, play tennis, explore downtown Oakville and then partake in some well-earned relaxation at the River Bar.

<u>June 28-July 1 - Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club</u>: A spectacular setting and clubhouse at the base of the Scarborough Bluffs with parkland trails, a great swimming beach and playground. As July 1 falls on the Tuesday this year, we have arranged an extended cruise for those who wish to head back on the Tuesday.

<u>July 13-14 - Royal Hamilton Yacht Club</u>: Stroll the waterfront trail or, if you prefer, go for the trolley tour. Take the kids to check out the playground and spray pad at Pier 4 (featuring the "Bayport", a 1945, 80 foot tug boat reconfigured as a play area).

<u>August 2-4 - Port Credit Yacht Club</u>: Yet another on our list of first class clubs with great facilities. After swimming in the pool, take the short walk to the playground and splash pads of the Douglas Kennedy Headland, enjoy some fishing from the boardwalk.

<u>August 16-17 - Commodore's Anchor Cruise</u>: Join us for a leisurely cruise to Carole's Point in the scenic and protected western end of Hamilton Bay. Practise your anchoring and rafting skills. Last year we had 8 boats rafted together for a fine dinner and evening with old and new friends. The kids also had a great time visiting boat to boat. On Sunday morning take the dinghy or kayak and explore Cootes Paradise, a National Historic site and an important bird, reptile and amphibian sanctuary. Alternately, kick back in the cockpit with a coffee and watch the rowers and swans strut their stuff.

<u>August 30-September 1 - Lakeshore Yacht Club</u>: Located in the Colonel Samuel Smith Park. Come and see where the Victorian residents of Toronto came to get away for the weekend. Take a picnic and check out the scenic trails along the wooded shoreline. Try bird watching, maybe get that winning shot for the 2014 Photo Contest, or hop on public transit and go see the bright lights of Hogtown.

New this year: In addition to all of the above attractions, the club will provide the main dinner item for the July and August long weekend cruises and the Commodore's cruise. We are thinking BBQ steak of course, but welcome any suggestions for adding variety or alternatives for those not addicted to charred red meat. We are also looking for your ideas for cruise themes (do you like the idea, what should they be, etc.) Are any of the sailing cruisers interested in a fun race to the destination?

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Cruising Report - continued

We would keep it simple and informal, what about the idea of a pursuit race - staggering the start so that the sailboats, theoretically at least, arrive close together?

Contact Stephen Middleton and/or Chris Almeida and let us know what you think.

As you can see, once it gets underway, we have a great season ahead of us. Check the next issue of Scuttlebutt for more information on such topics as sign-up, skipper's meeting and the role of Cruise Captain.

FPYC 2014 Schedule of Social Events

Pre Splash BBQ—April 19th

30th Anniversary Sailpast Celebration—May 24

Summer BBQ—June 21

Commordore's Ball—November 15





Marine Museum Email & Response

We received the following from the Marine Museum regarding a Special Exhibit:

"In May of 2014, the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes of Kingston will open a special exhibit: *The New Age of Sail*. We are delighted to have George Cuthbertson and Bruce Kirby as Honourary Curators for this exhibit, which will tell the story of Canada's postwar recreational sailing boom. Part of the exhibit will look at the culture of sailing and the sudden growth of yacht and sailing clubs. We would like to include the histories of various yacht clubs. A table will also be provided where children can design their own club burgee.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting new exhibit (and we hope you do!), which will become a part of our permanent galleries, please send me the year your club was established and any historical information you have available. This information will also be entered into the museum archives. If at all possible, we would also appreciate having your club burgee to hang around the yacht club display area for everyone to see.

In addition to giving us information about your club, it would be great if you would help us spread the word about the exhibit, which will open May 5. It would be a great help if you could provide a contact for your newsletter or website whom we could update with more information as it develops."

Commodore's Comments:

We have responded and provided them with a Burgee. If you have any items they might be interested in receiving, please send it along to:

Marine Museum of the Great Lakes, Kingston Attention: Lena Beliveau 55 Ontario Street, Kingston, ON K7L 2Y2













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Christine's Galley

Chicken Florentine Casserole



1/4 cup butter

3 teaspoons garlic minced

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 10.75 ounce can condensed cream mushroom soup

1 tablespoon Italian seasoning

1/2 cup half and half

1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Fresh spinach

1 cup sliced mushrooms

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place chicken halves on baking sheet and bake 20 - 30 minutes, remove from heat.

Melt butter in medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly.

Add garlic, lemon juice, mushroom soup, Italian seasoning, half and half and Parmesan. Mix until well blended. Set aside.

Arrange spinach over bottom of 9x9 baking dish.

Cover with mushrooms and pour half the mixture over mushrooms.

Arrange chicken on top and pour remaining sauce and top with mozzarella cheese

I usually double the sauce.

Also the original recipe called for bacon bits before the mozzarella cheese.

Serve with rice and enjoy!





Wind, Weather and Waves

By Doug Nixon

The Lake Breeze

The sunny, warm days of spring and summer permit a sharp contrast to develop between the hot land and cooler lake. The cooled lake air moves toward shore to replace rising warm air currents inland, a circulation cell develops, and the lake breeze is established. This circulation remains in place until around sunset, when the land cools down. Occasionally, a much lighter breeze will form later in the night, blowing offshore until early morning.

The lake breeze can only form if the prevailing wind is less than 15 knots. Ideal conditions for it would be a warm, sunny summer day with a light offshore wind in the morning. The lake breeze itself usually ranges from 5-10 knots and will either add to, or subtract from, that day's prevailing wind. When fully established, it extends as much as 30 kilometers offshore, with strongest winds near the shore, decreasing to calm near the middle of the lake.

The lake breeze is a prominent feature of the Great Lakes in summer, occurring somewhere around each lake on about half of the days. It is particularly evident early in the summer when the waters are still cold. The effect decreases later in the summer and is weakened in those areas with warmer water, such as Lake Erie and Southern Lake Huron.



April Race Report & Information By Garry Cooke

We will be offering racing on Wednesday evenings throughout the season, as well as other races on weekends such as cruising weekends and other occasions.

Please contact me if you would like to race or require more details at fpyc.racing@gmail.com Garry

Photo Contest

The entries from the photo contest are being processed and we will be in a position to release the name of the winner in the next issue of Scuttlebutt. Thank you for sending in some very good photos. The choice for the best photo will be difficult, but we are fortunate to have some very qualified judges to make the decision.



Marine Salvage and What it Means to the Average Boater

The salvage laws originated hundreds of years ago and basically allow the person, (Company or Group) that recovers the stricken vessel an award that can in some instances, be quite substantial, depending on the circumstances of the vessel's distress.

There are a number of conditions that must be met for salvage award, namely; the boat must be in peril; the salvage must be voluntary; and the salvage must be successful. Typically, in salvage cases a 'no-cure no-pay' contract is used. For instance if your boat is out of fuel in heavy weather and is being driven towards rocks, with sinking a distinct possibility, the vessel that assists you can claim salvage rights which could be several thousands of dollars, whereas a simple tow may cost a few hundred only.

It would be prudent to confirm with the people engaged in the rescue what the terms are. Most good marine insurance policies will include salvage, but it may be worth double-checking your policy to see what terms and conditions are applicable before they pay.

In an emergency situation you will not have the luxury of time to contact your broker for advice, so it would be wise to talk to your insurance provider to understand the process required should an unfortunate situation arise.







Cruising Schedule

2014-Tentative Schedule

Oakville Club June 14-15

Cathedral Bluffs YC - June 28 - July 1

Royal Hamilton YC July 13 - 14

Port Credit YC August 2-4

Commodore's Anchor cruise - August 16-17

Lakeshore YC - Aug 30,31, Sept 1

Please contact Cruise Directors Chris Almeida or Stephen Middleton





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Meet your New Executive

Hello, my name is Stephen Middleton and I would like to introduce myself.

I will be serving for the first time on the club executive this year, helping Chris Almeida in the role of Cruising Director. When I thought about how I might contribute to the club, starting in the cruising role seemed a natural fit, since my wife Ann and I are primarily cruising sailors.

For the past 21 years we have cruised mostly solo, meeting and making friends along the way. Last year we joined the Commodore's anchor cruise and had a wonderful time rafted with seven other power and sail boats off Carol's Point. It was a great way to get to know people better and wet our appetite for more club cruising.

Ann and I first caught the boating bug from my parents. Unknown to me, my father dreamt of owning his own sailboat. A dream that began when he had a chance to sail small craft while stationed in Gibraltar with the British Navy near the end of World War 2, and came to fruition some 35 years later in the form of a Contessa 26.

In 1984, my parents upgraded the dream by purchasing a new Columbia 8.7 at the Toronto boat show. Two years later they sailed Peveril on their "big trip", down to the Gulf of Mexico, returning a year later to continue cruising the Great Lakes and North Channel. When my father passed away in 1992 we wanted to keep Peveril in the family and, as a result, I became skipper. We moved from a Hamilton mooring to Fifty Point on C-Dock in 1993. With the exception of one year out on the hard (refinishing the deck), and two years sailing in Georgian Bay, we have been at Fifty Point since that time.

Ann and I typically spend a chunk of each season cruising the 1000 Islands. In 2004 we gave in to the "bigger boat" yen and moved up to a Saga 35. Asherah was built in St. Catharines in 1999, but we found her on Lake Travis in Texas. The search, and the choice of name, are another story. Perhaps one to share over a bottle of wine on one of this season's cruises?

Asherah is berthed at dock F26. Don't hesitate to stop by this summer to chat about the club cruising plans, or just to chat.



Deadline: April 15th

Fifty Point Yacht Club 2014 Membership Application



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Name(s)_	
Address	City
Postal Code Phone	Cell
	E-Mail 2
Boat Type: Power □ Sail □	Interested in Sailing fun races with social BBQs □
Boat Name:	Dock Assignment
☐ New Membership (initial burgee included)	\$ 190.00
☐ Renewal membership(before May 31st)	\$ 165.00
☐ Renewal membership(June 1st and after)	\$ 225.00
☐ Social Membership	\$ 30.00
☐ Replacement burgee	\$ 15.00
Total Amount Enclosed	\$
FPYC will publish a membership list with your information of Signed by	name, boat name and dock number, on our website. n this list, please indicate here:
We Need your Help!!	
	ase identify one or more activities where you can help.
Social: Family Day Feb 9	Cruise Captain: Oakville June 14 & 15
Pre Splash BBQ April 19	CBYC June 28 – July 1
Sailpast May 24	RHYC July 12-14
Summer BBQ June 21 □	PCYC Aug 2-4
Commodore's Ball Nov 15	Commodores Anchor cruise Aug 16
Pub Night Topic	LSYC August 30, 31, September 1
Officer of the Day, Friday and/or Saturday: Please circle dates you are available May 30, 31 June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 July 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 August 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 September 5, 6, 12, 13	Racing: Race Committee Boat – Wed Evenings

Thank You!!!

Please send in your completed membership application and cheque by April 15th, to allow us to get pre-printed membership cards. After this date, names will be hand written on card.

Brad Davidson 48 Maplecrest Lane Brantford, ON N3R 7T9