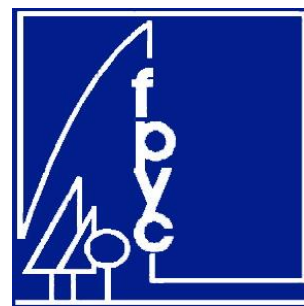


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FPYC Pre-Splash BBQ



Saturday, April 28, 2018

**D Dock Shelter Area
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Come and take a break from prepping your boat for the season and enjoy a delicious BBQ with your fellow Fifty Point yacht club members! No charge!

By: Kim Short



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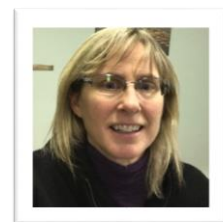
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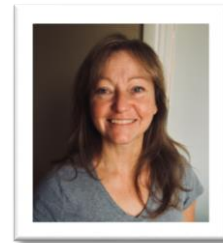
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Commodore's Message

Hello Everyone,

Well Spring is finally here!! Although the sunny weather is taking its time, I think we are safe to say its time to take off the shrink-wrap and wax up those boats. Please be sure to respect the marina's request and properly recycle your plastic wrap.

I hope you are all as excited as I am to get back to the boating lifestyle. We sure have a lot of fun events planned for this year. The first event of the season is our Pre-Splash BBQ on Saturday April 28 held at the D Shelter with lots of great food and great people. I hope to see you all there!!

The Club Cruises get started in June and our first destination is The Oakville Club. You will be able to sign up for the Club Cruises under the *Members Only* on our website as of May 1st. Your password is your membership number. You will have to renew your membership to get your new number.

The secret is out on the new restaurant, but little details are known at this time. Rumour has that it is under new owners coming this spring and its Greek, which sounds great! Hopefully by next issue we will have all the details.

See you soon.

SINCERELY,

Jason Kirk

New Executive Introductions

Peter Collins, Social

Hi, I'm Peter Collins one of your Social Directors. My wife Brenda and I own "No Stress" a 37' President at dock F5.



A little bit about my boating life...It started in 1977. I bought myself an 18ft Wind Rose sailboat. Then I went to the library and got myself a book on "How to Sail"...WHAT A WAY TO START. After some hair raising adventures...in 1980 I moved up to a 25' C&C. This started me out of Foran's Marina with The Grimsby Yacht Club... then I moved to Fifty Point in 1984. This is the year that FPYC came to be...what a difference from Foran's!

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I am a former race Captain at FPYC and started the first Peaches & PHRF Regatta. With help from a local Realtor, sponsorship was achieved and my crew and I WON the first year!

Then I met Brenda in 1988 skiing, she was an avid "NON" boater. I was on a mission; I've found the person I would marry (30years). I taught her how to sail but the first year was not so good and she complained I was yelling at her a lot...Oh the wind in your face (sailors know what I mean). A few years later, Brenda's dream came true. We bought our first power boat, a 28' Carver "Dream Weaver". My wife said, sailing was getting to be too stress full! WWWhat! I have held different positions within the club; Commodore, Vice Commodore and Social with this being my second go at it. Brenda has also done 2yrs as Social...during this time raising considerable funds for the sailing school.

Fifty Point is our home away from home. Through the years, we've seen a lot of Members & friends come and go.

Currently on F dock we are known as "The Condo" by our sailor neighbours. They say we block the wind & sun, strange how they like to come over for cocktails. Gracie our 5lb Yorkie believes she owns the marina and lets all the other dogs know it with her 10lb mouth.

There's always lots of adventures in the summer, whether upon the water or in the marina, playing croquet, bocce ball, volleyball, pirates day, etc. But, I'm always eager to hear about new ideas, team events and fun adventures.

Please come by F5 with your inventive ideas.

Thank you Peter & Brenda

Save the date from your FPYC Social Committee

Peter Collins & Kim Short

Pre-Splash BBQ: Sat. April 28, 2018

A fun event to kick off the season. Get together with friends and enjoy a BBQ.

Sail Past and Dinner: Sat. May 26, 2018

Season opening event. Must have 2018 Membership Card to participate

Welcome Our New Members: Sat. June 9, 2018

All members are invited to come out and welcome new members to the club.

Summer BBQ and dance: Sat. July 21, 2018

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Thank you

to

Wayne and Teresa Bryant of La Vie II

Again this year, the Pre-Splash event is made possible by the generosity of Wayne and Teresa, who will be providing the food for the BBQ. On behalf of all of us, thank you!



Thank You!
THANK YOU!

From your Membership Committee

Dean Maddeaux & Chris Pollard

We will have a table at the Pre-Splash BBQ on April 28th for memberships. You can also renew or become a new member on line at www.fpyc.ca with an e-transfer payment option. Membership cards are required for the Sail Past dinner so don't delay; it will be here before you know it.

Fifty Point Yacht Club Apparel - Available at Pre-Splash BBQ



T-Shirts: \$10.00



Sweat Shirts: \$20.00



Drink Sleeves: \$1.00



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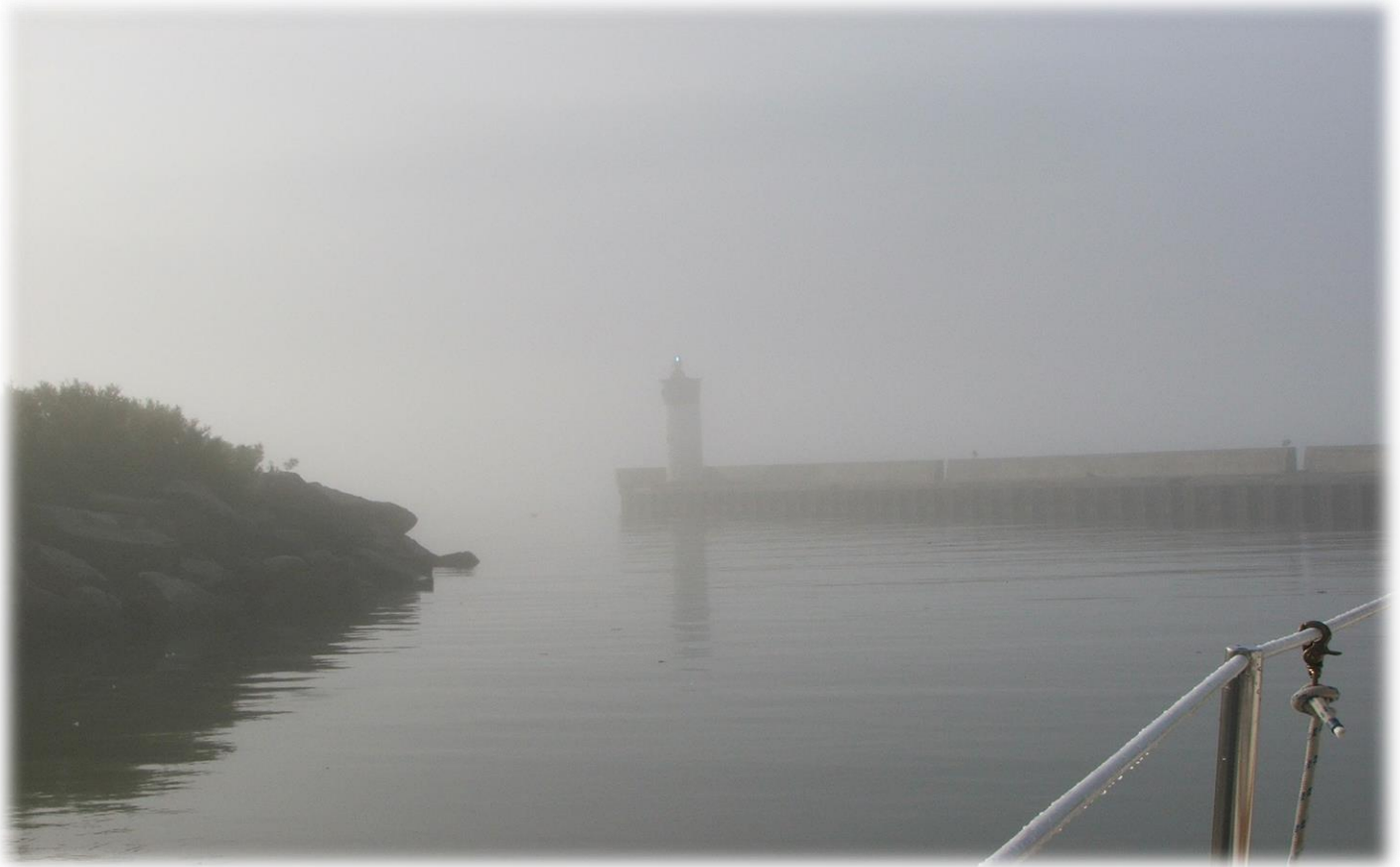
Attention Shutterbugs

FPYC Photo Contest Is Back

The contest is open to all members and it's easy and fun. To keep everyone on the same page, please see the following simple rules:

- * Photos must be of a nautical theme, e.g. boats, water, marinas
- * A brief description or title would be great
- * Photos must be taken between April 1 and September 9 of 2018
- * Entries must be submitted by September 14, 2018
- * Editing is permitted but strong Photo-Shopping is discouraged
- * Entries to be submitted by e-mail to debhauser@sympatico.ca

The 10 winning entries will be featured on the cover of Scuttlebutt throughout 2019!





GAMRU South Shore News!

Fishermen's generous donation lights the way for rescue volunteers

ST. CATHARINES, Ontario (March 27, 2018) — The south shore's marine rescue volunteers will be able to see through fog and safely navigate in all weather thanks to a generous donation from the St. Catharines Game & Fish Association.

The respected local outdoors and conservation group presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the members of GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue at the association's meeting last night. The funds have been earmarked for a new integrated radar/GPS/sonar/chart plotter system for the volunteer's 34' rescue boat.

"This couldn't be more timely for us," explains Bob Gordon, the rescue group's unit leader. "We badly needed to upgrade our navigation equipment and we committed to the project this year. This donation not only covers the cost of that investment, it is perfectly timed to help us for the coming boating season."

GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue was called out to 28 rescue missions in 2017, the second busiest season in the unit's history.

"We value the work these volunteers do," says association president Darryl Day. "Our members enjoy Lake Ontario and all it offers, but they are very aware of safety on the water and how easily a good day of fishing can turn bad. We understand and respect what these volunteers do for us and for everyone who uses the lake."

In addition to staging a number of popular fishing tournaments and events, the association annually raises and releases thousands of young game fish into the lake, and hosts an annual event that introduces fishing to area youngsters. Association members also run the busy boat ramp on Lighthouse Road, popular with anglers and recreational boaters from around the Niagara Region.

Founded in 1988, GAMRU is the only dedicated marine search and rescue organization on the south shore of Lake Ontario from Hamilton to Port Weller. More than 30 active volunteers maintain fully-equipped rescue vessels and train year-round to maintain the skills and readiness to be effective on the water. GAMRU is a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and a registered charity.

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Lake Ontario Races and Regattas

Solo Sailing:

As Spring is now approaching it is time to think about sailing and racing.

There are a number of popular short-handed racing events again this year. There is a series event organized by LOSHR (Lake Ontario Shorthanded Racing) group and LOOR (Lake Ontario Offshore Racing). The races start in Port Credit and run around this end of the Lake, depending which race you enter in the series. Port Credit also do the Ontario 300 and 600 nautical mile solo and double handed races. The LOSHR and LOOR website <https://www.loor.ca/> is open now to registration. Our neighbour club New Port YC are running a **Pursuit Race on July 1st**, which includes solo, double handed and fully crewed. (see the flyer FIASCO included with this issue).

<https://newport-ycsc.com>

There are a number of techniques and equipment available to make short handed sailing easier and safer, probably the most common item is an Auto helm to steer the boat while you do something else. To make life a little easier on board, I recently took delivery of an A2 asymmetrical spinnaker to provide me with better downwind performance without having to use a spinnaker pole. The sail tacks to the foredeck 12 inches (305mm) in front of the forestay attachment. It allows me to fly spinnakers while sailing single-handed. The sheets run back to blocks on the toe rail near the stern so that I can use the primary winches.

The solo events are generally open to boats with and without spinnakers, so if you do not have a spinnaker, you can still race.

It would be nice to see a few boats from Fifty Point come out and do some short handed sailing events. If anyone would be interested I would be pleased to meet up with you and discuss equipment, preparation or anything else.

Pursuit Race:

I have been asked a number of times to explain pursuit racing. In normal racing each fleet has a common single start time, so that you can have from 6 to 20 or more boats vying for a position to start across the line all at the same time. For the novice or casual family racer this is a bit intimidating. At the finish each time is collected, then adjusted by the handicap and a corrected time calculated. The winner therefore is not known until everyone is back in the clubhouse!

The Pursuit race on the other hand, uses the handicap for each boat, and using the course distance, the start time is adjusted for every boat so that every boat has its own start time. The differences can be many minutes, so there is no congestion at the start. The slower boats start first and the faster boats start last. On a long race, a fast boat could start 20 minutes behind the first starting boat.

The idea is to have the boats finish at the same time. This never happens of course due to different sailing skills, sails, tactical decisions etc. But it means that the first boat to cross the line is 1st the second is 2nd etc. and there is no need to wait for results back at the clubhouse. Everyone knows where they place as they cross the finish line.

By: Garry Cooke





Dalhousie Yacht Club
Learn to Sail 2018 Spring Sailing Courses
All courses open to members and non-members.

Our first course, **CANSail Basic Cruising Theory**, will start March 3rd and will take 12 hours to complete. This can also include your PCOC (Pleasure Craft Operators Card) if needed. Please let us know if the PCOC is required as there is an extra charge and extra information involved. The practical portion of the course will be scheduled once boats are launched. Your own boat or the club Kirby's can be used (a minimum amount of students on board will be required).

March 3rd - 12:00 to 6:00

March 10 - 12:00 to 3:00

March 11 - 12:00 to 3:00 - Exam day!

Cost - \$275.00 (practical will be 18 hours and cost \$400)

Information can be found here:

https://www.sailing.ca/files/Basic_Cruise_March_31_2017_effective.pdf

The second course will be **CANSail Basic Coastal Navigation Standard**. This introductory course offers basic knowledge of navigation theory and is the initial course in a comprehensive set of courses offered by Sail Canada on vessel navigation.

April 7th - 12:00 - 6:00

April 14th - 12:00 - 6:00

April 15th - 12:00 - 3:00 Exam day!

Cost \$390.00

More information can be found here:

https://www.sailing.ca/files/Basic_Coastal_Navigation_March_31_2017_effective.pdf

Course number three will be the **ROC(M)**

ROC stands for Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate and is required by anyone using a marine VHF radio or other marine radios (each person on the boat who will use the radio needs their own card). There are significant fines if you are found using a VHF or marine radio without your card. In addition, if you received your ROC card before the new Digital Selective Calling was introduced, then you are encouraged to return and get your DSC endorsement for your ROC card. All new VHF radios are now being sold with a DSC function that will greatly enhance rescue personnel's ability to assist you in an emergency. Understanding this technology and how to operate it can, in some circumstances, mean the difference between life and death.

April 26 - 6:00 - 9:00

April 28 - 12:00 - 3:00

Cost \$85.00

Registration will be via <https://www.dalhousieyachtclub.com/sailing-school>.

Please contact Jason Smyth at dyc.club.vice.comm@gmail.com with any question you may have and to let us know you're interested. Thank you.

Items of Interest

FPYC is not endorsing these sites but they may be of interest to our Club members.

Sail-World

The Volvo Ocean Race's wild Southern Ocean ride

<https://www.sail-world.com/newsletter/5877>

Canadian Yachting Magazine - April Issue

Top Stories: Nautical Fashions, Travel Destination: Canary Islands and Cabo Verde and more, check it out!

<http://www.nxtbook.com/kerrwil/canadianyachting/april2018/index.php - /0>

On the Way to Here

Reflections on Things that Matter by **Phil Small**

This book covers a great deal of ground spiritually, philosophically, and emotionally. The subject matter is often weighty, yet it doesn't feel like that at all, no small feat when discussing the origins and cycles of life, birth and death, and everything in between

Sail-World Cruising

<https://www.sail-worldcruising.com/newsletter/5878>

Spartan - Ocean Racing & Training

<https://www.spartanoceanracing.com/>

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