



Scuttlebutt



April 2025

FIFTY POINT
YACHT CLUB

2025 Issue #4



4th Place Photo by Ben Douglas
Foggy in Toronto!!

Commodore's Message



Welcome to April!

Without question, spring is my favourite time of year. Daylight savings time is back (again), the robins are singing, the trees are budding, temperatures rising and the marina invoices are due. Let the boat prep begin but please remember to keep safety first while up that ladder or out on the cold water – enjoy!

Spring also means it's time to renew your FPYC membership. As usual, you can save \$\$\$ if you pay before April 15. By now you should have received a Membership Renewal email from the Board outlining our membership fee schedule along with a link to our new on-line application form. Please complete and submit the form. It helps us keep our member records accurate plus there are a few consent questions for you to complete. As always, please send your e-transfer payments to treasurer50@yahoo.com. By the way, we still have a few 40th anniversary Burgees available for \$22. See renewal details in this issue.

The Board is also planning to create an online "Member Directory" that we can all use to cross-reference member names with their boat and slip. While completing the on-line application form, members will have the opportunity to select what information they want us to include in the directory, including a phone number. By including your phone number, fellow members will be able to contact you should there be a problem with your boat (a light left on, or heaven forbid, taking on water).

April is a great time to check your safety flare expiry dates. If you're anything like me, you have loads of expired flares in your collection. Fear not, you can dispose of them at the Rigging Shoppe in Scarborough between April 10-12. While you're there you can replenish your flare inventory as needed. See the flare disposal notice further on in this issue.

On the social front, over forty FPYC members gathered on March 7 at the 24 Steps Lounge in Grimsby for a great evening of cheer and jazz music provided by the Bryan Sorensen Groove Trio. Kudos to Krista Toussaint for organizing a great evening for all including the FPYC specialty cocktails. It's good to see winter social activities returning to FPYC, helping us get through the long Canadian winter months. Next up will be our annual pre-launch BBQ scheduled for Saturday, April 26 at noon. This is always a great way to catch up with fellow FPYC members. Read on for details.

Also coming up in May is the third annual 50 Point Marina "Yard Sale" on Saturday May 24 from 9-12. Now's the time to start sorting through your surplus boating gear for things to sell or swap at the sale. This year the sale will be held under the Limani deck to keep everyone and their gear dry in the event of rain. You can reserve your table in the marina office. As custom, a \$5 fee will be collected from each table and donated to GAMRU. Following the sale, the Club will hold its annual "New Member Welcome" event.

In closing, I want to remind you the Board is still looking for 2-3 "seasoned" members to join our new Nomination Committee. The committee will work on behalf of all FPYC members to ensure the best possible candidates are presented for election at the Annual Member Meeting. Interested/Questions? Please contact me, or any board member, for more information.

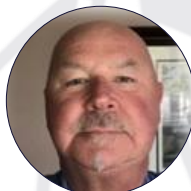
Enjoy the spring and launch season and we'll see you around the marina.

Phil

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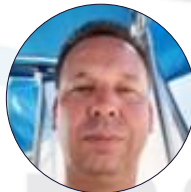
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News from Our Friends at Limani

George and Maria have certainly been busy in the off-season!

As per previous years, they continue to host private events at Limani at Fifty during the off-season. We are looking for Limani at Fifty to reopen for the next Summer season!

As announced during our Annual Meeting last December, George and Maria will operate the Coffee Shop on the main floor of the Marina's Main Building! We all are looking forward to the re-opening of the Coffee Shop, not to mention Breakfasts and Ice Cream!! Coming soon this Spring!!

Limani on Hess in Hamilton (27 Hess Street South) is now open for Take-Out! Dining Room will open soon!

Follow both locations on Instagram: [limaniatfifty](https://www.instagram.com/limaniatfifty) and [limanionhess](https://www.instagram.com/limanionhess)

FPYC Merchandise 2025

We are working on our Merchandise Program for this season.

Stay Tuned for a Merchandise Survey Coming Soon in your Inbox!!!

Social Committee

March 7th Social at 24 Steps Lounge was a great success – a great time was had by all!!! Special thanks to the Bryan Sorenson Groove Trio, and our Social Committee!!!



Social Committee Calendar

(Schedule Subject to Change)



**BECOME A FPYC MEMBER AND
ENJOY SPECIAL EVENTS &
EXCLUSIVE MEMBER PERKS
ALL SEASON LONG!**

2025

EVENTS SCHEDULE



**PRE-LAUNCH BBQ -
SAT. APRIL 26**



**BEACH LUAU -
SAT. AUG 23**



**WELCOME
POTLUCK -
SAT. MAY 24**



**END OF SEASON
DINNER -
SAT. SEPT 13**



**SAIL PAST -
SAT. JUNE 21**



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For More Information & to Become a Member

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PRE-LAUNCH

◆◆ *BBQ*

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MICHELLE HEDLEY ACOUSTICS	NEW MERCHANDISE	LIVE MUSIC, FOOD & DRINKS
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EXCLUSIVE TO FPYC MEMBERS

MARINA OFFICE	12 - 2PM	WWW.FPYC.CA
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Why Sponsor FPYC???

Our Social Committee is working hard on putting together a great slate of activities for FPYC Members. To keep Member cost at a minimum or even at no-cost at all, we must count on important Sponsorships. Krista Toussaint is leading our initiative to propose suitable Sponsorship Opportunities. If you know any organization who would be willing to Sponsor FPYC, please reach out to Krista directly!



Fifty Point Yacht Club is nestled within the scenic Fifty Point Conservation Area, offering a perfect blend of natural beauty and modern convenience. Ideally situated just off the QEW Niagara, it provides easy access to nearby shopping, amenities, and vibrant neighboring communities.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR SPONSORSHIP - KRISTA

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WHO WE ARE

A thriving non-profit yacht club with nearly 100 members and growing, located in a marina featuring 336 boat slips. Boaters from near and far gather to enjoy a fun season filled with social events and exciting cruises. The majority of our members reside within a 30-minute radius, primarily from the Hamilton and Niagara regions. We welcome all ages and host many families!

WHEN OUR SEASON OPERATES

Our boating season runs from April to October, with events and membership perks offered all year round.

This year we have weekly and monthly events planned along with five cruises to neighbouring yacht clubs.

WHY SPONSOR US?

With close to 100 members and growing PLUS access to 336 Boat Slips plus visiting friends and families...

The possibilities are endless!

- We are a close-knit club built on strong community connections, with referrals playing a key role—especially for boat-related services, local dining, activities, and shopping.
- Our members share common interests, a passion for boating, and an appreciation for the finer things in life. Many spend weekends and extended stays at the club, seeking local places to dine, shop, and explore.
- We host a variety of weekly and monthly events, providing a fantastic opportunity for sponsors to showcase their brands through promotional items, prizes, signage, and giveaways.
- Our diverse membership spans all ages, including many families. Additionally, we welcome social members from the local community who may not be boaters but enjoy being part of our vibrant club.

Levels of Sponsorship

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FIFTY POINT YACHT CLUB



PLATINUM SPONSOR \$1000

- Quarter size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$375 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Official sponsor of One Event/Directional Sandwich Board
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - two ads per month from May to September
- Signage as Co-Host at One Major Event



GOLD SPONSOR \$500

- Quarter size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$375 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - one ad per month from May to September



SILVER SPONSOR \$250

- Business size ad in Scuttlebutt for 12 months (\$275 value) - emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - two ads per Season (from May to September)



BRONZE SPONSOR \$100

- Business size ad in Scuttlebutt during one month of our busy summer season (from May to September)- emailed to all members and displayed on Marina Board by Marina Office and Restaurant
- Opportunity to place promo items in gift bags to all members at events
- Social Media Advertising - one ad per season (from May to September)



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Provide prizes for events (gift cards, promo items, etc)
- Provide membership perk

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Meet your Board Members

Victor Haché

Communications Director

We are pleased to introduce our next two Board Members, Krista and Marcus Toussaint – Thank you both. Here are their introductions.



*Krista
Toussaint*

Social Director

Krista has been passionate about boating for most of her life and has been a proud member of Fifty Point Yacht Club for the past 10 years. With a background in event planning and marketing, she thrives on organizing memorable social events that bring the boating community together. As a local real estate agent and resident of the nearby subdivision, Krista is deeply connected to the area and its members.

This season, she's excited to introduce a mix of new and returning events while bringing local businesses on board as sponsors to enhance the experience for all members. When she's not planning the next big gathering, Krista enjoys time on the water with her husband Marcus, the club's Director at Large, and their two teenage children. She looks forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with fun, connection, and community spirit at Fifty Point Yacht Club!



*Marcus
Toussaint*

Director at Large

Originally from England, Marcus made Canada his home 20 years ago and has been a proud member of Fifty Point Yacht Club for the past 10 years. Living in the neighbouring community with his wife, Krista (the club's Social Director), their two teenage children, and a couple of lively Chihuahuas, Marcus is always close by and ready to lend a hand.

As Director at Large, he's bringing fresh ideas and an exciting lineup of new club merchandise—keep an eye out for stylish hats, hoodies, tees, and tanks! Whether he's helping out around the club, sharing a drink, or cracking a joke, Marcus is always up for good company and great times on the water.

Fifty Point's Shrink Wrap Program

Nancy Arnold

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Are you excited? The weather is slowly warming up and it will not be long until the first day of Launch. The countdown is on! The Compounds are becoming busier and boat covers and shrink wrap are starting to be removed.

Last year, Fifty Point Marina partnered with Boating Ontario Member, Switch Energy Group, a local industry leading recycling center that focuses on marine recycling and plastic waste repurposing. It was very successful, thanks to the cooperation of you, our fantastic customers. To ensure that the program is once again a success, please follow the instructions listed below.

1. No junk items, i.e.; strapping, vent caps, zippers, garbage, wood, rope etc. are to be placed in the bags.
2. The recycling bags are custom made strictly for the Recycling Program. The tinted blue bags hold approximately 800 sq. feet of boat wrap.
3. Please place clean and dry shrink wrap into the bag provided. Bags can be picked up from the Front Gate or Marina Office. Bags can be left under your boat or please take to our recycling depot (wooden corral across from mast compound)
4. If you choose not to recycle your shrink wrap, try to find another use for it. Old covers can be used at home or on a farm – if you can't use it, perhaps a friend or neighbor can?
5. The wooden 1x3 strapping can be reused or used as firewood. If you cannot use the wood, it is to be put along the fence in the compounds for staff to pick up or please take to our recycle depot. For safety purposes; all nails must be removed or bent over. Do not leave nails on the ground.

The Fifty Point staff would like to thank you for your cooperation in following these instructions as we are dedicated to following best environmental practices to reduce and prevent water, air and land pollution associated with recreational boating activities. ⚓



Meet our Friends at Fifty Point Marina

Our Friends at Fifty Point Marina will introduce themselves via Scuttlebutt. We will present 2 individuals per issue.

Erich Talbot - Marina Supervisor



Erich has been with the Hamilton Conservation Authority in the role of Marina Supervisor at Fifty Point since September 2023. A few of his past roles include Operations Supervisor at Port Dover Harbour Marina, Yacht Sales at Don Hyde Marine and General Manager at a Marine Dealership in British Columbia. When he's not at the Marina here, he can be found on the golf course or fishing Lake Erie.

Nicole Karbusicky - Conservation Area Technician



Meet Nicole! Nicole has worked with the Hamilton Conservation Authority since 2014, working primarily out of Dundas Valley Conservation Area as a Conservation Area Technician, before recently moving to Fifty Point in late 2024. She is an avid birder and photographer and often spends the evenings at the barn with her horse. She's been a lifelong conservationist, growing up loving nature and the outdoors. Nicole is excited to be a part of the Fifty Point team and to meet everyone!



Please Join Us For

BIRDS OF PREY

D DOCK PAVILION

SUNDAY

MAY 18TH

4:00 PM

NO PETS ALLOWED

A BYOC Event

'Bring your own chair'

Membership

FPYC MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2025



Membership
Fee Freeze
in Effect
For 2025!!!!

Fifty Point Yacht Club membership fees for 2025 are as follows:

New Members fee (includes Club Burgee)	\$305 (\$280 if paid by May 15)
Returning Members fee	\$270 (\$245 if paid by April 15)
Social Membership fee	\$85 (\$75 if paid by April 15)

The Members of the FPYC Board are very much aware of the inflationary pressures facing us all these days and we continue to make efforts to manage our costs in order to minimize their effect on our bottom line. We will always work hard to keep our member fees as low as possible. We will also continue to create club activities and events that provide our members with exceptional value for their boating dollar. Fifty Point Yacht Club is home to one of the prettiest and friendliest settings on the Lake and we believe our member fees offer exceptional value for the money.

With this in mind, the Board decided to freeze membership fees for 2025 at 2024 levels and continue to offer returning members an Early Bird discount rate for fees paid by April 15, 2025. We are also working on ways to streamline the application process. More details will follow soon!

As always, you can send your membership fee payments via e-transfer to: treasurer50@yahoo.com
Please include your full name and boat name in the comments field.

Thank you all for your continued support and membership. ⚓



Members Perks Program



GTHN Boat Polishing - 10%
Pita Pit- 10%
Kelsey's - 20%
Hangry Chicken - 10%
Freshii - 15%
DNA Pizza - 10% on orders over 15.00
Booster Juice - 15%
Sunset Grill - 15%
Lazeez Shawarma - 15%
Pho Huy - 15%

Members must present their membership cards to the server to receive the discounts.

If you have any "Perk" suggestions, please send us an e-mail at info@fpyc.ca

Local Lore

Thank you, Paula Burgin, for this submission via TVO and Toronto.com

Paula Burgin

Here's the first, in what I hope will be a series of short articles on the history or background of things located in and around our area.

You're all most familiar with this one and likely travelled on it to get to the marina..... The Queen Elizabeth Highway. It's been officially opened for over 80 years now, but it came from humble beginnings and certainly looked much different at the outset.

It was first thought about in 1931 as a means to help alleviate traffic congestion on Highway 2 (Lakeshore Road), and the planned name was Middle Road. Under the Liberal government of Mitch Hepburn, elected in 1934, the original project was greatly expanded, adding a center median and separated interchanges at major intersections.

The first 39-kilometer section between Highway 27 and Burlington was opened in 1937. The next section between Niagara Falls and Toronto was completed by 1939, but it would take until 1956 to have it fully paved all the way to Fort Erie.

It wasn't without a lot of controversy in the Niagara Region though, as land expropriated ran through many local farms. It wasn't uncommon to have a field separated by the highway and farmers would run their equipment across the highway to take care of their crops. There was also direct access from adjacent driveways onto the highway and it was still common for farmers to sell their goods on the side of the road. By 1954, the QEW had become known as a death trap due to multiple access points and interchanges controlled by stop signs or traffic lights.

The forerunner of the Ministry of Transportation, the Department of Highways, pioneered the use of service roads in the 1950's to turn the roadway into a true highway. This era also marked the construction of the skyway bridges in Hamilton and St. Catharines.

As a sidebar, the pond at Fifty Point Conservation area was created when fill was excavated for construction of the overpass at Fifty Road in the late 1960's.

GAMRU South Shore Search and Rescue



Ramping Up!

Doug Mepham

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They're back! Well, almost...

The volunteers of GAMRU South Shore Search And Rescue are busy readying their boats and equipment for another season, and like club members, spring is always a case of too much to do and not enough time to do it.

Club members can expect to see the rescue boat in the water early in April. Like most years, the vessel needs to be in and ready early in the boating season when sea trials take place, equipment is moved aboard and everything readied for the season. But being in the water isn't necessarily being in service; the first couple of weeks are spent introducing new members to the boat and familiarizing them with systems and procedures. It's a good time for a little shoreside training, too, with new members practicing with the boat's 'throw bags', learning how to extricate our brave rescue dummy JJ from the water, and rehearsing the knots they'll use all year before the boat goes into service around the middle of April.

So expect to see the volunteers around the marina. When you do, drop over and say "Hi!"

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The Real Origins of Boating's Most Common Terms

Thank you, Tara Dinyer, for this submission via BoatBlurb!!!

By: [Bill Jennings](#) (Edited for content / display purposes – full article available online using this [link](#))

Many expressions we commonly use today originate from early nautical activities. With a little research I found some interesting nautical origins for sayings we currently use. How many of these expression origins do you know?

1) Three Sheets to the Wind: We apply this term today to describe someone who is inebriated. On sailing vessels, the lines used to raise and trim sails have always been called "sheets." In order to trim sails properly for different wind directions, it is necessary to have three sheets, or lines, properly attached to the foresail and mainsail. If these sheets became loose, or run free in the wind, the ship would neither sail a straight course nor steer properly. It would wobble. Today, "three sheets to the wind" describes a very drunk person. 'One sheet' and 'two sheets' were used to describe lower levels of intoxication.

2) This Puts a New Slant on Things: The direction of a sailship, relative to the wind, is called the 'slant.' If the wind changes, it is necessary to take a new heading, or 'put on a new slant.' The same can now be said in a conversation or after uncovering new

information to describe the new heading you will be taking.

3) Straight as the Crow Flies: Crows do not like to fly over water. Early sailors put this fact to good use on voyages that travelled out of sight of land by taking along some crows in a cage. If the navigator wanted to verify the direction that was the shortest distance to shore he would release a crow and it would head straight to the nearest point of land. Sort of an early GPS, if you will.



4) First Rate: In Britain, sailing warships were classified by the number of canons they carried. A ship with less than 32 canons was classified as 'Sixth Rate' and the ratings went up from there. The best classification was given to ships with over 100 canons. They were given the classification of 'First Rate.' The term

carried over to identify people or things that are regarded as best. For example, "I had a first rate crew on my last ship."

5) Haven't a Clue: A clew is where a line or sheet is attached to the lower or back corner of a sail. If this connection comes undone or tears apart, the sailboat would have no clew and would not work properly until the sail was reattached or clewed up. To do this, the sailors would have to figure out which clew was the problem and reattach it. More recently the word "clue" describes what can solve mysteries, and the word 'clew' in the old expression came to be spelled 'clue.'

6) At Loose Ends: The ends of ropes used on sailing ships would gradually unravel with use. To work properly, they would need to be tied together and tightly bound. During periods on the ship when there were no specific duties for the sailors, the captain would often order his crew to check all lines for loose ends and repair them as necessary. Today, we might say we are 'at loose ends,' if we have nothing to do and are spending our time reading stuff like this! ⚓

Training Opportunities

Education sessions at Newport Yacht Club

Our friends at Newport Yacht Club are offering 2 Education Sessions in the next few weeks – please see below:

ROC (M) Certification

- Two-day course
- Newport Yacht Club under the big tent
- April 26th and 27th starting a 9AM each day
- Cost is \$180 + HST

Marine Basic 1st Aid (MBFA) and Canadian Red Cross Emergency First Aid.

- The marine course requires online work (8 hours) prior to the one-day course
- First Aid is a one-day course
- Newport Yacht Club
- May 10th 9AM start
- Basic First Aid Cost \$110 + HST
- Marine Basic First Aid Cost \$220 +HST

To register, please email dan.stasiuk@newportyachtclub.ca to confirm space and payment arrangements.

Flair Disposal

Hosted by the Rigging Shoppe

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Flare Collection Days

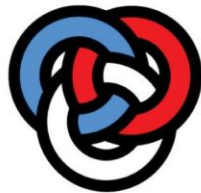
Safely dispose of outdated marine flares during **Flare Collection Days** at the Rigging Shoppe. This service is available for recreational boaters only—commercial and organizational flares cannot be accepted.

- **Date:** Thursday, April 10 - Saturday, April 13, 2025

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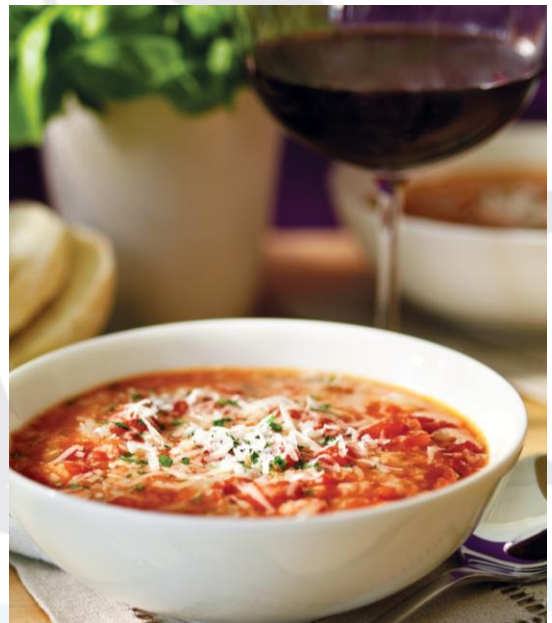
Spring Green Risotto

(Recipe/photos: The Food Network / Ina Garten)

Servings: 4 (6 as appetizer) | Level: Easy | Total Time: 47 Mins | Prep: 20 Mins | Cook: 27 mins

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons good olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 cups chopped leeks, white and light green parts (2 leeks)
- 1 cup chopped fennel
- 1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
- 2/3 cup dry white wine
- 4 to 5 cups simmering chicken stock, preferably homemade
- 1 pound thin asparagus
- 10 ounces frozen peas, defrosted, or 1 1/2 cups shelled fresh peas
- 1 tablespoon freshly grated lemon zest (2 lemons)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/3 cup mascarpone cheese, preferably Italian
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan, plus extra for serving
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh chives, plus extra for serving



Directions

1. Heat the olive oil and butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the leeks and fennel and sauté for 5 to 7 minutes, until tender. Add the rice and stir for a minute to coat with the vegetables, oil, and butter. Add the white wine and simmer over low heat, stirring constantly, until most of the wine has been absorbed. Add the chicken stock, 2 ladles at a time, stirring almost constantly and waiting for the stock to be absorbed before adding more. This process should take 25 to 30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, cut the asparagus diagonally in 1 1/2-inch lengths and discard the tough ends. Blanch in boiling salted water for 4 to 5 minutes, until al dente. Drain and cool immediately in ice water. (If using fresh peas, blanch them in boiling water for a few minutes until the starchiness is gone.)
3. When the risotto has been cooking for 15 minutes, drain the asparagus and add it to the risotto with the peas, lemon zest, 2 teaspoons salt, and 1 teaspoon pepper. Continue cooking and adding stock, stirring almost constantly, until the rice is tender but still firm.
4. Whisk the lemon juice and mascarpone together in a small bowl. When the risotto is done, turn off the heat and stir in the mascarpone mixture plus the Parmesan cheese and chives. Set aside, off the heat, for a few minutes, sprinkle with salt and pepper, and serve hot with a sprinkling of chives and more Parmesan cheese.

Items of Interest

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

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<https://limaniatfifty.com>

GAMRU

www.gamru.ca

Canadian Yachting

<http://www.canadianyachting.ca/>

Government of Canada - Water levels forecast.

<https://www.tides.gc.ca/en/water-levels-forecast#lake-ontario>

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Sail-World Cruising

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

Spartan – Ocean Racing & Training

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

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<http://finals.starsailors.com/>

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