

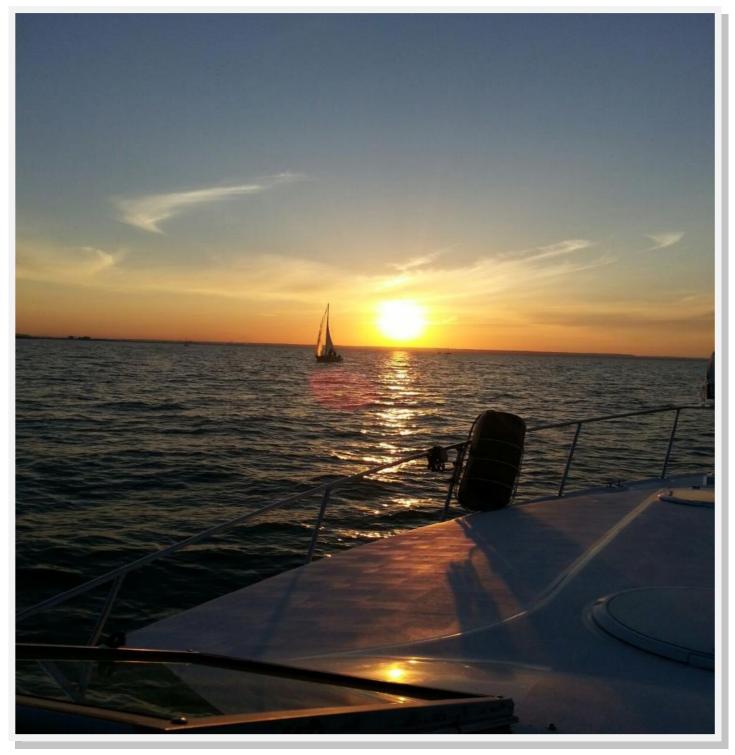
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# From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore



## Short and Sweet!

It's mid-season and in a perfect world we are all on our boats making the most of the all too short Canadian summer. In recognition of that, this will be a very short article. I should stop writing and you should stop reading and we should all get back out there on the water!

If you are one of the fortunate folks who are retired, or have some kind of ideal job that lets you sail on the good days and work only when the weather is crappy, I wish you all the joy of the season. Secretly, I wish I was you, but hey, don't let us less-blessed boaters distract you from your wonderful good fortune. For the "weekenders" however, I have to say it has been something of a hit and miss season so far. It actually feels like summer started about 2 weeks ago. But we all like to complain about the weather. It's a national sport (and you thought it was hockey, right? I ask you, what good is frozen water to anybody?)

Maybe it's just me, I don't think so, but as we get older, (that is the royal "we", those who don't feel they belong in this paragraph can opt out and skip to the next), don't the summers all seem more fleeting? Makes me all the more determined to wring every morsel of joy out of the good weather. This week I celebrated my 64th birthday. [Insert "Commodore 64" jokes here. But hey, if you know any Commodore 64 jokes, you're no spring chicken yourself.] Next year I plan to retire ...again. I had a trial retirement a few years back and highly recommend it. In the mean time, I have made up my mind to carve out some time and, good weather or no, make the run down to the 1000 Islands. So, I need to go provision the boat.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. See you in September. Go safe.

Stephen



# **Upcoming Events**

# August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Smugglers Cove Club Cruise  Winter Storage Info goes out this week
2 Smugglers Cove Club Cruise	3 Smugglers Cove Club Cruise	4	5	6	7	Model boat racing on the pond
9 Model boat racing on the pond	10	11	12	13	14	Customer Appreciation Day!
16 Open Mic Time	17	18	19	20	21	22 Movie night at the Beach- Finding Nemo
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



# GAMRU at Fifty Point

# (Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit)

By Jayne Herring

As many of you may have noticed (and as previously mentioned in Scuttlebutt), the GAMRU (Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit) boat is now using Fifty Point as their home port and has been docked over by the gas dock for the season. This change has been made possible due to the support of the FPYC membership.

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend some time with the GAMRU volunteers on their 34 foot cutter in order to learn a little bit more about the program. GAMRU has approximately 40 members who provide on-call 24 hour assistance to boaters from April to October. The volunteers are split between the 34 foot custom-built cutter at Fifty Point and their other boat which is a Hurricane 633 currently docked at Foran's Marine in Grimsby. The volunteers meet every Wednesday night to train and are split into two groups and assigned to one of the boats. Their training evening allows them to practice and perfect the skills required for marine rescue.

On the evening of my visit, the officer in charge was Coxswain Sean Coffey who is one of four Coxswains under the command of Unit Leader Ed Cook. Sean welcomed me aboard the vessel and was very pleased to discuss the role of GAMRU and to show me their vessel.

On average GAMRU responses to 22-24 calls per year for assistance and calls can range for a request for a tow to assisting in search and rescue. GAMRU relies on donations to operate and does not receive any assistance from the government except for some reimbursement for fuel costs during search and rescue operations. As long as they have a four-man crew, GAMRU will respond to a call for assistance regardless of the weather. Just when we are all headed for a safe port these brave volunteers are often called to respond.

GAMRU is always seeking additional members to volunteer. The only requirement is a Pleasure Craft Operators Card and all training for successful candidates will be provided. If you are interested in joining you can find additional information at www.gamru.ca

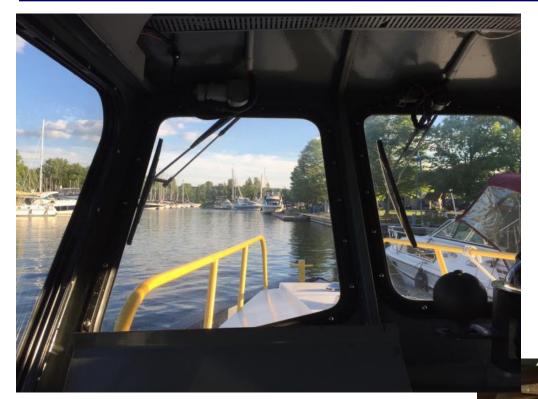
We wish to thank the members of GAMRU for their support of boaters and for willing to volunteer their time to

make boating safer for all of us! If you get a chance, please stop by and thank them for their service, or make a donation to enable GAMRU to continue to support boaters.

#### GAMRU Crew L to R:

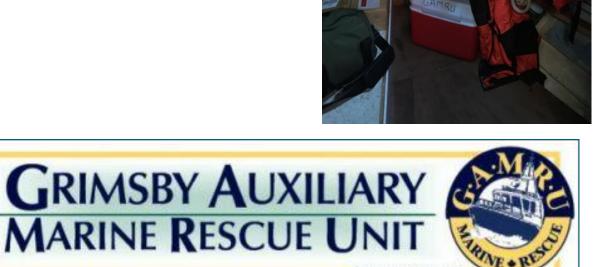
Sean Cook Joe Nixon Clark Hamilton Vick Cook





View of Fifty Point from the helm of the GAMRU vessel

Below deck and gear storage. The boat is required to include a head (toilet) due to the amount of time spent out on the water and the additional of female crew members.



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## **FILMED AT FIFTY!**

Recently Fifty Point was used as a location for the television series 'Heroes Reborn'. Looks like there was lots of action! Photos courtesy of Tara Dinyer. Nancy has promised to let us know if she hears when the episode will be aired.









# FPYC Photo Contest

# 2015

### **Tara Dinyer & Paul Charles**

Get out your camera! It's time to get ready for the 2015 Fifty Point Photo Contest. The contest is open to all members and it's easy. There are a few rules but they are simple:

- Photos must be of a nautical theme, e.g. boats, water, marinas
- A brief description or title would be helpful
- Photos must be taken between March 1 and September 10 of this year
- Entries must be submitted by September 15
- Editing is permitted but strong Photo-Shopping is not encouraged
- Photo files must be at least 2 megabytes (so as to show well when enlarged)
- Entries to be submitted by e-mail to paulcharles@cogeco.ca





## FPYC Cruising Update

#### Club Cruises 2015

We are excited to announce the following club cruises for the 2015 season. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Fifty Point Yacht Club boaters at some of the finest clubs on Western Lake Ontario.

#### Aug 1, 2 & 3 Smuggler's Cove, Niagara River

At least five moorings are available for larger boats and a standby list will be created for any moorings that become available.

#### Sep 5, 6 & 7 Royal Canadian Yacht Club, Toronto Island\*\*

Enjoy the last cruise of the season at this beautiful and historical club. Facilities include a swimming pool and access to the Toronto Islands parkland. We are currently confirming the requirements for obtaining a Toronto Harbour permit and more information will be provided prior to the cruise.

\*\*Reminder: See last month's Scuttlebutt for instructions on how to obtain a Cruising Permit if you plan on attending the RCYC Cruise.

Please sign up for cruises through the Fifty Point Yacht Club website <a href="http://www.fpyc.ca/cruises.html">http://www.fpyc.ca/cruises.html</a>. This is a fillable form which gets sent automatically to the cruise directors. If you are signing up for multiple cruises, please indicate in the notes section whether the number of people coming is the same for each cruise and, if you are able to volunteer for cruise captain for one of the dates. We are looking for cruise captains (<a href="http://www.fpyc.ca/cruisecaptain.html">http://www.fpyc.ca/cruisecaptain.html</a>) for all cruises except the Port Credit Yacht Club. We will contact you by email a few weeks before the cruise date to verify your interest.

Sue Millar & Christopher Almeida Cruise Directors

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CRUISERS**

It has come to our attention that the Boulevard Club is not accepting FPYC reciprocal visitors. In fact, we have been informed that they will not offer slips to FPYC boats even if they offer to pay. I have talked to the dock master and yachting director and I am convinced that this decision is based on misconceptions about our reciprocal policy and some very outdated information about the availability of reciprocal slips.

FPYC is not the only club to be excluded. The Boulevard Club is reviewing reciprocal agreements with Port Dalhousie, Island Yacht Club and Lakeside Yacht Club. In the mean time, no boats are being accepted from these clubs.

I am providing the Boulevard Club executive with the facts about our yacht club, our reciprocal policy, and what we offer to visitors. FPYC provides over 300 reciprocal slips per year to visiting boats. We offer these slips to any visitor who presents a current membership card and flies the burgee of any Great Lakes club. In exchange for the great facilities available to visitors to the Boulevard Club, we offer 200 acres of conservation parkland, multiple sheltered picnic areas, lots of BBQ's and a great beach area. It is a good reciprocal deal for both parties. We are working to resolve this misunderstanding.

# Officer of the Day

## Paul Charles - paulcharles@cogeco.ca

hink back to the high points of visiting other clubs around the lake. What made you feel warm and welcome? OK, after the washrooms! It was probably a local member who approached you and asked if you have found everything, if you need any help or who just welcomed you to their club. Many clubs run an Officer of the Day Program and I think each one is widely appreciated.

We at FPYC have had a program in place for a few years now and although there has been much positive feedback from members and visitors it is hard to get volunteers to commit to a half a day at the marina where you welcome guests, perhaps help them to tie up and answer any questions they might have. I, personally, have met many very nice people in this way and have felt I was of some help.

In the past we have posted a schedule and encouraged people to sign up. Our thanks to all of you who signed up year after year, however, many members "meant" to sign up but didn't quite get there. Well, this year I am

going to make it easy for you as I will be dropping by and asking you to help with the program. Our important weekends are those during which we have a reciprocal cruise so, if you are not going on the cruise you might want to think about it.

Many thanks to Jeff & Cindy Shrubb, Vern & Lenore Lowe and Brian & Ruby Weber for volunteering already!

So, when you see me approaching you on the dock or at the spring barbecue, don't hide, you'll know what I want!

# Fifty Point Cruise to Caroll's Point By Ron Ouwehand

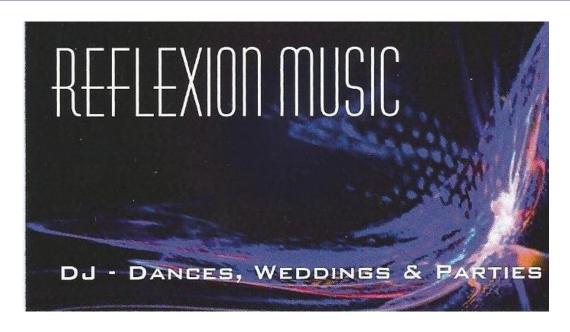
The skippers meeting was held on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the D dock shelter. Coffee, muffins and fruits were provided by the cruise director Chris and introductions were made. Four boats ended up on the final list including Wave Goodbye, with Jeff and Tara, Sails Call with Tom and Chris, Ohana with Troy and Debbie, and myself, Ron Ouwehand on Old Hand.

Sails Call and Old Hand left at 11:00 a.m. from Fifty Point and motored to the bridge. Wave Goodbye came in the early afternoon and still got to the anchorage before us! Tom and Chris anchored first and Jeff pulled up on their starboard side. I ran a little further to the high level bridge and dropped anchor there for a few minutes to pick a friend up on shore with the dinghy. Later I pulled up on the port side of Sails Call. After kibitzing and settling in, the kids aboard Wave Goodbye and Sails Call went kayaking around the anchorage and messed about in the boats.

Later in the afternoon around 4:00 p.m., Troy and Debbie arrived and I sighed a breath of relief that our BBQ had shown up. Libations were passed around and it was close to 6:00 p.m. when we started making the burgers. Several boats had brought extra salads and there was a lot of food to go around. Troy did a wonderful job of cooking the burgers and after dinner we all did a little touring around the anchorage in several dinghy s and watched local boats come and go dropping anchor and leaving when it became dark. We all chatted until late in the evening and even the bugs did not seem to be too bad at all.

The following morning Jeff and Tara left first followed by Troy and Debbie and I left at 11:30 and Sails Call was going to stay in the Bay for a few more days. A good time was had by all and those anchoring there for the first time suggested we come back and do this again in the fall. My suggestion would be for September the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. I don't mind organizing it so if there are other boaters interested in another anchoring cruise that weekend let me know over the course of the summer and I will start a list.





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# Forty Geese by Margaret Small

Forty geese went walking on a summer's day. Forty geese went honking in their goosey way. Adults guarding young ones, Fierce and peacock-proud.

Forty geese sure poop a lot. Hose the boardwalk down!



# Christine's Galley

With Christine Nixon



## BBQ Cauliflower Gratin

### Ingredients:

1 can condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
1/2 cup milk
1 garlic clove, minced
1 medium head cauliflower – cut up
1 cup of shredded cheddar cheese (swiss)
1/4 cup cooked bacon (optional)

#### **Instructions:**

Spray large foil pan w cooking spray Stir the soup, milk, garlic, cauliflower and half the cheese in pan Sprinkle remaining cheese

Option: Sprinkle with cooked bacon at this point

BBQ Method: 45 - 50 minutes (until cauliflower is tender)

Oven Method: 350 degrees for 50 minutes



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Troy cooking up burgers at the anchor cruise







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