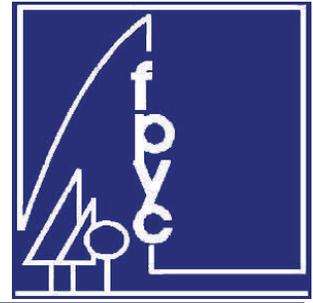


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*For the Holiday Season!*



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# From the Bridge...

*Stephen Middleton, Commodore*



## *December*

It's beginning to look a lot like winter out there. It has been slow to arrive and the fall weather has been spectacular. However, we all knew it was too good to last and this past weekend saw our first major snowfall. It brought with it the traditional combination of a festive look and all the joys of winter driving ... don't know about you but we are already pining for summer here.

Before the weather turned we had a great weekend for the Annual General Meeting. You may recall that the club reserve funds have been a key topic of discussion at the past couple of AGMs. The feeling was that the reserve had been running higher than required to support club operations in the event of a significant down-turn in revenue. An assessment conducted by the Board supported this and an appropriate target was set for the reserve fund.

Based on the assessment we have been using excess reserve to support a variety of club activities. To recap, in 2014 we funded the FPYC 30th Anniversary celebrations. In 2015, we continued with the club-funded and catered dinner for Sailpast and enhanced a number of our social events and cruises. In 2016 we provided the main ingredients for the Sailpast dinner, but with help from our members, which brought the total cost down significantly using "DIY" preparation and potluck (great party, good price - thanks to all who helped out so much!) We also funded or supplemented a winter curling day, the pre-splash BBQ, new members meet and greet, cruise dinners and renovated the storage area to create our new club lounge. I can say that we now have a reserve fund of appropriate size, that is sufficient to maintain the club should it be needed. I can also say that for next year we need to run with a balanced budget, expenses must be equal to, or less, than revenue. If you wish to review the details, check out the AGM presentation/minutes and the 2016 financial report in the members section of the FPYC website.

Between now and February the Board Executive will be planning for 2017. We believe that the social and cruising enhancements implemented over the past few seasons add a lot to the enjoyment and benefits of club membership. Our goal is to maintain as many of them as we can afford. Pot luck events will help to control costs and we will look at using nominal per person charges and/or fund raising activities to offset any budget shortfall. More detail will follow as our 2017 plan is developed. The other significant outcome from the AGM is the confirmation of the membership of the Board of Directors for 2017. I am very pleased to say that all board positions are filled for next year. My thanks to those joining the board and those continuing or extending their terms. The Directors for 2017 are:

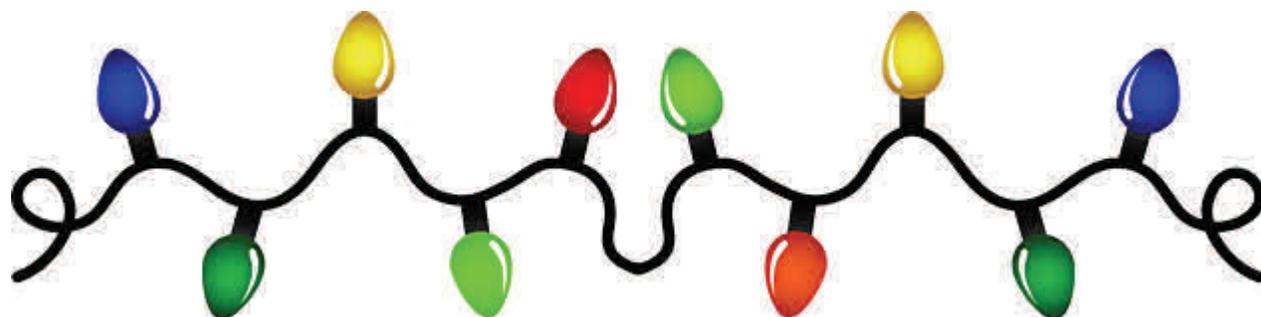
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Jay Kirk – Vice Commodore  
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Chris Pollard - Membership  
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Bill Wicket – Social  
Heidi Kirk – Director at Large

I am very much looking forward to working with the new and returning Board members and I am really looking forward to the start of the 2017 season. In the meantime, just because it is minus whatever outside, it doesn't mean there aren't club activity to enjoy. Make a point of getting out to our Pub Nights and our repeat of the very successful Curling Day. Check the details in this issue.

Enjoy the holidays, have a great New Year, hope to see you at our winter events.

*Stephen*



*New Event for 2017*

## *Christmas in July*

Take advantage of the Christmas sales and purchase lights or decorations for your boat.

Boat decorating contest  
Night Boat parade (weather permitting)

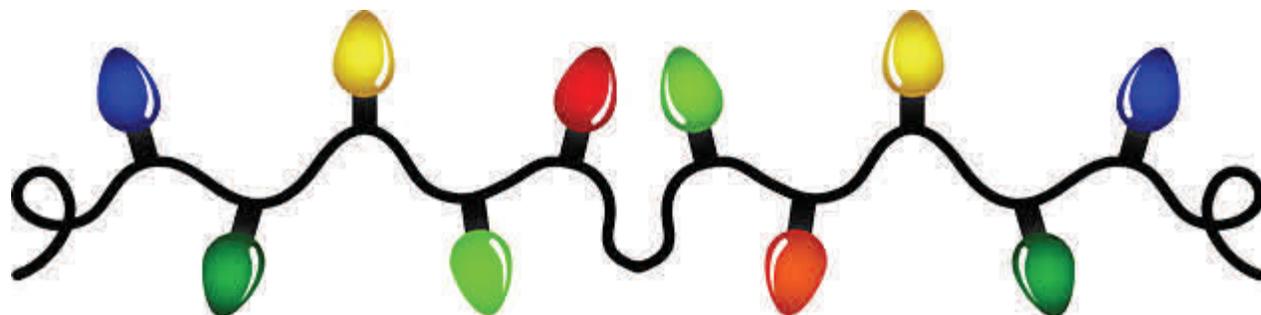
and

Christmas potluck

Wear your best Christmas outfit (stock up now)

**July 22, 2017**

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!



## December Race Report

Garry Cooke

### World Sailing Events:

#### Solo Around the World Race: Vendee Globe 2016-2017

The solo around the world race is currently underway. The competitors are approximately three weeks into the event and the leaders are now south of Cape Town heading towards Tasmania. The boats are breaking previous speed records, mostly due to the new angled foil-keels that I mentioned in earlier Scuttlebutt issues. The boats are covering up to 530 nautical miles per day, which is an average of 22 knots.

The boat that was leading for most of the way has unfortunately hit a submerged object and broken one of the foils, but he is still hanging on to second place with speeds up to 20 knots. The boat is Hugo-Boss skippered by Alex Thomson.



In the picture on the left you can just see the tip of the foil amidships piercing the water surface.

Check it out at <http://www.vendee-globe.org>

#### Racing at FPYC and Newport YC

The racing arrangement between FPYC and Newport YC may be rather different next year. The funding of racing by Newport is probably insufficient, and they have requested that our members wishing to race will be required to pay a higher fee than previous years. I have had meetings with their Racing Director, and we are in the process of discussing these arrangements. I will report back once we know further the details.

Regardless of the Tuesday night racing arrangement, we will be running shorthanded racing next season, (possibly on Thursdays and/or weekends), and also pursuit and club cruise races for those that are interested.

For members that wish to race around the Lake, our club (FPYC) will pay for your handicap certificate. In the past we have been full members of PHRF-LO, which included certificates for 5 boats. The FPYC Board has decided not to renew the PHRF membership to reduce costs this coming year, but still wants to support our members with racing, hence the support of the club in obtaining handicap certificates.

I will be the PHRF measurer in 2017 for anyone requiring a handicap to race.

## Pub Nights 2017

We will be running a pub night on Monday, January 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. at the Judge & Jester in Grimsby.

Ron Ouwehand will be giving a presentation on how his sailing trip on Lake Superior

We will also be having a pub night on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, with a presentation from GAMRU. For more than 25 years, local volunteers from the Grimsby Auxiliary Marine Rescue Unit (GAMRU) have sailed into Lake Ontario in every kind of weather to help save their neighbours' lives and protect property. In that time, literally dozens of skilled and determined volunteers – some with little prior boating experience, have become the pillars of an unlikely system that works uncommonly well. They have also earned the respect of their community and their peers in the marine search and rescue community. But what do we really know about GAMRU and what it does? Most of us pass their red rescue vessel on the way in and out of the harbour but probably know little of the work they do. Here's your opportunity to find out more about GAMRU. Meet members of the unit and hear a brief presentation on marine search and rescue in our area.

Please contact me (G. Cooke or any member of the Executive) to book a seat for these events as space is limited to approximately 35-40 persons.



## FPYC Curling Bonspiel

We will be running a mini curling bonspiel at the Grimsby Curling club on Saturday, February 4th.

No experience is required, and we will show players how to release the rocks, and brush etc. If you are interested please sign up on the sheet on the website or contact me. We only have room for 32 curlers, but additional spectators can sit and view the activities from the comfortable lounge, and enjoy refreshments etc.

The event was well attended and enjoyed last year. There will be a small charge per person to offset the rental cost of the curling rink. (a final price will be advised later, but it will likely be in the range of \$5 to \$10 maximum per player. There will be no charge for spectators, cheerleaders or children).





*Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!*



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**John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton** (Boat—Nahanni V)  
'Nahanni V At Sea'  
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# Christine's Galley

## Golden Cheddar Cheese Crisps



If you'd like, you can substitute another semi-hard cheese for the cheddar, like Swiss or Gruyere.

The crisps are best the day they are made. If they've gone a little soft, pop them back in the oven for a few minutes to warm them before serving. They will re-crisp as they cool.

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Makes about 2 dozen crisps.

### **Ingredients:**

6 ounces sharp cheddar (about 2 cups grated)

1/4 cup all purpose flour

1 teaspoon paprika

1/8 teaspoon baking powder

Pinch of cayenne pepper to taste

1 tablespoon of unsalted butter at room temperature

1 tablespoon of black sesame, poppy, coriander or cumin seed



### **Method:**

Heat oven to 350 degrees and line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Using the large holes of a grater, grate the cheese.

Make the crisp mix. In a bowl combine the flour, paprika, baking powder and cayenne. Add the butter and mix with a fork or your fingers until blended. Stir in seeds. Add the grated cheese and toss with your hands to combine.

Form and bake the crisps. Mound tablespoon-size portions of the cheese mixture on baking sheets spaced 2 inches apart. Flatten them slightly with the back of the spoon. (You can use a 2 inch round cookie cutter as a mold if preferred)

Bake the crisps for 9-12 minutes, or until golden. Let them cool completely on baking sheets. Lift the edge of the parchment to lift the crisps off the baking sheet, then peel them off. Store in an airtight container.

*Note: This recipe is great, but even better warmed up the next day...crispier!*



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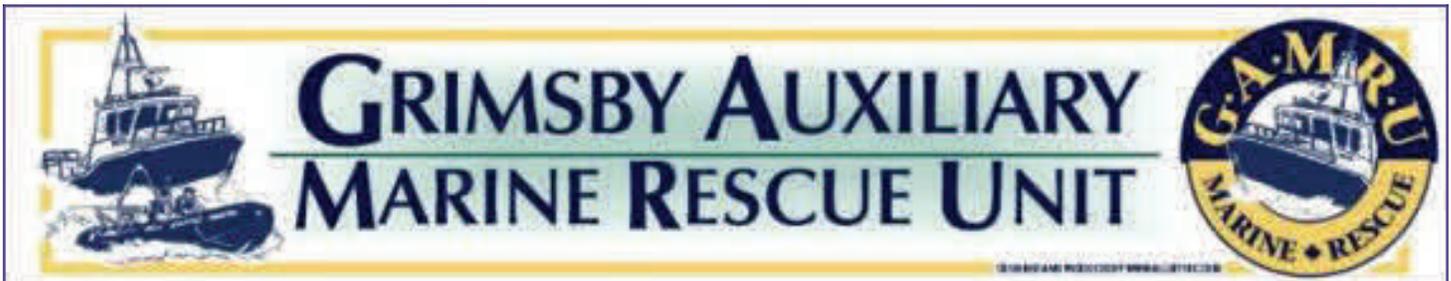
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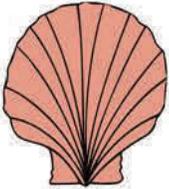
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