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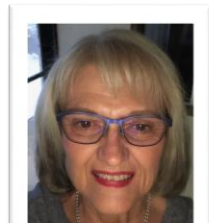


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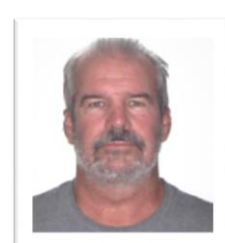


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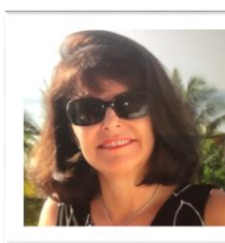


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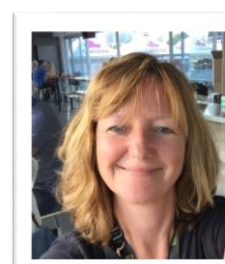


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Commodore's Message



To all members well we made it to December of 2020 and a year ago we were recovered from the Commodores Ball and looking to Christmas and for some already in the south or planning on it. So what a year makes as we look back on all that has happened in our world near and far.

I hope everyone is safe and respecting all the rules so we can get out of it earlier and be ready for the upcoming season. I would like everyone to enjoy the season to the best of your ability and spend time when and if you can with Family and friends in your bubble.

So what happened in November well a lot I would say even though we had no Commodores Ball, we had a theft of out drives from a members boat, high winds with boats tipping over and then a fire in a compound. Well I would call that news for sure, so first the theft - the out drives were removed during the day on a weekday by an experienced thief who more than likely had a planned sale of said outdrives. This has left our member in a very bad way both because of the dollar value but also because they cannot easily be replaced and he will have hardship this upcoming season. Now onto the fire, well a suspicious fire in the first compound that destroyed two vessels and damaged 3 others significantly. Also there were other boats damaged in the blaze to a lesser degree but the damage still could be significant. We had members boats involved in this incident also and the answers on damage to some will have to wait for spring to do a proper survey. And the wind, well high winds and open areas caused some issues with boats tipping over and covers either being damaged or blowing off.

So this leads to the board getting involved in the security of the marina and surrounding property. The board has sent a letter to HCA and we are pushing for answers and to be part of the process as we defend our members and all other boats in the marina basin. So as asked before please send any issues to info@fpyc.ca and they will be read and added to our file. Thanks to the members that have sent ideas, problems, suggestions in and much appreciated by me to use when talking to HCA.

So all told it looks busy again in December.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all members from Judie and I and we hope you stay warm and safe over the season. Even though some cannot go to warmer climates this winter we do hope you enjoy all around you.

Remember if you can shop local support your local stores!

Thank you
Doug Galvin
Commodore

From the Vice

Well another calendar year is just about over. If Covid-19 did not add some challenges to your life, recent activities at the marina definitely did. It started with the theft of two outdrives from a member's boat. Then we had high winds with winter covers blowing off and all around. Some boats even tipped over with the wind and required a crane to set them up right. And finally the horrific fire that tragically destroyed and damaged some members prize boats.

We have a security update further in Scuttlebutt.

The Executive has been in touch with both marina staff and those at the Hamilton Conservation Authority related to concerns of security in light of recent and ongoing security issues. We believe that trespass, vandalism and thefts have increasing over the years. We are appreciative of the steps that had been taken. But we feel that more needs to be done. We are including the letters sent to the marina and HCA in Scuttlebutt.

Just remember we will have our AGM coming up in the next few months. In last month's comments, we commented on two specific changes needing membership approval. They are:

- Changing our reciprocal policy to give a free night to any yacht club with a burgee and membership card; and
- Allowing more than 12 members on the Board.

Many thanks to Bill Wicket and Tom Dunmore who have graciously stepped up. They will be Directors on the new Board. They will assume Cruising and Social Directors positions.

We are still in need of a Treasurer, Social and Membership Director. Please contact Doug or myself. WE NEED YOU.

Lastly, but more importantly, Ruby and I are wishing all a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.** And to quote a famous woman, my mother, may you all have health, happiness and enough money to get along with.

Stay well and stay safe.

Brian Weber,
Vice Commodore

Security

We wanted to provide members with an update on matters of security. Many of you saw the original letter, which we wanted to present to the HCA Board. Many of you supported it and others did not for different reasons. However, we believe that the numbers of breaches of security have escalated with 'small' things disappearing, members putting up additional signs regarding trespass and other matters. But given this major theft and some smaller ones in past years we felt it prudent to move forward because some wondered when something serious might happen to them if security was not improved.

We broke the letter down into two components. One we sent to Mr. Rob Howe, manager, as we felt these were more operational issues that he could address. The other went to Mr. Gord Costie, an HCA Director, as these would probably have budget implications requiring HCA Board approval. The two letters are posted in the Members Only Section on our website.

From a Conference call with Mr. Costie, he was aware of the more recent major theft and had commented on security at the marina related to the boat fire.

The HCA Board had started a security review pre Covid-19. This was delayed as a result. However, HCA is now moving it along. They have five security companies bidding on the plan for Fifty Point. Site visits are being arranged over the next month. These companies will bid through an RFP process, which had been initiated in January 2020 for the security audit. The RFP is designed to look at upgrading security and cameras plus other recommendation as seen fit. They are looking for a plan that includes additional cameras and other items. Better gate security for the front and pedestrian gates is part of the review.

FPYC is hoping to work with HCA through this process. We expressed our interest to be available, assist in changes and help provide any direction as HCA sees fit.

We will attempt to keep you informed of any developments each month as they arise.

FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

2020 has been quite a year to say the least and you haven't heard too much from your Social Directors. We wanted to let you know that we are still here and while we've had to put our Social Events on the shelf for this year, we are very much hoping to return in 2021 with some, if not all, of our traditional events.

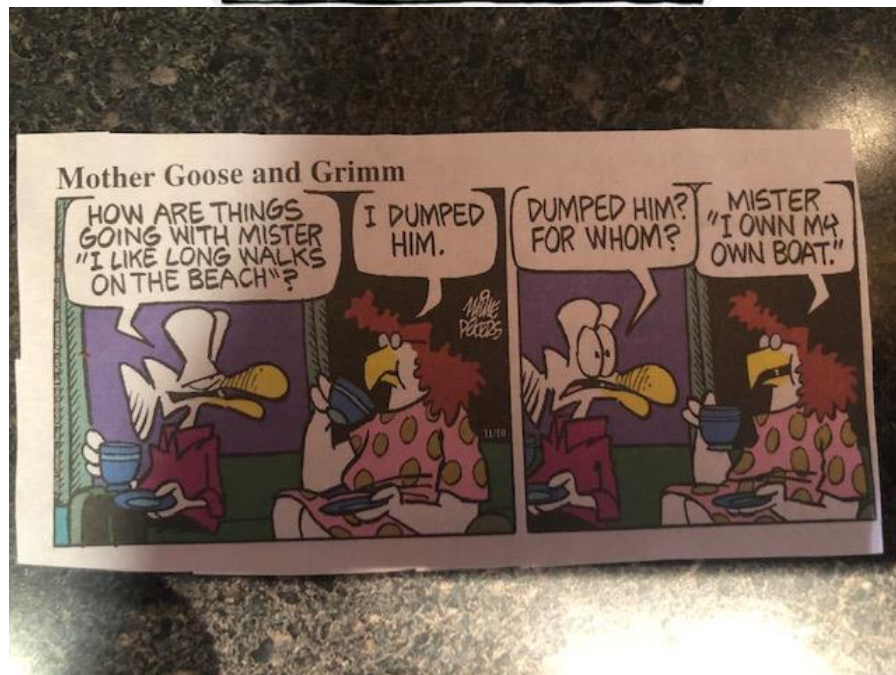
This Christmas, a more likely theme is having visions of COVID vaccines dancing in our heads! No matter how your season unfolds, our wish is that it's a happy and safe one. As the year winds down and we prepare to kick 2020 unceremoniously to the curb, raise a toast to the coming year and think positive thoughts to a bit of a return to our pre-pandemic way of life.

Wishing you all a very **Merry Christmas** and extending best wishes for 2021!

April will be here before you know it!!



December Funnies





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“Pot’s” and Pans

As we prepare for the Christmas Season, here’s a traditional cookie recipe that is easy to prepare and make! Simple list of ingredients and they taste great. Enjoy!

The staff here at Pots and Pans want to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas! While it likely won’t be a traditional holiday, we’re hoping that it will still produce some wonderful memories and possibly start some new traditions.

Holiday Icebox Cookies

Ingredients

1 cup (250ml) soft butter
¾ cup (175ml) granulated sugar
1 teaspoon (5ml) vanilla
2 1/2 cups (625ml) flour
½ cup (125ml) chopped red and green cherries
1 cup (250ml) toasted walnuts or pecans

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190C).

Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add vanilla. Stir in flour and mix well. Add cherries and nuts, and mix until blended. Shape into 4 rolls measuring about 6 inches X 1 ½ inches. Wrap well in heavy plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm. Remove from fridge and cut into ¼ inch slices. Bake on parchment lined cookie sheets for 10 minutes or until lightly golden.



(Courtesy - Hamilton Spectator)



Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

Gunter and Sue Millar

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Bahamas: Part 3



Steve & Lise Denison

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Prep Time for Season 4 in the Bahamas



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Canadian Yachting

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

Sail-World Cruising

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

Spartan – Ocean Racing & Training

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

POWER BOATING CANADA

<https://powerboating.com/lake-ontario/>

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<https://www.getmyboat.ca>

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<https://www.sailing.ca/>

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

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<https://ontariosailing.ca>