



Scuttlebutt



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Happy Holidays from the FPYC Board!!!

scut-tle-butt 1 a: a cask on shipboard to contain fresh water for a day's use b: a drinking fountain on a ship or at a marine installation

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Commodore's Message



It is never easy to determine what to write some months in Scuttlebutt. However, December is always the exception. We have the boats all out of the water, we had the Commodore's Ball, our AGM has just taken place, the holiday season is fast approaching and the marina is sending out our summer mooring questionnaire for the end of the month. So we are truly in transition as things are wrapping up for 2021 and we start thinking about 2022. Does it seem like we are wishing our life away?

If you missed the Commodore's Ball, you missed an excellent evening at Galileo's Garden. The food was excellent and plentiful. The band Introduction was fabulous. Many thanks are owed to Sunny and his team at Galileo's, Express Restaurants and Ralph DeFazio, Introduction's band leader. It was great to enjoy a more normal evening of fellowship. The ladies looked especially lovely and the men were okay too. It was just nice to get out and just have a more normal evening of fun. Thank you to all who attended to celebrate with Ruby and I at the Ball.

Hopefully you attended FPYC's Annual General Meeting. We saw an excellent representation of the members. It is especially rewarding to see as many at the meeting showing their interest in the club. We owe our thanks to Bill Wickett who put together the presentation. And I wish to thank all the Executive members for their tireless work and contribution to the success of the meeting and the past year for the benefit of your club.

Congratulations to the new old Board for FPYC. I say new old because the Board has essentially stayed the same with the exception of seeing Sam Slade retire, Glen Reynolds jumping as a Cruise Director and Art Veldhuizen moving to Membership. We would like to thank Sam, welcome Glen and Art for moving to membership. This does raise or should raise a cause for alarm. Next year at this time, we would only have two Board members remaining as the majority of the Board is in their second year of a two year term.

FPYC is in need of every member's help moving into our 2022 activities and beyond. If you can or would like to help, please let any member of the Executive know.

Stay well and be safe.
Brian Weber
Commodore

Scuttlebutt In Review

- Annual General Meeting Highlights
- Scuttlebutt Marketplace and Ads
- The Last Crew Cut – John Nixon
- December Fun
- 2021 Commodore's Ball In Pictures
- Try the tasty **Mint Chip Cookies** recipe

AGM Highlights

This year's AGM was attended by 21 voting members. The presentation, including financials will be posted in the members only section on the FPYC website.

Social

- All activities had good attendance, but we were unable to hold our pre splash BBQ
- We will be moving our SailPast to mid to late June and the new members welcome back into May

Communications

- We are continuing with Mailchimp for club communications
- Scuttlebutt will have a new advertisement section at the end of each edition
- Starting January 2022 we are charging for commercial ads with members business getting a 50% discount, marketplace (personal ads will) remain free
- Thanks to Dave Goede for maintaining our website and Donna Shepherd for coordinating updates

Membership

- Thank you to all those that join the club!!!
- We had 91 full and 9 social members
- The pandemic has had a drastic reduction in our membership over the past two years as we are down an average of about 35 members year over year
- Dues will be set prior to sending out the registration documents
- We will have more information on dues as we understand membership numbers and expenses

Cruising

- The club ran 5 cruises to; Bluffers, Hamilton, Oakville, Royal Canadian and Etobicoke
- Bad weather for some restricted the numbers on cruises as did the uncertainty of information from other clubs as to the number of boats we were allowed to send
- Planned cruises are; June 18-19 OC & OPBC, July 1, 2, 3 TBD, July 16-17 RHYC, July 30, 31 Aug 1 PCYC, August 20-21 NYC and September 3, 4, 5 LYC
- We will continue with a 15 boat maximum. Remember the 15 boats is contingent on the reciprocal club's ability to handle that number, including vessel size, length and width
- We are looking at a new sign up procedure - more details to follow

Reciprocals

- Started July 1 with 218 total reciprocals (156 visitors and 62 via a reciprocal cruise)
- Poor weather played a factor in the number of reciprocals plus the late start
- We had only 1 boat stay the maximum of 3 times
- The higher number of visitors were; PCYC - 19, NYC - 13, HCYC - 13,
- RHYC - 12, and MCC - 12

Merchandise

- Another successful year!!!
- Sales for the new engraved Yeti, Polar Camel and Maars drinkware were very successful
- New items are being explored along with the same items for next year

Financials

- We had a successful year and did have a profit
- Membership is our main source of revenue
- We were indeed fortunate that reciprocal costs were down due to weather and the late start. Plus the grant from Ontario Sailing gave us our profit (onetime payment of \$1,600 and was part of a Covid relief funding from the Province)
- We need to look at dues as we are seeing expenses rise for administration, such as Insurance, dues Zoom, web hosting etc and bring value for reciprocals and social activities
- We have a GIC as collateral for a credit card, which the Executive approved and has a low limit but allows us to purchase items directly from vendors to eliminate the need for members to buy on their credit card and subsequently require reimbursement
- E-transfers need to have a note to explain what the payment was for as an example membership and burgee, membership and drinkware and membership, drinkware and cooler bag as examples
- There has been work on a 2022 budget, which should be finalized by early January

New - Scuttlebutt Marketplace Coming January 2022

New in 2022 - Scuttlebutt Marketplace. There will be a section at the end of Scuttlebutt for a Marketplace. This section will accommodate ads for items that are for sale or free, privately. Ads must be insertion ready and are subject to review and approval by the FPYC Board of Directors. Ads will be included in the current Scuttlebutt. Subsequent ads can be arranged through the FPYC Communications Director at info@fpyc.ca.


Pricing - Free!!!

Scuttlebutt Sponsorship Update January 2022

Scuttlebutt Sponsorship Package - Sponsorship ads must be insertion ready and are subject to review and approval by the FPYC Board of Directors. Sponsorship ads will run for one year, commencing January 1st.

Pricing - \$275 for business card size and \$375 for quarter size (annually).

FPYC members will receive 50% off sponsorship ads pricing.



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► Over 10,000 visitors each year to Fifty Point Conservation Area. By you becoming a proud sponsor we will feature your business behind our glass case display on the main building, below the Restaurant.

► Your business name/details/advertisement will be in every issue of our monthly Scuttlebutt Digital Newspaper emailed out to all members of Fifty Point Yacht Club and will be posted on the public portion of the FPYC website www.fpyc.ca.

<http://www.fpyc.ca>

OPTION 1	OPTION 2
\$275 Business card size ad digital 12 issues and Glass case display 1 full year	\$375 Quarter size ad digital 12 issues and Glass case display 1 full year

The Last Crew Cut

Sadly we were informed of the passing of John Nixon, a long time member, on November 7, 2021, after losing another battle to cancer. John leaves behind Barbara Carmichael, his partner of many years, Son Derek and Daughter Stacy and many grandchildren. John was predeceased by Sandra Nixon, his wife, who passed September 30, 2007.

John was the eldest of four siblings. Yet he was the last surviving member. Some may remember his brother, Doug Nixon, who passed in February 2017. Doug served on the FPYC Board and he and Chris had the boat Mist Approach.

John was an avid sailor but moved to the power boat Crew Cut II to help Sandy because of her reduced mobility. Crew Cut for many years was a staple on the H dock wall. Crew Cut was aptly named as John had a long standing business in Strathroy doing 'hair styling'. We always used to tease John by saying barber just to get that snide looking grin and correction to hair stylist.

A few years after Sandy passed, John met Barbara. They had a lot in common as both had boats at 50, both lost spouses to cancer and they loved to dance. Even for us younger folk, it was hard to keep up with both of them. For any that attended FPYC social functions, John and Barbara were always on the dance floor whooping it up. John and Barbara would have normally been at the Commodore's Ball. But ironically John passed in the early morning the night after the Ball. I believe John was probably thinking of dancing up a storm with us that evening.

A few years back as John's health began to deteriorate, John and Barbara sold Crew Cut and went back to sail, a 36' Hunter named Taliesen, and moved to slip F10. Sadly, they sold the boat in Spring of 2021 as John's health had taken a turn for the worst. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barbara and John's family. John put up a valiant fight. But sadly he lost his battle to cancer. John, you will be missed with your friendly smile and Welsh twang that you never lost. But most of all we will miss your friendship.

December Fun!!

WARNING

When you drink Vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure.
When you drink Rum over ice, it can give you liver failure.
When you drink Whisky over ice, it can give you heart problems.
When you drink Gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.
Apparently, ice is really bad for you;
warn all your friends!!!



2021 Commodore's Ball



Recipes from Your FPYC Board Members!

(well this one is from Chatelaine actually)

Mint Chip Cookies

1 cup all-purpose flour , (120 g)
1 cup cocoa powder , (80 g), sifted
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup salted butter , at room temperature
1/2 cup granulated sugar , (96 g)
1 large egg
1 tsp vanilla
1 to 2 tsp peppermint extract
1/4 cup white chocolate chips , melted
green gel food colouring
1/3 cup mini semi-sweet chocolate chips



Cookies:

Position rack in centre of oven and preheat to 325F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment.

Whisk flour with cocoa, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl.

Beat butter in a large bowl, using an electric mixer on medium-low, until fluffy, 2 to 5 min. Beat in sugars. Beat until very pale and fluffy, 10 to 12 min. Reduce speed to low. Beat in egg, vanilla and peppermint extract. Beat in flour mixture until combined. Scoop heaping 1-tbsp portions of dough, roll into balls and arrange 2 in. apart on prepared sheets. Press down and flatten cookies slightly.

Bake until cookies are no longer shiny, 12 to 13 min. Transfer cookies to a wire rack and let cool completely, about 20 min.

Topping:

Dip the tip of a toothpick into food colouring, then dip into melted white chocolate in a small bowl. Stir to combine until a light green colour forms. Scrape chocolate into a piping bag fitted with a small round tip. Drizzle chocolate over cooled cookies on rack and immediately sprinkle with chocolate chips. Transfer cookies to a wire rack and let stand overnight until chocolate is firm. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 5 days.



Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

Gunter and Sue Millar

<https://sunspiritmillar.blogspot.com/?m=1>



John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton

[WakaNahannis at Sea](#)

Bahamas: Part 3



Steve & Lise Denison

[GaYa](#)

2019-2020

Prep Time for Season 4 in the Bahamas



Items of Interest

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

Sail-World

<https://www.sail-world.com/Canada>

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/>

Get My Boat

<https://www.getmyboat.ca>

Sail Canada

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

Press - Star Sailors League

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

Ontario Sailing

<https://ontariosailing.ca>