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Díd you go to the Toronto Boat Show?









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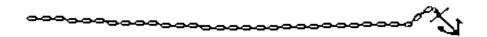
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From the Bridge ...

Brian Weber, Commodore

Old Friends

Typically this time of year there are not a lot of activities or get togethers that take place. We find it hard to muster the energy to do things especially after the holidays. But somehow we managed to cope with the near record low temperatures experienced in January and drag ourselves off to the Toronto Boat Show.

This year, Ruby and I ran into a number of old friends. Some we had not seen since I retired 6 years ago. It was great catching up and talking about boating travels and not to get mired in controversy, but they told me doing the Trent Severn System was better than doing the Rideau, but they loved being in downtown Ottawa. However, they said it did not compare overall to their experience in the Trent. Now, this is a gentleman's opinion who I respected in business and we also chaired the same Provincial Board at different times. I also taught him and his brother the line trade and they both went on to lucrative careers and both are now CEO's of some well known companies in the industry. Unfortunately, our wives were tugging on our coats to keep going after about a 45 minute conversation so we exchanged cards and said we would keep in touch. It is friends both new and old that add to our boating experience/pleasure.

Outdoor Day is scheduled for February 9th. This is your opportunity to come out and talk with some old friends. Or better still, meet some new friends and talk about your boating experiences and share information. Gerri Waud has been working hard, and along with your Executive, has come up with some exciting new ideas.

Planned activities are:

- a photo scavenger hunt (bring your digital camera or cell phone);
- Geocaching (bring a handheld GPS);
- wagon rides (bring warm clothes) and
- weather permitting:
 - o snow sculpture contest (bring your imagination) and
 - o skating (bring your skates).

We hope to see as many of you on the 9th as possible. Come out and support the efforts Gerri has made for you. We will have light refreshments and snacks available, look for more details in Scuttlebutt.

We have now posted the 2014 Membership form on the website. You may drop it off at Outdoor Day or mail it in to Brad Davidson. Please do so sooner than later as this year we are going with plastic membership cards. There is an increase in cost, but we believe that the overall optics of the cards are greatly improved. Also, if you would like your membership card mailed to you, please include a self addressed stamped envelope. Otherwise, we will do our best to get the card to you or drop it off on your boat.

The next pub night is scheduled for February 11th where John Dickhout will be our guest speaker.

I wish to thank all the members that attended the planning meeting for our 30th Anniversary. You will see more details regarding the meeting on a subsequent page.

OUTDOOR DAY



CELEBRATE WINTER!

Come out and bring your family to Outdoor Day at Fifty Point.

When? Sunday, February 9, 2014, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Where? Fifty Point Conservation Area, register for activities at

Ingledale House

Come outside in the brisk, fresh winter air at Fifty Point to enjoy outdoor activities with your boating friends and family...

Weather conditions will dictate many of the activities. Bring your ice skates, snowshoes and cross-country skis. As well, bring your GPS, cell phones and iPads and creativity for some of the following:

- * Geocaching experience not necessary, instructions will be provided, although a GPS or cell phone will be needed
- * Scavenger hunt bring your camera, cell phone or iPad
- * Snow sculptures if no snow make a sculpture or work of art from materials from the forest, or make a forest sculpture instead
- * Wagon rides will be available for everyone and also to shuttle Geocachers to the designated park area.

Register for the activities at Ingledale House as some events are only during specific times. Also, remember to bring your 2014 FPYC registration form.

Light refreshments will be available at Ingledale House.







Contact: D.J. Doug Nixon (905) 537-9426

MarineMaid Expands Their Services!

We'd like to let you know that we are open all winter long for your convenience from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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We are also equipped to do canvas repairs as well as upholstery upgrades, or complete renovations for your boat and this is the time to do it so you're ready for launch time.

We will be exhibiting at the Central Ontario Boat Show and Sale located at the Careport Centre in Hamilton from February 14th to the 17th. Come on out, enjoy the show and pay us a visit!

Chris & Mariana



Cruising Report

2014 - Tentative Schedule

Oakville Club June 14-15

Cathedral Bluffs YC - June 28 - July 1

Royal Hamilton YC July 12 - 14

Port Credit YC August 2-4

Anchor cruise - TBA

Labour Day Cruise - Aug 30,31, Sept 1 - TBA

Please contact Cruise Directors Chris Almeida or Stephen Middleton



Plan to join us next year—don't miss out on some great cruises!

Quote of the Month

"The most expensive hobby a rich man could have is a boat, and the second most expensive hobby he could have is a very old house..."

Barbara Corcoran





Have you joined our FPYC Facebook site yet?
We will be posting pictures, news and reminders about upcoming events
on the site—so drop by and check it out!

Facebook

'Like Us' and Join the FPYC Group!

30th Anniversary Celebration Brian Weber

Many thanks to those who attended the meeting or have provided us with ideas for our 30th Anniversary Celebration.

Even though we are in the process of budgeting for the planned events to date it is not too late to provide us with suggestions. Specifically, we wish to have some activity planned between the actual SailPast and the evening dinner.

We are looking at holding the SailPast on Saturday, May 24th and we have several events planned so far. The day will begin a breakfast and we hope to get the Landing Restaurant on board for a fixed fare with juice, eggs, home fries, bacon or ham, toast and coffee or tea.

The march will begin at 11:00 a.m. with an honour guard, bag pipes and drums. Reverend Steven Lindsey will do the blessing of the boats and the SailPast will commence a little later than normal at 1:30 p.m. and we are inviting all of the Past Commodores to attend with everyone on one boat.

Dinner will take place sometime between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. We need to finalize things with our resident Chef, Gunter Lorscheidt. You will be asked to provide your own beverages.

We are looking at making red and white wine with a special 30th Anniversary label. We are also hoping to have a 30th Anniversary burgee. The burgee contest is open to all members and the deadline for submissions is February 28th. It is our hope that each boat will receive a bottle of either red or white wine and a burgee.

Plans are starting to take shape and it looks to be a great celebration!

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Christine's Galley

Mediterranean Beef Stew—Crockpot



1/4 cup oil

4 lbs round roast - cubed

3/4 cup white wine

1/4 cup flour

2 med onions, sliced

1 pound carrots - chunks

1 1/2 cups chicken or beef broth

1/2 cup dried apricots, sliced

1 tsp crushed red pepper

1 tsp ground coriander

1 lemon

2 med. zucchini, sliced half moons

Optional: 1 1/2 cups pitted green olives Cooked curly egg noodles, salt and pepper



In 12-inch skillet, heat 2 tablespoons oil on medium-high. Pat beef dry with paper towels; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper. In batches, brown beef on two sides, adding remaining oil as needed. Transfer beef to 6- to 8-quart slow cooker bowl. In medium bowl, stir together wine and flour.

In the same skillet, cook onions on medium 1 minute, stirring. Add wine mixture. Simmer 3 minutes or until thickened, stirring; add to beef. Stir in carrots, broth, apricots, red pepper, and coriander. With peeler, remove 4 large strips peel from lemon; add strips to slow cooker. Cover; cook on high 5 hours or on low 8 hours or until beef is tender. Discard peel.

From lemon, squeeze 2 tablespoons juice and stir into the stew with zucchini, olives, and 1/2 teaspoon salt; serve over noodles. Garnish with lemon curls.

"I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to my food." W.C. Fields



Wind, Weather and Waves

By Doug Nixon

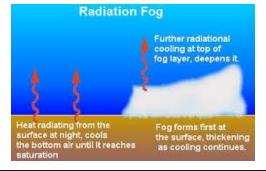
Fog – Clouding the picture

Another type of fog, more familiar on land, is radiation fog. Whereas advection fog which we talked about last month occurs when there is warm, moist air over cooler water, radiation fog forms overnight as a result of cooling of the earth's surface. Radiation fog generally lifts in the morning after the sun has warmed the cool land surface. Unlike advection fog, radiation fog forms over land, burns off quickly during the morning, and is only likely to occur on a clear, moist night with light winds. The earlier it forms, the longer it lasts. It may drift over the water near shore when light off shore winds develop at night, but only the morning boater is likely to find it much of a problem. It rarely spreads far offshore and often lifts off at the water surface to form a layer of low stratus clouds which quickly clear. When cloud cover moves in, it may take longer for radiation fog to burn off.

Frontal fog occurs with warm fronts and their associated moist air flow, and is more common in fall and winter than in summer. It can be thick over both land and water and will lift a few hours after the low-pressure system or warm front has moved by.

A winter phenomenon called steam fog or Arctic sea smoke can occur from mid December through to February. If forms when very cold arctic air moves over warmer water. The result looks like steam rising

from the water and can extend several meters above the water surface.



Nautical Theme Photo Contest (Deadline extended to February 28th)



We will be running a 2013 photo contest. The contest will judge pictures of a nautical theme, boating, sea or shore or seaside scenes, ships, crews in action etc.

Look through your collections from previous years or go catch some shots down south if you are heading that way this winter, or pictures of sea ice if you are heading in the direction of the North Pole. Please submit entries by February 28, 2014. The deadline has been extended to the end of February. Please

send them as JPEG files of higher resolution (maximum 2 entries per participant). They can be submitted to Garry Cooke at fpyc.racing@gmail.com. We need your name, phone, boat name dock number, and you must be a member of FPYC

February Race Report By Garry Cooke

We will be offering racing on Wednesday evenings through the season, as well as other races on weekends such as cruising weekends and other occasions.

We can only provide racing if the members support it. Racing improves your skills in boat handling and in sailing ability in general. There is also a good social environment as well. We are also members of racing groups around the lake which will allow you to extend your horizons.

If you want to race and improve your sailing, you must let me know now so I can plan the next season.

We need sailors to commit to the racing program otherwise it will fade away.

Please e-mail me at fpyc.racing@gmail.com

Garry

Please see the notice for the February Pub Night on page 18.



Help Wanted!

FPYC has been running Pub Nights for many years. However, there appears to be a misconception that they are for sailors only, which is not the case.

Pub Nights are an off-season social activity that brings us all together to talk, enjoy a meal and hopefully hear a speaker on a topic of interest.

This is where we need some help! We are in desperate need of getting some speakers lined up to expand our minds and provide us with information. We are open to hearing anything that is interesting and expands our knowledge base.

If you are interested in helping please contact Garry Cooke.



The Central Ontario Boat Show and Sale opens its doors this Family Day weekend (Monday, February 17th) with even more boats and family activities than ever before. Attendees can expect to see over three acres of the province's top boat brands and marine accessories. The show will be featuring family pontoon boats, both glass and tin fishing boats, and an array of big lake cruisers.

Anglers have the opportunity to learn from Leo Stakos and Ron James, stars of the hit TV series Fish TV, whom will share their insight and expertise for all anglers. A very exciting feature of the show this year is the Fish TV's Family Zone where families can head to the indoor pond, filled with trout where families can try their hand at fishing for free. Peter Miller said, "My son had an amazing time fishing at the show. We are looking forward to heading out to the larger ponds and lakes this summer" at the show last year. For the senior fisherman in the family, FISHTV has fishing simulators where they can test out their fishing skills with the interactive game.

Brand new feature this year is Canada's Power & Outdoor Zone because we know boaters aren't just boaters. Whether show goers have just started looking for a new vehicle, toy or place to lodge this summer, this feature is the place to find specials and get questions answered. One lucky show attendee will win a Honda TRX 420FM ATV courtesy of the show.

Returning to the show by popular demand are The Confederation Marine Modellers displaying model replicas boats both historical and current. All will be able to learn from the masters how these are hand crafted. Families alike will get their chance to earn their own Captains License, by trying their hand at driving a pint sized remote controlled replica of some of the very same boats on the show room floor.

Continuum Productions, producers of the Central Ontario Boat Show and Sale, have partnered with Tim's Tribute a new local charity which is dedicated to providing assistance to the families of innocent victims of homicide. It was founded by Sharlene Bosma to honour the memory of her husband Tim Bosma, a victim of homicide. All who wish to support this charity and attend the Central Ontario Boat Show and Sale can visit https://www.facebook.com/TimsTribute to receive the special promo code for ordering the tickets online and \$5.00 from every ticket will be donated to the cause. Continuum Productions will support this charity with future shows.

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COBSS is taking place at The Careport Centre, conveniently located just off Hwy 403 and featuring six acres of free visitor parking. For more information on The Central Ontario Boat Show and to purchase discount tickets please visit www.boatshowandsale.com. Tickets for the event to be held on Monday, February 17th will be \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, youth \$12 and kids under 13 are free.





NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS THIS YEAR!

This year FPYC will be moving to a plastic credit-card type membership card. Your executive members felt that the new cards will provide a more professional profile for the club.

Your new membership card will have your name embossed on the card. However, in order to submit the names to the printers we need to set a cut-off date for memberships.

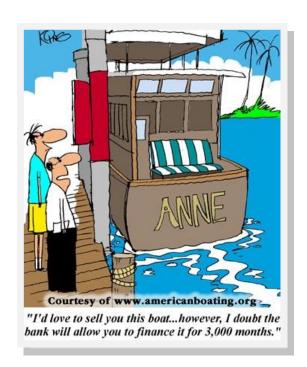
If you would like your membership card to have your name embossed on the card we will need to receive your membership application and payment **no later than April 15, 2014.** We will have a membership table at the Outdoor Day on February 8th.

Membership applications will still be accepted up until the May 31, 2014 deadline, but membership cards issued after April 15th will be handwritten only and will not come pre-printed with your name.

If you have any questions about the new cards, please contact Membership Directors Brad Davidson or Jeff Dinyer.







30th Anniversary Burgee Contest

Okay we need your creativity to design a special 30th Anniversary Burgee.

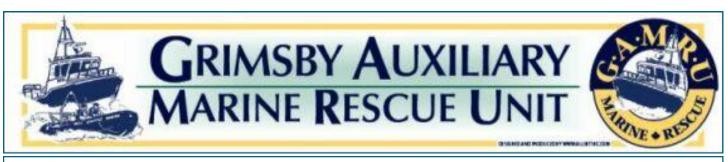


At our AGM in November 2013, it was decided to maintain our existing burgee, but it was felt that we should also have a special burgee to mark FPYC's 30th Anniversary.

The contest is open to all members of FPYC. We are accepting submissions until February 28th, and to date, we only have one submission.

So all you artistically inclined and imaginative members, please get your thoughts together and send your burgee design to the Commodore at wrstedy@gmail.com.





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Fifty Point Club Member Les Armstrong

Fifty Point Yacht Club lost a long-time member when Les passed away on January 24, 2014. Les was well known to club-members and he could be found on his boat 'Sagittarius' docked at E24.

Les was very active in his community and passionate about his many interests. He supported many organizations including the Burlington Historical Society, Freeman Station and the Burlington Ham Radio Club. Les was also very active in the Power Squadron and served as Commander and also served on the FPYC executive for a number of years.

Les had a passion for sailing. He sailed to Newfoundland to honour the Vikings, had sailed each of the five Great Lakes and in the British Virgin Islands. Les had also crossed the Atlantic to the Azores Islands in Portugal. Some of his friends report that Les even ended his emails with the quote "Anyone can steer a boat in calm waters."

Les will be missed by his wife Peggy and children Wally, Leslie and Russell along with his extended family and dock-mates at Fifty Point Yacht Club. We would like to offer our sympathies to his family and many friends.

This quote was taken from his obituary:

"Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Les are asked to consider a charity of choice and are encouraged to become more active within their community by volunteering their time."





When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice

Cherokee Expression





Our Error!

Last year we held our AGM in November. When we presented the financial statements a question was raised as to why an expense category was so high. On further investigation, we found that we had double-charged an entry, which adversely affected our bottom line.

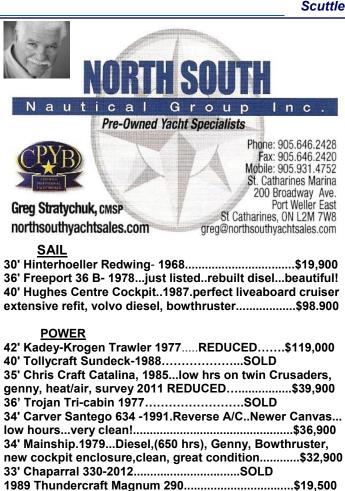
We were actually in the black by about \$1,800 more than what was reported at the meeting. Your Executive has voted to take this surplus and provide every member in 2014 with a 30th Anniversary burgee. While this surplus will not pay for all of the cost, we plan to take the additional cost from reserves.

We apologize for this error and for any confusion at the AGM.









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February Pub Night



Come and join us on February 11th at the Judge and Jester in Grimsby 6:30 p.m. in the back room.

See you all for an evening social with a brief presentation about 'Sailing in the Chesapeake Bay' with John Dickhout.

Bring your friends and acquaintances and enjoy the evening.

> Have a Happy New Year! (the year of the horse begins on January 31st)



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Fifty Point Yacht Club 2014 Membership Application



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Thank You!!!

Please send in your completed membership application and cheque by April 15th, to allow us to get pre-printed membership cards. After this date, names will be hand written on card.

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