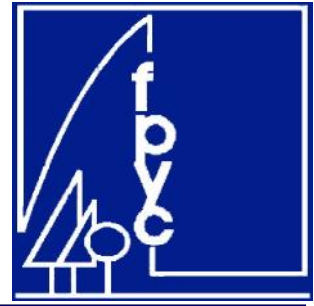




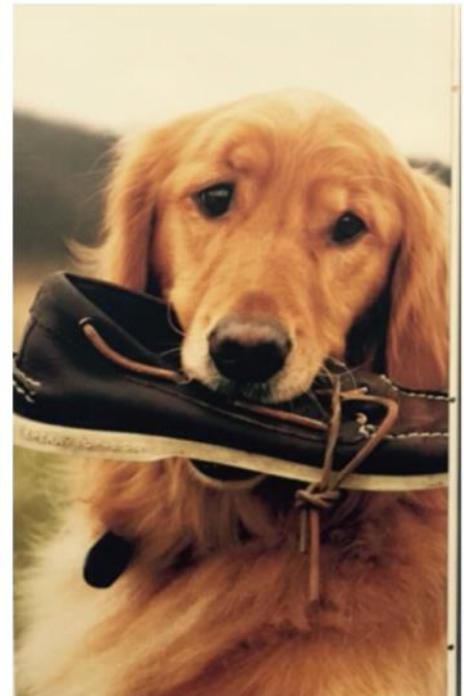
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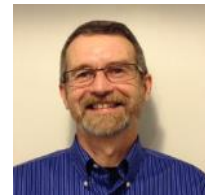
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From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore



Good News! We are passing the halfway point of the "off-season". The days are getting longer and we are, give or take a few days, closer to the 2015 launch than the 2014 haul-out. But it is so cold out there. Those who didn't migrate to warmer climes when the leaves turned, or at least put the plans in place for a getaway, are probably thinking more and more about making a break for it. Personally, the last minute offers are looking better every day.

On the other hand, even though it is still the "dead of winter", we are actually getting into a very busy period for the volunteers on the executive. This is the time of year when the planning is done and arrangements for next season put in place. We have a budget to construct, cruises to arrange, social events and club races to plan, and your memberships renewals are coming in (don't forget the new March 31, 2015, deadline, membership forms are available on the web site). The objective is to have everything lined up for a great season before we all get busy preparing for launch. And speaking of social events, don't forget the Outdoor Day coming up on February 8th. See page 5 for the details.

If you have downloaded your membership form you will have noticed the section for volunteers is a little different. Rather than ask for commitment to specific dates or events (we know it is hard to commit this far ahead), we are asking you to indicate the areas in which you can help out. One of the options is Club Cruise Captain. In the last issue, I wrote about the success of the club-sponsored dinners that were included in some of last season's cruises. This year the dinners will be offered for all cruises, provided we have a volunteer cruise captain for each of them. Ann and I took on this role a few times last year and the main question we had going into the first cruise was, "So what does the cruise captain do anyway?"

The Cruise Captain coordinates and gets the provisions for the pre-cruise breakfast and the club dinner. Involvement typically kicks-off the week before the event. By that point the sign-up is complete and the FPYC Cruising Directors have exchanged participating boat lists with the reciprocal club. The numbers can change a little in the final days, but for planning purposes, you will know how many people will need to be fed.

We found that a mixed grill menu was a great way to cover all the bases. Combinations on the various cruises included chicken, pork tenderloin, sausages, flank steak and, on the largest of the cruises, roast beef. Thursday or Friday were the shopping days. In addition to the meat we picked up foil roasting pans, BBQ sauces, and depending on how we were doing against the budget, perhaps a couple of contributions to the pre-dinner appetizers.

A pre-cruise meeting is usually scheduled for 8 am on the Saturday morning. In addition to coffee, (fixings are stored in the D-Dock shelter), we would pick up breakfast provisions (rolls, jam, cream cheese, fruit tray) at the Super Store.

At the meeting, the Cruise Captain shares any instructions or other information from the host club (calling-in on arrival, dock assignments, if available, and so on), distributes the cruise list, arranges for the food transport (boats, especially sail boats, don't usually have enough fridge space for everything), assigns a radio channel for the cruise and gets agreement on a fleet departure time for those planning to travel together.

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From The Bridge - Continued

On arrival the Captain checks with the Dock Master or Officer of the Day to make sure everything has gone according to plan with slip assignments etc, and to determine where the group can get together for the dinner. Communicating where and when to assemble for dinner gives you a great opportunity to walk the docks and chat with everyone on the cruise. Just so long as you resist the temptation to have a drink at every boat, the rest of the duties are easy. The actual dinner itself, the set-up, cooking, eating, clean-up etc., is really the fun part and requires only minimal coordination - sailors are amazingly resourceful and self-organizing when it comes to getting fed!

So there you have it. It feels like it took longer to write it down than to actually get it done. We tend just to remember the last bit with the food, drinks and camaraderie. I strongly recommend giving Cruise Captain a try. I'm sure you'll have a great time.

Stephen



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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 2015 FPYC registration form.

Light refreshments will be available at Ingledale House.



Race Report - February 2015

By Garry Cooke

World Sailing Events:

The VOLVO Ocean race is on its way towards China, but the team that grounded last month will be out of the race for while. Team Vestas Wind have salvaged the boat and are planning to rebuild it to re-enter the race when the fleet get back to North America. More info at website www.volvooceanrace.com.

Another interesting race at the moment is the around the world, Barcelona World Race. This race is a double handed race, and they are now in the south Atlantic approaching the “Roaring 40’s”. The leading boat ‘Hugo Boss’, suffered a dismasting, and is motoring to Brazil. Check out the website for details.

<http://www.barcelonaworldrace.org/>

Pub Nights:



The pub night in January was well attended, as we listened to Ron Ouwehand provide an account of his three month trip down the St.Lawrence in his boat ‘Old Hand’. Thankyou Ron.

The evening was a good social event to catch-up with acquaintances from the club, and also to have some entertainment.

We will try and run another pub night on **Tuesday, March 3rd** so keep the date open in your social calendar. (keep checking the website for details)

Garry Cooke



Meet Your Executive—Lise Denison



Photo of Steve, my daughter, Natalie and I

Photo of my grandchildren



Photo of the GaYa under sail



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Christine's Galley

With Christine Nixon

EASY CHEESY BUFFALO DIP



INGREDIENTS

1 tub (250g) Philadelphia cream cheese spread
1/2 cup Kraft Rancher's Choice Dressing
1/2 cup hot pepper sauce
1 cup cooked chicken finely chopped
1/2 cup mozzarella shredded cheese

INSTRUCTIONS

Heat oven – 350
Mix first 3 ingredients in medium bowl until blended
Add chicken and cheese, mix well
Spoon into 1 litre shallow baking dish
Bake 20 mins or until heated through
Stir before serving

Serve with celery, carrot sticks, crackers, French bread

Can also be made in a slow cooker:

Combine all ingredients, cover with lid and cook on low heat at least 1 1/2 hours.



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Laugh Often*



Wind, Weather and Waves

By Doug Nixon

Jet Streams

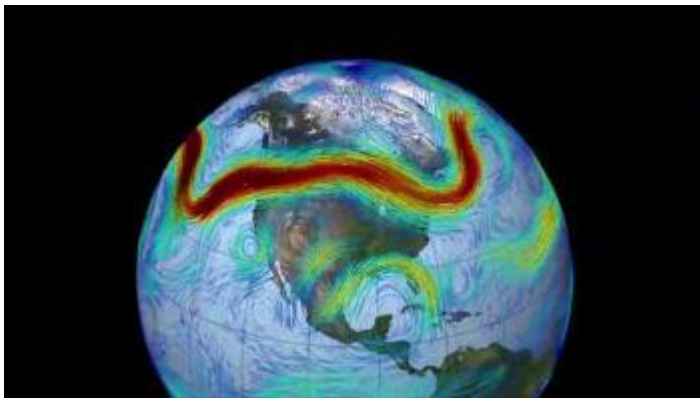
Jet streams are fast flowing, narrow air currents found in the atmosphere of some planets, including Earth. The main jet streams are located near the altitude of the tropopause, the transition between the troposphere and the stratosphere (where temperature increases with altitude). The major jet streams on Earth are westerly winds (flowing west to east). Their paths typically have a meandering shape; jet streams may start, stop, split into two or more parts, combine into one stream, or flow in various directions including the opposite direction of most of the jet.

The strongest jet streams are the **polar jets**, at around 7–12 km (23,000–39,000 ft) above sea level, and the higher and somewhat weaker **subtropical jets** at around 10–16 km (33,000–52,000 ft). The Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere each have both a polar jet and a subtropical jet. The northern hemisphere polar jet flows over the middle to northern latitudes of North America, Europe, and Asia and their intervening oceans, while the southern hemisphere polar jet mostly circles Antarctica all year round.

Jet streams are caused by a combination of a planet's rotation on its axis and atmospheric heating (by solar radiation and, on some planets other than Earth, internal heat). Jet streams form near boundaries of adjacent air masses with significant differences in temperature, such as the polar region and the warmer air towards the equator.

Other jet streams also exist. During the Northern Hemisphere summer, easterly jets can form in tropical regions, typically in a region where dry air encounters more humid air at high altitudes. Low-level jets also are typical of various regions such as the central United States.

Meteorologists use the location of some of the jet streams as an aid in weather forecasting and many other things. The main commercial relevance of the jet streams is in air travel, as flight time can be dramatically affected by either flying with the flow or against the flow of a jet stream. Clear-air turbulence, a potential hazard to aircraft passenger safety, is often found in a jet stream's vicinity, but it does not create a substantial alteration on flight times



The polar jet stream can travel at speeds greater than 100 miles per hour (160 km/h). Here, the fastest winds are colored red; slower winds are blue.

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Jet Streams



Clouds along a jet stream over Canada.



Jet streams flow from west to east in the upper portion of the troposphere.

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Pub Nights 2015

We would like to run pub nights again starting in the new year, so we are looking for members to share their knowledge, interests, experiences, pictures etc.

The group are getting tired of listening to me, so please contact one of the executive if you would like to share something with the club members.

If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like more information, please contact Garry Cooke



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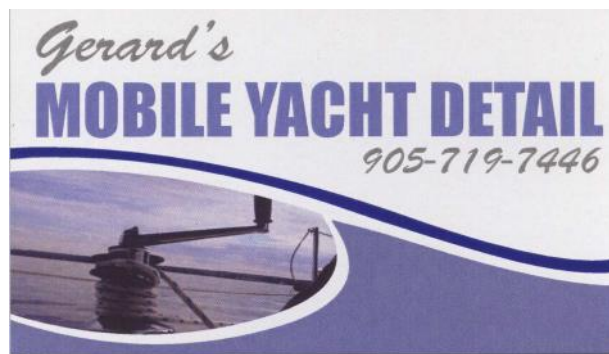
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