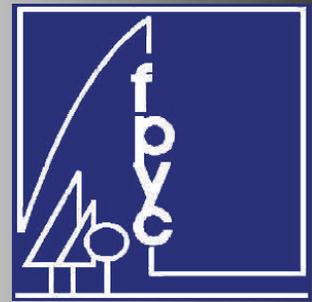


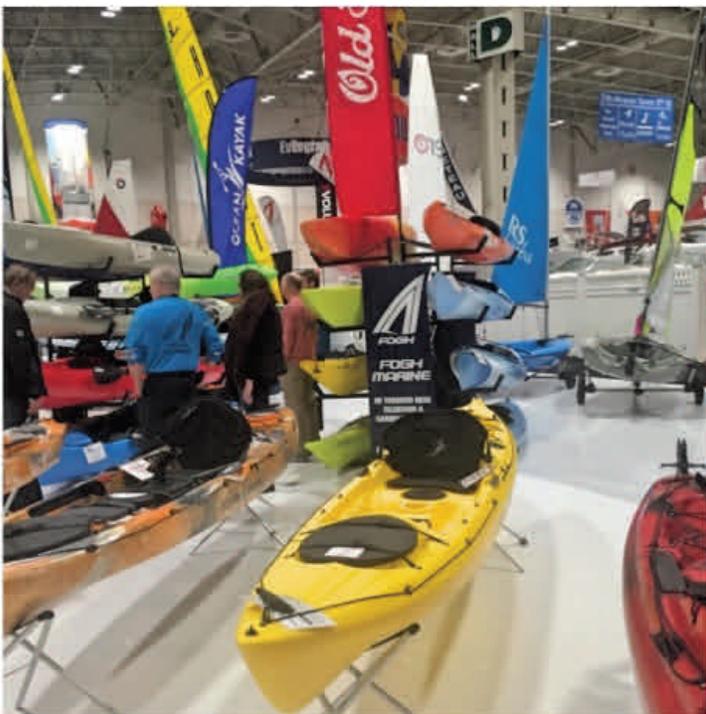
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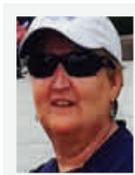
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From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore



Amidst this on-again off-again winter weather I have some Great News! It came just five minutes ago, in the form of an email informing me that Asherah's launch date is May 3. That is T-minus 95 days, let the countdown begin!

"But what to do to pass the time?" I hear you cry. Well, obviously not those of you lounging on some Caribbean Island beach, sipping on a pina colada, but the rest of us poor land-locked so-and-so's up here in the frozen north. To help pass the time, try keeping an eye on the FPYC website. The 2016 social event and cruising calendars will be posted soon, chock full of warm thoughts. The first item listed will be the pre-launch BBQ on April 30. That's only 92 days away. Another way to get into a warmer frame of mind is to take a few minutes and renew your membership early. This will also ensure that you take advantage of the discounted rate. See, the boating season feels closer already.

If you are looking for something to do that is even nearer to hand, come on out to the FPYC Curling event on Saturday, February 6th. No experience necessary. We have rented the Grimsby Curling Club facility for the afternoon. This event is free to members and family. Kids are welcome to come along and try sliding some rocks. Those under 12 will need a helmet of some kind (cycling, hockey, skiing etc.), all other equipment is available on site. We will also be ordering in some finger foods and the bar will be open. Finally, we have a use for frozen water! And as a bonus, by the time you leave the event, the pre-splash BBQ will be only 84 days away.

However, before the washing and buffing and painting and rigging begin in earnest, we (that is the "royal" we, as in the whole club) have some decisions to make. In the last Scuttlebutt I wrote about the evaluation of our requirements for the reserve fund. The conclusion is that we can free up approximately 45% of the fund to use for projects or programs that will enhance the club experience. More information about that analysis can be found in the 'Members Only' section of the website. Last week the Board met and reviewed a variety of ideas for use of the money. We are looking at options that fit one or more of the following categories: improvements that provide benefits to existing members, improvements or added services that will increase club membership by attracting a greater percentage of Fifty-Point boaters to the club, and programs that attract new boaters to the sport.

A number of the suggestions require discussion with the marina in order to gather all of the information we need and assess feasibility and potential benefits. Once this next step is completed, the Board will present the information and ask for input and direction from you, the members, about which options to pursue. Watch this space, the FPYC website and your email inbox for upcoming information. In the meantime, stay cosy and think warm thoughts.

Stephen



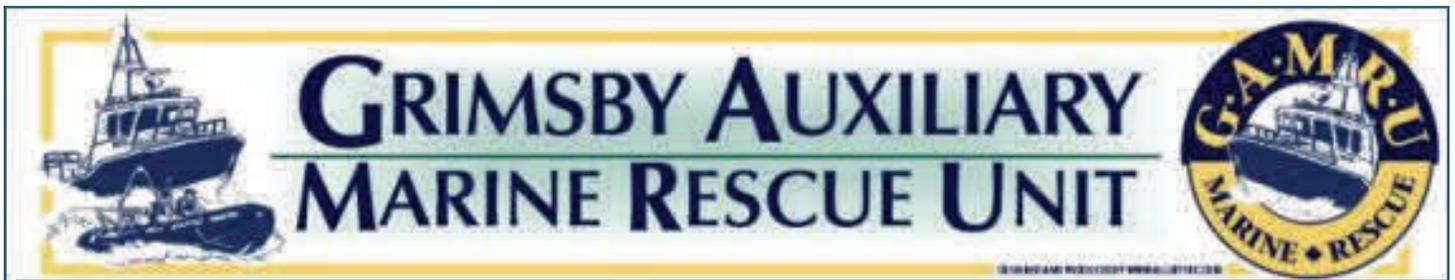
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CURLING
ON**

Saturday, February 6, 2016

**We will be having a mini bonspiel at the Grimsby Curling Club
on February 6th**

If you don't curl, come out and watch!

**We have a limited number of participants,
go to the fpyc.ca**



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Christine's Galley

Scallops with Brown Butter, Lemon and Capers



Ingredients

12 fresh sea scallops
Sea salt & ground black pepper
¼ cup olive oil
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 tablespoons capers, rinsed
Juice of half a lemon
1/3 cup parsley, finely chopped

Preparation

1. Pat scallops dry with paper towels, and season lightly with salt & pepper.
2. Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat, and add oil.
3. After 30 seconds, add scallops; do not crowd pan
4. Sauté until well browned, about 2 minutes, then turn and cook other side.
5. When second side is dark golden, transfer to a platter
6. Cover and keep warm.
7. Return sauté pan to heat
8. Add butter, and cook until it begins to foam and turn golden.
9. Add capers, sauté for 1 minute, then add lemon juice and chopped parsley.
10. To serve, place 3 scallops on each of 4 warmed plates.
11. Spoon butter and capers over scallops, and serve.





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February Race Report

By Garry Cooke

World Racing: Alternative to the Americas Cup?

The current format of the Americas Cup has not pleased a lot of people (including me).

The original competition for the 'Auld-Mug' was in monohull boats and in the not too distant past, was fought in 12m boats, in which Canada competed a few times with boats like 'True North'. (which you can sail on as a tourist in the Caribbean by the way). The monohulls with no powered winches, in my mind produced far better competition, with more tacking duels and excitement than watching a computerized 'Cat' fly down the course at 40 knots!

There is a group of sailors and business groups that are trying to put a race together that will be sailed in a new 12m design, called a 'Super 12'. They say that it is not intended to replace the Americas Cup, but they want to revive the flavour of the 12's.

The boats in the competition will be all the same (ie one-design class), but each group have some flexibility in the sail plan. The cost for each campaign is slated to be about \$2M, which is considerably less than the current Americas cup campaigns. It is planned to have the first event in the summer of 2017 in San Francisco. The boats will be about 65 ft long, 12 ft wide with a 10 ft draught, and with 4,000 sq. ft. of sail downwind, they should be reasonably fast!



Our annual getaway to the Toronto Boat Show

Paul Charles

This year as always Katharine and I headed off for a day wandering the boat show. Thanks to the Fifty Point Marina we only had to pay for parking (thanks, Nancy!) so it's a cheap day of entertainment. Again, as always, we ran into many friends and enjoyed chats here and there. This year's show had fewer large boats on display and this was somehow attributed to the current situation with the Canadian dollar although I did manage to fall for the Benetau 31 which we toured. Just \$135,000 and our boat and we could sail it away!



FPYC supporter Doug Gierula chats with a customer



A new flag for a new season

The Ranger tugs were well represented and they are a treat to look at. With all the comforts and all the technology they leave little on your wish list. The prices, however, suggest that our boat AND our house might be a trade for one of the smaller models!

There seemed to be a proliferation of inflatable dinghies on display this year and I know of at least two boats that will be sporting their new dinghies next spring.

The "bits and pieces"

part of the show was well set out with most of the southern Ontario chandleries represented. They were well stocked and seemed to be doing a brisk business. Notably neither West Marine nor Dowsar have been at the show recently.

We bought a flag and a couple of coffees and then enjoyed a dinner at a pub on Front Street - a great winter getaway for sure.



Is Katharine contemplating the Dark Side?

Please Note: For those of you who plan way ahead, the Toronto International Boat Show next year (2017) will be later than in the past and will be held January 21 - January 29.

Homemade bird suet

1 cup Peanut butter
1 cup lard (or suet) I buy lard baking section
2 cups cornmeal
2 cups quick cook oats
1/3 cup sugar
1 cup white flour

Preparation:

Melt lard and peanut butter together

Stir in remaining ingredients

Then I add sunflower seeds or what every bird seed I have about 2 - 3 cups

Pour into square container (I use my store bought containers, just reuse them)

Allow to cool and then cut into squares and store in the freezer





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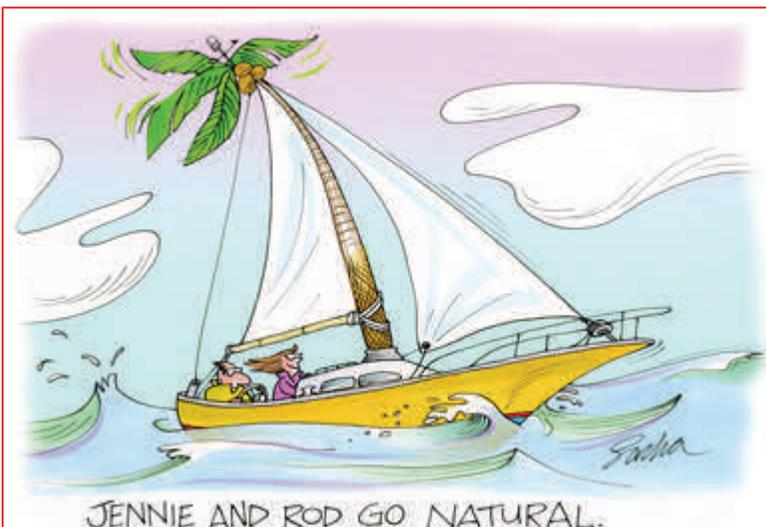
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We will be running a pub night at the end of February and March at the Judge and Jester in Grimbsy, but we need one or two volunteers to share information on an interesting topic.

Please contact Garry Cooke (fpvc.racing@gmail.com) if you can help out and more information will be released on the website once a victim or victims are found!



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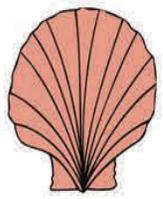
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