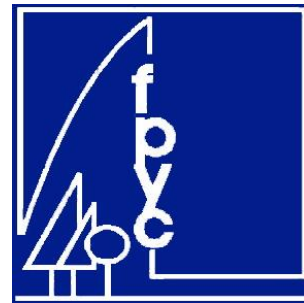


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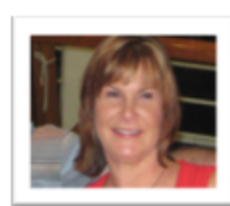
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## Commodore's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying the wonderful winter weather. We just need to hold on for two more months and soon enough we will be washing and waxing our boats.

Have you heard? "The Landing" has set sail. As of January 31 potential restaurants had to send their proposals to the Conservation Authority. At this point, all we know is that five bids have been submitted and hopefully by the next issue we will know who the top contenders are. This is exciting news for the future of our Club!!

Especially with this upcoming boating season in hopes to gain more members, have even happier reciprocators. This is an excellent opportunity for current members to enjoy and possibly host club events. I have heard from many long time members that back in the day the restaurant used to be the hot spot, where live music like Bobby Curtola and other known names used to play. We would love to hear your favourite memories, please feel free to comment and hopefully we can all make them alive again with a fresh new place.

Please stay safe and warm as there is much more snow to come!

SINCERELY,

Jason Kirk





## New Executive Introductions

### Dave Spragge, Cruising Director

A bit about our family. Sue (she would be my wife, or – more accurately – I would be her husband) grew up in a sailing family – in fact her Dad lived the last 15-years of his life split between his home in Thornbury, and his 42-foot Beneteau *Elethea* in the Caribbean. I sailed dinghies in my youth, but didn't sail a larger boat until friends invited us on the *Georgian Bay Regatta* a couple of summers ago...and the bug bit. Hard. A couple of weeks later we had purchased our boat, and here we are. We feel so lucky to have stumbled upon this slice of heaven – the people and the atmosphere at Fifty Point are truly magical.

A bit about our family. We have 4 boys; Daniel is 23, lives in Toronto with his girlfriend, and is working on making his way in the Theatre world – Brandon is 21, is finishing his degree in Kinesiology at *Guelph*, and has dreams of entering the medical field – Matthew is 19, is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Mathematics at *Queens*, and is our “go to person” for calculating the odds of the *TiCats* winning the Grey Cup this year – and Cameron is 18, is spending time working, and as of this writing is hoping to soon be heading west with his paints & easel to work at the Chateau Lake Louise. So, as you can gather, *Sail Mate* is our solace from, what has been, quite a busy life. Please stop by **G27** anytime to enjoy a game of euchre, and a glass of wine.....or, just a glass of wine. Here's to new friends.



## **Save the date from your FPYC Social Committee**

### **Pre Launch BBQ: Sat. April 28, 2018**

A fun event to kick off the season. Get together with friends and enjoy a bbq.

### **Sailpast and Dinner: Sat. May 26, 2018**

Season kick off event.

### **New Member Potluck: Sat. June 9, 2018**

All members are invited to come out and welcome new members to the club.

### **Summer BBQ and dance: Sat. July 21, 2018**

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Events are constantly being updated on the FPYC website calendar as well as in Scuttlebutt each month. Stay tuned for details for these fun get togethers.

By: Kim Short

## **Update from your FPYC Cruising Committee**

Ahoy fellow FPYC'ers! It is a pleasure to be joining Judie as Co-Cruise Director this year. Thanks to the efforts of Judie and Sue Millar we are in great shape for this season, and we already have most of 2019 locked up as well. Thanks to all of you who participated in our survey of favourite ports – other than FPYC of course.

Here are the results;

- #1 – Port Credit (PCYC)
- #2 – Royal Canadian (RCYC)
- #3 – Oakville Club
- #4 – Royal Hamilton (RHYC)
- #5 – Lakeshore/Mimco tied

So these are the FPYC favourite destinations around the Lake, and where we will be continuing to concentrate our Cruising efforts as we move forward.

By: Dave Spragge



## **2018 Cruise Schedule**

Dave Spragge & Judie Galvin  
FPYC Cruising Directors



### **June 16/17    *Oakville Club***

The traditional start to the cruising season. The club offers a pool, tennis, squash and badminton, dining room and bar. Downtown Oakville is a short walk away for shopping and dining out

### **June 30-July 2 (Long Weekend)    *Lakeshore Club***

Celebrate Canada's birthday in style. Wear your red and white and decorate your boat for the occasion. Lakeshore YC is a thriving club with an impressive Club House and picturesque gardens. With the Waterfront Trail passing through the Club grounds, a variety of land and water animals in the area and an abundance of mature trees one can relax on your boat or on the club patio and forget that the hustle and bustle of the City of Toronto is only a few kilometers away.

### **July 14/15    *Royal Hamilton***

The Royal Hamilton YC boasts an ideal location on the Southwestern shore of Hamilton Harbour. RHYC is a short journey leaving you lots of time to enjoy the outdoor pool and the waterfront trail. For those that have the time and choose to really "get away", nearby Carrolls Point offers a great location for a night at anchor to extend your weekend on your own or with buddy boats if you wish.

### **August 4-6 (Long Weekend)    *Queen City***

Queen City is one of Toronto's oldest and friendliest sailing clubs and is located on Algonquin Island in the Toronto harbour. Queen City Yacht Club is a small self-help club and a desirable destination point for many yachts. The Great Lakes Café restaurant is excellent and offers a varied menu. No reservations are required. Weekends and Holidays, breakfast, lunch and dinner are served. The Great Hall and balcony are excellent places to watch the sun set over Toronto. Don't forget to bring your walking shoes (or bicycles if possible) to explore and enjoy all that the Toronto Islands have to offer.

### **August 18/19 - TBD (in discussions) Stay Tuned!**

### **September 1-3 (Long Weekend)    *Etobicoke***

Nestled in the sheltered cove of Humber Bay Park West in the protected waters of Humber Bay, EYC is just west of the Humber River with easy access to the city and Toronto Islands. This is a club that loves to have fun and the Gazebo Bar is famous around the lake.

# What did we learn from 2017's floods in Quebec and Ontario? Inside the politics of water

Last year's record deluges along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River pitted nations, communities and people apart over water management. Now, rising water levels are raising fears of what's coming this spring. **Les Perreux** explores what happened last year and what could happen next

[Les Perreux](#)

MONTREAL

Published January 5, 2018 Updated January 5, 2018

It was in the dead of winter one year ago that Rick Blanchard, a waterfront property owner on Lake St. Lawrence – a small dam reservoir between Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River – noticed the water and ice outside his beachfront window was more than a metre higher than usual. The level downstream past the dam, he noted, was a bit lower than average. Mr. Blanchard made note of it on a sleepy water management Facebook page where he was one of about five people active in the winter months.

Wouldn't it make sense, Mr. Blanchard asked, to release more lake water into the St. Lawrence River before the unpredictable start of spring? No, the water management board's social media person answered. Slow water flow was needed to keep ice from breaking up, jamming and triggering a flood. Plus, new marching orders to regulate levels and flow just came into effect from a bilateral agency that regulates bodies of water along the Canada-U.S. border. Discretionary changes were not allowed until "extreme conditions" arrived.

Things got extreme. In the spring, constant record-breaking rainfall, rapid snow melt and high water levels on the other Great Lakes would flood hundreds of private properties and public infrastructure around Lake Ontario. That water would combine with the raging Ottawa River to cause far greater devastation in Quebec, where 5,371 homes were flooded.

Nine months later, the total damage still has yet to be tallied. The Quebec government held a forum just before Christmas where mayors and flood victims complained of slow inspections, lagging decisions and the slow flow of compensation. Provincial disaster relief and insurance claims are expected to cost more than half-a-billion dollars in Quebec alone.

The controversy over water management and the record floods of 2017 pitted the interests of Americans against Canadians, experts against politicians, and property owners against each other, not to mention shipping companies and shoreline wildlife. This winter, with water levels persistently higher than average, shoreline residents are looking warily to spring and the uncertainty that comes with every spring melt and rain season.

For the complete article published by the Globe and Mail, please proceed to;

[Globe and Mail - 2017 Floods Updated Jan 5, 2018](#)

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## **Points of Interest**

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### **Canadian Yachting Magazine** Read the latest issue, February 2018

[Canadian Yachting Magazine](#)

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### **Ontario Sailing ENewsletter** Read January's edition

[Ontario Sailing Newsletter 2018-01](#)

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*Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!*

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