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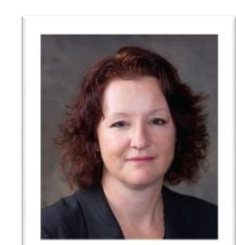
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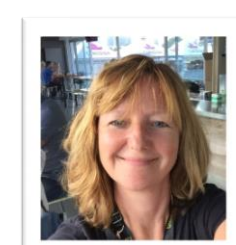
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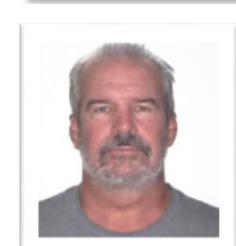
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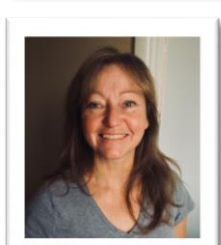
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## Commodore's Message



Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying the deep freeze...lol, it is a good thing we only have two months to go.

I would like to share some exciting news. We were planning to bring the Learn to Sail program to FPYC for the summer of 2020 but it has just been recently brought to my attention by Donna Shepherd who has been working with Ontario Sailing that we may have the opportunity to run the program this summer in August. Please let us know if you are interested in an excellent program and if you have any questions please send them our way [info@fpyc.ca](mailto:info@fpyc.ca)

For the first time ever, The Council of Commodores meeting is being held at FPYC this March. Thank-you to Limani for hosting this event! It is a great way to show off our club and our new restaurant.

SINCERELY,

Jason Kirk



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

Steve Burgin, Susan MacDonald & Linda Goodrow

- ◆ **Pre Launch BBQ: Sat. April 27, 2019**  
A fun event to get together with friends and enjoy a bbq.
- ◆ **Sailpast and Dinner: Sat. May 25, 2019**  
Official Season kick off event.
- ◆ **New Member Potluck: Sat. June 8, 2019**  
All members are invited to come out and welcome new members to the club.
- ◆ **Summer BBQ and Dance: Sat. July 20, 2019**  
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.

## **Save the date from your FPYC Cruising Directors**

Dave Spragge and Paul Burgin

“It doesn’t matter where you’re going, it’s who you have beside you.”

Cruising this summer is going to be an incredible adventure, with a return to some of FPYC’s favourite destinations.....including Port Credit for the Canada Day Long Weekend. We haven’t cruised to PCYC since the summer of ‘16 (sing it Bryan Adams).

We will continue our Captain’s Meetings prior to departure - enjoy a TimBit at the G-Dock Shelter, and get the latest information about the weekend’s cruise.

**New this year** - the Cruise Sign-Up is being re-designed as of this writing. As we roll out the new system, please send us your questions/concerns/comments, so we can iron out the glitches and work to make it better.

\* ***One important change for this year*** - Cruise Sign-Up will be open 3-weeks prior to each cruise. We hope that by doing this, we will limit the number of cancellations (especially late in the season) and that new (and newer) members will have a better opportunity to register. Stay tuned for more details, as we get closer to Boating Season.



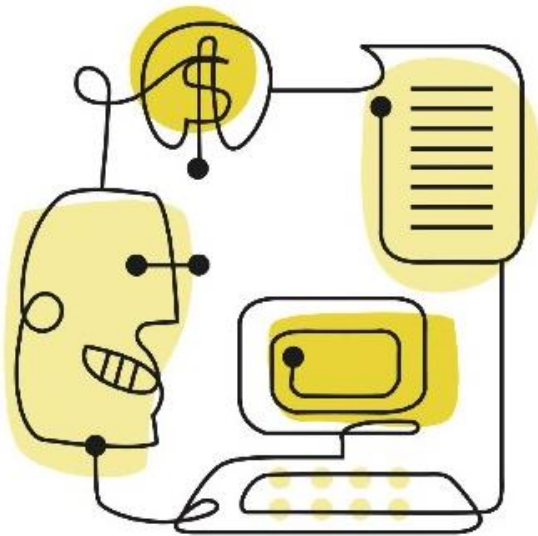
FPYC is also looking to purchase one (or possibly two) pop-up shelters to improve the experience of our incoming cruisers. The shelter(s) will be set-up over picnic tables and alongside one or two of the red BBQ's that were purchased last year.

We are very excited about the coming season - the boats will be in the water before you know it, and we'll be off on our adventures.

Remember - a bad day on the water is better than a good day at the office.

## Complete Cruise Schedule 2019

June 15-16	Oakville Club
June 29-July 1	Port Credit Yacht Club
August 3-5	Bluffers Park Yacht Club
August 17-18	Etobicoke Yacht Club
August 31-Sept 2	Royal Canadian Yacht Club



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## **2019 Cruise Schedule**

Dave Spragge & Paula Burgin  
FPYC Cruising Directors



### **June 15/16 [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 29-July 1 (Long Weekend) [Port Credit Yacht Club](#)**

Celebrate Canada's birthday in style. Wear your red and white and decorate your boat for the occasion. Enjoy delicious food and drinks with casual, patio or fine dining choices. Go for a swim in the pool, walk the nearby trails, watch the kids in the playground...just chill in the sun.

### **August 3-5 (Long Weekend) [Bluffers Park Yacht Club](#)**

Bluffers Park is a beautiful location, filled with stunning wildlife. Walk through the park and enjoy the sights. The BPYC bar is one of our founding members' proudest accomplishments. The bar features a 1/4 scale test-tank model of a famous C&C Canada Cup winner. The fully air-conditioned clubhouse has a large deck and lounging area that runs along the south and west sides of the main building. This area is partially covered from spring to fall and enables us to host larger events with extra tables and seating. The patio area also has several gas BBQs accessible to both members and visitors. Our sister club, Cathedral Bluffs Yacht Club (CBYC), has a full-service restaurant and bar to which members and guests of all of the clubs in the basin are invited.

### **August 17/18 [Etobicoke Yacht Club](#)**

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.

### **August 31-Sept 2 (Long Weekend) [Royal Canadian Yacht Club](#)**

The Island Clubhouse offers Members and their guests a relaxing getaway. The Club is but minutes away from the hectic pace set by the city. Toronto was young and raw. But to eight men sitting in a storeroom, that was no reason to be without a boating club. By 1853, the Boat Club became the Toronto Yacht Club. Patriotically - for yacht clubs were naval auxiliaries, the Club applied for a Royal Warrant and was surprised to become, not the Royal Toronto, but the Royal Canadian Yacht Club. Enjoy your choice of fine dining or a tasty dish at the Sailors' Bar and don't forget the bathing suits to enjoy a swim in the pool.

## Joke of the month

### Tricky light change

How many boaters does it take to change a light bulb?

None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.

<https://www.ybw.com/features/a-pirate-walks-into-a-bar-jokes-from-the-deep-blue-sea-15550#yq8JIBFoM2uy6dRq.99>  
- Jamie Bergman, Yachting & Boating World

## Note from Nancy Arnold

The major change for the 2019 season has to do with smoking.



You will be seeing this sign posted all throughout the marina. There will be no smoking/vaping anywhere on the docks, walkways, boats, pavilions or Marina Centre. We understand that this new policy may affect your decision to stay with us during the 2019 season and as a result, your \$300 deposit will be refunded if you decide to cancel your slip.

## *Pub Night - Stay Tuned for rescheduled date*

On our behalf, we would like to THANK YOU, the Yacht Club..., and our boating community for not only this event to help support LIMANI, but all your well wishes of encouragement, support and friendship last season. We had a wonderful first season, no matter all the UPS, DOWNS, and everything in between. None of it could have been possible without the support and encouragement of you all. Our boating community is the biggest part of LIMANI, and we are truly thankful for all of you. We

will continue to make LIMANI a better place for everyone to feel proud to come and feel at home. We are working on some improvements for this upcoming year and feel that this summer will be another great adventure.



Be safe, George & Maria

## New Executive Introductions

Sue MacDonald, Social Director

I started sailing when I was very young - and honed my love of the sport on my Father's boats on the Toronto Island. As -foot'itis set in, my Father traded up to a Beneteau-42 and wound up in the Caribbean where he sailed away his retirement years.

Eventually I knew that we would have a boat of our own, and our dream came true in 2016 with the purchase of SailMate. We bought her from Jack Bentley, who wanted to, "sail until I'm 80". He accomplished that goal - selling SM to us shortly after his 80th birthday. I hope that we get to sail until then as well.....and by we, I mean Dave (husband) and I. And maybe a few kids too. Every once in a while one our four boys will join us - often with a girlfriend - but mostly it's just the two of us.

Please stop by anytime - we're at G27 - and we're always up for a crewmate or two. BTW - Dave retired this year, so he'll be onboard a lot more from now on.

Please check in on him.

He's lost without me.....or a compass, or a chart-plotter.....but mostly me;-)



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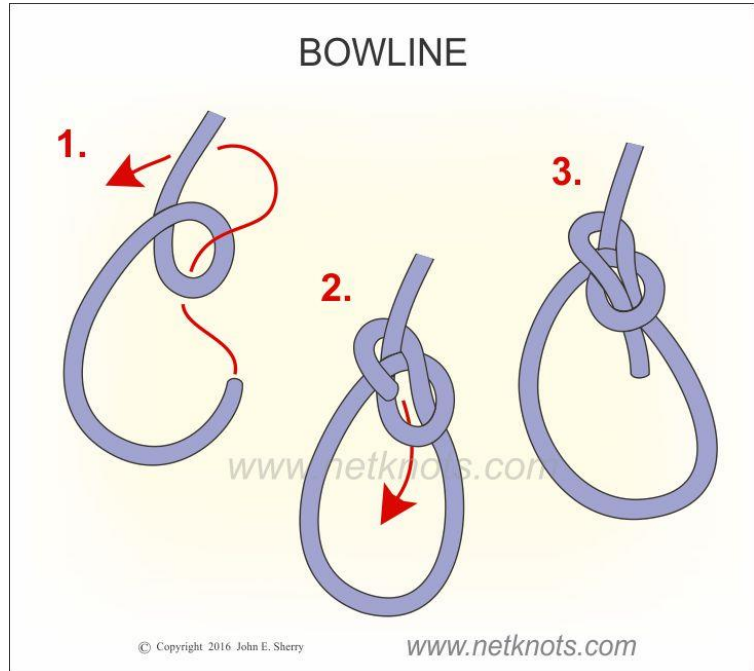
## Bowline

**How to tie the Bowline Knot.** One of the most useful knots you can know. The Bowline forms a secure loop that will not jam and is easy to tie and untie. The Bowline is most commonly used for forming a fixed loop, large or small at the end of a line. Tried and tested over centuries, this knot is reliable, strong and stable. Even after severe tension is applied it is easy to untie. However, because it does untie so easily it should not be trusted in a life or death situation such as mountain climbing. It is said to retain 60% of the strength of the line in which it is tied.

### Bowline Knot Tying Instructions

- Lay the rope across your left hand with the free end hanging down. Form a small loop in the line in your hand.
- Bring the free end up to and pass through the eye from the under side (the rabbit comes out of the hole).
- Wrap the line around the standing line and back down through the loop (around the tree and back down the hole).
- Tighten the knot by pulling on free end while holding standing line

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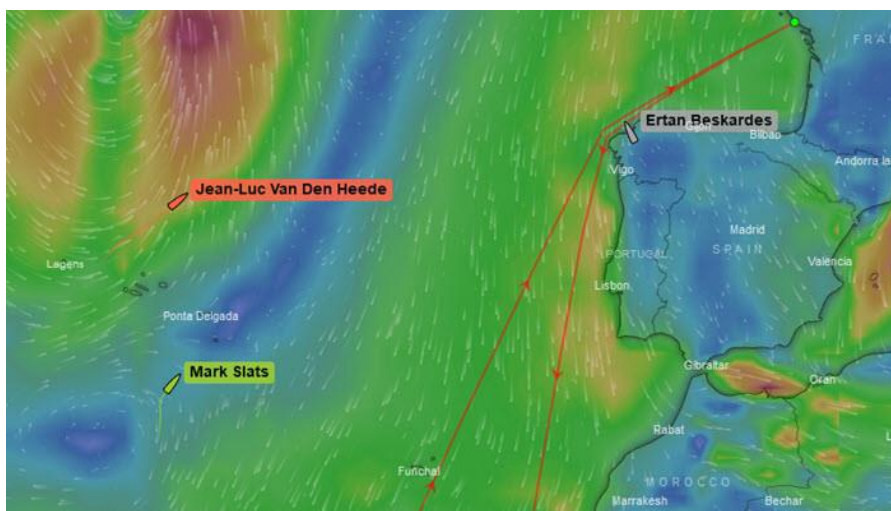


### World Racing Update by Garry Cooke

#### **The Golden Globe Race: solo around the world race**

Since my last update, the race has progressed, so that the leader is now about 1000 miles from the finish (having travelled about 30,000 miles). After having nursed his vessel all the way from the Cape Horn with a cracked mast, the leader Jean-Luc Van Den Heede is within the home stretch. The second place Dutchman Mark Slats has managed to claw back almost all the 2000 miles lead, since he has not had the same concern about losing his mast as Jean-Luc has had.

However some controversy seems to be arising, since the race is about circumnavigating without assistance, it appears that perhaps Jean-Luc has been receiving radio messages by SSB about the best weather routing. If this turns out to be true, then he will likely be disqualified. This would be a dramatic blow, after having sailed around the Globe in about 210 days, and only to lose it due to dishonesty! We shall see what transpires in the next couple weeks.



Wind Map of North Atlantic (2019-01-21) <http://www.ybw.com>

#### **The Jules Verne Trophy: Fastest Circumnavigation of the World.**

The trophy is being challenged again by a large Trimaran crewed by 12 men. The vessel Spindrift 2 is now 6 days into the voyage and heading South down the Atlantic from France. They are currently averaging 26 knots of boat speed, and trying to get to Cape Town in under 12 days to try and break the record. They are attempting to complete the circumnavigation by February 26<sup>th</sup> to break the current record of 40 days 23 hours.



<http://www.spindrift-racing.com>



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## **South Shore Search And Rescue**



# **Join us for GAMRU's Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday, February 23rd from 4:30 to 7:30pm

## **Beamsville Legion**

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NOTE: Due to the practical demonstration aspects of this course – Class size is limited to 12 persons! Participants are encouraged to bring along their own engine information/manuals etc. so I may answer any specific questions regarding your diesel engine.

During the afternoon practical demonstrations WE will : jump start a diesel, operate a engine on a test stand, bleed fuel injection systems, demonstrate adjusting valves, change water pump impellers, winterize engine etc. Anyone wishing to participate may – so dress appropriately as you may encounter diesel fuel and engine oil.

I cannot make you into a Diesel Mechanic in a day but you will leave with a very comfortable understanding of what you CAN, should and should not do with your Marine Diesel Engine.

The shop is heated but not room temperature hot. The shop door will be open for a while when we run the engines in the afternoon. Dress warmly including footwear.

Class starts at 9 AM sharp as we have a lot to cover! We will continue until approx. 4:30 pm or until everyone has had their fill of fun! Please arrive a little early to register and pick up your text book.

Complementary coffee and muffins available in the AM.

Shop is located in Port Credit - close to public transit if necessary. Restaurants / take-out food places close by for the 1hr lunch break.

Register early to reserve your spot as I have had a tremendous response in the last several years ! Only 12 persons/day! 10 dates to choose from -

**\*\* 2019 courses dates are – Feb. 16,17,23,24 - March 2,3,9,10,16,17.**

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<http://www.canadianyachting.ca/>

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